



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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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 43rd ordinary meeting held on 27th June 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.	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)	a) The Council registered the Lilongwe Satellite Campus, and b) The Council accredited Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme to be offered at Lilongwe Satellite Campus.
2.	UNICAF University- Malawi	The Council registered Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme.
3.	Daeyang University	a) The Council accredited with conditions , Daeyang University. b) The Council accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery. c) The Council accredited with conditions Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology.

4.	Lake Malawi Anglican University (LAMAU)	<p>a) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Science in Public Health, and 2. Bachelor of Corporate Security Management. <p>b) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Social Science in Community Development, and 2. Bachelor of Education Humanities (Geography and Social and Development Studies, History and Geography).
5.	African Bible College (ABC)	<p>a) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, 2. Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, and 3. Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, <p>b) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Arts in Education (English, Social Studies, and History), and 2. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development. <p>c) The Council registered Masters in Business Administration (online).</p> <p>d) The Council did not register the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (face-to-face), and 2. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (online).
6.	University of Livingstonia (UNILIA)	<p>a) The Council registered the UNILIA-Rafiki Institute of Classical Education (RICE) Satellite Campus in Mzuzu.</p> <p>b) The Council registered the following programmes to be offered at UNILIA-RICE Satellite Campus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diploma in Classical Primary Education, and 2. Bachelor of Classical Primary Education. <p>b) The Council did not register the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate in Classical Early Childhood Development, 2. Diploma in Classical Early Childhood Development, and 3. Degree in Classical Early Childhood Development.
7.	Mzuzu University	<p>a) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PhD (Information Theory, Coding and Cryptography), 2. PhD (Theology and Religious Studies), 3. PhD in Transformative Community Development,

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. PhD in Urban and Regional Planning, 5. PhD in Sanitation, 6. PhD in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 7. Master of Science (Information Theory, Coding and Cryptography), 8. Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (Law Enforcement), 9. Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies, 10. Master of Arts in African History and Heritage, 11. Master of Tourism and Hospitality Management, 12. Master of Science in Transformative Community Development, 13. Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning, 14. Master of Science in Sanitation, 15. Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) 16. Bachelor of Arts (Theology and Religious Studies), 17. Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Governance), 18. Bachelor of Arts (International Relations and Diplomacy), 19. Bachelor of Arts (Development Studies), 20. Bachelor of Arts (History and Heritage Studies), 21. Bachelor of Business (Tourism Management), 22. Bachelor of Hospitality Management, 23. Bachelor of Science (Optometry)-Honours, 24. Bachelor of Education (Information and Communication Technology), 25. Bachelor of Education (Sciences), 26. Bachelor of Science in Estates Management, 27. Bachelor of Science in Town and Regional Planning, 28. Bachelor of Science in Transformative Community Development, 29. Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying, 30. Bachelor of Science in Value Chain Agriculture,
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10.	Skyway University	The Council withdrew accreditation of Skyway University and its programmes until the University complies with the NCHE Minimum Standards for Higher Education Institutions.

11.	Millennium University	The Council withdrew accreditation of Millennium University and its programmes until the University complies with NCHE Minimum Standards for Higher Education Institutions.
12.	Exploits University	The Council withdrew accreditation of five undergraduate programmes at Exploits University, until the University complies with the NCHE Minimum Standards for Higher Education Institutions. The five programmes whose accreditation status has been withdrawn are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bachelor of Arts in Health Systems and Management; ii. Bachelor of Business Administration; iii. Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management; iv. Bachelor of Accountancy; and v. Bachelor of Arts in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

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 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 the duration of each programme.
3. Warns all higher education institutions against running registered programmes indefinitely without subjecting the same for accreditation. Once registered, the programmes must be assessed for accreditation within a period of 2 years.
4. Warns all higher education institutions against graduating students from unaccredited programmes.
5. Asks all higher education institutions to comply with the minimum standards 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; and
6. Calls on the general public to report to the Council any malpractices of higher education institutions in the country.

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