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MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

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L.A. Vocational Institute (formerly known as LA VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE)
3550 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 809
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Citation Number: 24250027

Total Fine Amount:

\$501.00

Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Institution Code:

1939591

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

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about May 19, 2021, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 1939591, to L.A. Vocational Institute (formerly known as LA VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about May 19, 2026, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - Statement of Issues, filed May 6, 2020
 - o Notice of Withdrawal, filed May 18, 2021
 - Modified Citation No. 2021047, issued December 15, 2020
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied April 7, 2021
 - Affirmed Citation No. 2122014, issued October 25, 2021
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied November 2, 2021
 - Affirmed Citation No. 2122067, issued December 22, 2021
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied February 22, 2022
 - Affirmed Citation No. 2223046, issued April 6, 2023
 - Affirmed Citation No. 2223087, issued May 2, 2023
 - Modified Citation No. 23240196, issued May 1, 2024

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Institution Code: 1939591

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250027. On or about August 27, 2024, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on September 13, 2024. 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 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC 94931(b) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: On May 2, 2024, the Bureau received payment from the Institution for its annual fee for calendar year 2024. However, the payment was returned to the Bureau as dishonored. To date, the Institution has failed to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2024 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 \$1,000.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,000.00 to \$501.00. Violation remains a Class "C" violation.

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

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The Bureau orders the Institution to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2024 calendar year, as well as a dishonored check fee of \$25.00.

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 sent by mail or email to:
 - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aspen Grambusch 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
 - 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 \$501.00 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:

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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 Aspen
	Grambusch, Citation Analyst by email at Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov
	or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

"Original Signature on File"	9/19/2024
Elizabeth Elias	Citation Date of Issuance
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	

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Enclosures:

> Payment of Fine

> Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail