

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES

The National Accreditation Board (NAB) has noticed with concern the spate of conferment of honorary degrees and professorial titles on some important personalities by some unaccredited institutions, accredited institutions unqualified to award degrees on their own or other institutions with doubtful credentials.

The conferment of honorary degrees is the prerogative of degree awarding institutions so mandated. Therefore accredited private tertiary institutions operating under the mentorship of chartered, degree-awarding universities are not qualified by themselves to confer honorary degrees. Any such institutions that do so are in contravention of **Regulation 19 (1) of the Tertiary Institutions (Establishment and Accreditation) Regulation, 2010 (L.I. 1984)** which states that:

An accredited institution shall not issue certificates or award its own degrees, diplomas or honorary degree without a charter granted to it for that purpose by the President.

There are also instances where some foreign institutions confer such honorary degrees, particularly doctorate degrees on prominent personalities with intent to legitimize and popularize the operations of the institutions in Ghana, and thereby seek to attract unsuspecting students to enroll in them. It must be made clear that universities and other tertiary education institutions which are unaccredited by the relevant authorities in their home countries cannot be authorized to award any degree- regular or honorary in Ghana.

The National Accreditation Board wishes to caution the general public and advise that distinguished personalities invited for such awards should verify the accreditation status and degree-awarding powers of the institutions that seek to confer on them honorary degrees to avoid any embarrassing fallouts.

For the avoidance of doubt the following institutions have neither been accredited in Ghana nor in their home countries by the recognized accrediting bodies:

- Day Spring Christian University of Mississippi
- Pan African Clergy Council and Bible College
- Global Centre for Transformational Leadership
- World Council for Evangelical Clergy

Further information may be obtained from the:

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