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Karrie Ann Jean
Executive Director
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Via Email: karrieannjean@mattapantech.org

Re: Licensure Requirements under G.L. c. 112, § 263

Dear Ms. Jean:

On October 24, 2017, the Division of Occupational Licensure (DOL) determined that Mattapan/Greater Boston Technology Learning Center, Inc. d/b/a Mattapan Tech (MT) was not required to be licensed under G.L. c. 112, § 263. DOL has reviewed new information provided by MT and MT's website www.mattapantech.org.

DOL is responsible for licensing and regulating private occupational schools and sales representatives pursuant to Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2012. Subject to certain exemptions, all "private occupational schools" are required to be licensed under G.L. c. 112, § 263(a). A "private occupational school" is generally defined as: (1) a private educational organization that; (2) conducts courses for profit or by charging tuition; (3) for the purpose of training or preparing individuals for a business, trade, technical, or industrial occupation, or other vocational purpose; and (4) maintains a place of business within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There are nine specific exemptions to the licensing requirements as well as a tenth exemption for "other programs designated by the division." G.L. c. 112, § 263(c)(x).

Based upon our evaluation, DOL understands that MT continues to offer free IT job training programs for individuals between the ages of 16 and 22; free re-entry programs for individuals who have served a prison term; and, free programs for adults with disabilities. In addition, DOL understands that MT offers programs for individuals over the age of 22 at a membership cost between \$100 and \$300—depending on the financial situation of those individuals—and that the total cost of such programs per student is \$1,500. Finally, DOL understands that MT receives the vast majority of its funding through small donations from area businesses and individuals, and donations from private corporations.

Given the foregoing, MT is exempt from licensure under G.L. c. 112, § 263(c)(x) at this time. If any of the above-stated facts are incorrect, or change at any time, MT must immediately contact DOL regarding the change. Such changes will need to be evaluated by DOL to determine if this exemption is still warranted. In addition, please be aware that DOL may revisit this determination with you in the future as circumstances may change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Esther Lainé
Deputy Commissioner

