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<u>CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT</u>

To: Interglobal San Diego, LLC, Owner Internexus San Diego 2555 Camino De Rio S., Suite 150 San Diego, CA, 92108

INSTITUTION CODE: 63821602 CITATION NUMBER: 1920230

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: February 21, 2020

DUE DATE: March 22, 2020 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 2501.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: Yes

Christina Villanueva issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Discipline Manager of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Interglobal San Diego, LLC, Owner of Internexus San Diego (Institution) located at 2555 Camino De Rio S., Suite 150, San Diego, CA, 92108, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) sections 94936 and 94932; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violations described below.

BACKGROUND

On February 22, 2019, Bureau staff conducted an announced Compliance inspection at the Institution. Bureau staff reviewed student files and found that the files were missing a High School Diploma, and/or an Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) exam, Enrollment Agreement (EA), evidence of monies received, refund calculation sheet and a record of any refunds provided if they were due, certificates, transcripts, diplomas, and a completed School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The Institution representatives stated they were aware that the student files were not up to compliance standards.

VIOLATION

- # 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:**
 - 5, CCR Section 71770 (a)(1) Admissions Standards and Transferred Credits Policy
 - (a) The institution shall establish specific written standards for student admissions for each educational program. These standards shall be related to the particular educational program. An institution shall not admit any student who is obviously unqualified or who does not appear to have a

reasonable prospect of completing the program. In addition to any specific standards for an educational program, the admissions standards must specify as applicable that:

(1) Each student admitted to an undergraduate degree program, or a diploma program, shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, or otherwise successfully take and pass the relevant examination as required by section 94904 of the Code.

5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(b)(1)(A)(3)(5)(A-E)(9)(10) – Student Records

- (a) The institution shall maintain a file for each student who enrolls in the institution whether or not the student completes the educational service.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of section 94900, the file shall contain all of the following pertinent student records:
- (1) Written records and transcripts of any formal education or training, testing, or experience that are relevant to the student's qualifications for admission to the institution or the institution's award of credit or acceptance of transfer credits including the following:
- (A) Verification of high school completion or equivalency or other documentation establishing the student's ability to do college level work, such as successful completion of an ability-to-benefit test;
- (3) Copies of all documents signed by the student, including contracts, instruments of indebtedness, and

documents relating to financial aid;

- (5) In addition to the requirements of section 94900(b) of the Code, a transcript showing all of the following:
- (A) The courses or other educational programs that were completed, or were attempted but not completed, and the dates of completion or withdrawal;
- (B) Credit awarded for prior experiential learning, including the course title for which credit was awarded and the amount of credit;
- (C) Credit for courses earned at other institutions;
- (D) Credit based on any examination of academic ability or educational achievement used for admission

or college placement purposes;

- (E) The name, address, website address, and telephone number of the institution.
- (9) A document showing the total amount of money received from or on behalf of the student and the date or dates on which the money was received;
- (10) A document specifying the amount of a refund, including the amount refunded for tuition and the amount for other itemized charges, the method of calculating the refund, the date the refund was made, and the name and address of the person or entity to which the refund was sent;

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71770 (a)(1): The Institution failed to adhere to their own admissions policies and has not been requiring High School Diplomas or ATB exams of students enrolling.

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(b)(1)(A): Multiple student files failed to include verification of high school completion or equivalency or other documentation establishing the student's ability to do college level work, such as successful completion of an ATB exam.

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(b)(3): Student files failed to include a copy of the completed EA.

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(b)(5): Multiple student files failed to include a transcript.

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(9): Multiple student files failed to include a copy of a document showing the total amount of money received from, or on behalf of, the student and the

date or dates on which the money was received.

Violation: 5, CCR Section 71920 (a)(10): The withdrawn student files reviewed failed to include a document specifying the amount of a refund, including the amount refunded for tuition, the amount for other itemized charges, the method of calculating the refund, the date the refund was made, and the name and address of the person or entity to which the refund was sent.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit an established policy and procedure of how the Institution will maintain future compliance with 5, CCR sections 71770 (a)(1) and 71920

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$1501.00

2. Violation:

5, CCR Section 74112 (I)(n) - Uniform Data - Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet

(1) Definitions. Definitions for all terms contained on the Performance Fact Sheet shall be included as part of the Performance Fact Sheet, in the same format as required in subdivision (a). The following are the definitions for the Performance Fact Sheet:

"Number of Students Who Began the Program" means the number of students who began a program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within the reporting calendar year and excludes all students who cancelled during the cancellation period. "Students Available for Graduation" is the number of students who began the program minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty. "Number of On-time Graduates" is the number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within the reporting calendar year.

"On-time Completion Rate" is the number of on-time graduates divided by the number of students available for graduation.

"150% Graduates" is the number of students who completed the program within 150% of the program length (includes on-time graduates).

"150% Completion Rate" is the number of students who completed the program in the reported calendar year within 150% of the published program length, including on-time graduates, divided by the number of students available for graduation.

"Graduates Available for Employment" means the number of graduates minus the number of graduates unavailable for employment.

"Graduates Unavailable for Employment" means the graduates who, after graduation, die, become incarcerated, are called to active military duty, are international students that leave the United States or do not have a visa allowing employment in the United States, or are continuing their education in an accredited or bureau-approved postsecondary institution.

"Graduates Employed in the Field" means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.

"Placement Rate Employed in the Field" is calculated by dividing the number of graduates gainfully employed in the field by the number of graduates available for employment.

"Number of Graduates Taking Exam" is the number of graduates who took the first available exam in the reported calendar year.

"First Available Exam Date" is the date for the first available exam after a student completed a program.

"Passage Rate" is calculated by dividing the number of graduates who passed the exam by the number of graduates who took the reported licensing exam.

"Number Who Passed First Available Exam" is the number of graduates who took and passed the first available licensing exam after completing the program.

"Salary" is as reported by graduate or graduate's employer.

"No Salary Information Reported" is the number of graduates for whom, after making reasonable attempts, the school was not able to obtain salary information.

(n) The institution shall provide on a separate document along with the Performance Fact Sheet the same cancellation disclosure as that which is required to be included with the enrollment agreement by Section 94911(e)(1) of the Code. The separate document shall be substantially the same size as the Performance Fact Sheet and shall be captioned "STUDENT'S RIGHT TO CANCEL" using bold 14 pt. type.

Student files had partial SPFS; the Institution failed to include the Definitions, as well as a separate document with the SPFS the cancellation disclosure.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy on how future compliance with 5, CCR Section 74112 will be maintained.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$1000.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$2501.00

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94936; and 5, CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fine in the amount of \$2501.00 for the violations described above. Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5, CCR section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days** from the date of service of the Citation.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; 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, you must submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation. If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.

Unless a written request for an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by **March 22, 2020**, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **February 21**, **2020**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **March 22**, **2020**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

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

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this 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 Citation, or desire further information, please contact Cheryl Lardizabal, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-8968 or cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov.

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Christina Villanueva	Date
Discipline Manager	

Enclosures

- ➤ Applicable Laws Violated
- > Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- 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