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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: California College of Communications, Inc. d/b/a College of Communication, Owner California College of Communications
1265 El Camino Real #250
Santa Clara, CA 95050

INSTITUTION CODE: 4305311 CITATION NUMBER: 2021139

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: November 5, 2020

DUE DATE: December 5, 2020 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 500.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: Yes

Christina Villanueva issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Discipline Manager of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to California College of Communications, Inc., d/b/a College of Communication, Owner of California College of Communications (Institution) located at 1265 El Camino Real #250, Santa Clara, CA 95050, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) sections 94936 and 94932; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violations described below.

BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2020, Bureau staff conducted an Announced Compliance Inspection at the Institution. Through the course of the inspection, Bureau staff found multiple material violations.

VIOLATION

Below you will find the California Education Code (CEC) and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.

1. Violation:

CEC Section 94902 (b)(1)(3) - General Enrollment Requirements

- "(b) An enrollment agreement is not enforceable unless all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The student has received the institution's catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet prior to signing the enrollment agreement.
- (3) Prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement, the student and the institution have signed and dated the information required to be disclosed in the Student Performance Fact Sheet pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 94910. Each of these items in the Student Performance Fact Sheet shall include a line for the student to initial and shall be initialed and dated by the student."

5, CCR Section 71920 (b)(3) - Student Records

- "(b) In addition to the requirements of section 94900, the file shall contain all of the following pertinent student records:
- (3) Copies of all documents signed by the student, including contracts, instruments of indebtedness, and documents relating to financial aid;"

CEC Section 94912 - Signature, Initials Required

"Prior to the execution of an enrollment agreement, the information required to be disclosed pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 94910 shall be signed and dated by the institution and the student. Each of these items shall also be initialed and dated by the student."

5, CCR Section 71930 (e) - Maintenance of Records

"(e) All records that the institution is required to maintain by the Act or this chapter shall be made immediately available by the institution for inspection and copying during normal business hours by the Bureau and any entity authorized to conduct investigations."

Bureau staff reviewed student files and found that the Institution failed to include School Performance Fact Sheets (SPFS) to show that the Institution disclosed the required information prior to the execution of the Enrollment Agreement. Institution staff confirmed that students did not sign the SPFS.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy, or procedure, of how future compliance with 5, CCR sections 71920 (b)(3) and 71930 (e), and CEC sections 94902 (b)(1)(3) and 94912 will be maintained.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$500.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$500.00

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94936; and 5, CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fine in the amount of \$500.00 for the violations described above. Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5, CCR section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days** from the date of service of the Citation.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this Citation, you must submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation. If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.

Unless a written request for an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by **December 5, 2020**, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **November 5**, **2020**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **December 5**, **2020**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Nicole Mitchell, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Nicole Mitchell, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-8995 or Nicole.Mitchell@dca.ca.gov.

"Original Signature on File"	"11/5/2020"
Christina Villanueva	Date
Discipline Manager	

Enclosures

- ➤ Applicable Laws Violated
- > Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- > Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First- Class Mail