



NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

On the alleged ban on HND programmes in medical and biomedical sciences in Cameroon and the circulation of a list of authorized/accredited Private Higher Education Institutions by MINSANTE to train nurses and other paramedical personnel in the South West Region

The general public is hereby informed as follows:

1. On the alleged ban on HND programmes in medical and biomedical sciences

Contrary to what is currently circulating on social media, the HND in medical and biomedical sciences in Cameroon **has not been banned either by the Ministry of Higher Education or the Ministry of Public Health.**

Following an inter-ministerial meeting on the training of paramedical personnel co-chaired by the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education and the Minister of Public Health on Friday August 16, 2024, the meeting of which was also attended by the President of the National Paramedical Council and the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Private Institutes of Higher Education, a Press Release No. D13-755/MINESUP/MINSANTE, was issued, one of its important resolutions being **“The readjustment from the 2024-2025 academic year, of the training of these personnel in Higher Education Institutions, so as to align them to the training cycles towards obtaining the State Diploma issued by the Ministry of Public Health”.**

Hence, the HND in 2024/2025 shall face a “readjusted” curriculum, **not banned.** For those currently enrolled for HND in years 2 and 3, they shall continue with the current curriculum until it is phased out. Furthermore, admission of students for Top-up BSc, Direct BSc and MSc programmes in medical and biomedical sciences for the academic year 2024/2025 in all Private Higher Education Institutions offering these and other programmes will continue as usual.

2. On the circulation of a list of authorized/accredited Private Higher Education Institutions by MINSANTE to train nurses and other paramedical personnel in the South West Region

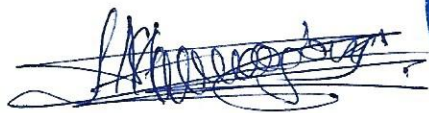
We wish to draw the attention of the general public that the said list concerns the training of State Registered Nurses certified by MINSANTE. Suffice it to say that

the Private Higher Education Sector in Cameroon was created by Decree No. 2001/882/PM of 10 September 2001. Thereafter, subsequent Ministerial Orders were issued bearing on the creation of the National Commission charged with the organization of the Higher National Diploma (HND) Examinations and the syllabi of various programmes of the HND. None of these legal instruments has been revoked till date.

It goes without saying, therefore, that all Private Higher Education Institutions accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education are, **de jure**, authorized or accredited to run Top-up BSc, Direct BSc and MSc programmes in medical and biomedical sciences as well as any other programmes they have the capacity to run. This is not subject to the approval of the Ministry of Public Health.

In consequence, therefore, holders of the HND willing to register for Top-up BSc and holders of Advanced Level willing to pursue BSc studies in medical and paramedical fields as well as other fields in Private Higher Education Institutions should not have any worries in this regard and hence they are encouraged to do so without hesitation.

In a similar vein, Top-up BSc, Direct BSc and MSc in all other programmes in all Private Higher Education Institutions for the academic year 2024/2025 will continue as usual.



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