



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

PRESS STATEMENT

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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 (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 these reasons, 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 there are many institutions that are operating illegally by offering or pretending to offer higher education in Malawi including the following:

1. Accountancy Tuition College (ATC)
2. Azteca University
3. Bandawe Research Consultancy(BRC)
4. Cypress International Institute University also known as Cypress International Institute for Academic Research
5. Jerusalem University
6. Hands of Africa Theological College
7. Malawi University of Veterinary Sciences
8. Sola Scripture Bible College
9. Techno-Brain Institute
10. Central African Preaching Academy
11. Gateway College (Mangochi)
12. Domasi Management College

13. Domasi Institute of Management and Technology
14. United Christian University
15. Shire University
16. METI University
17. Central Christian University
18. Christian Leadership University
19. TERE - School of Public Health
20. Ticia Counselling Centre

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.

The Council is therefore urging the public to always confirm registration or accreditation status of any institution before enrolling with them. The public should also take responsibility to report such illegal operations using the contacts provided below:

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