

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



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The Director General  
Immigration and Emigration  
**KIGALI**

Dear Director General,

**Re: Issue of Rwandan Health Professional Students seeking to cross Borders for Studies outside the Country**

Reference is made to your letter Ref: 116/968/DGIE/22 of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022, related to the concern of Rwandan students crossing our borders to pursue medical education in weekend.

The Ministry of Health through Human Resources for Health Secretariat (HRHS) in collaboration with the Higher Education Council (HEC) has made several reforms to improve the quality of medical education and related sciences, to build the healthcare education infrastructure and workforce necessary to create a high quality, sustainable healthcare system in Rwanda by addressing most challenging obstacles to high quality healthcare in Rwanda including the critical shortage of skilled health workers and poor quality of health workers' education.

It is in this background that students pursuing medical and other health professional education not meeting Rwandan standards including weekend's courses have been discouraged and stopped.

In view of the above, I am pleased to inform you that Rwandans pursuing medical and other health professional education outside the country in weekend and students not indexed by relevant Health professional bodies in Rwanda should not be allowed to cross the border. However, we encourage them to seek admission and be enrolled in Higher Learning Institutions in Rwanda given that they have enough spaces to accommodate all of these students. All Health Professional students pursuing their studies outside the country will continue their carrier development in Rwanda after fulfilling all the requirements for admission in Rwandan Health Professional Training Institutions.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Tharcisse MPUNGA  
Minister of State in Charge of Primary Health Care



**Cc:**

- Hon. Minister of Health
- Hon. Minister of Education
- Secretary General-NISS
- Executive Secretary, HRHS
- Director General, Higher Education Council (HEC)
- Health Professional Body (All)

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