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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Robert Wilson, Owner Commercial Drivers Learning Center 1787 Tribute Road, Suite L Sacramento, CA 95815

INSTITUTION CODE: Unapproved CITATION NUMBER: 2122126

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: February 10, 2022

DUE DATE: March 12, 2022 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 100,000.00

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 for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Robert Wilson, Owner of Commercial Drivers Learning Center (Institution) located at 1787 Tribute Road, Suite L, Sacramento, CA 95815 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9 and 149; California Education Code (CEC) section 94944; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violation(s) described below.

BACKGROUND

On June 30, 2021, a Default Decision and Order was adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. As a result, the Institution's approval to operate was revoked with an effective date of August 6, 2021.

On October 25, 2021, the Bureau received a complaint alleging that the Institution was continuing to operate after its Approval to Operate was revoked. Through the course of the investigation and evidence obtained, it was determined that the Institution is operating without Bureau approval or a valid exemption.

VIOLATION(S)

#	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 94886. Approval to Operate Required

"Except as exempted in Article 4 (commencing with Section 94874) or in compliance with the transition provisions in Article 2 (commencing with Section 94802), a person shall not open, conduct, or do business as a private postsecondary educational institution in this state without obtaining an approval to operate under this chapter."

CEC Section 94817.5. Approved to Operate or Approved

"Approved to operate" or "approved" means that an institution has received authorization pursuant to this chapter to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs."

CEC Section 94868. To Offer to the Public

"To offer to the public" means to advertise, publicize, solicit, or recruit."

CEC Section 94869. To Operate

"To operate" means to establish, keep, or maintain any facility or location in this state where, or from which, or through which, postsecondary educational programs are provided."

On October 25, 2021, the Bureau received a complaint alleging that the Institution was continuing to operate after its Approval to Operate was revoked by the Bureau on August 6, 2021.

On October 29, 2021, Bureau staff reviewed the Institution's website and found that the information listed regarding the Institution's Owner, as well as the Institution's address, were the same was when the Institution had an approval to operate.

That same day, Bureau staff interviewed Student T.P. who provided the following information regarding program information.

- The Institution offers the following:
 - 160-hour full-time program offered Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 2:30pm
 - o 80-hour night course offered Monday through Friday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
 - o 80-hour weekend course offered from 8:00am to 4:30pm
 - Classroom instruction for 1st week of Program is located at the Administration Office
 - After completion of the 1st week, students take a Permit test at the DMV that allows them to begin training located at Yard Office where students are taught vehicle safety training as well as behind-the-wheel driving
 - \circ The Institution initially required \$4,800.00 in tuition fees, however recently lowered fees to \$4,000.00

On November 11, 2021, Bureau staff conducted an unannounced site visit at the Institution, and more specifically at the Yard Office where the behind-the-wheel training is conducted. According to Institution staff, the Institution has 8-10 students enrolled in its program.

On November 15, 2021, Bureau staff spoke to the Institution Owner over the phone and explained that they had interviewed Institution staff and students and observed the school in full operation. Furthermore, Bureau staff stated that the Institution's Approval to Operate was revoked by the Bureau on August 6, 2021. The Institution Owner stated that they understood that the Institution's approval had been revoked and stated they were not going to stop operating. The Bureau informed the Owner that they are required by law to cease operations.

As of February 10, 2022, the Institution is continuing to offer courses over \$2,500 and is therefore operating without Bureau approval or a valid exemption.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders that the Institution cease to operate as a private postsecondary educational institution as the Institution's Approval to Operate was revoked on August 6, 2021. Furthermore, the Bureau orders that the institution provide the Bureau with written notice of school closure, in addition to a complete school closure plan in accordance with CEC section 94926(a)(b)(c)(d) and 5, CCR section 76240(a)(1)(2)(3)(4)(A)(B)(5)(6)(b)(1)(2). In addition, the Institution must discontinue recruiting or enrolling students, cease all instructional services, cease advertising in any form or type of media, including www.CDLC4U.com and any other websites not identified here, and must disconnect all telephone service numbers including, but not limited to, (916) 550-9650, that are associated with the Institution. The Institution must provide a roster of each student currently enrolled at the Institution. The roster must include the names of the students, their contact information (including phone number, email address, and physical address), the programs in which they are enrolled, the amount paid for the programs.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$100,000.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$100,000.00

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94944; and 5, CCR section 75020(b), the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of a fine in the amount of \$100,00.00 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 5, CCR section 75020 (b) the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 149, the Bureau may disconnect any telephone service numbers used by an unapproved Institution. 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 <u>30 days</u> 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 **March 12, 2022,** you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

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Robert Wilson, Owner of Commercial Drivers Learning Center
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If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **February 10**, **2022**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **March 12**, **2022**. 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:

Gabriella Perez, 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 Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-7429 or Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov.

"Original Signature on File"	"2/10/2022"
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