



CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Fire Future, LLC 5494 Arrow Hwy Montclair, CA 91763	Citation Number: 25260153
	Total Fine Amount: \$18,006.00
Institution Code: 80470382	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

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

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about November 13, 2019, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 80470382, to Fire Future, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate expired on or about November 12, 2024, and is pending renewal. An application for renewal of the Institution's Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution was received on August 8, 2024, and is under review.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Citation No. 2122117, issued on January 20, 2022](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied March 8, 2022

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:

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Violation #1:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review the Institution's supporting documentation to substantiate the data reported on the Institutions Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) reporting form for the 3rd and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2024. The Bureau determined that the STRF supporting documentation did not substantiate the information reported on the 3rd quarter STRF assessment reporting form for 2024 as the Institution's backup documentation contained duplicate student names. The Bureau found the Institution inaccurately reported 42 signed student enrollment agreements on its STRF assessment reporting form but only maintained data for 34 students in its supporting documentation.

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 they have 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 per 5 CCR section 76140 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 74112(i) and (k) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records, and CEC section 94897(j) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested documentation supporting all data reported on the

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Institution's 2022/2023 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). Upon review of the SPFS for the 2023 reporting year, the Institution reported 10 "Graduates Employed in the Field" on the Job Placement Rate table and 15 "Graduates Employed in the Field" on the Salary and Wage Information table. However, the 2023 supporting data provided for 5 CCR section 74112(m)(3) reported "N/A" to substantiate what was reported on the Job Placement Rate and Salary and Wage tables. The Bureau determined that the Institutions 2023 backup data did not substantiate what the Institution reported on its 2022/2023 SPFS and therefore the SPFS contained untrue or misleading information, a prohibited business practice.

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 Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the Institution maintains accurate back-up documentation and reports true and correct data on its SPFS. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 74112(m)(1-9) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records, and CEC section 94929.7(a) – Documentation of Performance Data

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review documentation supporting data reported on the Institutions 2022/2023 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). Upon review of the SPFS, Bureau staff found that the Institution failed to collect and/or maintain all of the required data points for 2022, pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112. Furthermore, Bureau staff found that the Institution failed to collect and/or maintain some of the required data points for 2023 pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112, specifically subsections (m)(2) and (m)(9).

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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 correct the violation by providing an electronic copy of the template used by the Institution to document supporting data for SPFS, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112.

In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the supporting data for SPFS is maintained and immediately available during an inspection. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 71800(c) – Enrollment Agreement and CEC section 94911(d) and (k) – Minimum Requirements for Enrollment Agreements

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that the enrollment agreement was missing some of the required information pursuant to 5 CCR section 71800; specifically, subsection (c) and some of the required statements pursuant to CEC section 94911; specifically, subsections (d) and (k).

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.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure the enrollment agreement follows the law pursuant to 5 CCR section 71800 and CEC section 94911. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and provide a copy of the enrollment agreement to the Bureau. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #5:

CEC section 94902(a) and (c) – General Enrollment Requirements and 5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found all student files reviewed contained enrollment agreements that were not fully executed. The enrollment agreements were missing the signature of an authorized employee of the institution, a general enrollment requirement. In addition, the Institution was unable to confirm if a copy of the signed enrollment agreement is provided to students.

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 student records follow the law pursuant to CEC section 94902 and 5 CCR section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed enrollment agreements. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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Violation #6:

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 February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that found that all of the student files reviewed failed to contain a signed 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 are maintained pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated SPFS prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #7:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and determined three withdrawn student files reviewed failed to contain a refund document consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b)(10).

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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 they have 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 #8:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(4) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about February 26, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that three withdrawn student files did not contain records of withdrawal from the Institution.

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 they will maintain required student records pursuant to 5 CCR section 71920 and 71930. 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

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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 \$18,006.00 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.

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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.

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"Original Signature on File"

12/31/2025

Elizabeth Elias
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement

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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