**Zambia**

**Quick guide to identifying credible institutions in Zambia**

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**Acronyms and names**

**HEA** Higher Education Authority

**NQF** National Qualifications Framework

**TCZ** Teaching Council of Zambia

**TEVETA** Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority

**ZAQA** Zambia Qualifications Authority

**ZICA** Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants

**1. Introduction**

The Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA) has the legal mandate to manage the Zambia National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and it is responsible for keeping records of learner achievements in Zambia. The Zambia NQF is managed through three sub-frameworks:

* General Education,
* Trades and Occupational and
* Higher Education.

ZAQA maintains records of Appropriate Authorities who are responsible for accrediting Institutions in their respective sub-frameworks (see ZAQA website: www.zaqa.gov.zm)

The criteria for Providers in Zambia to be registered and accredited include;

1. The provider must be registered and accredited;
2. The provider must be accredited to offer a particular qualification;
3. All qualifications offered must be registered and accredited on the Zambia NQF. It must be noted that ZAQA is currently in the process of registering and accrediting qualifications.

**2. Registration and accreditation of providers**

In Zambia, providers of education and training are registered and accredited to offer qualifications which are accredited by ZAQA. All providers of education and training in the country must be registered by their respective Appropriate Authorities in each sub-framework. These are;

1. Teaching Council of Zambia (TCZ) ([www.tcz.ac.zm](http://www.tcz.ac.zm))
2. Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA), ([www.teveta.org.zm](http://www.teveta.org.zm))
3. Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) ([www.zica.org.zm](http://www.zica.org.zm))
4. Higher Education Authority (HEA) ([www.hea.org.zm](http://www.hea.org.zm))

NOTE: Currently these are the Appropriate Authorities who have undertaken accreditation of Providers.

**3. Registration and accreditation of qualifications and part-qualifications**

All qualifications and part-qualifications being offered in Zambia must be registered on the Zambia NQF. ZAQA is the custodian of the Zambia NQF and is responsible for maintaining a register of:

1. all ZQF qualifications and part-qualifications,
2. all ZQF Appropriate Authorities;
3. all learner records of those who have achieved ZQF qualifications;

The information is available through ZAQA. An integrated learners record database is currently under development.

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