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## TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## SUBJECT : MEC CALL ON PERENT TO BE ALERT

The MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule calls on all parents to be careful not to fall

victims of enrolling their children with illegal, fly by night institutions of learning.

"The problem is that parents will not only lose their money but their children also risk wasting their time by enrolling for courses that are not accredited and not recognized in the country.

It also becomes a big challenge for parents to find remedy once they fall into the trap of this scam. It is in that context, that I feel obliged to warn our parents to be vigilant."

Learning Institutions are by law required to register with the Department of Education.

All registered institutions must be in possession of a registration certificate that is signed by the Head of Department; (depending on who was/is the Head of Department at the time of the registration of the institution).

This registration certificate is issued by the Department once the registration process is complete and the Head of Department is satisfied that all requirements have been met.

The registration certificate bears a registration number (EMIS Number) that always starts with **8000** and is comprised of nine digits.

The registration certificate must be displayed at a place that enables the public to view it with ease.

The Departmental Education Management Information System (EMIS) Unit keeps a database of all registered schools and colleges in the Province.



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Parents are urged to contact the Department at **0800 203 116** or alternatively call the National Department of Education at (**012**) **312 5911**/ **0800 202 933** to verify if an institution is properly registered.

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