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CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To:	Citation Number:
JLC Beauty School	24250086
16025 Gale Ave, #A14	
City of Industry, CA 91745	Total Fine Amount:
	\$7,501.00
	Order of Abatement
Institution Code:	Included: Yes
77183631	

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 April 29, 2024, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 77183631 to JLC Beauty School, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about April 29, 2029, 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 & ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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

Violation #1:

CEC section 94920 (e) – Mandatory Cancellation, Withdrawal, and Refund Policies

Cause for Citation: On or about April 30, 2024, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint received against the Institution.

Through the course of the Bureau's investigation, and evidence obtained, it was determined that the Institution failed to provide a refund to a student within 45 days of withdrawal from the Institution in accordance with the Institution's refund policy as outlined in its school catalog, and pursuant to CEC section 94920 (e). Bureau investigators conducted interviews and a site visit; reviewed documents, statements, advertising, and websites to substantiate the allegation(s).

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 statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and ensured that the institution will adhere to its own attendance policy and issue refunds within the correct timeframe. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #2:

CEC section 94897(j)(3) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about April 30, 2024, the Bureau completed an investigation based on a complaint received against the Institution.

Through the course of the Bureau's investigation, and evidence obtained, Bureau staff determined the Institution made an untrue or misleading change to its policies outlined in its enrollment agreement and school catalog related to refunds by informing a student they are required to pay their tuition, in full,

prior to receiving a prorated refund. Bureau investigators conducted interviews and a site visit; reviewed documents, statements, advertising, and websites to substantiate the allegation(s).

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$5000.00.

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 statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and ensured that the institution will adhere to its own attendance policy and refund policies. Further, the Institution will not make any untrue or misleading changes to its stated policies. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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 – Giovani Alon 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

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 \$7501.00 for the violations described above.

Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> 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 – Giovani Alon 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 section 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 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.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Giovani Alon, Citation Analyst by email at Giovani.Alon@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7703.

"Original Signature on File"	10/31/2024
Elizabeth Elias Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	Citation Date of Issuance

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