

University Guide



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Licensing

This is a process of permitting a private institution to carry out teaching and learning activities by the NCHE.

Accreditation: refers to the permission granted by Council to an institution to exist and deliver higher education.

Quality Assurance (QA): Quality assurance is the mechanism put in place to guarantee that the education is "fit for purpose" i.e., is good. Every higher education institution must have appropriate and effective internal structures and mechanisms for monitoring its institution quality control procedures to ensure quality.

Statutory Instrument: These are legal documents that provide guidelines for NCHE work.

The Act: This refers to the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act of 2001 (as amended).

Quality Assurance Framework: is a mechanism used by NCHE to guide and monitor the existence and performance of institutions it has accredited to ensure that they conform to the

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Kyambogo University central teaching block. COURTESY PHOTO

agreed standards.

Capacity Indicators: These are

the yardsticks or checklists used to determine the acceptable levels of

all areas of an institution as spelt out in Schedules 4 and 5.

Letter of Interim Authority: Letter of Interim Authority is the first level of permission granted to a private institution that aims to start up a university. The validity of a Letter of Interim Authority is three (3).

Provisional License: Provisional License is a certificate granted by NCHE to an applicant wishing to start a private university. At the point of application, a Letter of Interim Authority should be valid.

Certificate of Registration and Classification: a Certificate of Registration and Classification is granted to Other Tertiary Institutions who possess a Provisional License for a minimum of two years (2) and would have satisfied all the conditions set during their time of licensing.

Charter: a Charter is granted to Universities who possess a Provisional License for a minimum of three years (3) and would have satisfied all the conditions set during their time of licensing.

Other Tertiary Institutions (OTI): Other Tertiary Institutions refer to the category of institutions that are permitted to offer training in higher education from post A-Level certificates to diplomas.