

Teveta shuts down 29 colleges

Written by Chikondi Juma
Thursday, 14 February 2013 09:19

Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education and Training Authority (Teveta) has closed 29 training institutions in an inspection and surveillance operation carried out over the past week.

A statement from Teveta, an institution which coordinates and facilitates technical, entrepreneurial and vocational education and training in the country, has blacklisted up to 29 training institutions across the country that are still not recognised by the government.

The list includes about five institutions that were blacklisted and closed down in previous inspections but defied the order and continued to operate.

The institutions include PACT College and Wits Professional College in Lilongwe and Blantyre and Institute for Business Management in Blantyre.

In an interview, Teveta spokesperson Lewis Msasa described the exercise which was carried out between February 2 and 9 this year as normal and an ongoing operation as per the mandate of the authority enshrined under the Tevet Act.

"According to section 5 (h) of the Tevet Act, Government, through the Tevet Authority, has the responsibility of raising the quality of Tevet and one of the ways of doing this is through registration of training providers to ensure that training institutions of higher learning meet the minimum requirements as provided for in the Tevet Act and Registration of Training Institutions Regulations, 2006," Msasa said.

According to Msasa failure by the institutions to comply with a closure order attracts financial penalties and legal liability.

Most of the institutions that have been closed down were found operating on borrowed facilities such as public learning institutions. The other reasons that the inspection team looks into during their inspections include registration with Teveta, suitability of infrastructure as well as quality of

Teveta shuts down 29 colleges

Written by Chikondi Juma

Thursday, 14 February 2013 09:19

teaching and learning resources.

"We always call on those wishing to operate training institutions offering qualifications from diploma level and below to register with Teveta first before going into operation.

"Students and guardians need also to be vigilant and seeking for proof of registration from training institutions prior to enrolling with prospective institutions," he said.