



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Meridian University (formerly known as Institute of Imaginal Studies) 2450 Colorado Avenue, Suite 100E Santa Monica, CA 90404 Institution Code: 4901131	Citation Number: 25260268
	Total Fine Amount: \$1,500.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this modified citation in her official capacity as Bureau Chief 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 9, 2023, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate an Accredited Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 4901131, to Meridian University (formerly known as Institute of Imaginal Studies), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about June 30, 2029, 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.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about May 26, 2026, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260268. On or about June 18, 2026, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on August 17,

2026. New substantive information was 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)(1-2), and (m)(4-9) Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94929.7(a) – Documentation of Performance Data

Cause for Citation: On or about June 25, 2025, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested documentation supporting data reported on the Institutions 2022/2023 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS).

Upon review, Bureau staff found that the Institution provided incomplete data required under 5 CCR section 74112 (m)(2) in that the data provided was missing student addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. The Bureau also determined the Institution failed to collect and/or maintain some of the required data points for 2022, specifically subsections (m)(1), (m)(4-5), and (m)(8-9).

Additionally, for the 2023 reporting year, Bureau staff found that the Institution provided incomplete data for subsection (m)(2) in that, the data was missing student phone numbers. The Bureau also determined that the Institution failed to collect and/or maintain some of the required data points for 2023, specifically subsections (m)(1), (m)(4), and (m)(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 from \$2,501.00 to \$1,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class A” violation to “Class B” violation.

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

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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.

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 – Aspen Grambusch
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 \$1,500.00 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 – Aspen Grambusch
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 Aspen Grambusch, Citation Analyst by email at Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

Citation Number: 25260268
Institution: Meridian University
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"Original Signature on File"

9/16/2026

Elizabeth Elias
Bureau Chief

Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- Payment of Fine
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail