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PUBLIC NOTICE

CAUTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF UNRECOGNIZED CERTIFICATES/QUALIFICATIONS IN KENYA

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) is a State Corporation in the Ministry of Education established under the TVET Act, Cap 210A. Section 17(3) of the Act provides that “No programme or course of training shall be mounted in an institution without prior approval by the Board and no academic award or qualification issued by any institution not yet accredited, registered and licensed in accordance with this Act shall be recognized in Kenya”.

The Authority’s attention has been drawn to an increased number of training institutions without legal mandate to award certificates duping the public by awarding internal certificates.

The public is hereby notified that recognized certificates in Kenya SHALL only be awarded by Recognized Qualification Awarding Bodies (QABs) that have legal mandate conferred through an Act of Parliament and/or subsidiary legislation, including Legal Notices or Legal Orders.

Important Advisory:

- A Qualification Awarding Body (QAB) must be established or expressly authorized in law to conduct assessments and award nationally recognized certificates and qualifications in compliance with the Kenya National Qualifications Framework (KNQF).
- Under the TVET Act CAP 210A, from 2013 to date, there is **NO PRIVATE TVET INSTITUTION** that has been accredited as a QAB with requisite legal mandate to assess and award recognized “**CERTIFICATES**” or qualifications.
- For an academic certificate to be recognized, the institution awarding the certificate shall have legal mandate, the programme leading to the qualification must be approved by the training regulator, and the holder of the certificate must have met the minimum entry requirement for the qualification.

- Any certificates or qualifications purportedly issued by institutions without legal mandate to assess and award certificates are “INTERNAL CERTIFICATES” which are not recognized for purposes of employment, career and education progression, licensing or any official validation within Kenya.
- The public, trainees, parents, guardians, employers, and other stakeholders are therefore strongly advised to exercise due diligence and remain vigilant against institutions or entities that purport to issue “certificates” or other qualifications without a clear legal basis.

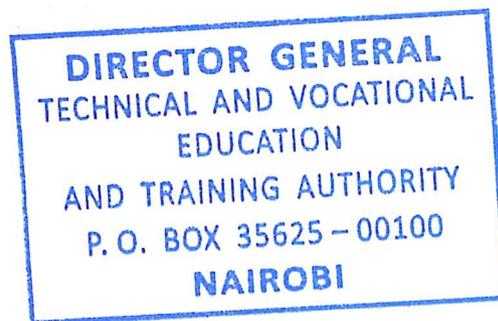
Members of the public are encouraged to verify the legal status of any institution or awarding body before enrolling in any programme or paying any fees related to assessment and certification. A List of TVET institutions with legal mandate to assess and award academic certificates are published on the TVETA website.

Any institution found misrepresenting its legal status or awarding certificates without authority shall be subject to appropriate regulatory and legal action in accordance with applicable laws.

For further information, please visit the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority Website - www.tveta.go.ke; Email - info@tveta.go.ke

This notice is issued in the interest of public protection, safeguarding the integrity of the national qualifications system, and ensuring compliance with national education standards.

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