



## NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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### REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND 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 42<sup>nd</sup> ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 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.	University of Hebron	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the University of Hebron.</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> four (4) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bachelor of Business Administration,</li><li>2. Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship,</li><li>3. Bachelor of Accounting and Finance, and</li><li>4. Bachelor of Banking and Finance.</li></ol> <p>c) The Council <b>did not register</b> four (4) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bachelor of Guidance and Counselling,</li><li>2. Bachelor of Diplomacy and International Relations,</li><li>3. Masters of Guidance and Counselling, and</li><li>4. Masters of Diplomacy and International Relations.</li></ol>

2.	Evangelical Bible College of Malawi.	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi.</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following two (2) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diploma in Theology and Christian Ministry, and</li> <li>2. Bachelors of Christian Ministry.</li> </ol> <p>c) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> Bachelor of Theology.</p> <p>d) The Council did <b>not register</b> Certificate in Biblical Studies.</p>
3	Malawi College of Accountancy	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following programmes offered at Blantyre and Lilongwe campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Applied Accounting, Auditing and Information Systems; and</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Business Management and Entrepreneurship.</li> </ol>
4a.	DMI-St John the Baptist University (Lilongwe Campus)	<p>a) The Council <b>registered</b> DMI – St John the Baptist University Lilongwe Campus.</p> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following twelve (12) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Business Administration (General),</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Business Administration in Advertising &amp; Marketing,</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance,</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance,</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Arts Education (English, Geography, History),</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Social Work (General),</li> <li>7. Bachelor of Social Work in Project Monitoring and Evaluation,</li> <li>8. Bachelor of Social Work in Community Development,</li> <li>9. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science,</li> <li>10. Bachelor of Science in Education,</li> <li>11. Diploma in Arts Education (English, History, Geography), and</li> <li>12. Diploma in Science Education (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology, Geography).</li> </ol>

4b.	DMI-St John the Baptist University (Mangochi Campus)	The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following eight (8) programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science,</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance,</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance,</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Business Administration (General),</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Business Administration in Advertising and Marketing,</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Social Work (General),</li> <li>7. Bachelor of Social Work in Project Monitoring and Evaluation, and</li> <li>8. Bachelor of Social Work in Community Development.</li> </ol>
4c.	DMI-St John the Baptist University (Blantyre Campus)	The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following five (5) programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Business Administration (General),</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance,</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Social Work (General),</li> <li>4. Bachelor Science in Computer Science, and</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Computer Engineering (Honours).</li> </ol>
5	United Christian University	a) The Council <b>did not register</b> United Christian University. b) The Council <b>did not register</b> Bachelor of Social Work.
6	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences	The Council <b>accredited</b> the following thirty-seven (37) programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health,</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology,</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Science in Management Information System,</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences Education (Mathematics and Statistics),</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences Education (Mathematics and Computing),</li> </ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences Education (Statistics and Computing),</li> <li>7. Master of Science in Water Resources Management (MWRM),</li> <li>8. Master of Science in Occupational Health and Safety,</li> <li>9. Master of Science in Sanitation,</li> <li>10. Master of Science in Environmental Protection Management,</li> <li>11. Diploma in Land Surveying,</li> <li>12. Diploma in Quantity Surveying,</li> <li>13. Bachelor of Science in Real Estate (Hons),</li> <li>14. Bachelor of Science Land Surveying (Hons),</li> <li>15. Bachelor of Science Quantity Surveying (Hons),</li> <li>16. Bachelor of Accountancy,</li> <li>17. Bachelor of Business Administration,</li> <li>18. Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing),</li> <li>19. Bachelor of Commerce (Taxation),</li> <li>20. Bachelor of Commerce (Internal Auditing),</li> <li>21. Bachelor of Procurement &amp; Logistics Management,</li> <li>22. PhD (Entrepreneurship),</li> <li>23. PhD (Financial Management),</li> <li>24. PhD (Strategic Management),</li> <li>25. Bachelor of Technical Education (Technology),</li> <li>26. Bachelor of Science (Technical Education),</li> <li>27. Master of Health in Behaviour Change Communication,</li> <li>28. Master of Arts in Media Studies,</li> <li>29. Bachelor of Mining Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>30. Bachelor of Metallurgy &amp; Mineral Processing Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>31. Diploma in Civil Engineering,</li> <li>32. Diploma in Telecommunication Engineering,</li> <li>33. Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>34. Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Hons),</li> <li>35. Bachelor of Electronics and Computer Engineering (Hons),</li> </ol>
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6	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences	<p>The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following twelve (12) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health,</li> <li>2. Master of Science in Environmental Health (MEH),</li> <li>3. Diploma in Construction Technology,</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning (Hons),</li> <li>5. Master of Business Administration,</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Education in Business and Computer Studies,</li> <li>7. Bachelor of Arts in Journalism,</li> <li>8. Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication,</li> <li>9. Diploma in Biomedical Engineering,</li> <li>10. Diploma in Electrical &amp; Electronics Engineering,</li> <li>11. Diploma in Electronics &amp; Computer Engineering, and</li> <li>12. Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering.</li> </ol>
7	Nkhoma University	<p>a) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following three (3) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Education in Languages and Literature,</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Education in Social and Environmental Studies, and</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Theology.</li> </ol> <p>b) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> the following two (2) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Education in Mathematical Sciences. and</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Commerce in Business Management and Entrepreneurship.</li> </ol> <p>c) The Council registered the following four (4) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting,</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Development, on condition that the University employs an additional member of staff with ECD qualification at least at Masters level,</li> </ol>

		<p>3. Diploma in Theology and Religious Education, and</p> <p>4. University Certificate in Education.</p> <p>d) The Council <b>did not register</b> Bachelor of Commerce in Human Resource Management.</p> <p>e) The Council <b>did not register</b> Chigoneka Campus.</p>
8	Emmanuel University	<p>The Council <b>registered</b> the following three (3) programmes:</p> <p>1. Bachelor of Education in Inclusive Education,</p> <p>2. Bachelor of Theology Education, and</p> <p>3. Bachelor of Science in Community Development.</p>
9	Millennium University	<p>The council <b>did not register</b> the following two (2) programmes:</p> <p>1. Master of Science in Mental Health Research (MRes in Mental Health), and</p> <p>2. PhD in Mental Health Research.</p>

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;
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 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 the duration of each programme.
3. Asks all higher education institutions to comply with the minimum standards in all areas including 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; and
4. Calls on the general public to report any malpractices of higher education institutions in the country.

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