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An Act to regulate higher education; to provide for the establishment, functions and powers of the National Council for Higher Education; and to provide for matters incidental thereto

Part I – Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the National Council for Higher Education Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**academic cycle**” means a period within which to complete a programme of study;

“**accreditation**” means the process of recognizing higher education institution’s programmes in accordance with [section 27](#);

“**accreditation certificate**” means a certificate issued under [section 27](#);

“**Chairperson**” means the Chairperson of the Council and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“**Charter**” means a document granted by the Minister under [section 20](#) describing the basis for establishment and legitimizing the existence of a private higher education institution;

“**Chief Executive Officer**” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council appointed pursuant to [section 17](#);

“**Council**” means the National Council for Higher Education established under [section 3](#);

“**foreign higher education institution**” means a higher education institution registered outside Malawi;

“**higher education**” means all learning programmes leading to qualifications registered under the National Qualifications Framework but may not include vocational training by a vocational training centre under the Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education Act;

[Cap. 55:06]

“**higher education institution**” means any institution that provides higher education and which is—

- (a) established as a public higher education institution;
- (b) registered as a private higher education institution under this Act; or
- (c) an affiliate of a higher education institution;

“**institutional quality assurance standards**” means the standards referred to in [section 27](#);