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# **AFFIRMED CITATION ORDER**

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Da Vinci Education Foundation, Inc. dba California University 3350 Scott Blvd., Bldg. 54, Unit B. Santa Clara, CA 95054

Institution Code:

12721092

Citation Number:

24250103

Total Fine Amount:

\$1,001.00

Order of Abatement

Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this affirmed 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

 On or about December 6, 2021, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 12721092, to Da Vinci Education Foundation, Inc. dba California University, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about December 6, 2026, unless renewed.

#### **DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Modified Citation No. 2223130, issued May 26, 2024
    - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied June 22, 2023

### CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of 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 October 17, 2024, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250103. On or about November 4, 2024, the Bureau received an appeal with a

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request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on December 11, 2024. No new substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau affirms Citation No. 24250103.

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

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

# Violation #1:

CEC section 94902 (b)(1)(3) – General Enrollment Requirements and CEC section 94912 – Signature, Initials Required

**Cause for Citation:** On or about July 19, 2023, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5 (a). Bureau staff reviewed three withdrawn/dropped student files and found that the none of the files contained a signed Student Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The Institution stated that they were unaware of the requirement since all their students were learning via distance education and located overseas.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC sections 94902 and 94912. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated SPFS prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

# 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

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of this affirmed 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 \$1,001.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed 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:

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

## NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the affirmed 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. If the Institution has not requested to withdraw the hearing, a hearing will be set to hear the matter.

# COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation

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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 <a href="mailto:Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov">Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov</a> or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

"Original Signature on File"	12/23/2024
Elizabeth Elias  Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	Citation Date of Issuance

### **Enclosures:**

- Payment of Fine
- > Withdrawal of Request for Administration Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail