

**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 Reprimand 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"

RYAN MARCROFT

Deputy Director, Legal Affairs Division
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
REPROVAL**

[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]

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

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

JURISDICTION

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

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

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

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

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

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

1 **CULPABILITY**

2 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
3 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.

6 **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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13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following 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.

Cost Recovery. No later than 30 days after the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall pay \$7,882.08 to the Bureau for its costs associated with the investigation and enforcement of this matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.3. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Bureau. If Respondent fails to pay the Bureau costs as ordered, Respondent shall not be allowed to renew its 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, and may be a basis for denial of the renewal application. In addition, the Bureau may enforce this order for payment of its costs in any appropriate court, in addition to any other rights the Bureau may have.

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1 ACCEPTANCE

2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
3 Reapproval 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 Reapproval 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:  November 18, 2025

PATRICIA COCHRAN, as Chief Executive
Officer of NORTH ADRIAN'S COLLEGE OF
BEAUTY, INC., owner of ADRIAN'S BEAUTY
COLLEGE OF TRACY
Respondent

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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 Reapproval. I approve its form and content.

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19 DATED: 11/18/2025


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Attorney for Respondent

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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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ACCUSATION

20 Respondent.

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22 **PARTIES**

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

26 2. On or about June 1, 1981, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education issued an
27 Approval to Operate, Institution Code 5000121, to North Adrian's College of Beauty
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(Respondent). On or about May 4, 2011, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education approved a Branch location for Respondent, named Adrian's Beauty College of Tracy, School Code 99542506. Respondent is owned by Rebecca Abinales, Executive Director of North Adrian's College of Beauty, Inc.

JURISDICTION

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

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

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

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

7. Section 94937 provides, in pertinent part:

(a) As a consequence of an investigation, which may incorporate any materials obtained or produced in connection with a compliance inspection, and upon a finding that an institution has committed a violation, the bureau may place an institution on probation or may suspend or revoke an institution's approval to operate for:

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(2) A material violation or repeated violations of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter that have resulted, or may result, in harm to 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:

10 ...
11 (h) Pay any consideration to a person to induce that person to sign an
12 enrollment agreement for an educational program.

13 ...
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.

22 ...
23 (r) Charge or collect any payment for institutional charges that are not
24 authorized by an executed enrollment agreement.

25 ...
26 (u) Fail to maintain policies related to compliance with this chapter or adhere
27 to the institution's stated policies.

28 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

10. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71920 provides, in pertinent part:

(a) The institution shall maintain a file for each student who enrolls in the
institution whether or not the student completes the educational service.

1 (b) In addition to the requirements of section 94900, the file shall contain all
2 of the following pertinent student records:

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

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

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9 COST RECOVERY

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

16 M.C. COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION

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

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

26 14. On September 30, 2020, M.C. requested to re-enroll in the Cosmetology program.
27 She was provided a document that included a financial inducement for re-enrollment. More
28 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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22. R.M.'s records reveal that R.M. enrolled with Respondent in April 2018, and then withdrew from her program in October 2018 with an outstanding balance. Her POT indicates she completed 450 hours during this initial enrollment period.

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

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prohibited Business Practices)

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

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Student Records)

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

PRAYER

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

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

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

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

DATED: 3/3/2025

Deborah Cochran
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Chief
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
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