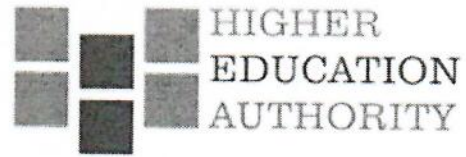




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**HPCZ, HEA JOINT STATEMENT ON BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &
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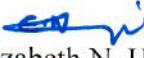
LUSAKA – Following exhaustive consultation and guidance from the Attorney General's Chambers and relevant stakeholders on the legal mandate of Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) and Higher Education Authority (HEA) regarding the regulation of health training programmes at training institutions, we wish to jointly clarify the position as follows:

1. Both Health Professions Council (HPCZ) and Higher Education Authority (HEA) have come to a common understanding that there are deficiencies in the Bachelor of medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Programmes being offered at the Copperbelt University (CBU).
2. CBU must develop an improvement plan which will address deficiencies that were observed by both HPCZ and HEA.
3. HPCZ and HEA are statutory bodies established by two separate Acts of Parliament, meaning that the two are independent bodies with interest of ensuring quality education of health professionals.
4. The withdrawal of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programmes at the Copperbelt University School of Medicine by HPCZ was in line with the law as enshrined in the Health Professions Act No. 24 of 2009 of the Laws of Zambia.

In this regard the process to reinstate the named programmes will follow the due process of the Health Professions Act, number 24 of 2009.

We wish to state that the Copperbelt University has been engaged and they are very cooperative to ensure that the process to re-instate the programmes is expedited. Going forward, there shall be increased and regular consultations and collaboration between and among the major regulators in the Education and Health sectors to ensure that the public is protected.


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