MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: GETS Theological Seminary 412 E. Rowland St. Covina, CA 91723	**Citation Number:** 25260087
	Total Fine Amount: **$12,256.00**
Institution Code: 44298665	**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 October 9, 2024, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 44298665, to GETS Theological Seminary, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about October 9, 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 13, 2026, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260087. On or about May 26, 2026, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on October 1, 20026. 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 71800(c) and (e) – Enrollment Agreement**
Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that all student files reviewed contained an enrollment agreement that was missing the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 71800; specifically, subsections (c) and (e).
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 $1,001.00. 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: The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure the enrollment agreement follows the law pursuant to 5 CCR section 71800. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution. **Order of Abatement: Affirmed.**

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(1)(A) - Student Records, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94897(u) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that three of the student files reviewed failed to contain proof of minimum level of prior education, a requirement for admission according to the institutions admissions policy.

Therefore, Bureau staff also determined that the Institution failed to adhere to its own admissions policy requiring proof of the student's minimum level of prior education as a qualification for admission.

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 $1,001.00. 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:

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

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #3:

CEC section 94902(a) – General Enrollment Requirements and 5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that five student files reviewed contained an enrollment agreement that was not fully executed. The enrollment agreements did not contain a signature of an authorized employee of the institution, a general enrollment requirement.

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 $1,001.00. 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:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC section 94902 and 5 CCR section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed enrollment agreements. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #4:

CEC section 94902(a) – General Enrollment Requirements and 5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that four student files reviewed contained failed to contain an executed enrollment agreement within the student files.

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.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from $5,000.00 to $3,000.00. The violation remains a "Class A" violation.

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 student records follow the law pursuant to CEC section 94902 and 5 CCR section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain executed enrollment agreements. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #5:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records, 5 CCR section 71930(a) and (e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94900.5(c) – Required Institutional Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that all the student files reviewed failed to contain a School Performance Fact Sheets (SPFS) which is a required institutional record. The Institution representative stated they were unsure if a SPFS was provided to students prior to enrollment.

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:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records are maintained pursuant to 5 CCR section 71920, 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated SPFS prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #6:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(10) - Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that three withdrawn student files reviewed failed to include a refund document consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b)(10).

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: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from $1,001.00 to $750.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class B" violation to "Class C" violation.

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

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #7:

5 CCR section 71760 – Self Monitoring Procedures and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested a copy of the Institution's self-monitoring procedures; however, the Institution failed to provide a copy upon 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 $501.00.

Administrative Fine: Affirmed.

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

The Institution shall submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain self-monitoring procedures and will provide them to the Bureau upon request. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #8:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about December 18, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested the Institution's Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) substantiating data for the 2nd and 3rd quarter reporting period of 2024. The Bureau determined that the Institution failed to collect student information to substantiate the data reported on the Institutions STRF Assessment Reporting Forms and records of the students' eligibility under the Fund.

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 Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing an electronic copy of the template used by the Institution to document its STRF substantiating documentation, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140.

In addition, 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 per 5 CCR 76140. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #9:

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 December 18, 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 was not able to provide 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. **Administrative Fine: Affirmed.**
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.**

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 – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi
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 $12,256.00 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 – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi
     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 Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst by email at Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

"Original Signature on File" 10/30/2026

Elizabeth Elias
Bureau Chief

Citation Date of Issuance

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