Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology <u>Communiqué</u>

The Licensing of Recruiting Agents for Overseas Educational and Training Institutions Act 2006

Responsible parties and prospective students are hereby informed that they should ensure programme/s enrolled in an overseas educational and training institution through a local recruiting agent have been recognized by the relevant authorities in Mauritius.

According to section (4) of the Licensing of Recruiting Agents for Overseas Educational and Training Institutions Act 2006 as Amended 2012, 'no person is authorized to recruit students from Mauritius to Overseas Educational and Training Institutions unless he/she holds a valid licence issued by this Ministry' and any person who contravenes section (4) of the Act shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

The Ministry recommends that prospective students who wish to embark on courses at overseas educational and training institutions through the services of a Recruiting Agent, as well as their Responsible parties must ensure that the Recruiting Agent is registered and duly licensed by this Ministry. They are further advised to ensure that recognition of qualification from competent authorities in Mauritius had been obtained prior to embarking on such courses.

Moreover, for professional courses, prospective students are advised to consult the appropriate professional bodies in Mauritius regulating the profession to ensure that the professional qualifications obtained from the selected institutions would enable the holder to practice in Mauritius.

The Ministry's website, at the link hereunder, may be consulted for an updated list of licensed Recruiting Agents and the overseas educational and training institutions on behalf of which, approval from this Ministry has been granted for recruitment of students (including the validity period):

https://education.govmu.org/Pages/Education%20Sectors/Tertiary/list-of-recruiting-agents.aspx

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