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OVER 3,500 STUDENTS AFFECTED: PUSAG COMMENDS GTEC'S CRACKDOWN ON UNACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS TO PROTECT STUDENTS' FUTURE.

The Private Universities Students' Association of Ghana (PUSAG) strongly commends the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) for its bold and timely actions against unaccredited tertiary institutions in the country. This comes in the wake of the arrest of **Raphael Nyarkotey Obu**, the founder of the unauthorized **Nyarkotey University College of Holistic Medicine and Technology**.

This action, and others taken in recent months, reaffirm GTEC's commitment to upholding quality assurance in higher education and protecting thousands of students from academic and financial exploitation.

A Crisis in Student Protection

Over 3,500 students from 22 unaccredited institutions for the 2025/2026 national service scheme have already had their national service opportunity affected because of their enrollment in these unapproved/unaccredited institutions. This alarming development that threatens the future of many young Ghanaians. Students enrolled in unapproved institutions not only risk having their degrees nullified but also face:

- I. Ineligibility for national service, a mandatory requirement for employment in many sectors.**
- II. Disqualification from the Students Loan Trust Fund (SLTF) and other vital educational support programs.**
- III. Rejection of academic qualifications by employers and accredited postgraduate institutions, both locally and abroad.**

PUSAG's Proactive Steps

As the national student body for private tertiary institutions, PUSAG has taken proactive steps to combat the threat of unaccredited institutions:

1. Accreditation Verification Drive:

PUSAG has initiated a nationwide accreditation verification exercise to confirm the status of every private university and college operating in Ghana.



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2.Public Awareness Campaigns:

The Association will launch joint education drives with GTEC to inform prospective students and their families on how to verify institutions and avoid scams.

3.Policy Advocacy and Collaboration:

PUSAG commits to ongoing collaboration with GTEC and other stakeholders to strengthen enforcement mechanisms and close regulatory loopholes.

Call to Action

PUSAG urges all students, parents, and guardians to verify the accreditation status of any tertiary institution before enrolling. Information can be confirmed directly via the GTEC website or through PUSAG's helpdesk.

We also call on the media, civil society, and the wider public to support the national campaign against academic fraud. Education is not just a personal aspiration—it is a national asset that must be protected.

Conclusion

The future of Ghana's students must never be compromised. PUSAG stands firmly with GTEC and all regulatory bodies working to preserve the integrity and credibility of Ghana's tertiary education system.

Together, we can ensure that every Ghanaian student receives the quality education they deserve accredited, recognized, and respected.

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