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To All Vice Chancellors

Nigerian Universities (Offering Medical Laboratory Science Programme), All Stakeholders of Medical Laboratory Science Profession

Non-Recognition of Affiliated Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS) Programme

It has come to the knowledge of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) that some Universities with approval / accreditation for the BMLS programme are now accepting affiliation of BMLS programme to their Institutions.

In Nigeria the Medical Laboratory Science Profession is regulated as is the case in other civilized countries of the world.

MLSCN as the Agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria mandated by an Act of Parliament to regulate Medical Laboratory Science Profession in Nigeria hereby reiterate that MLSCN Policy on Regulation of Training no longer support affiliation of BMLS programme which was used as a stop gap in the past to transition the former Associate Programme to the current BMLS Programme.

In the current dispensation, MLSCN has not approved any and does not intend to recognize affiliated BMLS programme, hence students in the affiliated BMLS programme (if any) will not be accepted for indexing, or professional examinations, and neither will they be accepted for induction and licensure to practice the Medical Laboratory Science profession in Nigeria.

MLSCN is by this circular advising the Universities involved to immediately terminate such affiliation arrangements and concentrate resources on providing quality training for students in the approved full time BMLS programme while sticking to the MLSCN approved quota.

While thanking you for your understanding of our efforts to produce knowledgeable, skilled and competent human resource for Health Laboratory Care in Nigeria, please, accept the assurances of my high regards.

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