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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

31ST MARCH, 2024, DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION OF COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING SPECIALISED TRAINING

The **Higher Education Authority (HEA)** wishes to inform all **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**, specifically colleges and institutions providing specialised training, that the 31st March, 2024, deadline is approaching by which all HEIs should be registered and/or recognised by the Authority as provided for by the **Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013** as read with the **Higher Education (Amendment) Act, 2021**. All institutions not registered by the deadline will be published as operating illegally.

This, in particular, is in reference to unregistered private HEIs and public HEIs that have not yet been recognised as it is illegal to run an HEI that is not registered in Zambia. Therefore, all those running colleges, public and private, are urged to ensure that the colleges are registered and/or recognised by HEA to avoid being inconvenienced and published in a daily newspaper of general circulation as abrogating the law that governs the provision of higher education in Zambia.

Therefore, to facilitate a quick registration and recognition process, HEA has temporarily suspended the accreditation of learning programmes requirements for HEIs in this category. The Authority will conduct an orientation workshop on accreditation process for these HEIs in April 2024.

This statement encompasses all HEIs which were previously under the oversight of bodies such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia (NMCZ), Health Professionals Council of Zambia (HPCZ), Teaching Council of Zambia (TCZ), and Ministries and Agencies of the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

To learn more about higher education in Zambia, the public is advised to regularly refer to HEA's website, www.hea.org.zm or email info@hea.org.zm, or call +260 211 227 084.

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Notes to Editors

About HEA: The **Higher Education Authority (HEA)** is a statutory body established by the **Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013**. The mandate of the Authority is to regulate and monitor standards in **Higher Education Institution (HEI)** in order to ensure quality services and contribute to the enhancement of human capital and accelerated national development. HEA began its operations in 2015.

For the list of all registered, private HEIs and public HEIs, visit our official website, www.hea.org.zm. Further, kindly note that our lists of registered HEIs and accredited learning programmes from public and private HEIs are dynamic lists. Thus, they should be cited with verification from the Authority's website, www.hea.org.zm or emailing info@hea.org.zm, or calling +260 211 227 084.

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