

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

NORTH ADRIAN'S COLLEGE OF BEAUTY (MAIN)

124 Floyd Avenue

Modesto, CA 95350

Institution Code: 5000121

ADRIAN'S BEAUTY COLLEGE OF TRACY (BRANCH)

3000 West Grantline Road

Tracy, CA 95304

School Code: 99542506

BPPE Case No.: BPPE22-282

OAH No. 2025040976

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby accepted and adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 7, 2026.

It is so ORDERED December 3, 2025.

"Original Signature on File"

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Deputy Director, Legal Affairs Division
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15 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**
DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
REPROVAL
16 Institution Code No. 5000121
17 [Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]
18 **ADRIAN'S BEAUTY COLLEGE OF**
TRACY (Branch)
3000 West Grantline Road
Tracy, CA 95304
19 School Code No. 99542506
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21 Respondent.

21 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
22 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

24 1. Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau for Private
25 Postsecondary Education (Bureau). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is
26 represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Brent O.
27 Jex, Deputy Attorney General.

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1 2. Respondent Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy (Respondent) is represented in this
2 proceeding by attorney Jakrun S. Sodhi, whose address is: Sodhi Law Group, 1301 K Street,
3 Suite F, Modesto, CA 95354-0932.

JURISDICTION

5 3. On or about June 1, 1981, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate, Institution Code
6 5000121, to North Adrian's College of Beauty. On or about May 4, 2011, the Bureau approved a
7 Branch location for North Adrian's College of Beauty, named Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy,
8 School Code 99542506 (Respondent). Respondent is owned by North Adrian's College of
9 Beauty, Inc.

10 4. Accusation No. BPPE22-282 was filed before the Director of the Department of
11 Consumer Affairs, for the Bureau, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation
12 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 4,
13 2025. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of
14 Accusation No. BPPE22-282 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

16 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
17 charges and allegations in Accusation No. BPPE22-282. Respondent has also carefully read,
18 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
19 Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.

20 6. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
21 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at
22 its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to
23 present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel
24 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and
25 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
26 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

27 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
28 every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. BPPE22-282.

4 9. Respondent agrees that its Approval to Operate for School Code 99542506 is subject
5 to discipline, and agrees to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

7 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of the Department of
8 Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for
9 Complainant and the staff of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education may communicate
10 directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this
11 stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By
12 signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that it may not withdraw its
13 agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon
14 it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated
15 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval shall be of no force or effect, except for
16 this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director
17 shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

18 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
19 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including PDF
20 and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

21 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by
22 the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment
23 of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,
24 understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated
25 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified,
26 supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative
27 of each of the parties.

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1 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
2 the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
3 Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Approval to Operate for Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy, a Branch location under School Code 99542506, as part of North Adrian's College of Beauty Institution Code 5000121 (Respondent), shall be publicly reproved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under Business and Professions Code section 495 in resolution of Accusation No. BPPE22-282, attached as Exhibit A.

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ACCEPTANCE

2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
3 Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Jakrun S. Sodhi, Esq. I understand the
4 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Approval to Operate for Adrian's Beauty College of
5 Tracy, a Branch location under School Code 99542506, as part of North Adrian's College of
6 Beauty Institution Code 5000121. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
7 for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
8 Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

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10 DATED: *Patricia Cochran* November 18, 2025
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12 PATRICIA COCHRAN, as Chief Executive
13 Officer of NORTH ADRIAN'S COLLEGE OF
BEAUTY, INC., owner of ADRIAN'S BEAUTY
COLLEGE OF TRACY
Respondent

15 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy the
16 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
17 Disciplinary Order for Public Reproof. I approve its form and content.

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19 DATED: 11/18/2025 Jakrun S. Sodhi
20 JAKRUN S. SODHI
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: November 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. BPPE22-282

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

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ACCUSATION

Institution Code No. 5000121

16 **ADRIAN'S BEAUTY COLLEGE OF TRACY**
17 **(Branch)**
18 3000 West Grantline Road
 Tracy, CA 95304

19 School Code No. 99542506

Respondent.

PARTIES

1. Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about June 1, 1981, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education issued an Approval to Operate, Institution Code 5000121, to North Adrian's College of Beauty

1 (Respondent). On or about May 4, 2011, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
2 approved a Branch location for Respondent, named Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy, School
3 Code 99542506. Respondent is owned by Rebecca Abinales, Executive Director of North
4 Adrian's College of Beauty, Inc.

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 3. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer
7 Affairs (Director) for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under the authority of the
8 following laws. All section references are to the Education Code (Code) unless otherwise
9 indicated.

10 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration,
11 surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Bureau of jurisdiction to proceed with
12 a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored,
13 reissued or reinstated.

14 5. Section 94875 provides that the Bureau shall regulate private postsecondary
15 educational institutions.

16 6. Section 94877 provides that the Bureau shall implement regulations, and an
17 enforcement program, regarding the operation of private postsecondary educational institutions.

18 7. Section 94937 provides, in pertinent part:

19 (a) As a consequence of an investigation, which may incorporate any
20 materials obtained or produced in connection with a compliance inspection, and
21 upon a finding that an institution has committed a violation, the bureau may place
22 an institution on probation or may suspend or revoke an institution's approval to
23 operate for:
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26 (2) A material violation or repeated violations of this chapter or regulations
27 adopted pursuant to this chapter that have resulted, or may result, in harm to
28 students. For purposes of this paragraph, "material violation" includes, but is not
limited to, misrepresentation, fraud in the inducement of a contract, and false or
misleading claims or advertising, upon which a student reasonably relied in
executing an enrollment agreement and that resulted, or may result, in harm to the
student.

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2 (c) The bureau may seek reimbursement pursuant to Section 125.3 of the
3 Business and Professions Code.

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5 8. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 75100 provides that the Bureau may
6 suspend, revoke or place on probation with terms and conditions an approval to operate.

7 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

8 9. Section 94897 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

9 An institution shall not do any of the following:

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11 (h) Pay any consideration to a person to induce that person to sign an
12 enrollment agreement for an educational program.

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14 (j) In any manner make an untrue or misleading change in, or untrue or
15 misleading statement related to, a test score, grade or record of grades, attendance
16 record, record indicating student completion, placement, employment, salaries, or
17 financial information, including any of the following:

18 (1) A financial report filed with the bureau.
19 (2) Information or records relating to the student's eligibility for student
20 financial aid at the institution.
21 (3) Any other record or document required by this chapter or by the bureau.

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23 (r) Charge or collect any payment for institutional charges that are not
24 authorized by an executed enrollment agreement.

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26 (u) Fail to maintain policies related to compliance with this chapter or adhere
27 to the institution's stated policies.

28 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

29 10. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71920 provides, in pertinent part:
30 (a) The institution shall maintain a file for each student who enrolls in the
31 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:

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(5) In addition to the requirements of section 94900(b) of the Code, a transcript showing all of the following:

(A) The courses or other educational programs that were completed, or were attempted but not completed, and the dates of completion or withdrawal;

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COST RECOVERY

9 11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Bureau may request the
10 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
11 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
12 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
13 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
14 included in a stipulated settlement.

M.C. COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION

16 12. On or about April 18, 2022, the Bureau received a complaint from M.C.¹ against
17 Respondent. M.C. alleged that after withdrawing from Respondent's Cosmetology program,
18 Respondent allowed her to re-enroll into the same program only if she forfeited her previously
19 earned credits from the same school. M.C. further alleged Respondent failed to provide her
20 transcript and proof of training.

13. A Bureau Investigator requested records from both M.C. and Respondent. The
records from M.C. revealed that on October 2, 2018, M.C. signed an enrollment agreement for the
Cosmetology program. On February 25, 2019, M.C. was withdrawn from the program with a
balance owing of \$205.64.

25 14. On September 30, 2020, M.C. requested to re-enroll in the Cosmetology program.
26 She was provided a document that included a financial inducement for re-enrollment. More
27 specifically, the document stated that upon re-enrollment, Respondent would waive M.C.'s

¹ Individuals' initials are used to protect their identities.

1 outstanding balance from her initial period of enrollment. The document also stated that should
2 M.C. fail to complete her program, she would pay the waived balance from her initial period of
3 enrollment and current balances, if any.

4 15. On October 2, 2020, M.C. signed a second enrollment agreement for the
5 Cosmetology program, which does not reference the collection of outstanding institutional
6 charges from her initial period of enrollment should M.C. fail to complete the program.

7 16. On June 13, 2022, the Bureau Investigator received records from Respondent.
8 Respondent's School Catalog does not reference the issuance of a waiver, nor the resumption of
9 waived balances when a student fails to complete the re-enrolled program.

10 17. M.C.'s proof-of-training ("POT") for the period covered by her initial enrollment
11 period indicates she earned 215 hours. However, M.C.'s POT for her second enrollment period
12 fails to include these 215 hours. Additionally, M.C.'s transcript for her second enrollment period
13 fails to include courses taken during her initial enrollment period.

14 **INVESTIGATION OF J.S. AND R.M.**

15 18. On August 11, 2022, the Bureau Investigator requested Respondent provide records
16 for two other students, J.S. and R.M., who had both withdrawn after initial enrollment and re-
17 enrolled thereafter. Respondent provided these records on August 29, 2022.

18 19. J.S.'s records revealed that J.S. enrolled with Respondent in June 2018, and then
19 withdrew from her program in March 2019 with an outstanding balance. Her POT indicates she
20 completed 167 hours during this initial enrollment period.

21 20. In January 2020, J.S. signed a waiver stating that upon re-enrollment, Respondent
22 would waive J.S.'s outstanding balance from her initial enrollment period. J.S. signed a second
23 enrollment agreement, which did not reference the collection of outstanding institutional charges
24 from her initial enrollment period should she fail to complete the program.

25 21. Additionally, J.S.'s POT failed to include hours completed during her initial
26 enrollment period, and her transcript failed to include courses taken during her initial enrollment
27 period.

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1 22. R.M.'s records reveal that R.M. enrolled with Respondent in April 2018, and then
2 withdrew from her program in October 2018 with an outstanding balance. Her POT indicates she
3 completed 450 hours during this initial enrollment period.

4 23. In August 2019, R.M. re-enrolled with Respondent, and was thereafter withdrawn
5 from her program in May 2020. R.M.'s transcript for this second enrollment period do not
6 include courses taken during her initial enrollment period. Additionally, her POT does not
7 include the 450 hours earned during her initial enrollment period.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prohibited Business Practices)

10 24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 94937, for violating
11 Code section 94897, subdivisions (h), (j), (r), and (u), in that Respondent engaged in prohibited
12 businesses practices, as set forth above in paragraphs 12-23, incorporated herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Student Records)

15 25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 94937, for violating
16 Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71920, subdivision (b)(5)(A), in that, as set forth above in
17 paragraphs 17-23, incorporated herein, the student files for M.C., J.S. and R.M. failed to include
18 courses completed from each of these student's initial enrollment periods.

PRAYER

20 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
21 and that following the hearing, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a
22 decision:

23 1. Revoking or suspending Approval to Operate School Code No. 99542506, an
24 approved Branch location for Institution Code No. 5000121;

25 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education the
26 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
27 Professions Code section 125.3; and.

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1 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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DATED: 3/3/2025

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Chief

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