



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Portnov Computer School 2427 Hecate Pl. San Jose, CA 95124 Institution Code: 4306131	Citation Number: 25260308
	Total Fine Amount: \$8,000.00
	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

- On or about March 22, 2023, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 4306131, to Portnov Computer School, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about March 22, 2028, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Modified Citation No. 1516072, issued on May 12, 2016](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied June 14, 2016
 - [Dismissed Citation No. 2122136, issued on June 30, 2022](#)
 - [Dismissed Citation No. 2324098, issued on November 27, 2023](#)
 - [Modified Citation No. 24250242, issued on August 4, 2025](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied November 19, 2025

CITATION JURISDICTION

- 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 April 28, 2026, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260308. On or about May 21, 2026, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on July 6, 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)(1-9) 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 January 29, 2026, 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 2023/2024 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) and 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.

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 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.

Violation #2:

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

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2026, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review the Institution's supporting documentation to substantiate the data reported on the Institution's Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) form for the 2nd and 3rd quarter reporting periods of 2025. 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: 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 Institution must submit a statement of attestation that 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 pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140 and 71930. The statement of

attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #3:

CEC section 94897(j) – Prohibited Business Practices

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2026, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff found the Institution advertised on its website a 79% placement rate for its graduates, as well as \$25.00 - \$35.00 hourly starting wages in the industry with potential for growth to \$40.00 - \$60.00 per hour within two to three years. The Bureau requested documentation to support the Institution's claims on its website. The Institution failed to provide documentation to support the statements by the end of the inspection. Therefore, the Bureau determined the website contained untrue or misleading information, a prohibited business practice.

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: Affirmed.

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

The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have removed false or misleading advertising from its website and will ensure that the Institution maintains supporting documentation that is readily available to a Bureau representative upon request. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation # 4:

5 CCR section 71930(a) and (e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC 94900.5(b) – Required Institutional Records

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2026, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review the CAO file and all faculty files. The Institution was unable to provide immediate access to faculty records by the end of the inspection.

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.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,000.00 to \$750.00. The violation remains a “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 ensure all faculty records follow the law pursuant to 5 CCR section 71930 and CEC section 94900.5. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure 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.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation 5:

5 CCR section 71930(c)(2) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about January 29, 2026, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). At the conclusion of the inspection, the Institution informed Bureau staff that all records are stored on a server in Ukraine to reduce costs due to financial constraints. The Bureau determined this to be a violation of 5 CCR section 71930(c)(3), as the devices needed to immediately reproduce copies of

stored records are not located in reasonably close proximity to the stored records at the Institution's primary administrative location in California.

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: Dismissed.

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 section 71930. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure 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.

Order of Abatement: Dismissed.

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 \$8,000.00 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 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.

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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”

8/5/2026

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