



The Pharmaceutical Society Of Uganda

Our Ref: 389/PSU/2026

Your Ref:

Date: 19th October 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION OF THE BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (BPHARM) PROGRAM AT MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST)

The general public, pharmacy students, parents, and all stakeholders are hereby notified as follows:

1. At its 127th Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 4th September 2026, Council noted with grave concern that the Department of Pharmacy at MUST, running a Bachelor of Pharmacy program recognized by PSU Council vide Public Notice dated 16th April 2026, was headed in acting capacity by a non-pharmacist (nurse by profession), had inadequate number of staff, and the University had not issued any internal or external advert to substantively fill the position of Head of Department.
2. Pursuant to this, Council issued a Show Cause Notice Ref: 300/PSU/2026 dated 10th September 2026 requiring MUST to show cause within 30 days why recognition should not be withdrawn and students transferred.
3. MUST has failed to respond to the said notice within the stipulated period.
4. At its 61st Emergency Council Meeting held at Pharmacy House, Kyambogo, the PSU Council deliberated and resolved to withdraw its recognition of the Bachelor of Pharmacy program at Mbarara University of Science and Technology with immediate effect from the date of this notice.

Consequences of De-recognition:

- a) PSU Council shall not recognize any qualification obtained where courses were taught and/or assessed during the de-recognition period.
- b) PSU Council has suspended issuance of PSU Pharmacy Student Numbers, recognition of any internship placement, and eligibility to sit PSU pre-internship and pre-registration qualifying examinations for any new graduates of MUST until compliance is restored.

Advice to Current Students:

Current students enrolled on the BPharm program at MUST are advised to either seek transfer to other PSU Council - recognized universities or await compliance by MUST.

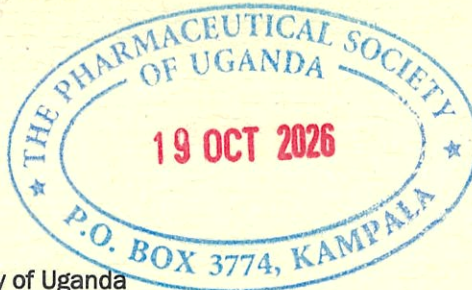
Should MUST comply with the PSU Council inspection findings sent to the university vice chancellor and issues raised in the Show Cause Notice, a follow-up inspection shall be conducted to assess compliance and inform further action.

Council remains committed to its statutory mandate under Section 22(2) of the Pharmacy and Drugs Act Cap 309 to safeguard Pharmacy training standards.

Yours in service,

Per medicatum Servium
(With medicines We Serve)

Dr. Lutoti Stephen
Secretary, Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda



- CC: 1. Executive Director, National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)
2. Commissioner, Health Education and Training, Ministry of Education and Sports
3. Vice Chancellor, Mbarara University of Science and Technology
4. President, Mbarara university Pharmacy Students Association
5. All members of the Pharmaceutical society of Uganda.

