



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

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| Citation Issued To: Language Studies International 1706 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor San Diego, CA 92101 Institution Code: 3709361 Language Studies International 2015 Center Street Berkeley, CA 94704 Branch School Code: 0105431 | Citation Number: 2324007 |
| | Total Fine Amount: \$8,001.00 |
| | Order of Abatement Included: Yes |

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

LICENSING HISTORY

- On or about July 12, 2021, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to Language Studies International (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate expired on or about August 30, 2022, and has not been renewed.

On or about April 15, 1999, the Bureau issued an approval for a Branch location. This Approval to Operate expired on or about August 30, 2022, and has not been renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Dismissed Citation No. 1920316 issued September 2, 2020](#)

CITATION JURISDICTION

- This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of

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Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about November 22, 2023, the Bureau issued Citation No. 2324007. On or about December 1, 2023, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on December 15, 2023. New substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau modifies the citation as follows:

CAUSE FOR CITATION & MODIFIED ASSESMENT 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 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

Cause for Citation: A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2020 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2021. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 23, 2021, and August 10, 2021.

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 to a "Class A" 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 submit the 2020 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

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Violation #2:

CEC section 94935 (b) – Notice to Comply in conjunction with 5 CCR section 75010 (h)

Cause for Citation: On or about June 28, 2022, Bureau staff issued a Notice to Comply (NTC) for the following violations:

- CEC section 94909 (a)(9), (b), (a)(8)(E) Minimum Requirements for School Catalog
- 5 CCR section 71800 (b)(d), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(11), (e)(f) Enrollment Agreement
- CEC Section 94911 (b), (c), (e)(1), (d) Minimum Requirements for Enrollment
- 5 CCR section 71750 (a)(c)(1) Withdrawals and Refunds
- CEC section 94913 (a)(1-3)
- 5 CCR section (a)(1-13) Record Keeping Requirements

The Institution failed to comply with the Notice to Comply by the due date of July 28, 2022.

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.

Administrative Fine: Affirmed.

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 violations identified in the Notice to Comply and submit proof of compliance pursuant to CEC section 94935.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

Cause for Citation: A review of the Bureau’s records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to

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the Bureau by December 1, 2022. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022, July 14, 2022, and July 26, 2022.

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 to a "Class A" 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 submit the 2021 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(a) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution's Branch (School Code 0105431) failed to pay its annual fee and 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year.

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 \$501.00.

Administrative Fine: Affirmed.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to pay its annual fee and 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

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 be sent by mail or email to:

- Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Giovanni Alon
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 – Giovanni Alon
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 Giovanni Alon, Citation Analyst by email at Giovanni.Alon@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7703.

“Original Signature on File”

1/24/2024

Elizabeth Elias
Enforcement Chief

Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

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