



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Emerald Career College (formerly known as Emerald Healthcare Careers Institute) 411 East Huntington Dr. Suite 209 Arcadia, CA 91006 Institution Code: 86815373	Citation Number: 25260180
	Total Fine Amount: \$8,001.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this modified 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 October 27, 2022, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 86815373, to Emerald Career College (formerly known as Emerald Healthcare Careers Institute), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about October 27, 2027, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Modified Citation No. 1920288, issued June 17, 2020](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied July 8, 2020
 - [Dismissed Citation No. 2324057, issued December 19, 2023](#)

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.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about June 18, 2026, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260180. On or about June 24, 2026, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference and an administrative hearing. The informal conference was held on July 31, 2026. New substantive information was presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau modifies the citation as follows:

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

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

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 71810(b)(9) – Catalog and CEC section 94897(j) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about October 22, 2025, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint filed against the Institution. Through the course of the investigation and evidence obtained, the Bureau determined that the Institution made untrue and misleading statements about the equipment and supplies available to students. During an onsite visit, Bureau staff requested to view all equipment listed in the school catalog. The Institution stated that all available equipment was already on display; however, the items shown did not include all equipment advertised in the school catalog.

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

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class A” violation to “Class B” violation.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to cease untrue or misleading advertising of equipment and materials available to students. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected any misleading advertising.

The statement of attestation must be updated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 71735(a)(2) – Facilities and Equipment

Cause for Citation: On or about October 22, 2025, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint filed against the Institution. Through the course of the investigation and evidence obtained, the Bureau determined that the Institution failed to have sufficient facilities and necessary equipment to support the achievement of the educational objectives of all the courses and educational programs in which students are 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.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class A” violation to “Class B” violation.

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 have corrected the violation and will ensure that the Institution maintains sufficient equipment to support students' educational objectives. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #3:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about October 22, 2025, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint filed against the Institution. Through the

course of the investigation and evidence obtained, the Bureau determined that the Institution failed to maintain a file for each student who enrolled. The Bureau requested six student files for review, but the Institution provided only two. The Institution stated that these two were the only student files in its possession of the files requested.

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.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class A" violation to "Class B" violation.

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 94900 and 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records and ensure that all student records are in compliance with the law. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #4:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about October 22, 2025, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint filed against the Institution. Through the course of the investigation and evidence obtained, the Bureau determined that the Institution did not maintain the names and addresses of the members of the Institution's faculty and records of the educational qualifications of each member of the faculty.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,000.00 to \$501.00. The violation remains a "Class C" violation.

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 section 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have 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.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, 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 modified citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
- Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Tessa Barron
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

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$8,001.00 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 modified citation. 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 – Tessa Barron
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the modified decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

If the Institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the Institution may request to withdraw the request for a hearing.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, payment of the 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. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Tessa Barron, Citation Analyst by email at Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7791.

Citation Number: 25260180
Institution: Emerald Healthcare Careers Institute
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"Original Signature on File"

8/28/2026

Elizabeth Elias
Bureau Chief

Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- Payment of Fine
- Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail