



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 programmes and awarding bodies
 - Equivalence Assessment
- ACTT also provides Quality Enhancement Support which fosters continuous quality improvement in post secondary and tertiary educational institutions for effective learning experiences for students.

■ *How does ACTT benefit me?*

➤ **Student**

- 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 from all post secondary and tertiary educational institutions facilitated by sustained quality enhancement support from ACTT; and
- ACTT provides Statements on Recognition and Equivalence Assessment.

➤ **Institution**

- ACTT provides a regulatory framework for the post secondary and tertiary education sector, based upon competent legal authority, which ensures compliance and accountability for institutions and providers within the sector;
- ACTT promotes a culture of research, innovation and promotion of excellence in the local tertiary education sector; and
- Through registration and accreditation processes, ACTT provides:
 - A means to access governmental and other international funding options
 - International trustworthiness and respect for local institutions and programmes 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; and
 - ACTT provides a sustained capacity in the country to evaluate and improve the quality of our post secondary and tertiary education provision.

- ***What is Registration?***
 - Registration signifies that post secondary and tertiary education and training institutions have met the minimum criteria (requirements) for the delivery of post secondary and 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, according to Chapter 39:06.

- ***Benefits of Registration***
 - Students**
 - It provides a basis for selecting a quality institution;
 - It assists students in obtaining value for their investment in post secondary and tertiary education; and
 - It facilitates acceptability and transferability of the award/ qualification.

- ***How many institutions registered thus far?***
 - For a detailed listing of registered institutions, please visit ACTT's website – 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.

- ***ACTT Accredited Institutions?***
 - College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT)
 - The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)
 - The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (UWI)
 - Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (ALJGSB)
 - University of the Southern Caribbean (USC)
 - Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies (CCLCS)

- ***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 ACTT.
 - ACTT provides authoritative advice and guidance on the recognition of qualifications gained abroad through two main services:

- **Statements on Recognition** – determines if the qualification from a foreign/transnational institution is accredited by a legitimate quality assurance agency.
- **Equivalence Assessment** – foreign/transnational qualifications are compared to nationally awarded qualifications.

- ***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; and
 - It states whether the programme has the prerequisite specialised accreditation necessary for membership in a professional body or practice.

- ***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; and
 - It facilitates entry to further studies locally, regionally and internationally.

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