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MUST Community &
Stakeholders

RE: CLARIFICATION ON ACCREDITATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

We hope this message finds you well. We write to address recent reports in the media concerning the accreditation status of several programmes offered by Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), as listed on the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) website.

Current Situation

MUST offers 93 academic programmes. At their inception, all these programmes were fully accredited by the NCHE. It is critical to note that programmes accreditation must be renewed every five (5) to ten (10) years. MUST has been meticulous in submitting programmes for (re) accreditation whenever their accreditation period has lapsed.

To-date 21 of her programmes whose period lapsed have been submitted to NCHE for (re) accreditation. 5 of the programmes have been phased out.

On May 22, 2023 some media outlets reported on the status of 33 programmes at MUST, which were listed as expired on the NCHE website. This situation has arisen due to an unexpected delay from the NCHE in updating their website.

Action Steps

We are actively communicating with NCHE to hasten the (re) accreditation process and to update the status of these programmes on their website, as the misinformation is causing unwarranted internal and external discomfort.

Ongoing Communication and Support

We understand that this situation may raise questions or concerns for many of you. Please be assured that we are committed to resolving this matter promptly and are taking the issue very seriously. We will continue to provide regular updates as new information becomes available.

In the meantime, we encourage you if you have to, to reach out to the Academic Registrar's Office for any clarifications. Please do not hesitate to voice your concerns; we are here to support you during this time.

Your academic progress and future prospects remain our utmost priority. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work diligently to resolve this issue.

The table below shows the accurate and current status of the programmes which appeared in the media as "expired".

Programme Name	Media reports	Correct Status
Master of Education in Educational Administration and Planning	Expired	Accredited 1/6/2021 to 31/5/2026
Master of Education in Educational Psychology	Expired	Accredited 1/6/2021 to 31/5/2026
Master of Education in Curriculum Instruction and Media Studies	Expired	Accredited 1/6/2021 to 31/5/2026
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Livelihoods	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Completion)	Expired	Accredited 20/1/2023 to 19/1/2028
Master of Medical Laboratory Science	Expired	Accredited 13/12/2021 to 12/12/2026
Bachelor of Science in Gender and Women Health	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025
Bachelor of Science in Planning and Community Development	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025
Master Arts in Conflict and Inclusive Development	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2025 Re-branded to Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
Master of Arts in Development Studies	Expired	Accredited 23/8/2019 to 22/8/2024
Master of Public Health	Expired	Accredited 23/8/2019 to 22/8/2024
PhD in Development Studies	Expired	Accredited 29/6/2020 to 28/6/2030
Bachelor of Nursing Science (Direct & Completion)	Expired	Accredited 13/12/2019 to 12/12/2024
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	Expired	Accredited 30/11/2018 to 29/11/2023
Bachelor of Science in Economics	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 11/5/2023
Master of Science in Biochemistry	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 14/1/2022
Master of Medicine in Otolaryngology (ENT)	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 14/1/2022
Master of Medicine in Family Medicine and Community Practice	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 14/1/2022
Master of Science in Physiology	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 13/4/2022
Master of Medicine in Emergency Medicine	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 6/5/2022

Master of Science in Medical Microbiology	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 14/1/2022
Master of Medicine in Anesthesiology and Critical Care	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 6/5/2022
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 14/1/2022
Bachelor Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 17/8/2021
Advanced Diploma and Adolescent Mental Health	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 11/5/2023
Master of Medicine in Psychiatry	Expired	Submitted to NCHE 9/3/2020
Master of Medicine in Radiology	Expired	Programme under review at MUST. No ongoing admissions
Diploma in Emergency Medicine for Emergency Care Practitioners	Expired	Programme under review at MUST. No ongoing admissions
Diploma in Community HIV/AIDS Care	Expired	Phased out- no admitted students
Diploma in Counselling	Expired	Phased out - no admitted students
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies	Expired	Phased out - no admitted students
Bachelor of Development Studies	Expired	Phased out - no admitted students

Yours faithfully,



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VICE CHANCELLOR



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