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SECOND ADVISORY ON TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF PROGRAMMES BY ACTT REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) wishes to remind registered and accredited institutions of its first advisory which announced the establishment of a transitional arrangement for all ACTT-quality assured institutions for the approval to deliver their programmes via open, online and distance learning (ODOL) modalities from March 16th to April 30th, 2020.

We also wish to advise that all registered and accredited institutions which have programme affiliations with overseas counterparts must also comply with any regulations or guidelines stipulated by the competent authorities in their countries of origin.

Further to this advisory, registered and accredited institutions are now asked to note that they are permitted to continue arrangements for delivery of programmes via ODOL modalities until the end of the COVID-19 adjustment period. This advisory covers all teaching, educational technologies, learning support, learning materials, assessments, including final summative examinations and administrative requirements for programmes offered by registered and accredited institutions. Registered and accredited institutions must also make provisions for faculty and staff support initiatives, such as training, to ensure that competent instructional and student service personnel are available for delivery of quality programmes to students.

On the expiration of this period, registered and accredited institutions are expected to revert to the mode of delivering their programmes that would have been approved by ACTT prior to March 16th, 2020. The granting of this transitional arrangement or permission is **not** to be construed as an automatic approval of ODOL programmes which have been modified during the transitional period.

Registered and accredited institutions may opt to use this transitional arrangement to design, develop and test the rigour of future ODOL systems, courses and programmes which will be offered after the expiration of the arrangement. All institutions desirous of offering such ODOL programmes after the transitional arrangement has expired must seek approval for substantive change from the ACTT. ACTT will be adopting its new guidelines for ODOL substantive change which institutions may seek to utilize.

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