



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

In the Matter of

**ROSSLYN TRAINING ACADEMY
OF COSMETOLOGY,**

**Docket No. 08-06-SA
Federal Student Aid Proceeding**

Respondent.

DECISION OF THE SECRETARY

This matter comes before me on appeal by Respondent of an Initial Decision issued by Administrative Judge Richard I. Slippen on December 11, 2008. Respondent requests that I reduce the amount it must repay the Department in light of its position that a portion of the liability Judge Slippen upheld has been repaid. In addition, Respondent requests that I relieve its obligation to pay interest in this case in light of its effort to repay its liability and to avoid further hardship resulting from repayment of this debt. None of these arguments were presented to Judge Slippen because Respondent failed to file a submission, and, as a result, Judge Slippen ruled in favor of the office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) based on the burden of proof.

Notwithstanding Respondent's efforts, I find no reason to relieve Respondent of its obligation to pay its debt, including the interest that FSA seeks to collect. With regard to Respondent's repayments, I am confident that FSA will evaluate the liability upheld by Judge Slippen along with Respondent's repayments and determine whether or not reducing the \$160,982.00 liability upheld is appropriate in this case.

ORDER

ACCORDINGLY, the Initial Decision by Administrative Judge Richard I. Slippen is HEREBY AFFIRMED as the Final Decision of the Department.

So ordered this 25th day of November 2009.

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Arne Duncan

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