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# **CITATION ORDER**

## Citation Issued To:

Cosmetica Beauty and Barbering Academy (formerly known as Cosmetica Beauty and Barbering School)

9050 Telegraph Road, Suite 101, 103-105, 201-203 Downey, CA 90240 Citation Number: 25260098

**Total Fine Amount:** 

\$5,000.00

Order of Abatement Included: Yes

**Institution Code:** 

16229441

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 April 29, 2022, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 16229441, to Cosmetica Beauty and Barbering Academy (formerly known as Cosmetica Beauty and Barbering School), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about April 29, 2027, 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.

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

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

Institution: Cosmetica Beauty and Barbering Academy

Institution Code: 16229441

## Violation #1:

5 CCR section 71750(b), (c) and (e) - Withdrawals and Refunds, CEC section 94920(e) - Mandatory Cancellation, Withdrawal and Refund Policies, and CEC Section 94897(u) - Prohibited Business Practices

**Cause for Citation:** On or about January 25, 2025, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed three withdrawn student files and found the Institution failed to provide one withdrawn student with a pro rata refund pursuant to 5 CCR section 71750(b), (c), and (e) and CEC 94920(e). Further, Bureau staff determined that the Institution failed to adhere to its own leave of absence policy as stated in its school catalog.

**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 that it will maintain compliance with refunds in accordance with its own stated policies and in compliance with 5 CCR section 71750 and CEC section 94920. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

### 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 – Amanda Hebert 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

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Institution Code: 16229441

• 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 \$5,000.00 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 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 – Amanda Hebert 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:

- Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Amanda Hebert 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
- Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>

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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.

## 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 Amanda
	Hebert, Citation Analyst by email at <a href="mailto:Amanda.Hebert@dca.ca.gov">Amanda.Hebert@dca.ca.gov</a> or by
	phone at (279) 400-6420.

"Original Signature on File"	11/20/2025
Elizabeth Elias	Citation Date of Issuance
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	

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# 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