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## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### Sub: Temporary Moratorium for new ECPFs/TCPFs

The number of licensed Education Consultancy and Placement Firms (ECPFs) and Training Consultancy and Placement Firms (TCPFs) has grown significantly over the years, reaching a total of more than 90 establishments. Considering the size of our country, this number is already substantial. While the presence of ECPFs and TCPFs has undoubtedly played a role in assisting students with educational opportunities, it has also created challenges in terms of effective regulation and maintaining a viable business environment.

Therefore, to ensure effective regulation of existing ECPFs/TCPFs and establish a more sustainable business landscape, the Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA) has decided to enforce a temporary moratorium with immediate effect on the acceptance of new ECPF/TCPFs applications until further notice. This measure will allow us to thoroughly assess the current state of the industry and devise appropriate mechanisms to ensure the quality and integrity of educational consultancy and placement services.

During the moratorium period, the Higher Education Quality Council under the BQPCA will work diligently to review the existing ECPFs/TCPFs and their operations. We aim to strengthen regulatory frameworks, streamline procedures, and establish standards that prioritize the best interests of students and their academic pursuits. By focusing on the enhancement of the current system, we intend to foster an environment that supports viable business practices while safeguarding the rights and aspirations of students.

We encourage all concerned, including existing ECPFs and TCPFs, to cooperate with the Authority during this transitional phase. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, and concerns regarding the regulation of ECPFs. Your valuable input will aid us in formulating policies that best serve the interests of students and the nation as a whole. We will keep you informed about the progress made during the moratorium period and any subsequent measures that will be implemented to regulate the ECPF sector effectively.





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The Authority looks forward to your understanding and support as we work together towards a stronger and more sustainable educational consultancy and placement industry.

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