

Say “no!” to fake qualifications

16 September 2015 - The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) warns prospective students to be on the lookout for unregistered colleges during the registration period.

This comes after several colleges were raided by the Department and police around the country after it received numerous complaints from students and parents about the educational legitimacy these institutions of higher learning.

As a result, the Ministry unleashed unnoticed visits in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and North West provinces, and a number of unregistered colleges were shut-down and owners arrested to face the full might of the law for running illegal businesses.

“These Colleges deceive our people and the youth by enrolling them to unaccredited programmes and many of them do not have operating licenses from government,” said the Department’s spokesperson Khaye Nkwanyana.

He requested the public to help in exposing unregistered colleges wherever they are found by giving the details to the Department in order to start investigations.

TABLE 1: COLLEGES SHUT DOWN AND COLLEGES THAT HAVE TERMINATED THEIR OPERATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY AS AT 10 APRIL 2015

NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	COUNTRY/ PROVINCE	PROGRAMME/S OFFERED
1. Anoitid (Sic) University	180 President Street, Johannesburg, 2001	Gauteng	a) <i>Diplomas and Degrees Theology and Christian Education</i> Owner was arrested and the case is pending.
2. Barkley University	http://www.international-university.net	USA	a) <i>Degrees in 15 days</i> Falsely uses the name and the logo of the DHET. Website has been shut.
3. Edu-Campus/Hope University	145 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, 2001.	Gauteng	a) <i>Degrees and Diplomas</i> Operations have been terminated completely but could be operating under another name.

4. eLearning Systems (Pty) Ltd, trading as eDegree	Atlas Studios, 33 Frost Avenue, Corner Owl Street, Braamfontein, Bordering Milpark Website address: http://www.edegree.co.za/about-us.html	Gauteng	a) <i>Bachelor of Business Studies</i> Appears to have been shut.
5. Fargo University	http://www.fargouniversity.com	USA	a) <i>Degrees in 15 days</i> Falsely uses the name and logo of the DHET. Website has been shut.
6. Jordan Institute of Mission and Ministerial Acts (J.I.M.M.A)	405 Montesano, 3 Cavendish Road, Yeoville, 2198.	Gauteng	a) <i>Diplomas and Degrees in Theology and Christian Education</i> Operations have been terminated.
7. Johannesburg Varsity College	4 th Floor, Office 406, Southpoint Towers, 41 De Korte Street, Braamfontein, 2017.	Gauteng	a) <i>Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculties of Computer Sciences, Law, Sciences and Commerce</i> as advertised on the website dated 22 August 2012 at the address www.johannesburgvarsitycollege.co.za . Operations have been terminated.
8. Joy Ministries	Joy Ministries Lambton, 18 Neels Road, Lambton Gardens, Germiston.	Gauteng	a) <i>Diplomas and Degrees in Theology and Christian Education</i> Operations have been terminated.
9. Monash Technology Institute	Orion House 4 th Floor, 49 Jorissen Street,	Gauteng	a) <i>National Diplomas and Certificate Courses</i>

	Braamfontein.		Operations have been terminated.
10. Morolan IT Consults	204 Troye Street, Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0083.	Gauteng	a) <i>Life Degrees and Diplomas</i> Operations have been terminated.
11. North West School of Design (Pty) Ltd	Klerksdorp, North West School of Design, 1B Joe Slovo Road, Oudorp Pharmacy Complex, Shop 3, 4 and 5, Klerksdorp.	North West Province	a) <i>BSc. in Fashion Management and Communication</i> Operations with respect to the BA degree have been terminated.
12. South African University of Excellence	5 Japie Theron Street, White River, 1240.	Mpumalanga	a) <i>Degrees and Diplomas</i> Operations have been terminated.
13. Style Design College of South Africa (Pty) Ltd	12 University Road, Westville, KwaZulu Natal, 4001.	Kwa-Zulu Natal	a) <i>Degrees and Diplomas</i> Operations have been terminated. Case has been stalled since the owner fled the country.
36. Swiss Hotel Management School	8 th Floor Braamfontein Centre, 23 Jorrisen Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, Gauteng, 2001.	Gauteng	a) <i>Degrees and Diplomas</i> Operations have been terminated.
37. Study for Career Success	http://www.studyforcareersuccess.com	USA	a) <i>Degree in 15 days</i> Falsely uses the name en logo of the DHET. Website has been removed.

<p>38. Team Impact Christian University</p> <p>Has terminated its operations in this country</p>	<p>5536 Superior Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, USA.</p> <p>Operates through Team Impact Bible College in South Africa and Teamwork Bible College</p>	<p>USA</p> <p>South Africa</p>	<p>a) <i>Diplomas, Undergraduate Degrees, Honours, Masters and Phds in Theology and Christian Education</i></p> <p>Operations have been terminated in this country.</p>
<p>39. University of Arabia</p>	<p>Azaadville</p>	<p>Gauteng</p>	<p>a) <i>Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies</i></p> <p>Operations have been terminated.</p>
<p>40. Empangeni Commercial College</p>	<p>Empangeni</p>	<p>KwaZulu Natal</p>	<p>GENFETQSF Qualifications</p>
<p>41. Belmore College and School of Excellence</p>	<p>Jorrisen street, Braamfontein</p>	<p>Gauteng</p>	<p>N1 to N6 Qualifications</p>
<p>42. VISTEC Varsity Institute of Science and Technology</p>	<p>Jorrisen street, Braamfontein</p>	<p>Gauteng</p>	<p>N1 to N3 Qualifications</p>