



## CITATION ORDER

<p><b>Citation Issued To:</b>          American Empire College          1168 San Gabriel Blvd #Q.R.          Rosemead, CA 91770-4236</p> <p><b>Institution Code:</b>          5602281</p>	<p><b>Citation Number:</b>          23240262</p>
	<p><b>Total Fine Amount:</b>  <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$2,501.00</span></p>
	<p><b>Order of Abatement Included:</b> Yes</p>

Elizabeth Elias issues this 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 15, 2020, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to American Empire College (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate will expire on or about May 15, 2025, unless renewed.

### DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has no prior discipline history.

### 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.

### CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

4. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

**Violation #1:**

**5 CCR Section 71770 (a) – Admission Standards and Transferred Credits Policy**

**Cause for Citation:** On or about March 9, 2023, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection. Bureau staff inspected a random sampling of current, graduated, and withdrawn/incomplete student records. Bureau staff identified that five student files failed to contain student admission documentation pursuant to the Institution's admission policy, which requires a high school diploma or the evaluation for a non-USA diploma and proof of English proficiency.

Further, the Institution's CEO stated that she believed a high school diploma was no longer required due to updated regulation language to explain why the files did not contain the required admission documentation.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy, or procedure, of how the Institution will maintain future compliance with 5, CCR section 71770.

**COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR section 75020, 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 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 – Nicole Pedersen  
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834
- Email: [bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov)

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- In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE**

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$2,501.00 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 citation unless an informal conference or hearing is requested. 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:

- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
Attn: Discipline Unit – Nicole Pedersen  
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834

### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

7. You have the right to contest this citation through an informal conference with the Bureau pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020 and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this citation, you may submit a written request to the Bureau or submit the enclosed *Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing* form within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation will forfeit your ability to appeal the citation.

If a hearing is requested, you are not required to comply with this citation until a final order is entered against you.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE**

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and 5 CCR 75050, payment of 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 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.

### **BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION**

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Nicole Pedersen, Citation Analyst by email at [Nicole.Pedersen@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Nicole.Pedersen@dca.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 232-0510.

“Original Signature on File”

5/20/2024

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Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement

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#### Enclosures:

- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail