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CITATION ORDER

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A F International College (formerly known as A F International School of Languages, Inc.) 3807 Wilshire Blvd., Suite #600 Los Angeles, CA 90010

Citation Number: 24250298

Total Fine Amount:

\$6,000.00

Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Institution Code:

1929231

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 August 28, 2019, the Bureau granted an Approval to Operate an Accredited Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 1929231, to A F International College (formerly known as A F International School of Languages, Inc.), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about December 31, 2027, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - Citation No. 1819235, issued June 16, 2019
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied October 1, 2019
 - Modified Citation No. 1920199, issued August 13, 2020
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied February 3, 2021
 - Citation No. 2021081, issued September 10, 2020
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied May 2, 2024
 - Citation No. 2021249, issued April 29, 2021
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied May 2, 2024
 - Accusation, filed June 8, 2022
 - o Notice of Withdrawal of Accusation, filed January 26, 2024
 - Default Decision and Order, filed September 16, 2022
 - Order Setting Aside Default Decision, filed August 22, 2023

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Institution Code: 1929231

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:

5 CCR section 71930(c)(3) and (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about May 8, 2024, the Bureau attempted to conduct an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a) at the Institution's approved physical address on record with the Bureau which matches the address listed on the Institutions website https://afint.com/.

Bureau staff determined that the Institution did not have personnel present during normal business hours for the unannounced inspection and therefore failed to have records immediately available for inspection during normal business hours. Additionally, Bureau staff made attempts to contact the Institution by phone to gain access to the Institution for an unannounced compliance. The Institution's owner informed Bureau staff that the institution no longer operates at this location. However, the Bureau has not approved a change in location for the Institution.

Additionally, on September 24, 2024, the Institution withdrew an application for change in location. As such, the Institution did not have personnel present during normal business hours, at their approved physical address on record, for the unannounced inspection.

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: None

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Violation #2:

5 CCR section 74006(a), (b) – Annual Fee and CEC section 94931(a) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its annual fee and 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2025 calendar year.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to pay its annual fee and 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2025 calendar year.

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 be 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

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 \$6,000.00 for the violations described above.

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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 – Aspen Grambusch 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, the Bureau must receive a written request within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation asking for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing or you may also submit the enclosed Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing form.

The written request may be sent by email or mail to the addresses below:

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

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.

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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 Aspen Grambusch, Citation Analyst by email at Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

| "Original Signature on File" | 4/17/2025 |
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| Elizabeth Elias | Citation Date of Issuance |
| Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement | |

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