

NOTICE OF ADVISORY: COMPLIANCE WITH APPROVED MODES OF DELIVERY AND PROGRAMME DURATIONS.

Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) wishes to advise Education and Training Providers (ETPs) to comply to approved modes of delivery and programme durations.

The Authority has observed with concern that some ETPs are offering training either through modes of delivery that have not been approved or do not comply with the terms and conditions for the approved modes of learning programme delivery. The modes of programme delivery in question include, but not limited to, Part-time, Distance, blended and Online modes.

The Authority would like to remind all ETPs and the Public to note the following:

1. That any intention to expand modes of delivery must first be formally submitted to the Authority through the Notification of Signification Changes process for approval.
2. Once approved, the ETPs must strictly adhere to the approval conditions for the mode of delivery.
3. The approved duration for programmes offered through Part-time or Distance mode is always longer than the same programme delivered through Full-time mode.

The Authority strongly cautions all Providers to desist from any malpractices that deviate the BQA Quality Assurance Standards and approval conditions. The public is also urged to exercise vigilance and to report any malpractices by any Providers that deliberately violate the conditions of registration and accreditation. Failure to report such malpractices by Providers places learners at risk. Awards obtained from delivered through non-compliant modes of delivery may not be recognised upon completion.

Learners and stakeholders are therefore advised to always confirm with Botswana Qualifications Authority that the modes of programme delivery are approved and that the programme delivery is in accordance with approved conditions, such as duration. This ensures that learners' qualifications are valid and recognised upon graduation from the programmes.

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