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### MEDIA ALERT

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### LEDET WARNS CONSUMERS OF POST MATRIC QUALIFICATIONS AGAINST BOGUS OR FLY-BY-NIGHT INSTITUTIONS

The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism advises consumers of higher education services to remain vigilant of fly-by-night or bogus institutions which mushroom for the sole purpose of making profits at the expense of innocent consumers who complete fake courses taught by quacks and given counterfeit certificates presented as Diplomas, NQ4, NQ6 or any other nationally recognized qualification.

Consumers of higher education services are encouraged to contact relevant authorities to verify registration validations of any new, unknown or dubious institution intending to sell higher education services. Most of this bogus institutions are accredited for certain programmes and yet offer qualifications which are beyond their scope of accreditation. Their courses are usually completed in a short space of time and they will constantly change premises to avoid being traced.

Fly-by-Night institutions of higher learning usually thrive on poor preparations by matriculants who don't apply on time; low deposit fees, exploitations of un-qualifying matriculants to access higher education services and limited number of students admitted at tertiary institutions.

Consumers are further advised to refrain from enrolling or paying any registration fees to any institution which is not registered or not recognized by Department of Higher Education and Training.

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