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SETTLEMENT OF AFFIRMED CITATION ORDER

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American West College (formerly known as American Academy of Dental Technology) 520 La Fayette Park Pl Suite #226 Los Angeles, CA 90057 Citation Number: 24250128

Total Fine Amount:

\$500.00

Order of Abatement Included: No

Institution Code:

41500827

Elizabeth Elias issues this modified 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 January 24, 2020, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 41500827, to American West College (formerly known as American Academy of Dental Technology), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about January 23, 2025, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - Citation No. 1920152, issued December 5, 2019
 - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied April 30, 2020
 - Citation No. 2324026, issued August 1, 2023
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied June 18, 2024

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.

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CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about December 4, 2024, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250128. On or about December 30, 2024, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference and administrative hearing. The Bureau held the informal conference on March 14, 2025, and the citation was affirmed as a result of the informal conference. On June 6, 2025, the Bureau transmitted the case to the Attorney General's Office for Administrative Hearing. However, prior to the administrative hearing, the Institution signed a settlement of Affirmed Citation No. 24250128. As settlement of the Affirmed Citation No. 24250128, the Institution agrees to withdraw its request for an Administrative Hearing and agrees to a Settlement of Affirmed Citation No. 24250128 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 71930(c)(3), (c)(4) and (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about May 9, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff determined that the Institution failed to have personnel present for the unannounced inspection to make records immediately available for inspection and copying during normal business hours.

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: Pursuant to a settlement agreement, the modified fine amount is reduced to \$500.00. On April 15, 2025, the Bureau received payment in the amount of \$500.00 from the Institution.

Order of Abatement: None.

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COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

6. The Bureau has not issued an order of abatement.

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 fine in the total amount of \$500.00 for the violations described above. On April 15, 2025, the Bureau received payment in the amount of \$500.00 from the Institution.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. The Institution forfeits their right to appeal by withdrawing their appeal for an administrative 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.

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"Original Signature on File"	9/22/2025
Elizabeth Elias	Citation Date of Issuance
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	

Enclosures:

➤ Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail