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APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE DECISION: CITATION MODIFIED

August 13, 2020

Dharma Mgmt, Inc., Owner OSC Computer Training 9700 Business Park Drive, Ste. 206 Sacramento, CA 95827

| Date of Issuance | Citation Number | Institution Code |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| August 13, 2020 | 1920274 | Unapproved |

On July 10, 2020, an informal telephone conference was held in the matter of Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 1920274 (Citation) against Dharma Mgmt, Inc., Owner of OSC Computer Training (Institution). In attendance were Leeza Rifredi, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Dharma Mgmt, Inc. and Sanjay Mamidi, Owners.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 148; California Education Code (CEC), section 94944; and Title 5 of California Code of Regulations (5, CCR), section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 1920274.

It is the decision of the Deputy Bureau Chief that on July 10, 2020, Citation No. 1920274 is modified and makes the following change(s):

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

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 94858. Private Postsecondary Educational Institution

"Private postsecondary educational institution" means a private entity with a physical presence in

this state that offers postsecondary education to the public for an institutional charge.

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 March 13, 2019, the Institution's approval to operate expired.

On March 14, 2019, the Bureau sent a "Notice of Expiration" letter to the Institution. The letter stated that if the Institution had students enrolled, they were to immediately contact the Bureau's Closed School Unit to notify the Bureau of its closure plans.

On April 2, 2019, the Bureau contacted the Owner via email to inform them that the Institution's approval expired on March 13, 2019.

On May 15, 2019, the Bureau received information regarding the Institution's removal from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL); however, the Institution still had students enrolled in their educational programs.

On May 15, 2019, Bureau staff contacted the Institution via telephone and Institution staff stated that the Institution was still enrolling students.

On May 24, 2019, Bureau staff investigated the complaint and found that the Institution maintains an active website (http://www.oscct.com) and advertises the following educational programs with their corresponding costs:

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Below is the schedule of charges for each program offered at OSC Computer Training. Prices listed in this catalog are valid at the time of initial print. An updated price sheet will be distributed as an insert into to this catalog if prices have changed. Please ask OSC Admissions Office for any price updates that may be available at the time of your enrollment.

Scheduled charges are the same as total charge for all OSC programs.

| OSC Programs | Weeks | Reg Fee | Tuition | Books and/or Supplies | Cert Fees | Tax (1) | Estimated Total Charge | * Other Costs |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------|
| AIPB Certified Bookkeeper (ID) | 26 | \$100.00 | \$5,975.00 | \$1,103.38 | \$400.00 | \$93.79 | \$7,672.17 | \$80.00 |
| Bookkeeping & Office Specialist (ID) | 22 | \$100.00 | \$5,595.00 | \$980.90 | \$0.00 | \$83.38 | \$6,759.28 | \$284.00 |
| Bus. Administrative Assistant (ID) | 21 | \$100.00 | \$5,595.00 | \$1,303.35 | \$0.00 | \$110.78 | \$7,109.13 | \$284.00 |
| Cisco Certified Network Associate (Rounting and Switching) | 48 | \$100.00 | \$7,995.00 | \$0.00 | \$493.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,095.00 | \$80.00 |
| Computer Fundamentals (II) | 10 | \$100.00 | \$1,998.00 | \$132.60 | \$255.00 | \$11.27 | \$2,496.87 | \$284.00 |
| Computer H/W & S/W Support Specialist | 27 | \$100.00 | \$6,094.00 | \$799.94 | \$516.00 | \$67.99 | \$7,577.93 | \$80.00 |
| Computer Networking (Network+ Curriculum) | 11 | \$100.00 | \$3,510.00 | \$273.90 | \$261.00 | \$23.28 | \$4,168.18 | \$80.00 |
| Computer Security Fundamentals (Security+ Curriculum) | 11 | \$100.00 | \$3,345.00 | \$84.99 | \$266.00 | \$7.22 | \$3,803.21 | \$80.00 |
| Computer Service & Repair (A+ Curriculum) | 16 | \$100.00 | \$3,995.00 | \$509.99 | \$366.00 | \$43.35 | \$4,779.34 | \$80.00 |
| Computer Technology Professional | 49 | \$100.00 | \$13,794.97 | \$1,704.59 | \$1,075.00 | \$144.89 | \$16,674.56 | \$80.00 |
| Graphic Design & Office Specialist (■) | 26 | \$100.00 | \$6,375.00 | \$830.70 | \$0.00 | \$70.61 | \$7,376.31 | \$644.00 |
| MCTS Windows 10 Configuration | 11 | \$100.00 | \$3,345.00 | \$366.25 | \$150.00 | \$31.13 | \$3,892.38 | \$80.00 |
| Medical Billing / Coding / Admin for Physicians (ID) | 25 | \$100.00 | \$5,975.00 | \$2,156.09 | \$563.00 | \$183.27 | \$8,977.36 | \$284.00 |
| Medical Billing / Coding / Admin for Physicians & Hospitals (■) | 40 | \$100.00 | \$8,300.00 | \$2,426.02 | \$927.00 | \$206.21 | \$11,959.23 | \$284.00 |
| Medical Coding for Hospitals (ID) | 15 | \$100.00 | \$4,525.00 | \$879.86 | \$643.00 | \$74.79 | \$6,222.65 | \$80.00 |
| Medical Office Admin Specialist (■) | 25 | \$100.00 | \$6,001.32 | \$1,223.95 | \$250.00 | \$104.04 | \$7,679.31 | \$284.00 |
| Microsoft Office Core Skills (■) | 16 | \$100.00 | \$4,820.00 | \$714.90 | \$0.00 | \$60.77 | \$5,695.67 | \$284.00 |
| Microsoft Office Specialist (■) | 31 | \$100.00 | \$6,095.00 | \$1,198.75 | \$625.00 | \$101.89 | \$8,120.64 | \$284.00 |
| Multimedia Graphic Design (■) | 25 | \$100.00 | \$6,245.00 | \$478.58 | \$0.00 | \$40.68 | \$6,864.26 | \$440.00 |
| Network & Computer Support Specialist | 22 | \$100.00 | \$5,875.00 | \$529.19 | \$411.00 | \$44.98 | \$6,860.17 | \$80.00 |
| Network & Security Technician | 33 | \$100.00 | \$8,595.00 | \$648.89 | \$709.00 | \$55.16 | \$10,008.05 | \$80.00 |
| Networking Technologies for the Future (ID) | 8 | \$100.00 | \$2,346.36 | \$155.00 | \$0.00 | \$13.18 | \$2,614.54 | \$284.00 |
| QuickBooks Pro & Office Specialist (ID) | 16 | \$100.00 | \$5,315.00 | \$848.40 | \$0.00 | \$72.11 | \$6,335.51 | \$284.00 |
| Web Design & Programming (■) | 25 | \$100.00 | \$6,095.00 | \$757.44 | \$0.00 | \$64.38 | \$7,016.82 | \$565.00 |
| Web Design & Programming using WordPress (ID) | 25 | \$100.00 | \$6,095.00 | \$709.68 | \$0.00 | \$60.32 | \$6,965.00 | \$565.00 |

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Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders that the Institution cease to operate as a private postsecondary educational institution, unless the Institution qualifies for an exemption under CEC section 94874. The Institution must discontinue recruiting or enrolling students and cease all instructional services and advertising in any form or type of media, including http://www.oscct.com, and any other websites not identified here that are associated with the Institution, until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau. The Institution must disconnect all telephone service numbers including, but not limited to, (916) 363-7058, that are associated with the Institution until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau. To comply with the Order of Abatement the Institution must submit a school closure plan to the Bureau pursuant to California Education Code section 94926. 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.

Reason for modification: New substantive facts were presented at the conference. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$50,000.00

The administrative fine for this violation has been modified from \$50,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

TOTAL MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$5.000.00

PENALTY - ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

Payment of the administrative fine is due within 30 days from the date of this decision. Please complete the Payment of Fine form. Payment must be made to the Bureau by check, or money order. Please include the citation number on the payment of the fine assessment. Payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for purposes of public disclosure. Payments may be mailed to:

Gabriella Perez, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

APPEAL OF CITATION

You *do*, however, have the right to appeal this affirmed or modified Citation. You *do*, however, have the right to appeal this affirmed or modified Citation through an Administrative Hearing. A hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be scheduled and you will be notified of the hearing date. The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you do not wish to appeal this modified Citation you must withdraw your initial request for an Administrative Hearing, if one was made. Please complete and mail the enclosed <u>Withdrawal – Request for Administrative Hearing</u> within <u>30 Davs</u> of the date of this decision.

EFFECTIVE DATE FINE ASSESSMENT

This modified Citation is effective on August 13, 2020. The payment is due by **September 12, 2020**.

Failure to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Modified Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager | Date | |
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| "Original signature on file" | "8/13/2020" | |
| If you have any questions regarding this Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 57 | • | please contact |

Enclosures

- > Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal Rights
- ➤ Withdrawal- Request for Administrative Hearing
- ➤ Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail