

**IN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE  
SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD  
PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH  
REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

**ON**

**THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS  
(ESTABLISHMENT AND ACCREDITATION)  
REGULATIONS 2002, L.I.1700**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2002**

## 1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

The Tertiary Institutions (Establishment and Accreditation) Regulations, 2002 L.I. 1700 was laid before Parliament on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 for consideration and report pursuant to Articles 11 (7) of the Constitution and Standing Order 166.

## 2.0 **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

In considering the referral, the Committee availed itself of the under listed documents:

- i) Standing Orders of Parliament.
- ii) The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- iii) The National Accreditation Board Law, 1993 PNDC Law 317

## 3.0 **BACKGROUND**

By virtue of the provisions of section 16 of the National Accreditation Board Law, 1993 PNDC Law 317, the Minister responsible for Education may on the recommendation of the Board, by Legislative Instrument make regulations for:

- a) the types of accreditation to be granted to institutions;
- b) the procedure for the conduct of accreditation exercises;
- c) the fees to be charged for services rendered by or on behalf of the Board; and
- d) giving full effect to the provisions of the law.

## 4.0 **DELIBERATIONS**

In deliberating on the Instrument, the Committee held a total of 3 sittings. The Committee also had the benefit of further information from the under mentioned stakeholders at its second sitting:

- i) The National Accreditation Board; Ministry of Education
- ii) University of Ghana, Legon
- iii) Graduate School of Management
- iv) Pentecost Bible College
- v) University of Science & Technology
- vi) Valley View University
- vii) Catholic University of Ghana
- viii) Career Development Institute
- ix) Polytechnic Teachers Association of Ghana
- x) Trinity Theological Seminary
- xi) Maranatha Bible College
- xii) Goram Hospitality & Aviation
- xiii) Ghana Christian College
- xiv) Institute of Management Studies
- xv) Wisconsin University
- xvi) Christian Action Faith Ministry
- xvii) Kludjeson Institute of Technology
- xviii) Ghana National Union of Polytechnic Students
- xix) Ghanatta College of Arts
- xx) Accra School of Economics
- xxi) National Union of Ghana Students
- xxii) Central University College
- xxiii) Institute of Export & Sales
- xxiv) Ashesi University College
- xxv) Islamic University College

A number of the above institutions also submitted memoranda on the Instrument.

## 5.0 **GENERAL OBSERVATION**

The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Tertiary Institutions (Establishment and Accreditation) Regulations, 2002 L.I. 1700 seek among other things to provide for the regulation of

- i) application for grant of accreditation
- ii) the issuance, variation or revocation of certificate of accreditation
- iii) the inspection and evaluation of performance and supervision of both private and public tertiary educational institutions.

## 6.0 **SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS**

### 6.1 **Rights of Accredited Institutions**

The Committee is happy to note that the L.I. 1700 confers full autonomy on accredited institutions without any obligation, interference or instructions from any person or body in the administration of their academic affairs.

### 6.2 **Cost of inspection of Premises for the Issuance of Certificate of Accreditation**

The regulations provide amongst others for applicants to bear the full cost of inspection and evaluation of their facilities prior to granting of Certificate of Accreditation by the Board.

The Committee considers this provision consistent with the parent Act and also in line with Government's policy on cost sharing as it affects education in general.

### 6.3 **Grant of Certificate of Accreditation**

While conceding the need to balance the right of applicants to apply to the Board for the grant of Certificate of Accreditation, the Committee took



note of the view expressed by some stakeholders that ,applicants should have the right to apply for accreditation without limitation on the number of times they apply.

The Committee however considers the three chances offered to prospective applicants satisfactory. The Committee hopes that applicants would endeavour to satisfy the requirements prior to applying at first instance so as to avoid unnecessary additional cost of inspection.


#### 7.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

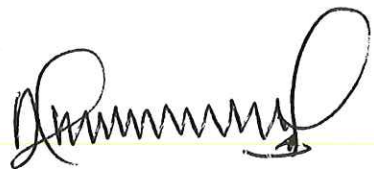
- 7.1 The National Accreditation Board is encouraged to put in place a scheme to motivate tertiary education service providers to complement Government's efforts in providing increased access to tertiary education.
- 7.2 The Committee further recommends that the stakeholders, particularly the National Accreditation Board in conjunction with the Ministry of Education ensure that, training courses offered by tertiary educational institutions are relevant to the manpower needs of the Country.
- 7.3 The Committee also recommends that, the National Accreditation Board together with the Ministry of Education put in place measures to motivate and encourage private tertiary educational institutions to extend their services to other regions in view of the seemingly over concentration of tertiary institutions in Accra.

8.0 **CONCLUSION**

The Committee has examined the regulations of the proposed Instrument and finds the provisions consistent with the parent Act and Constitution and accordingly recommends that the proposed Tertiary Institutions (Establishment And Accreditation) Regulations, 2002, L.I. 1700 be allowed by this House to pass into law by the efflux of time.

Respectfully Submitted.

  
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