NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
PRESS RELEASE
REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMMES

The National Council for Higher Education Act (No. 15 of 2011) gives mandate to the Council to regulate higher education institutions in Malawi. The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) wishes to notify the general public that at its 26th and 27th Ordinary Meetings held on 14th October and 16th December, 2019, respectively, the Council made the following decisions regarding institutional and programme registration and accreditation.

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| 1   | Marble Hill University | Council **registered** Marble Hill University (MHU) as a higher education institution in Malawi with the following three (3) programmes:  
1. Bachelor of Commerce in Business Administration  
2. Bachelor of Commerce in Human Resource Management  
3. Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing |
| 2   | International College of Business and Management (ICBM) | Council granted International College of Business and Management (ICBM) a **Provisional Registration** for one year from 16th December 2019 to 15th December 2020. In accordance with Section 20(3) of the NCHE Act, ICBM shall:  
1. Continue to develop physical infrastructure;  
2. Mobilise financial and human resources;  
3. Continue to assemble academic resources; and  
4. Advertise the programmes.  
And, in accordance with Section 20(4) of the NCHE Act, **ICBM shall not admit** students during this period. If ICBM admits students during this period, according to Section 34 (2) of the NCHE Act, it will have contravened Section 19 of the Act and shall have committed an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of ten million Kwacha (K10,000,000). |
| 3   | Blantyre International University (BIU) | a) The Council **accredited** Blantyre International University (BIU) with conditions as a higher education institution in Malawi. Council **also accredited** the following eight (8) programmes with conditions offered by Blantyre International University (BIU): |
1. Bachelor of Accounting and Finance;
2. Bachelor of Banking and Finance;
3. Bachelor of Business Administration;
4. Bachelor of Economics;
5. Bachelor of Community Development;
6. Bachelor of Information Technology;
7. Bachelor of Journalism; and
8. Bachelor of Entrepreneurship Development.

b) The Council **did not accredit** the following three (3) programmes offered by Blantyre International University (BIU):
   1. Bachelor of Counselling Psychology;
   2. Bachelor of Actuarial Science; and
   3. Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality management

| 4 | **Higher Education Institutions with a record of operating illegally in Malawi** | The Council **resolved** that higher education institutions with a record of operating illegally shall not be granted Provisional Registration. Instead, they shall be registered upon meeting the minimum standards for registration as a basis for normalizing their operations. |

The National Council for Higher Education further wishes to notify the general public that all private higher education institutions are required to register with NCHE all new programmes and satellite centres before admitting students or commencing operations in those centres. The Council would like to assure the public that it is doing everything possible to ensure that only registered higher education institutions are operating and offering approved programmes. The Council is therefore urging all prospective students, parents and guardians to access list of all registered institutions and programmes in Malawi before enrolling.

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