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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**TO ALL NEWS JOURNALISTS/ EDITORS**

## **HIGHER EDUCATION INSPECTION BLITZ ON PRIVATE COLLEGES**

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) will carry out a two day public awareness campaign aimed at enforcing compliance with legislation relating to the private college sector. DHET officials will also conduct impromptu inspections together with the Public Safety Office of the Mbombela Municipality, Mpumalanga, to identify illegal private colleges operating in the region.

This campaign, which is in partnership with the South African Qualifications Authority, Umalusi, the Council on Higher Education, and the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations, aims to increase awareness to prevent students from falling victim to fraudulent private institutions. All private higher education institutions are governed by the Higher Education Act, 1997 and the Continuing Education and Training Colleges Act, 2006. The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that institutions operate within the law, have the necessary resources, as well as the capacity and expertise to offer acceptable standards of higher education qualifications that are aligned to the National Qualifications Framework.

Students are urged to verify the accreditation and registration status of private colleges and private higher education institutions, their programmes and sites, with the Department. Prospective students can also access the private and public higher institutions registers on the Department's website or by calling DHET on 0800 87 22 22.

**Awareness sessions will take place as follows:**

Day one: Tuesday, 19 November 2019, 8:00, Promenade Shopping Centre, Corner Henshall and Samora Machel Streets; and

Day two: Wednesday, 20 November 2019, 8:30, Nelspruit Taxi Rank

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**Ends**