



## NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The National Council for Higher Education Act No. 15 of 2011, mandates the National Council for Higher Education (herein “the Council”) to regulate higher education institutions in Malawi. In line with its mandate, the Council wishes to notify the general public and all relevant stakeholders that at its 45<sup>th</sup> ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, the following decisions were made regarding registration and accreditation of higher education institutions and academic programmes:

S/N	Name of Institution	Decision of the Council
1.	Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS)	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) including the following campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Mahatma Gandhi Campus including Queens,</li> <li>2.Kameza Campus</li> <li>3.Lilongwe (Upper and Lower) Campuses, and</li> <li>4.Mangochi Satellite campus.</li> </ol> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science (Hons);</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy (Hons);</li> <li>3. Master of Health Profession Education</li> <li>4. Master of Medicine (Mmed) in Internal Medicine;</li> <li>5. Master of Medicine (Mmed) in Paediatric and Child Care;</li> <li>6. Master of Science in Adult Health Nursing;</li> <li>7. Master of Science in Mental Health Nursing;</li> <li>8. Master of Science in Midwifery;</li> <li>9. Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery Education;</li> </ol>

		<p>10. Master of Science in Paediatric Critical Care;  11. Master of Science in Reproductive Health;  12. Doctor of Philosophy in Midwifery;  13. PhD in Inter-Professional Health Care Leadership, and  14. PhD in Nursing.</p> <p>c) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, Bachelor of Dental Surgery.</p>
2.	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University Certificate of Education.</li> <li>2. Certificate in Land Administration,</li> <li>3. Certificate in Powerline Surveying,</li> <li>4. Diploma in Agriculture (Face to face),</li> <li>5. Diploma in Agriculture (ODeL),</li> <li>6. Diploma in Agriculture Education (Face to face),</li> <li>7. Diploma in Agriculture Education (ODeL),</li> <li>8. Diploma in Animal Health and Production,</li> <li>9. Diploma in Dairy Science and Technology,</li> <li>10. Diploma in Irrigation Engineering,</li> <li>11. Diploma in Land Administration,</li> <li>12. Bachelor of Agricultural Technology,</li> <li>13. Bachelor of Arts in Textiles and Fashion design,</li> <li>14. Bachelor of Business Studies (Face to face),</li> <li>15. Bachelor of Business Studies (ODeL),</li> <li>16. Bachelor of Development Economics - BND and CTC (Face-to-Face),</li> <li>17. Bachelor of Development Economics (ODeL- Bunda and City Campus),</li> <li>18. Bachelor of Science Degree in Seed Science (Honours),</li> <li>19. Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management (Face-to-Face),</li> <li>20. Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management (ODeL),</li> <li>21. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics (Face-to-Face),</li> <li>22. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics (ODeL),</li> <li>23. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>24. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension (Face-to-Face),</li> <li>25. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension (ODeL),</li> <li>26. Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science,</li> <li>27. Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology,</li> <li>28. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>29. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science,</li> <li>30. Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology (ODeL),</li> <li>31. Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology,</li> </ol>

		<p>32. Bachelor of Science in Food Technology,  33. Bachelor of Science in Forestry,  34. Bachelor of Science in Horticultural Sciences and Landscape Design,  35. Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management,  36. Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science,  37. Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine,  38. Bridging Basics Programme (Face to Face),  39. Bridging Basics Programme (ODEL),  40. Master of Education: Policy, Leadership and Management,  41. Master of Science in Agribusiness Management,  42. Master of Science in Agronomy,  43. Master of Science in Animal Science,  44. Master of Science in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science,  45. Master of Science in Crop Protection,  46. Master of Science in Extension Innovation and Development,  47. Master of Science in Food Science and Technology,  48. Master of Science in Horticulture,  49. Master of Science in Human Nutrition,  50. Master of Science in Irrigation Engineering,  51. Master of Science in Machinery Systems Engineering,  52. Master of Science in Seed Science,  53. Master of Science in Sustainable Agriculture,  54. Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science,  55. Doctor of Philosophy in Extension, Innovation and Development,  56. Doctor of Philosophy in Food Systems,  57. PhD Agricultural and Resource Economics (Taught)- Bunda),  58. PhD Agricultural and Resource Economics (by Research – Bunda),  59. PhD in Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (by Research),  60. PhD in Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources (Taught), and</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diploma in Agro- processing (Food)- (Face to face),</li> <li>2. Diploma in Agro- processing (Food)-(ODEL),</li> <li>3. Diploma in Environmental Management (Face to face),</li> <li>4. Diploma in Environmental Management (ODEL),</li> <li>5. Diploma in Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Security (Face to face),</li> <li>6. Diploma in Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Security (ODEL),</li> <li>7. Diploma in Food, Nutrition and Livelihoods Security (Face to face),</li> <li>8. Diploma in Food, Nutrition and Livelihoods Security (ODEL),</li> </ol>
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3	Malawi Institute of Journalism (MIJ)	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, Malawi Institute of Journalism (MIJ).</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certificate in Journalism, and</li> <li>2. Diploma in Journalism.</li> </ol> <p>c) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.</p>
4	Nkhoma University (NKHUNI)	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited</b> Diploma in Theology.</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b>, Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting.</p> <p>c) The Council <b>registered</b> Bachelor of Commerce in Human Resource Management.</p> <p>d) The Council <b>registered</b> Chigoneka Satellite Campus.</p>
5	International College of Business and Management (ICBM)	<p>a) The Council <b>did not accredit</b> International College of Business and Management (ICBM).</p> <p>b) The Council <b>did not accredit</b> the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Accountancy,</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Business Administration,</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management,</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Science in Public Health,</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Community Development, and</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology.</li> </ol>
6.	University of Livingstonia (UNILIA)	The Council <b>registered</b> the MSc in Public Health (Infectious Disease Epidemiology) programme.
7.	Exploits University	<p>The Council <b>lifted the withdrawal</b> of accreditation of the following five undergraduate programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Arts in Health Systems and Management;</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Business Administration;</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management;</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Accountancy; and</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Arts in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.</li> </ol>
8.	Millennium University	<p>The Council <b>suspended</b> 8 programmes on offer until all critical non-compliant issues relating to staffing are properly addressed. The suspended programmes are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bachelor of Science in Finance and Banking</li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Bachelor of Business Administration</li> <li>c. Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management</li> <li>d. Bachelor of Arts in Social Work</li> <li>e. Bachelor of Arts in Economics</li> <li>f. Bachelor of Arts in Public Sector Management</li> <li>g. Bachelor of Arts in Graphics and Digital Media</li> <li>h. Master of Business Administration</li> </ul>
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Furthermore, the Council:

1. Wishes to advise parents and prospective students to check with the Council a list of registered and accredited higher education institutions and academic programmes before making any commitment with a particular higher education institution or enrolling in a particular programme. This information is also available on the Website [www.nche.ac.mw](http://www.nche.ac.mw);
2. Informs all higher education institutions and the general public, that universities and colleges have an obligation to keep students and the public informed about the registration and accreditation status of each programme they offer. It is also important to note that the accreditation for each programme is valid for one academic cycle, which corresponds to 5 years, while for the institution it is 7 years;
3. Warns all higher education institutions against running registered programmes indefinitely without subjecting the same for accreditation within a period of 2 years after registration or introduction, and graduating students from unaccredited programmes;
4. Asks all higher education institutions to comply with and maintain the Minimum Standards for Higher Education in all areas including governance, programme design, infrastructure, resources, admission requirements for higher education, recruitment of faculty members, quality enhancement and maintenance, promotion of integrity of the assessment and awarding of academic qualifications;
5. Advises all higher education institutions to strictly comply with admission requirements in accordance with both the Minimum Standards for Higher Education and the Ministerial Policy on student admission that require prospective candidates to have 6 credits including English at MSCE or equivalent. Candidates to be admitted through bridging programmes must also satisfy this requirement of having 6 credits including English at MSCE or equivalent; and
6. Calls on the general public to report any malpractices of higher education institutions in the Country.

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