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CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To:	Citation Number:
Georgiykot Academy USA	2324114
20855 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 7	
Woodland Hills, CA 91364	Total Fine Amount: \$12,005.00
Institution Code: 27688006	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

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

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about November 3, 2021, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to Georgiykot Academy USA (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate will expire on or about November 3, 2026, 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 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

Cause for Citation: A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2022. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022, and July 14, 2022, and July 26, 2022.

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 \$5,000.00.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the 2021 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records

Cause for Citation: On or about September 2, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). Bureau staff requested access to the school's faculty files, Chief Academic Officer file, and current financial statement. The owner of the Institution was not able to provide Bureau staff with access to the requested files.

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 correct the violation and submit an electronic copy of the faculty files, Chief Academic Officer file, and current

financial statement, that includes all the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140 to the Bureau.

In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the faculty files, Chief Academic Officer file and current financial statement are maintained in an electronic format and readily available to a Bureau representative upon request per 5 CCR 76140 (b). The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 74112 (m)(1-9) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet and 5 CCR section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records

Cause for Citation: On or about September 2, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). Bureau staff requested a copy of the substantiating data for the 2019-2020 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) for review. The Institution's Admission Advisor stated that they are unable to produce the required substantiating data for SPFS, as it is located in an electronic database that would require contact with the system developer to construct a report that showed all the required SPFS data.

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 \$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 correct the violation and submit a copy of the substantiating data for the 2020-2021 SPFS that includes all the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112. In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the substantiating data for SPFS is maintained and immediately available during an inspection. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 74112 (e)(2) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet in conjunction with CEC 94912 – Signature, Initials Required

Cause for Citation: On or about September 2, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed student files and determined that the files did not contain a current Performance Fact Sheet.

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

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all student records contain an Institution transcript. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #5:

5 CCR section 71920 (b)(5) – Student Records and CCR, 5 CCR section 71930 (a), (e) – Maintenance Records in conjunction with CEC 94900 (b) – Required Student Records

Cause for Citation: On or about September 2, 2023, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed student files and determined that 5 of the 6 files for graduated students and withdrawn/dropped students, did not contain a transcript. Additionally, the school was not able to provide a transcript for these students.

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

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law

pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all student records contain a transcript. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #6:

CEC section 94935 (b) – Notice to Comply in conjunction with 5 CCR 75010 (h)

Cause for Citation: On or about September 2, 2022, Bureau staff issued a Notice to Comply (NTC) for CEC section 94913 (a)(1)(2)(4) Institutional Web Site Requirements violations. The Institution failed to comply with the Notice to Comply by the due date of October 2, 2022.

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 \$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 correct the violations identified in the Notice to Comply and submit proof of compliance pursuant to CEC section 94935.

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 <u>30 days</u> 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 – Tessa Barron 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 \$12,005.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this 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 – Tessa Barron 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 <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within <u>30 days</u> 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 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 Tessa Barron, Citation Analyst by email at <u>Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7791.

"Original Signature on File"

11/2/2023

Elizabeth Elias Enforcement Chief 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