



CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Empire Trucking School 11479 S. East End Avenue Ontario, CA 91710 Institution Code: 81701567	Citation Number: 26270014
	Total Fine Amount: \$18,004.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this citation in her official capacity as Bureau Chief at the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about April 29, 2025, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 81701567, to Empire Trucking School, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about April 29, 2030, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Affirmed Citation No. 24250135, issued on January 15, 2025](#)
 - [Citation No. 25260139, issued on October 23, 2025](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied March 3, 2026

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

4. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 76140 – Record-Keeping Requirements and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review the Institution's Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) supporting data for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2025. The Bureau determined the Institution failed to collect student information to substantiate the data reported on the Institution's STRF Assessment Reporting Forms and the records of the students' eligibility under the Fund.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that it has corrected the violation and will ensure that the substantiating data for STRF is maintained in an electronic format and readily available to a Bureau representative upon request pursuant to 5 CCR sections 76140 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(1)(A) - Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found all the student files failed to contain a verification of high school diploma or its equivalent establishing the student's ability to do college level work.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$5,000.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that it will maintain required student records pursuant to 5 CCR section 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94900.5(c) – Required Institutional Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found all the student files failed to contain a School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) which is a required institutional record.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920, 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation confirming that it has corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain a signed and dated SPFS. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #4:

CEC section 94900(b) – Required Student Records, 5 CCR section 71920(b)(5) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found three of the student files failed to contain a transcript.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class B” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that it will maintain required student records pursuant to CEC section 94900 and 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #5:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(10) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found three student files failed to contain a refund document consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b)(10).

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class B” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation it has

corrected the violation and will maintain required student records pursuant 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #6:

CEC section 94920(e) - Mandatory Cancellation, Withdrawal and Refund Policies, 5 CCR section 71750(c) - Withdrawals and Refunds and CEC section 94897(u) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found the Institution failed to adhere to its own stated refund policy for three students. The Institution failed to refund the students within 45 days after the date of the student's completion of, or withdrawal from, the educational program in which the student was enrolled.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$5,000.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation confirming it will issue refunds in accordance with CEC section 94920 and adhere to its own stated policies pursuant to CEC section 94897. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

The statement of attestation must confirm that the Institution will provide a refund, pursuant to 5 CCR section 71750, to any student that is eligible. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #7:

5 CCR section 71720(b)(2) – Faculty, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94900.5(b) – Required Institutional Records

Cause for Citation: On or about March 26, 2026, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested three faculty files and found all faculty files failed to contain evidence of continuing education (CE) courses in the subject area, classroom management or other courses related to teaching for two instructors.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class B” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,500.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all faculty records follow the law pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71720, 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation it has corrected the violation and ensured that all faculty records are in compliance with the law. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may be sent by mail or email to:

- Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aspen Grambusch
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
- Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov

- In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$18,004.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of service of this citation unless an informal conference or hearing is requested. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed *Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal* form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aspen Grambusch
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

7. You have the right to contest this citation through an informal conference with the Bureau pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020 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, the Bureau must receive a written request within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation asking for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing or you may also submit the enclosed *Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing* form.

The written request may be sent by email or mail to the addresses below:

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- In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation will forfeit your ability to appeal the citation.

If a hearing is requested, you are not required to comply with this citation until a final order is entered against you.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and 5 CCR section 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aspen Grambusch, Citation Analyst by email at Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

"Original Signature on File"

8/28/2026

Elizabeth Elias
Bureau Chief

Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- 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