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**FINAL PRESS RELEASE OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE TRAINING OF
PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education and the Minister of Public Health co-presided, on Friday August 16, 2024 an important meeting on the paramedical training of health professionals in some Institutes of Higher Education.

Taking part in this meeting were, besides the high ranking officials of the two Ministries, the President of the National Paramedical Council and the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Private Institutes of Higher Education.

Three major items were on the agenda of this meeting:

1. The registration of holders of Professional health Degrees, BTS, HND, DSEP, HPD into the Paramedical professional Council;
2. The issuance of equivalent respective academic titles to the grades of Baccalauréat/Advance Level plus 3 years and Baccalauréat/GCE Advance Level plus 5 years to holders of State certificates delivered by MINSANTE at the end of three and five year training programs after the Baccalauréat/GCE Advance Level;
3. The absence of a Paramedical Engineering training program in Cameroon.

At the end of constructive and fruitful discussions, the following resolutions were consensually arrived at:

1. Concerning the paramedical training of health professionals in some Institutes of Higher Education:
 - 1.1: The readjustment from the 2024-2025 academic year, of the training of these personnel in Higher Education Institutions, so as to align them to training cycles towards obtaining the State Diploma issued by the Ministry of Public Health;
 - 1.2: Co-mentorship, academic by MINESUP and technical by MINSANTE of the paramedical training of health professionals, following harmonized modalities both at the entrance and at the end of the training by MINSANTE;
2. As regards the delivery of equivalent respective academic titles to the grades of Baccalauréat/GCE Advance Level plus 3 years and Baccalauréat/GCE Advance Level plus 5 years to holders of State certificates issued by MINSANTE, the training curricular shall be approved by MINESUP following criteria to be agreed upon by both Ministries.

3. With regard to the degree of Paramedical Engineering, the creation and opening of training program for Paramedical Engineers, in respect of the legislative and regulatory procedures in force.

The following transitory measures were adopted as concerns holders of professional degrees, BTS, HND, DSEP, and HPD:

- 1.1. Students currently in training programs for these cycles shall complete their training in respect of the training curricular in force, for the training of paramedical professionals in Cameroon;
- 1.2. The Ministry of Public Health, shall in collaboration with National Council of Paramedical Professionals, organize in the Month of October 2024, a national Aptitude test for paramedical professionals, holders as at this date, of the professional degree, BTS, HND, DSEP, HPD in view of their admission into the National Council of Paramedical Personnel;
- 1.3. Holders of the Professional degrees, BTS, HND, DSEP and HPD who shall not be successful in this aptitude test shall receive additional professional training, following a jointly validated special program, after an evaluation of the training curricular used. At the end of additional training, they shall then sit for the certification examination to be organized by the Ministry of Public Health.

In view of the rapid implementation of these resolutions, a technical working session shall be held on August 19, 2024 between experts of the different institutions concerned.

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education and the Minister of Public Health appreciated the sense of responsibility and the republican spirit manifested by participants to this meeting, in view of resolving this preoccupation, according to the Very High Directives of the President of the Republic.

The Minister of Public Health

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