



## 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 41<sup>st</sup> ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 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.	Catholic University of Malawi	<p>a) The Council <b>registered</b> three (3) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Diploma in Adult Education and Development;</li><li>2. University Certificate of Education; and</li><li>3. Bachelor of Religious Studies and Social Sciences.</li></ol> <p>b) The Council <b>did not register</b> Bachelor of Social Science (Monitoring &amp; Evaluation).</p> <p>c) The Council <b>accredited</b> twenty-seven (27) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy);</li><li>2. Bachelor of Commerce (Business Administration);</li><li>3. Bachelor of Commerce (Banking and Finance);</li><li>4. Bachelor of Commerce (Human Resource Management);</li><li>5. Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing);</li><li>6. Bachelor of Special Needs and Inclusive Education;</li></ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Bachelor of Special Needs and Inclusive Education (Social Studies);</li> <li>8. Bachelor of Education (Languages) Generic;</li> <li>9. Bachelor of Education (Languages) Weekend;</li> <li>10. Bachelor of Education (History);</li> <li>11. Bachelor of Education (History and Bible Knowledge);</li> <li>12. Bachelor of Education (Biblical and Religious Studies);</li> <li>13. Diploma in Education (Languages);</li> <li>14. Diploma in Special Needs and Inclusive Education;</li> <li>15. Diploma in Education (History and Bible Knowledge);</li> <li>16. Bachelor of Education (Geography);</li> <li>17. Bachelor of Sciences (Environmental Studies);</li> <li>18. Diploma in Science (Environmental Studies);</li> <li>19. Diploma in Science Education (Geography);</li> <li>20. Diploma in Science Education (Business Studies);</li> <li>21. Bachelor of Social Science (Economics);</li> <li>22. Bachelor of Social Science (Community Development);</li> <li>23. Bachelor of Social Science (Development Studies);</li> <li>24. Bachelor of Social Science (Political Science);</li> <li>25. Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation;</li> <li>26. Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy; and</li> <li>27. Bachelor of Arts in Theology.</li> </ol> <p>d) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> seven (7) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Science (Applied Statistics);</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Science Education (Mathematics and Geography);</li> <li>3. Diploma in Science Education (Biology, Chemistry and Physics);</li> <li>4. Diploma in Science (Applied Statistics);</li> <li>5. Diploma in Science Education (Mathematics and Computer);</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Social Science (Anthropology); and</li> <li>7. Bachelor of Social Science (Social Work).</li> </ol>
2.	Pentecostal Life University	<p>a) The Council <b>registered</b> eleven (11) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diploma in Business Management;</li> <li>2. Diploma in Community Development;</li> <li>3. Diploma in Human Resource Management;</li> </ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Diploma in Banking and Finance;</li> <li>5. Diploma in Entrepreneurship;</li> <li>6. Diploma in Marketing;</li> <li>7. Diploma in Public Administration;</li> <li>8. Master of Science in Strategic Management;</li> <li>9. Master of Social Science in Development Studies;</li> <li>10. Master of Arts in Media and Mass Communication; and</li> <li>11. PhD in Business and Administration by Research.</li> </ol> <p>b) The Council <b>did not register</b> the following three (3) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management;</li> <li>2. Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication; and</li> <li>3. Diploma in Accounting and Finance.</li> </ol> <p>c) The Council <b>accredited</b> the following four (4) programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Arts in Business Management;</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development;</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Marketing; and</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management.</li> </ol> <p>d) The Council <b>accredited with conditions</b> six (6) programmes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Arts in Procurement and Supply Chain Management;</li> <li>2. Master of Arts in Business Management;</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration;</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Social Science (Economics);</li> <li>5. Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship; and</li> <li>6. Bachelor of Developmental Studies.</li> </ol> <p>e) The Council <b>did not accredit</b> Bachelor of Arts in Banking and Finance.</p>
3	University of Blantyre Synod	<p>a) The Council <b>registered</b> Bachelor of Arts Theology.</p> <p>a) The Council <b>did not register</b> Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting</p>

		and Finance.
4	Lake Malawi Anglican University	The Council <b>registered</b> two (2) programmes as follows: 1. Bachelor of Corporate Security Management; and 2. Bachelor of Social Science in Rural and Community Development.
5	Malawi Assemblies of God University	The Council <b>accredited</b> two (2) programmes as follows: 1. Bachelor of Commerce - Human Resource Management; and 2. Bachelor of Commerce -Insurance.
6	Malawi College of Accountancy	The Council <b>accredited</b> two (2) programmes at both Blantyre and Lilongwe Campuses as follows: 1. Bachelor of Management Information Systems; and 2. Bachelor of Marketing and Public Relations.
7	Brainae University	The Council <b>did not grant</b> Brainae University provisional registration.
8	Central African Preaching Academy	The Council <b>granted</b> provisional registration to Central African Preaching Academy
9	Jubilee University	The Council <b>registered</b> Jubilee University's new campus in Area 49.
10	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)	The Council <b>approved/recognised</b> the Extended Degree Programme (EDP) model at MUBAS for undergraduate programmes with a general entry requirements of six credits, including English.

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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