

PRESS STATEMENT

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CAUTION AGAINST SUBMITTING FAKE ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION

NAIROBI- The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) cautions individuals seeking press cards through deceptive means, including submitting suspect academic certificates and recommendation letters during the accreditation process.

The MCK conducts thorough verification of all submitted accreditation requirements, including academic qualifications, in collaboration with media houses and educational institutions both within Kenya and internationally. Several cases of fraudulent documentation have been identified, reported to the relevant authorities, and are currently under investigation.

The MCK notifies all accreditation applicants that the submission of fake academic certificates and recommendation letters is a violation of Section 48 1 (C) of the Media Council Act 2013. This section stipulates that any person who knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Council is guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, is liable to a fine not exceeding Kenya Shillings Two Hundred Thousand, imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both.

Furthermore, the MCK advises all press card applicants that recommendation letters must be submitted on official letterhead and must be signed by authorised persons.

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