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

To: J & R Film Co., Inc., Owner Moviola Education Center 1015 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505

# INSTITUTION CODE: 1937761 CITATION NUMBER: 1920076 CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: September 9, 2019 DUE DATE: October 9, 2019 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 2,000.00 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 J & R Film Co., Inc., Owner of Moviola Education Center (Institution) located at 1015 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505, 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 26, 2019, Bureau staff conducted an announced Compliance inspection at the Institution. A review of student files was conducted, and three material violations were identified. The Institution failed to maintain adequate student records and were unable to provide required documentation to the Bureau upon request.

### VIOLATION(S)

Ħ	Below you will find the Galifornia Education Gode (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 71920 (b)(1)(A) – Student Records
	(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;

# 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.

The Institution failed to collect verification of high school completion or its equivalent, such as an Ability-to-Benefit test. The Institution stated they did not ask students if they were high school graduates and did not request any documentation to verify high school completion or equivalent.

# Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to provide a policy, or procedure, of how all required documentation will be collected and maintained for future compliance of CEC Sections 71920 (b)(1)(A) and 71770 (a)(1).

# Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is <u>\$1,000.00</u>

# 2. CEC, Section 94900(a) - Required Student Records

(a) An institution shall maintain records of the name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of each student who is enrolled in an educational program in that institution.

# CEC, Section 94902(a)(b)(1)(3)(c) – General Enrollment Requirements

a) A student shall enroll solely by means of executing an enrollment agreement. The enrollment agreement shall be signed by the student and by an authorized employee of the institution.
(b) An enrollment agreement is not enforceable unless all of the following requirements are met:
(1) The student has received the institution's catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet prior to signing the enrollment agreement.

(3) Prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement, the student and the institution have signed and dated the information required to be disclosed in the Student Performance Fact Sheet pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 94910. Each of these items in the Student Performance Fact Sheet shall include a line for the student to initial and shall be initialed and dated by the student.
(c) A student shall receive a copy of the signed enrollment agreement, in writing or electronically, regardless of whether total charges are paid by the student.

The Institution failed to maintain records of student addresses. Furthermore, the Institution did not require students to sign student enrollment agreements. The Institution also failed to provide students with School Performance Fact Sheets (SPFS) prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

# **Order of Abatement:**

The Bureau orders the Institution to provide a policy, or procedure, of how all required documentation will be collected and maintained for future compliance of CEC Sections 94900(a) and 94902 (a)(b)(1)(3)(c).

# Assessment of Fine The fine for this violation is \$1,000.00 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$2,000.00

#### 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 \$2,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within <u>30 days</u> 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 <u>30 days</u> 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 <u>30 days</u> 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 **October 9, 2019**, 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 **September 9, 2019**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **October 9, 2019**. 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:

Gabriella Perez, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95833

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 621-2593 or <u>Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov</u>.

Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager

Date

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