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HEA CONFIRMS COMPLIANCE BY MPIKA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SUPERSHIPE UNIVERSITY

The **Higher Education Authority (HEA)** wishes to inform members of the public that compliance matters previously raised against Mpika College of Education (Registration No.: HEA/139) and Supershine University (Registration No.: HEA/057) have been satisfactorily resolved following regulatory engagement and corrective action by both **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**.

In February 2025, the Authority issued directives to the two (2) **Higher Education Institutions** on matters relating to the enrolment of students without the prescribed minimum entry qualifications, and the offering of **learning programmes** that were not accredited by the Authority. The College and the University were instructed to rectify these breaches in line with the **Higher Education Act**, 2013, as read with the **Higher Education (General) Regulations**, 2024.

Following full consideration of reports submitted, the Authority is pleased to confirm that:

- 1) Mpika College of Education has regularised the learning status of all affected students and has aligned its enrolment processes with minimum entry qualification requirements.
- 2) Supershine University has ceased the delivery of **unaccredited programmes** and is undertaking the necessary steps to ensure its programme offerings meet accreditation standards.

Accordingly, no punitive measures will be applied, and both **Higher Education Institutions** are expected to maintain continued compliance going forward.

The Authority commends the willingness of the two institutions to cooperate with regulatory directives and to take corrective action in the interest of safeguarding quality in higher education provision.

The **Higher Education Authority** further reiterates that:

- 1) All **Higher Education Institutions** must only enrol students who meet the legally prescribed minimum entry qualifications.
- 2) Only accredited learning programmes may be offered and advertised.
- 3) Any deviation from these requirements remains a breach of law and will attract regulatory action, including suspension of programmes, relegation of institutional status, or deregistration.

Therefore, the Authority strongly warns members of the public against enrolling in any private **Higher Education Institutions** that is not registered with the Authority, and against pursuing **learning programmes** in either private or public institutions that are not accredited.

To verify the registration status of private and the accreditation status of learning programmes at both private and public institutions, the public is advised to visit our official website at www.hea.org.zm, email info@hea.org.zm, or call (+260) 976 936 658.

The **Higher Education Authority** remains committed to ensuring quality, integrity, and public confidence in Zambia's higher education system. Compliance with regulatory standards is not optional, and the Authority will continue to monitor institutions under its jurisdiction to uphold these standards.

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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 **Higher Education Institutions** and all recognised public **Higher Education Institution**, including the accredited learning programmes at these **Higher Education Institutions**, visit our official website, <u>www.hea.org.zm</u>.

However, kindly note that the list of registered, private **Higher Education Institutions** and the list of accredited learning programmes at both private and public **Higher Education Institutions** are dynamic lists and, as such, should be cited with verification from our website or by emailing <u>info@hea.org.zm</u>, or calling (+260) 950 470 444.

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