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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Statement of Issues  
Against:

13 **A & J TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL, INC.**

14 **Application for Approval to Operate an**  
15 **Institution Non-Accredited.**

Case No. BPPE25-0494

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official  
21 capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), Department of  
22 Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about March 25, 2022, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
24 received an application for Approval to Operate an Institution Non-Accredited from A & J Truck  
25 Driving School, Inc. (Respondent), owned by A&J Truck Driving School, Inc. On or about  
26 March 25, 2022, Shelly D. Sidhu certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all  
27 statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Bureau denied the application on  
28 June 9, 2025.

1 **JURISDICTION**

2 3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Director of the Department of  
3 Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under the  
4 authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code  
5 (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

6 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

7 4. Section 94887 of the Education Code states:

8 An approval to operate shall be granted only after an applicant has presented  
9 sufficient evidence to the bureau, and the bureau has independently verified the  
10 information provided by the applicant through site visits or other methods deemed  
11 appropriate by the bureau, that the applicant has the capacity to satisfy the minimum  
12 operating standards. The bureau shall deny an application for an approval to operate if  
13 the application does not satisfy those standards. The bureau may deny an application  
14 for an approval to operate institutions that would be owned by, have persons in  
15 control of, or employ institution managers that had knowledge of, should have  
16 known, or knowingly participated in any conduct that was the cause for revocation or  
17 unmitigated discipline at another institution.

18 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

19 5. California Code of Regulations Title 5, section 71240 states:

20 (a) The Form Application 94886 shall contain a statement that the institution  
21 has and can maintain the financial resources required pursuant to section 71745.

22 (b) The institution shall submit current, reviewed financial statements at the  
23 time it applies for approval to operate. Each set of financial statements shall comply  
24 with Section 74115 of this chapter.

25 6. California Code of Regulations Title 5, section 71710 states, in pertinent part:

26 (a) In order to meet its mission and objectives, the educational program defined  
27 in section 94837 of the Code shall be comprised of a curriculum that includes:

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(3) Course or module materials that are designed or organized by duly qualified  
faculty. For each course or module, each student shall be provided with a syllabus or  
course outline that contains:

(A) A short, descriptive title of the educational program;

(B) A statement of educational objectives;

- (C) Length of the educational program;
- (D) Sequence and frequency of lessons or class sessions;
- (E) Complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials;
- (F) Sequential and detailed outline of subject matter to be addressed or a list of skills to be learned and how those skills are to be measured;
- (G) Instructional mode or methods.

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(5) Specific learning outcomes tied to the sequence of the presentation of the material to measure the students' learning of the material . . . .

7. California Code of Regulations Title 5, section 71715 states, in pertinent part:

(b) The institution shall document that the instruction offered leads to the achievement of the learning objectives of each course.

8. California Code of Regulations Title 5, section 71745 states:

(a) The institution shall document that it has at all times sufficient assets and financial resources to do all of the following:

(1) Provide all of the educational programs that the institution represented it would provide.

(2) Ensure that all students admitted to its educational programs have a reasonable opportunity to complete the programs and obtain their degrees or diplomas.

(3) Maintain the minimum standards required by the Act and this chapter.

(4) Pay timely refunds as required by Article 13 of the Act.

(5) Pay all operating expenses due within 30 days.

(6) Maintain a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 1.25 to 1.00 or greater at the end of the most recent fiscal year when using generally accepted accounting principles, or for an institution participating in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, meet the composite score requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. For the purposes of this section, current assets does not include: intangible assets, including goodwill, going concern value, organization expense, startup costs, long-term prepayment of deferred charges, and nonreturnable deposits, or state or federal grant or loan funds that are not the property of the institution but are held for future disbursement for the benefit of students. Unearned tuition shall be accounted for in accordance with general accepted accounting principles.

(b) At an institution's request, the Bureau may consider the financial resources of a parent company if the parent company, as defined by section 94853 of the Code, meets and maintains all of the following provisions:

1 (1) Consents in writing to be sued in California;

2 (2) Consents in writing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau with  
3 respect to the institution's regulation under the Act and this Chapter;

4 (3) Designates and maintains an agent for service of process, consistent with  
5 section 74190;

6 (4) Agrees in writing to pay any refund, claim, penalty, or judgment that the  
7 institution is obligated to pay; and

8 (5) Files financial reports, maintains financial records, and consents in  
9 writing to permit the inspection and copying of financial records to the same extent  
10 as is required of the institution.

11 (c) An institution shall provide to the Bureau its most current financial  
12 statements upon request.

13 9. California Code of Regulations Title 5, section 74115 states:

14 (a) This section applies to every set of financial statements required to be  
15 prepared or filed by the Act or by this chapter.

16 (b) A set of financial statements shall contain, at a minimum, a balance sheet,  
17 an income statement, and a cash flow statement, and the preparation of financial  
18 statements, shall comply with all of the following:

19 (1) Audited and reviewed financial statements shall be conducted and  
20 prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles  
21 established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants by an  
22 independent certified public accountant who is not an employee, officer, or  
23 corporate director or member of the governing board of the institution.

24 (2) Financial statements prepared on an annual basis as required by section  
25 74110(b) shall be prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting  
26 principles established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.  
27 Nonprofit institutions shall provide annual financial statements as required under  
28 generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations.

(3) The financial statements shall establish that the institution meets the  
requirements for financial resources required by Section 71745.

(4) If an audit performed to determine compliance with any federal or state  
student financial aid program reveals any failure to comply with the requirements of  
the program and the noncompliance creates any liability or potential liability for the  
institution, the financial statements shall reflect the liability or potential liability.

(5) Any audits shall demonstrate that the accountant obtained an  
understanding of the institution's internal financial control structure, assessed any  
risks, and has reported any material deficiencies in the internal controls.

(c) Work papers for the financial statements shall be retained for five years  
from the date of the statements and shall be made available to the Bureau upon  
request.

1 (d) "Current" with respect to financial statements means completed no  
2 sooner than 120 days prior to the time it is submitted to the Bureau, and covering no  
3 less than the most recent complete fiscal year. If more than 8 months will have  
4 elapsed between the close of the most recent complete fiscal year and the time it is  
5 submitted, the fiscal statements shall also cover no less than five months of that  
6 current fiscal year.

#### 7 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

8 10. Between March 21, 2022 and March 25, 2022, Respondent began submitting  
9 documents supporting an Application for Approval to Operate an Institution Non-Accredited to  
10 the Bureau. On March 25, 2022, Respondent submitted its final application.

11 11. On April 1, 2022, the Bureau sent Respondent a letter indicating that Respondent's  
12 application was incomplete. On or about May 19, 2022, Respondent submitted a response.

13 12. On August 11, 2022, the Bureau sent Respondent an email advising that  
14 Respondent's application remained incomplete. On November 14, 2022, the Bureau sent a  
15 follow-up email to Respondent because Respondent had failed to respond.

16 13. On November 13, 2023, the Bureau sent a letter to Respondent notifying Respondent  
17 that its application had been received and would be reviewed by the Bureau.

18 14. On December 8, 2023, the Bureau sent its first Licensing deficiency letter, notifying  
19 Respondent of deficiencies in its application.

20 15. Between February 21, 2024 through February 28, 2024, Respondent submitted its  
21 response to the first Licensing deficiency letter.

22 16. On March 7, 2024, the Bureau sent a second Licensing deficiency letter to  
23 Respondent.

24 17. Respondent submitted its response to the second Licensing deficiency letter on April  
25 5, 2024, April 8, 2024, and May 6, 2024.

26 18. On May 6, 2024, the Bureau sent a Catalog Checklist to Respondent, outlining areas  
27 in which Respondent's application required further response and clarification. The Bureau sent a  
28 second Catalog Checklist to Respondent on May 10, 2024. Respondent submitted additional  
application documents on May 10, 2024.

19. On May 22, 2024 and May 24, 2024, Respondent submitted a copy of its enrollment  
agreement. On May 24, 2024, Respondent submitted a copy of its 2024 School Catalog.





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**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

1. Denying the application of A & J Truck Driving School, Inc. owned by A&J Truck Driving School, Inc., for Approval to Operate an Institution Non-Accredited;
2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 4/25/2026

"Original Signature on File"  
DEBORAH COCHRANE  
Chief  
Bureau for Private Postsecondary  
Education  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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