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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".

