

# THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



## PRESS STATEMENT

THE AGREED POSITION FOLLOWING A MEETING HELD BETWEEN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (NCHE), REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTIONS HOLDING PROVISIONAL LICENSE ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019, AT THE (NCHE SECRETARIAT).

On 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, NCHE held a meeting to discuss the strategy for acquisition of a Charter status by Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions holding a Provisional License. This is to confirm that the following was the agreed position arising from the captioned meeting.

That:-

1. Provisional License issued to Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions which have not been REVOKED are valid and have not expired.
2. A number of Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions holding a Provisional License, while valid, have not taken the requisite steps to seek the highest license: a Charter demonstrates academic excellence in teaching, research and community engagement by a University.
3. All Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions holding a Provisional License beyond (3) years, will submit to NCHE a Roadmap outlining how they aim to progress to the Charter status. This shall be done as soon as possible, but not later than (3) month from the date of the meeting.
4. On receipt of a Roadmap from Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions holding a Provisional License, NCHE shall upscale Monitoring of the Institution to determine the level of readiness for a Charter acquisition of such a University.
5. The NCHE shall continue to provide support in training and guidance to all Private Universities and Private Other Degree Awarding Institutions holding a Provisional License, to prepare them for a Charter application.
6. The timeline for conducting the situational analysis and providing reports, shall not exceed (10) months.
7. Notwithstanding the above, the NCHE remain ready to receive applications for a Charter from those Institutions which are ready.

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