



## VERIFICATION OF EXEMPTION

July 12, 2023

Ascend Graduate School LLC  
1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street Suite R  
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Verification of Exempt Status – Application Number 36102

**INSTITUTION:** Ascend Graduate School LLC

**BASIS FOR EXEMPTION:** Sponsored Membership - Education Code section 94874(b)(1)

The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) has completed the review of your Institution's Application for Verification of Exempt Status pursuant to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Act) based on the application received on February 28, 2023.

The application demonstrates that Ascend Graduate School LLC has met the qualifications for exemption from regulation under the Act, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94874(b)(1): *"An institution offering educational programs sponsored by a bona fide trade, business, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organizations membership"*.

Pursuant to CEC §94874.7, this verification of exemption shall remain valid until July 12, 2025, as long as the institution maintains full compliance with the requirements of this exemption. Any of the following conditions will deem the institution ineligible for this exemption:

- the institution is no longer sponsored by a bona fide trade, business, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organizations membership;
- the institution is approved to participate in Title 38 veteran's financial aid programs;
- or any other factor, that would render the institution ineligible for an exemption under the CEC section 94874(b)(1).

Additionally, exempt institutions shall comply with CEC §94927.5 regarding the retention of student records and transcripts and their submission to the Bureau prior to closing.

If you require additional assistance on this matter, please contact Shakira Rule at 279-895-6066.

Sincerely,

  
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JEFF MACKEY  
Licensing Manager