



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Centro de Estudio Tecnico Automotriz 555 North Glendale Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90026 Institution Code: 1939551	Citation Number: 24250169
	Total Fine Amount: \$2,002.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

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

- On or about July 11, 2019, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 1939551, to Centro de Estudio Tecnico Automotriz, hereinafter referred to as the “Institution”. This Approval to Operate expired on or about July 10, 2024, and has not been renewed. An application for renewal of the Institution’s Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution was received on April 15, 2024, and is under review.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Citation No. 1819234 issued, June 25, 2019](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied August 30, 2019
 - [Modified Citation No. 2021275 issued, September 1, 2021](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied September 21, 2021

CITATION JURISDICTION

- 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 December 27, 2024, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250169. On or about January 13, 2025, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on February 19, 2025. New substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau modifies the citation as follows:

CAUSE FOR CITATION & MODIFIED ASSESSMENT 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 74112(m)(2-6) and (8-9) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet and 5 CCR section 71930 (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff were provided a copy of the documentation supporting all data reported in the Institutions 2021-2022 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) for review. Bureau staff noted that the Institution failed to maintain all the required data per 5 CCR section 74112(m), specifically subsections (2-6) and (8-9).

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.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine to 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 by providing an electronic copy of the template used by the Institution to document supporting data for SPFS, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points 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 supporting 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.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 76140(a)(1-13)– Record-Keeping Requirements and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested the Institution's supporting documentation to substantiate the data reported on the Institution's Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) form for the 3rd and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2023. The Bureau determined the Institution failed to collect and maintain the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140.

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.

Administrative Fine: Affirmed.

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

The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the substantiating data for STRF is maintained in an electronic format and readily available to a Bureau representative upon request pursuant to 5 CCR 76140. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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 – Giovanni Alon
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
- Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov
 - 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 \$2,002.00 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:

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

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 Giovanni Alon, Citation Analyst by email at Giovanni.Alon@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7703.

“Original Signature of File”

3/18/2025

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