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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: C.R. England, Inc. Owner C.R. England, Inc. DBA Premier Truck Driving School 10691 Poplar Avenue Fontana, CA 92337

INSTITUTION CODE: 3303871 CITATION NUMBER: 2021127 CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: October 22, 2020 DUE DATE: November 21, 2020 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 3,550.00 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 C.R. England, Inc., Owner of C.R. England, Inc. dba Premier Truck Driving School (Institution) located at 10691 Poplar Avenue, Fontana, CA 92337, 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

All institutions are required to submit a Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting Form to the Bureau no later than the last day of the month following the close of the quarter.

Pursuant to CEC section 94923(a) The Student Tuition Recovery Fund relieves or mitigates economic loss suffered by a student while enrolled in an institution not exempt from this article pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with section 94874), who, at the time of his or her enrollment, was a California resident or was enrolled in a California residency program, prepaid tuition, and suffered economic loss.

The Bureau sends notifications/reminders to all approved institutions 30 days prior to close of each quarter.

As of October 22, 2020, the Institution has not submitted the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 3rd quarter of 2019.

In addition, on January 27, 2020, Bureau staff conducted an Unannounced Compliance Inspection at the Institution. Through the course of the inspection, Bureau staff found several 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:
	5, CCR Section 76130 (a-e)– Collection and Submission of Assessments
	"(a) A qualifying institution shall collect the assessment from each student in an educational program
	at the time it collects the first payment from or on behalf of the student at or after enrollment. The
	assessment shall be collected for the entire period of enrollment, regardless of whether the student
	pays the institutional charges in increments.
	(b) A qualifying institution shall complete the STRF Assessment Reporting Form (Rev. 2/10) and remit
	it with the STRF assessments collected from students to be received by the Bureau no later than the
	last day of the month following the close of the quarter as follows:
	(1) April 30 for the first quarter,
	(2) July 31 for the second quarter,
	(3) October 31 for the third quarter, and
	(4) January 31 for the fourth quarter. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or State or federal
	holiday, the due date shall be extended to the next regular business day for the Bureau.
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	to the next regular business day for the Bureau.
	(c) The STRF Assessment Reporting Form shall contain the following information:
	(1) Total number of students who signed enrollment agreements for educational programs during the
	reporting period; and
	(2) Total number of students eligible for STRF who signed enrollment agreements for educational
	programs during the reporting period; and
	(3) The total number of students who signed their enrollment agreement during the reporting period,
	were eligible for STRF, and who made their first payment during the reporting period; and
	(4) The total number of students who signed their enrollment agreement in a previous reporting
	period, were eligible for STRF, and who made their first payment during the current reporting period; and
	(5) Total amount of institutional charges after rounding each student's institutional charges to the
	nearest \$1,000, for all eligible STRF students whose STRF assessment was collected in the reporting
	period; and
	(6) Current contact telephone number of the person preparing the form; and
	(7) A declaration dated and signed under penalty of perjury by the person preparing the form that the
	form and any attachments are true and correct.
	(d) In the event of a school closure, any collected assessments shall be remitted to the Bureau within
	seven days following the cessation of instruction.
	(e) Submission of all prior reports and assessments required by this section is a condition of renewal."
	The Institution has failed to submit STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the following quarter:
	• Third Quarter of 2019.
	On September 18, 2019, the Institution was notified via mail at 10691 Poplar Avenue, Fontana, CA
	92337, that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 3 rd quarter of 2019 was due. As of October
	22, 2020, the Bureau has not received the STRF Assessment Reporting Form from the Institution.

	
	On June 18, 2020, the Institution was notified via mail at 50 Acacia Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901, that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 2 nd quarter of 2020 was due. As of October 22, 2020, the Bureau has not received the STRF Assessment Reporting Form from the Institution.
	Order of Abatement: The Bureau orders that the Institution submit the delinquent STRF Assessment Reporting Forms with the STRF Assessments collected from students for the quarters listed above. The information provided shall comply with "Record Keeping Requirements" Pursuant to 5, CCR section 76140.
	<u>Assessment of Fine</u> The fine for this violation is <u>\$50.00</u>
2.	 Violation: 5, CCR Section 71770 (a)(1) - Admissions Standards and Transferred Credits Policy "(a) The institution shall establish specific written standards for student admissions for each educational program. These standards shall be related to the particular educational program. An institution shall not admit any student who is obviously unqualified or who does not appear to have a reasonable prospect of completing the program. In addition to any specific standards for an educational program, the admissions standards must specify as applicable that: (1) Each student admitted to an undergraduate degree program, or a diploma program, shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, or otherwise successfully take and pass the relevant examination as required by section 94904 of the Code."
	 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(b)(1)(A) - Student Records "(a) The institution shall maintain a file for each student who enrolls in the institution whether or not the student completes the educational service. (b) In addition to the requirements of section 94900, the file shall contain all of the following pertinent student records: (1) Written records and transcripts of any formal education or training, testing, or experience that are relevant to the student's qualifications for admission to the institution or the institution's award of credit or acceptance of transfer credits including the following: (A) Verification of high school completion or equivalency or other documentation establishing the student's ability to do college level work, such as successful completion of an ability-to-benefit test;"
	Bureau staff reviewed student files and found that files failed to include verification of high school completion, equivalency, or other documentation establishing the student's ability to do college level work, such as a successful completion of an Ability to Benefit (ATB) exam upon admissions. Institution staff stated that the documentation was not required during the time of enrollment.
	Order of Abatement: The Bureau orders the Institution to submit an established policy, or procedure, of how the Institution will maintain future compliance with 5, CCR sections 71770(a)(1) and 71920(b)(1)(a).
	Assessment of Fine The fine for this violation is <u>\$1,000.00</u>
3.	Violation:
5.	CEC Section 94902 (a)(b)(1)(3) – General Enrollment Requirements "(a) A student shall enroll solely by means of executing an enrollment agreement. The enrollment agreement shall be signed by the student and by an authorized employee of the institution. (b) An enrollment agreement is not enforceable unless all of the following requirements are met: Page 3 of 7

(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	0
subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 94910. Each of these items in the Student Performance Fo	
Sheet shall include a line for the student to initial and shall be initialed and dated by the student."	
CEC 94912 – Signature, Initials Required	
"Prior to the execution of an enrollment agreement, the information required to be disclosed pursual	t
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."	
Bureau staff reviewed student files and found that files contained signed Enrollment Agreements	
that had a disclosure which required the student to initial to indicate that the student received,	
reviewed, signed, and dated the information in the Student Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS).	
However, Bureau staff found that the completed SPFS that were to be signed and dated by the	
student and school official were not located in the files.	
Order of Abatement:	
The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy, or procedure, of how future	
compliance with 5, CCR section 94902(b)(1)(3) and CEC Section 94912 will be maintained.	
Assessment of Fine	
The fine for this violation is <u>\$1,000.00</u>	
4. <u>Violation:</u> 5. CCP Section 71020 (b)(2)(10) Student Percende	
5, CCR Section 71920 (b)(3)(10) – 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;"	
(10) A document specifying the amount of a refund, including the amount refunded for tuition and th	е
amount for other itemized charges, the method of calculating the refund, the date the refund was	
made, and the name and address of the person or entity to which the refund was sent;"	
Violation 5, CCR Section 71920 (b)(3):	
The Institution could not provide a completed Enrollment Agreement for student files that were	
reviewed.	
Violation 5, CCR Section 71920 (b)(10):	
The Institution failed to provide documentation specifying the amount of a refund, including the	
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Order of Abatement:	
The Bureau order the Institution to submit to the Bureau a written policy, or procedure, of how	
future compliance with 5, CCR section 71920(b)(3)(10) will be maintained.	
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	The fine for this violation is <u>\$1,000.00</u>
5.	Violation: 5, CCR Section 71930 (c)(2)(3)(e) – Maintenance of Records (c) A record is considered current for three years following a student's completion or withdrawal. A record may be stored on microfilm, microfiche, computer disk, or any other method of record storage only if all of the following apply: (2) For a record that is current, the institution maintains functioning devices that can immediately reproduce exact, legible printed copies of stored records. The devices shall be maintained in reasonably close proximity to the stored records at the institution's primary administrative location in California. For a record that is no longer current, the institution shall be able to reproduce exact, legible printed copies of stored to be present at all times during normal business hours who know how to operate the devices and can explain the operation of the devices to any person authorized by the Act to inspect and copy records; and "(e) All records that the institution for inspection and copying during normal business hours by the Bureau and any entity authorized to conduct investigations." The Institution failed to have personnel available to provide copies of all requested and required records. Additionally, the Institution could not provide legible copies of the documentation that was available during the Inspection.
	Order of Abatement: The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy, or procedure, of how future compliance with 5, CCR section 71930(c)(2)(3)(e) will be maintained. Assessment of Fine The fine for this violation is \$500.00
	compliance with 5, CCR section 71930(c)(2)(3)(e) will be maintained. Assessment of Fine

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 **\$3,550.00** for the violations described above. **Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within** <u>**30 days**</u> 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 <u>30 days</u> 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.

Page 5 of 7 Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement C.R. England, Inc., Owner of C.R. England, Inc. dba Premier Truck Driving School Institution Code: 330871 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 **November 21, 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 **October 22**, **2020**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **November 21**, **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"

"10/22/2020"

Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager Date

Enclosures

- Applicable Laws Violated
- Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- > Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing

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- Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal
 Declaration of Service by Certified and First- Class Mail