



NOTICE TO COMPLY

CA-2800341-09242025

Institution Name:	Culinary Institute of America, The	Institution Telephone:	(707) 967-0600
Institution Code:	2800341	Administrator Name:	Dr. Matthew Ruane
Street Address:	2555 Main Street St Helena, CA 94574	Inspection Date:	September 24, 2025

The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) issues this Notice to Comply pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94935 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75010.

California Private Postsecondary Education Act: https://www.bppe.ca.gov/lawsregs/ppe_act.pdf
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Violation	Code Section Violated	Description of the violation and required correction.
1	CEC § 94909 (a)(3)(C)	<p>Violation Description: The institution's 2025-2026 catalog, failed to contain the required verbatim statement: "A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet website www.bppe.ca.gov."</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update its catalog, to include the above-mentioned statement, pursuant to CEC § 94909 (a)(3)(C).</p>
2	CEC § 94909 (a)(5)	<p>Violation Description: Within the institution's 2025-2026 catalog, the total number of credits required for completion for the Associate in Occupational Studies Baking and Pastry Arts and Associate in Occupational Studies Culinary Arts programs, is not consistent with the total number of units identified within the Bureau's records.</p>

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		<p>On page 186 of the institution's catalog the institution offers a Master's in Wine and Beverage Management (MPS), that is not on the Bureau's approved program list.</p> <p>The Bureau's Approved Program records indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate in Occupational Studies, Baking and Pastry Arts 69 semester units - Associate in Occupational Studies, Culinary Arts 69 semester units - Master of Professional Studies in Wine Management 30 semester units <p>Correction: The institution shall either provide proof of the documentation submitted to the Bureau's Licensing Unit for the approval to update the total number of units required for completion and approval to change the program name for the above programs.</p> <p>If the institution did not notify Bureau's Licensing Unit of the changes, the institution must contact the Bureau's Licensing Unit at BPPE.Licensing@dca.ca.gov regarding information and requirements to update the Bureau's records.</p> <p>Otherwise, if the Bureau's records are correct the institution shall update the catalog to reflect the total number of units required to complete the programs and program name, in accordance with the Bureau's records, pursuant to CEC § 94909 (a)(5).</p>
3	CEC §94909 (a)(8)(B) in conjunction with CEC § 94919 (d)	<p>Violation Description: On page 46 of the institution's 2025-2026 catalog, contains an unenforceable statement regarding the condition of equipment within the cancellation period. The statement does not comply with CEC § 94919 (d).</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update the refund and cancelation policy in the catalog. The policy must demonstrate compliance with CEC §94909 (a)(8)(B) and CEC § 94919 (d).</p>
4	5 CCR § 71810 (b)(13)(B)	<p>Violation Description: The institution failed to identify in its 2025-2026 catalog, the availability of housing located reasonably near the institution's facilities and an estimation of the approximate cost or range of cost of the housing.</p>

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		<p>Correction: The institution shall update its catalog to include the above-mentioned information, pursuant to 5 CCR § 71810 (b)(13)(B).</p>
5	5 CCR § 74112 (d)(3)(A)(i)	<p>Violation Description: The institution failed to identify in its 2025-2026 catalog, the job classification(s) each program prepares its graduates for using the United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification codes, at the Detailed Occupation (six-digit) level.</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update its current catalog to include a Detailed Occupation (six-digit) level United States of Labor Standard Occupational Classification code tied to the programs, pursuant to 5 CCR § 74112 (d)(3)(A)(i).</p>
6	CEC § 94911 (a)	<p>Violation Description: On page 1 of the institution's 2025-2026 enrollment agreement for the Associate in Occupational Studies Baking and Pastry Arts and Associate in Occupational Studies Culinary Arts programs, the total number of credits required for completion, is not consistent with the total number of units identified within the Bureau's records.</p> <p>The Bureau's Approved Program records indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate in Occupational Studies, Baking and Pastry Arts 69 semester units - Associate in Occupational Studies, Culinary Arts 69 semester units <p>Correction: The institution shall either provide proof of the documentation submitted to the Bureau's Licensing Unit for the approval to update the total number of credits required for completion for the above programs.</p> <p>If the institution did not notify Bureau's Licensing Unit of the change, the institution must contact the Bureau's Licensing Unit at BPPE.Licensing@dca.ca.gov regarding information and requirements to update Bureau records.</p> <p>Otherwise, if the Bureau's records are correct the institution shall update the enrollment agreement to reflect the total number of hours required to complete the</p>

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		program, in accordance with the Bureau's records, pursuant to CEC § 94911 (a).
7	CEC § 94911 (b)	<p>Violation Description: On pages 1-2 of the institution's 2025-2026 enrollment agreement for the Associate in Occupational Studies Baking and Pastry Arts and Associate in Occupational Studies Culinary Arts programs, the institution failed to clearly identify the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) fee as a nonrefundable charge.</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update its enrollment agreement to clearly identify the STRF fee as a nonrefundable charge, pursuant to CEC § 94911 (b).</p>
8	CEC §94911 (e)(2) in conjunction with CEC § 94919 (d)	<p>Violation Description: On page 4 of the institution's 2025-2026 enrollment agreement for the Associate in Occupational Studies Baking and Pastry Arts and Associate in Occupational Studies Culinary Arts, and page 3 of the 2025-2026 enrollment agreement for the Certificate in Accelerated Culinary Arts, contains an unenforceable statement regarding the condition of equipment within the cancellation period. The statement does not comply with CEC § 94919 (d).</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update the refund and cancelation policy in its enrollment agreement. The policy must demonstrate compliance with 94911 (e)(2) and CEC § 94919 (d).</p>
9	5 CCR § 74117 in conjunction with CEC § 94913 (a)(2)(3)(4)(5)	<p>Violation Description: The institution's website, failed to provide on the homepage of its website clear and conspicuous links to the institution's school performance fact sheets, a link to student brochures, a link to the Bureau's internet website, and a link to the institution's most recent annual report submitted to the bureau.</p> <p>Correction: The institution shall update its homepage to include clear and conspicuous links all of the items required pursuant to 5 CCR § 74117 and CEC § 94913 (a)(2)(3)(4)(5).</p>
10	CEC § 94913 (a)(1)	<p>Violation Description: The institution's website contains a catalog with violations identified in this NTC.</p>


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		Correction: Once the institution's catalog has been updated to remedy the violation(s), the institution shall update its website to provide the current/updated institution catalog pursuant to CEC § 94913(a)(1).

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75010(d), the Institution may do either of the following:

- (1) Within 30 days from the date of the inspection, sign and return the notice to comply, declaring under penalty of perjury that the violation was corrected and describing how compliance was achieved; or
- (2) Within 30 days from the date of the inspection, file with the Bureau a written notice of disagreement, specifying the minor violations described in the notice to comply with which the person approved to operate the institution disagrees, and appealing it by requesting an informal office conference. If a written notice of disagreement is not timely filed with the Bureau, the right to appeal is deemed to have been waived.

Pursuant to CEC section 94935(h), failure to comply with the notice to comply will result in the Bureau taking appropriate administrative enforcement action.

The Notice to Comply was given to the Institution's owner, person in control, chief academic officer, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, institution director, or any person delegated by any of the aforementioned persons to facilitate the inspection or accept such notice as set forth below.

Notice To Comply Given To Name & Title:	Dr. Matthew Ruane, Director of Accreditation & Assessment
Bureau Compliance Analyst Name:	Gema Fider
Bureau Compliance Analyst Signature:	

NOTICE TO COMPLY DECLARATION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that each violation identified in this Notice to Comply has been corrected and attached with this declaration is evidence to support the correction of each violation identified.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title