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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 46th ordinary meeting held on 24th March 2025, the following decisions were made regarding registration and accreditation of higher education institutions and academic programmes:

S/N	Name of Institution	Decisions of the Council
1.	Malawi School of Government (MSG)	<p>a) The Council accredited with conditions, Malawi School of Government (MSG) including the following campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kanengo Campus, and 2. Mpemba Campus <p>b) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes offered at Mpemba Campus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate in Law; 2. Diploma in Law; and 3. Diploma in Human Resource Management. <p>c) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes offered at Kanengo Campus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Business Administration; 2. Bachelor of Science in Marketing programme; 3. Bachelor of Human Resource Management. 4. Master of Business Administration;

		<p>5. Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy; 6. Master of Science in Management Studies; 7. Master of Science in Project Management; and 8. Master of Science in Strategic Management.</p>
2.	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)	<p>a) The Council accredited with conditions, Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS).</p> <p>b) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diploma in Fabrication and Welding; 2. Diploma in Automobile Engineering; 3. Diploma in Geological Engineering; 4. Diploma in Mining Engineering; 5. Diploma in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering; 6. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering; 7. Diploma in Industrial Laboratory Technology; 8. Bachelor of Science in Food Science Technology; 9. Bachelor of Commerce (Tourism Management); 10. Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Environmental Physics; 11. Bachelor of Commerce (Banking and Finance); 12. Bachelor of Architecture (Hons); 13. Bachelor of Industrial Engineering; 14. Bachelor of Automobile Engineering (Honours); 15. Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours); 16. Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurship; 17. Bachelor of Science in Industrial Laboratory Technology; 18. Bachelor of Energy Engineering (Hons); and 19. Bachelor of Education (Business and Computer Studies). <p>c) The Council accredited with conditions, the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University Certificate in Education (ODEL); 2. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Technology; and 3. Master of Technical and Vocational Education.
3	University of Livingstonia (UNILIA)	<p>a) The Council accredited with conditions, the University of Livingstonia including the following campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laws Campus; 2. Ekwendeni Campus; and 3. Kaning'ina Campus. <p>b) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Education in Agriculture offered at <i>Laws Campus</i>; 2. Diploma in Rural and Agrarian Development offered at <i>Kaning'ina Campus</i>; and 3. Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture offered at <i>Kaning'ina Campus</i>;

		<p>c) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes offered at <i>Kaning'ina Campus</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diploma in Human Resources Management and Industrial Relations; 2. Diploma in Business Management; 3. Diploma in Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship. 4. Diploma in Accountancy; and 5. Bachelor of Human Resources Management and Industrial Relations;
4	Malawi Adventist University (MAU)	<p>a) The Council accredited with conditions, Malawi Adventist University (MAU) including the following campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malamulo Campus, and 2. Lake View Campus. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>I. Malamulo Campus:</u></p> <p>b) The Council accredited with conditions the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science; and 2. Bachelor of Science in Public Health. <p>c) The Council registered the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diploma in Biomedical Science; 2. Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery; and 3. Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (upgrading). <p style="text-align: center;"><u>II. Lake View Campus:</u></p> <p>a) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Arts Theology (Face-to-Face); and 2. Bachelor of Arts Religious Studies (Face-to-Face). <p>b) The Council accredited with conditions, the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Science Agriculture (Face-to-Face); 2. Bachelor of Science Agriculture (ODeL); 3. Bachelor of Science Agribusiness (Face-to-Face); 4. Bachelor of Science Agribusiness (ODeL); 5. Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting (Face-to-Face); 6. Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting (ODeL); 7. Bachelor of Business Administration- Marketing (Face-to-Face); 8. Bachelor of Business Administration- Marketing (ODeL); 9. Bachelor of Business Administration- Management (Face-to-Face); 10. Bachelor of Business Administration –Management (ODeL); 11. Bachelor of Education (Arts) - English Language, Literature/Religion (Face-to-Face); 12. Bachelor of Education (Arts)- English Language, Literature/ Religion (ODeL); 13. Bachelor of Arts Theology (ODeL); and

		<p>14. Bachelor of Arts Religious Studies (ODEL).</p> <p>c) The Council registered Diploma in Theology.</p> <p>d) The Council did not register the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship; 2. Bachelor of Education (Arts)-Geography & Religion; 3. Bachelor of Education (Arts)-English & Geography; 4. Bachelor of Education (Art)-History & Geography; 5. Bachelor of Education Arts)-History & Religion; 6. Bachelor of Education Science (Geography & Agriculture); 7. Bachelor of Education (Science) in teaching Mathematics and Agriculture; 8. Bachelor of Education (Science) in teaching of Mathematics and Geography; 9. Bachelor of Science in Food and Consumer Sciences; 10. Bachelor of Education (Arts)-English and Chichewa; 11. Bachelor of Education (Arts) – English and History; 12. Bachelor of Education (Arts) – English and Religion; 13. Bachelor of Business Administration (Business Information Systems); and 14. Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance); and 15. University Certificate in Education.
5	St John of God University	<p>a) The Council accredited with conditions, St John of God University in Mzuzu.</p> <p>b) The Council accredited the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diploma in Clinical Medicine (Generic); 2. Diploma in Clinical Medicine (Upgrading); 3. Bachelor of Science in Psychotherapy; 4. Bachelor of Science in Clinical Medicine (Mental Health-upgrading); 5. Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery; and 6. Bachelor of Science in Mental Health - Psychiatric Nursing (Upgrading). <p>b) The Council registered the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Science in Public Health; and 2. University Certificate in Midwifery.
6.	Pentecostal Life University (PLU)	<p>The Council suspended accreditation of Pentecostal Life University (PLU) due to non-compliance with Minimum Standards for Higher Education Institutions in Malawi.</p> <p>The Council also made the following resolutions:</p>

		<p>a) PLU must stop offering all unregistered programmes immediately. Some of the unregistered programmes include the following: Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication; Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management; and Diploma in Accounting and Finance.</p> <p>b) PLU should not recruit students into all its programmes.</p> <p>The Council will lift the suspension of institutional accreditation when PLU has demonstrated compliance with Minimum Standards for higher education institutions.</p>
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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 NCHE Website 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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