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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE
DECISION: CITATION MODIFIED

June 10, 2020

Stellar Career College, LLC, Owner Stellar Career College 4300 Sisk Road Modesto, CA 95356

Date of Issuance	Citation Number	Institution Code
June 10, 2020	1920191	5000831

On April 3, 2020, an informal telephone conference was held in the matter of Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 1920191 (Citation) against Stellar Career College, LLC, Owner of Stellar Career College (Institution). In attendance were Leeza Rifredi, Deputy Bureau Chief, Zulfiqar Satti, President, Kristina Pitcher, Registrar, and Vic Lal, Director of Operations.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 125.9; California Education Code, section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 1920191.

It is the decision of the Deputy Bureau Chief that on April 22, 2020, Citation No. 1920191 is modified and makes the following change(s):

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

Below you will find the California Education Code (CEC) and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.

1. **Violation:**

CEC Section - 94932.5 Announced and Unannounced Compliance Inspections

(a) As part of its compliance program, the bureau shall perform announced and unannounced inspections of institutions at least every five years.

5, CCR Section 71930 (e) - Maintenance of Records

(e) All records that the institution is required to maintain by the Act or this chapter shall be made immediately available by the institution for inspection and copying during normal business hours by the Bureau and any entity authorized to conduct investigations.

Bureau staff requested a complete copy of the supporting documentation for the 2016/2017 SPFS. The Institution representative stated that they did not have access to the program that contained the supporting documentation.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the supporting documentation for the 2016/2017 SPFS per, CEC section 74112 (m)(1-9).

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$5,000.00

Reason for modification: New substantive facts were presented at the informal conference.

The administrative fine for this violation has been modified from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

TOTAL MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$2.500.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Bureau orders that you comply with the orders described in the 'Violation Code Sections' of this document and submit evidence of compliance within <u>30 days</u> from the date of this decision.

PENALTY - ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

Payment of the administrative fine is due within 30 days from the date of this decision. Please complete the Payment of Fine form. Payment must be made to the Bureau by check, or money order. Please include the citation number on the payment of the fine assessment. Payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for purposes of public disclosure. Payments may be mailed to:

Gabriella Perez, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

APPEAL OF CITATION

You *do not* have the right to request another Informal Conference to appeal this modified Citation. If you did not initially request an Administrative Hearing within 30 days from when the original citation was issued, you can no longer request one.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION AND FINE ASSESSMENT

This modified Citation is effective on June 10, 2020. The Order of Abatement and payment are due by **July 10, 2020**.

Failure to abate the violation or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Modified Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this decision or desire further information, please contact Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-8969 or at Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov.

"Original signature on file"	"6/10/2020"	
Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager	Date	-
Enclosures		

- Payment of Fine
 - Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail