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## ACCSC DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION ACTION SUMMARY OF GROUNDS FOR WARNING ACTION

## THE LANDING SCHOOL (M055405) 286 RIVER ROAD ARUNDEL, MAINE 04046

## October 23, 2025

The Accrediting Commission of Career School and Colleges has issued a Warning to The Landing School located in Arundel, Maine. Pursuant to ACCSC's *Rules of Process and Procedure*, the Commission will publish a summary of the reasons for the Warning. The school has an opportunity to submit a response to demonstrate corrective action regarding the Commission's grounds for the Warning.

- 1. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school:
  - a. Has appropriate administrative and operational policies and procedures for every operational area to which the school adheres, reviews, and updates as needed (Section I (A)(I)(d), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation) and
  - b. Ensures the continuity of management and administrative capacity through the reasonable retention of management and administrative staff (Section I (A)(4), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 2. The Landing School must demonstrate successful student achievement by maintaining acceptable rates of student graduation and employment in the career field for which the school provided education (Section VII (B)(2)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 3. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school maintains verifiable employment records (Section VI (C)(2), Substantive Standards and Appendix VII, Standards of Accreditation).
- 4. The Landing School must demonstrate that tuition costs and charges are fairly applied (Section I (D)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 5. The Landing School must demonstrate that:
  - a. Scholarships are fully, clearly, and accurately disclosed to the prospective students and fairly applied (Section I(D)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation) and
  - b. Scholarships as distinct from tuition discounts are bona fide financial assistance whereby funds are applied toward qualified student costs (Section I(D)(1)(c)(i), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 6. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school has and applies a fair and equitable refund policy and that the school issues refunds in accordance with that published policy (Section I (D)(3), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 7. The Landing School must demonstrate that each program is reviewed and approved by the Commission before the program is offered to students (Section II (A)(I)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).

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- 8. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school offers an occupational associate degree program that includes a minimum of 9 semester hours in academic general education courses or applied general education courses that support the program objectives (Section II (C)(2)(c)(i), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 9. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school enforces a policy of acceptable student attendance (Section VII (A)(3)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 10. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school verifies prior work experience of the faculty (Section III (A)(4), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 11. The Landing School must demonstrate that:
  - a. The school consistently and fairly applies its admission requirements (Section V(A)(3), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
  - b. The school does not permit personnel whose primary responsibilities include recruiting and admissions activities to become involved in admission testing or admission decisions, including signing and accepting the enrollment agreement (Section IV (A)(13), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
  - c. Prior to enrollment the school determines that an applicant meets the school's admissions requirements and secures documentation to demonstrate that each applicant meets all admission requirements (Section V(A)(4)(a-b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
  - d. Prior to enrollment the school secures documentation to demonstrate that each applicant meets all admission requirements and that the admissions documentation for students from foreign countries is certified to be at least equivalent to the credential required by the school in its admissions criteria (e.g., a U.S. high school diploma) (Section V (A)(4)(b), Substantive Standards, & Appendix V, Standards of Accreditation).
  - e. The school does not permit its personnel whose primary responsibilities include recruiting and admissions activities to assist prospective students in completing application forms for financial aid (Section IV (A)(12), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 12. The Learning School must demonstrate that the Program Advisory Committee ("PAC") review and comment activities include the curriculum, learning resources, and the equipment (Section II (A)(4)(b), Substantive Standards & Appendix III (2)(c)(i), Standards of Accreditation).
- 13. The Landing School must demonstrate compliance with advertising, as follows:
  - a. TLS must demonstrate that all advertising, promotional materials, statements, and claims are truthful and accurate and avoid leaving any false, misleading, misrepresenting, or exaggerated impressions. (Section IV (B)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
  - b. TLS must demonstrate that no overt or implied claim or guarantee of individual employment is made at any time and any references to employment or salary prospects is accurate and sourced (Section IV (B)(2), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
  - c. TLS must demonstrate that the school does not use endorsements from currently enrolled students in promotional activities or advertisements (Section IV (B)(4)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).

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- d. TLS must demonstrate that the school secures written consent of authors prior to using endorsements (Section IV (B)(4)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 14. The Landing School must demonstrate that the transcript includes all required information (Section VI (B)(2), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 15. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school utilizes an enrollment agreement that includes, at a minimum, all required items listed on the ACCSC Enrollment Agreement Checklist (Section IV (C)(2)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).
- 16. The Landing School must demonstrate that the school publishes a catalog that accurately portrays the school's educational programs and policies and procedures and that includes, at a minimum, all items listed on the ACCSC Catalog Checklist (Section IV (C)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation).