



## **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **OFFERING OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND AWARDING OF QUALIFICATIONS IN MALAWI BY UNREGISTERED INSTITUTIONS**

The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) was established by the National Council for Higher Education Act (Act No. 15 of 2011) and is mandated to promote and regulate higher education in Malawi. The NCHE ACT provides in section 19 that:

“No person other than a public higher education institution or organ of state shall provide higher education unless the person is registered or provisionally registered as a private higher education institution ...” [Section 19 (1)].

Therefore, legally and for practical purposes, the mandate to offer higher education and to award higher education qualifications in Malawi is delegated to public higher education institutions through Acts of Parliament or to private higher education institutions through a process of registration with NCHE. For this reason, the NCHE Act gives the mandate to register private higher education institutions solely to NCHE. The same Act makes provision for quality assurance of higher education through regular assessments and accreditation. Hence, NCHE has powers to register and de-register private higher education institutions and programmes (Sections 19 – 20) and to accredit or withdraw accreditation (Sections 27 – 29). Registration or de-registration of an institution have prospective and not retrospective effect.

With regard to the above, the Council wishes to inform the general public that the following institutions have been operating illegally by offering or pretending to offer higher education in Malawi.

1. Accountancy Tuition College (ATC)
2. Amity University
3. Azteca University
4. Bandawe Research Consultancy(BRC)
5. Cypress International University also known as Cypress International Institute for Academic Research
6. Cyprus Institute of Marketing
7. Hands of Africa Theological College
8. Malawi University of Veterinary Sciences
9. Oxford Brookes University
10. Sola Scripture Bible College

11. Techno-Brain Institute
12. Central African Preaching Academy

This is a matter of serious concern and therefore the Council is ordering that these institutions should stop operating forthwith. In case this order is not complied with, the Council shall commence legal proceedings against individuals and institutions facilitating the operation of these institutions in accordance with Section 34 of the NCHE Act.

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