



## ACTT's FACT SHEET

### ■ *Who is ACTT?*

- The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) was established by Chapter 39:06 as the principal body in Trinidad and Tobago responsible for the quality assurance of post secondary and tertiary level institutions, programmes and awards.

### ■ *What does ACTT do?*

- ACTT monitors and evaluates the quality of post secondary and tertiary education institutions, programmes and awards through the following processes:
  - Conferment of Institutional Title
  - Registration of Higher Education Institutions
  - Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and Programmes
  - Programme Approval
  - Recognition of Foreign Qualifications
  - Recognition of Foreign Awarding Institutional Bodies
  - Equivalence Assessment
- ACTT also provides Quality Enhancement Support which fosters continuous quality improvement at post secondary and tertiary educational institutions

### ■ *How does ACTT benefit me?*

#### ➤ **Students**

- ACTT provides authoritative advice on the legitimacy and quality of institutions, programmes and awards offered in Trinidad and Tobago
- ACTT is committed to continuous improvement of post secondary and tertiary educational institutions, facilitated by sustained quality enhancement support from ACTT
- ACTT provides Statements on Recognition and Equivalence Assessment.

#### ➤ **Institutions**

- ACTT provides a regulatory framework for the post secondary and tertiary education sector, which ensures compliance and accountability for institutions and providers within the local tertiary education sector
- ACTT promotes a culture of research, innovation and promotion of excellence in the local tertiary education sector
- Through Registration and Accreditation, institutions are able to:
  - Gain access to governmental and other international funding options
  - Demonstrate trustworthiness and respect, based on a comprehensive and rigorous national quality assurance system.

- **National Community**
  - ACTT offers accurate, accessible information on issues of quality assurance in higher education to facilitate informed policy-making and decision-making
  - ACTT provides a sustained capacity to evaluate and improve the quality of our post secondary and tertiary education provision in Trinidad and Tobago
  
- ***What is Registration?***
  - Registration signifies that a post secondary or tertiary education or training institution has met the criteria (requirements) for the delivery of post secondary or tertiary education in Trinidad and Tobago. Registration is a **mandatory process** for all post secondary and tertiary level institutions that operate in Trinidad and Tobago, in accordance with Chapter 39:06.
  
- ***Benefits of Registration***
  - **Students**
    - Provides a basis for selecting a quality institution
    - Assists students in obtaining value for their investment in post secondary and tertiary education
    - Facilitates acceptability and transferability of the award/ qualification
  
- ***How many institutions have registered thus far?***
  - For a detailed listing of registered institutions, please visit ACTT's website – [www.actt.org.tt](http://www.actt.org.tt).
  
- ***What is Accreditation?***
  - Accreditation is a status granted to an institution that has been evaluated and found to have met or exceeded stated criteria of educational quality. Accreditation is also the process used to evaluate and assist in institutional improvement. Accreditation assures academic quality, improves accountability and supports continuous improvement.
  
- ***Which Institutions have been accredited by ACTT?***
  - Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (ALJGSB)
  - Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies
  - Caribbean Nazarene College (CNC)
  - College of Science, Technology & Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT)
  - MIC Institute of Technology (MIC)
  - St. Andrew's Theological College (SATC)
  - Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI)
  - Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI)
  - The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)
  - The University of the West Indies (UWI) - St Augustine Campus
  - University of the Southern Caribbean (USC)
  - West Indies School of Theology (WIST)

- ***What is Recognition of Qualifications?***
  - Recognition is the evaluation and approval of the quality of foreign awards. In Trinidad and Tobago, qualifications awarded by foreign institutions **MUST** be recognised by the ACTT.
  - ACTT provides authoritative advice and guidance on the recognition of qualifications gained abroad through two main services:
    - **Statements on Recognition** – determine if the qualification from a foreign/transnational institution is accredited by a legitimate quality assurance agency.
    - **Equivalence Assessment** – foreign/transnational qualifications are compared to qualifications awarded in Trinidad and Tobago
  
- ***What is Recognition of Transnational Programmes and Foreign Awarding Bodies/Institutions?***
  - Transnational programmes are programmes that originate in one country and are delivered in another country. In Trinidad and Tobago, transnational programmes must either be individually quality assured or recognised through a quality assurance process applied to the operations of the foreign awarding body/institution.
  
- ***What are the benefits of acquiring a Statement on Recognition for prospective students?***
  - It is a requirement for scholarships and financial aid applications from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago
  - It ensures that the intended programme of study is quality assured
  - It states whether the programme has the prerequisite specialised accreditation necessary for practice, licensure or membership with a professional body
  
- ***What are the benefits of acquiring an Equivalence Assessment for graduates?***
  - It facilitates transfers from one educational institution to another
  - It facilitates application for a CSME Skills Certificate
  - It facilitates entry to further studies locally, regionally and internationally
  
- ***Where can I access ACTT's services?***
  - ACTT currently operates three (3) offices located at:
    - Level 3, Building B  
Pan American Life Plaza  
91-93 St Vincent Street  
Port of Spain
    - The MIC/YTEPP Tobago Technology Centre  
79 Milford Road  
Canaan, Tobago
    - South Outreach Office  
108 Independence Avenue  
San Fernando
  - The public may also access ACTT's services through its website: [www.actt.org.tt](http://www.actt.org.tt) and social media sites [facebook.com/ACTTNews](https://facebook.com/ACTTNews) and [twitter.com/ACTTNews](https://twitter.com/ACTTNews)

- Access to ACTT's services is also available through the Council's Students Caravan and at Career and College fairs.