



The Pharmaceutical Society Of Uganda

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

RE: STATUS OF BACHELOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM AT MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST)

The Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda (PSU) issues this Notice pursuant to Sections 8(1) and 22(2) of the Pharmacy and Drugs Act, Cap 309 and the PSU Byelaws on Recognition of Pharmacy Qualifications and Training Institutions in Uganda.

1. Reference is made to ongoing engagements between NCHE and PSU on pharmacy training in Uganda .
2. By letter Ref: NCHE/GR/PB/PSU/45 dated 26th October 2026 signed by Prof. Mary J. N. Okwakol, Executive Director NCHE, the consultative meeting scheduled for 27th October 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to address concerns relating to pharmacy training, including the program at MUST, was postponed by NCHE to a date to be communicated.
3. While NCHE asserts its mandate to accredit academic programs, it has failed to regulate admission numbers and to monitor continued adequacy of teaching facilities, staffing and clinical sites. As the professional body, PSU cannot watch this happen.
4. PSU Council has the distinct statutory mandate to recognize and de-recognize pharmacy programs that do not meet prescribed standards for purposes of membership into PSU and subsequent registration as a pharmacist. NCHE accreditation does not automatically confer PSU recognition.
5. The Bachelor of Pharmacy Program at MUST remains unrecognized by PSU until concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of PSU Council.
6. Any period of study undertaken in an unrecognized program does not count towards pharmacy training. Persons pursuing such programs are deemed to be pre-testing BPharm curriculum content and that period of study is not recognized by PSU.
7. Consequently, graduates from the said unrecognized program are not eligible for registration and licensure as pharmacists in Uganda.

Parents, prospective students and the public are advised to seek written confirmation from PSU on Pharmacy programs in Uganda to avoid future regrets should one pursue PSU unrecognized program.

Yours in service,

Per medicatum servium

(With medicines We serve),

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