



AFFIRMED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: PCI College (formerly known as PCI Professional Career Institute) 17215 Studebaker Road, #310 Cerritos, CA 90703 Institution Code: 1929191	Citation Number: 24250359
	Total Fine Amount: \$9,501.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this affirmed 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 October 3, 2019, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate an Accredited Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 1929191 to PCI College (formerly known as PCI Professional Career Institute) hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate expired on or about November 1, 2023, and is pending renewal. An application for renewal of the Institution's Approval to Operate an Accredited Private Postsecondary Institution was received on September 11, 2023, and is under review.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has no prior discipline history.

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of 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.

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4. On or about June 30, 2025, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250359. On or about July 18, 2025, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on August 25, 2025. No new substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau affirms Citation No. 24250359.

CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

5. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

Violation #1:

CEC section 94900 – Required Student Records, 5 CCR section 71920 Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about October 21, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review student files for current, graduated, and withdrawn students. The Institution was unable to provide any current, graduated, or withdrawn students for inspection upon request.

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 a statement of attestation they will maintain required student records pursuant to CEC section 94900 and 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #2:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about October 21, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested documentation supporting all data reported on the Institutions 2021/2022 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). Bureau staff found that the Institution failed to collect the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112 and therefore was unable to make the documentation immediately available for 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 \$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 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.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 71720(a)(4)(A)(1) – Faculty, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records, CEC section 94900.5(b) – Required Institutional Records, and CEC section 94885(a)(5) – Minimum Operating Standards

Cause for Citation: On or about October 21, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed three faculty files and determined that two of the faculty files contained foreign degrees that were not evaluated by a member of the National Associate of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). Furthermore, one faculty file did not contain a degree or proof of educational qualifications to teach.

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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 ensure all faculty records follow the law pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71720, 71930 and CEC sections 94900.5 and 94885. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all faculty records are in compliance with the law. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 74140 – Retention of Advertising

Cause for Citation: On or about October 21, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). During the inspection, Bureau staff requested copies of the Institution's advertising materials from the preceding five years, as required under 5 CCR section 74140 for immediate inspection and copying. The Institution was unable to produce any advertising records in response to the Bureau's request.

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 submit a statement of attestation they will maintain advertisement pursuant to 5 CCR section 74140. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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 affirmed 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 – Nicole Pedersen
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 \$9,501.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed 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 – Nicole Pedersen
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the affirmed 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

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hearing. If the Institution has not requested to withdraw the hearing, a hearing will be set to hear the matter.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 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. 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 Nicole Pedersen, Citation Analyst by email at Nicole.Pedersen@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 232-0510.

"Original Signature on File"

9/11/2025

Elizabeth Elias
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement

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Enclosures:

- Payment of Fine
- Withdrawal of Request for Administration Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail