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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/DIGI-BLOCK/GATEWAY/2025-26/38.—In exercise of the sovereign powers conferred by Section 6 read with sub-section (3) of Section 14 and Section 33 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Statutory Digital Trust, Transnational Block chain Verification and Anti-Fraud Credentialing Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the recommendation of the Digital Transformation Council and with the formal assent of the Supreme Governing Board, hereby solemnly mandates, promulgates, and notifies the worldwide **Deployment of the Digital Verification Gateway & Block chain Credential Conduits (IQAB-DVG-2025/26)** along with its following ten constituent cryptographic divisions, decentralized ledger nodes, and cyber verification wings specified herein below:—

- (1) **Decentralized Sovereign Block chain Credential Ledger & Genesis Node Network;**
- (2) **Enterprise API Integration, Real-Time Student Information System (SIS) Conduits Hub;**
- (3) **Zero-Knowledge Cryptographic Proof, Privacy-Preserving Student Transcript Bureau;**
- (4) **Automated Anti-Fraud, Document Tamper-Detection & Deep fake Certificate Shield Cell;**
- (5) **Transnational Cross-Border Degree Equivalence & Digital Qualification Wallet Wing;**
- (6) **Micro-Credentials, Modular Badges & Professional Competency Ledger Directorate;**
- (7) **Cyber security Infrastructure, Cloud Redundancy & Disaster Recovery Node Cluster;**
- (8) **Institutional Identity Authentication, PKI Digital Signatures & Encryption Registry Cell;**
- (9) **Global Employer Gateway, Instant Verification Portal & Recruiter Access Bureau;**
- (10) **Statutory Digital Governance Oversight, Technical Standards & Cyber Compliance Secretariat.**

As the mandatory, tamper-proof digital infrastructure and statutory verification standard binding upon all accredited universities, constituent institutions, and international quality chapters with immediate effect.

1. Statutory Conditions & Technical Integration Mandates

The deployment, interconnection, and operationalization of the Digital Verification Gateway & Block Chain Credential Conduits shall be subject to strict compliance with the following statutory conditions, technological standards, and regulatory covenants, namely:—

- (1) **Mandatory System Integration Deadline:**— That all accredited member universities, polytechnics, and candidate institutions shall complete technical integration with the IQAB Digital Verification Gateway and activate live API Block Chain conduits on or before Wednesday, 10th December, 2025;
- (2) **Issuance of Cryptographically Signed Transcripts:**— That with effect from the 2026 academic convocation cycle, all degrees, diplomas, academic transcripts, and assessor certifications shall be issued exclusively as tamper-evident verifiable credentials anchored onto the IQAB sovereign block chain ledger;
- (3) **Institutional Cyber security Bylaws & Technical Designations:**— That appropriate statutory amendments in the Institutional Information Technology Statutes shall be formally enacted on or before Wednesday, 26th November, 2025 to:
 - (i) designate the Chief Information Officer (CIO) or Head of Digital Technologies as the primary cryptographic node administrator on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025;
 - (ii) implement AES-256 / SHA-3 cryptographic encryption protocols across all institutional student record databases;
 - (iii) guarantee strict compliance with international data privacy laws (GDPR/ISO 27001) using Zero-Knowledge Proofs for cross-border data transfers;
 - (iv) submit to biannual cyber penetration testing and vulnerability assessments conducted by the IQAB Cyber Security Panel;
 - (v) provide seamless, fee-free instant online credential verification for alumni, employers, and foreign accreditation authorities.

2. Cyber Audit, Anti-Fraud Surveillance & Enforcement Powers

- (1) **Real-Time Fraud Detection & Anti-Tamper Enforcement:**— That any digital certificate or transcript not verifiable through the IQAB Gateway shall be deemed unauthenticated and void for international equivalence, visa mobility, and higher study admissions.
- (2) **Sanctions for Digital Default or Unsecured Systems:**— That failure to establish block chain conduits by the prescribed cut-off date, or deliberate issuance of fraudulent digital records, shall attract immediate suspension of institutional accreditation ratings and criminal referral under cyber-fraud treaties.

SCHEDULE

Mandatory Phased Deployment Schedule & Key Technical Milestones For Digital Verification Gateway & Block Chain Conduits

The following Key Technical Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days) shall be legally binding upon all accredited institutions, technical directorates, and node operators:—

Item No.	Block Chain Technical Milestone & Gateway Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
DVG-01	Official Gazette Promulgation of Digital Verification Gateway & Block Chain Protocol	25 Nov 2025	Director of Digital Transformation, IQAB
DVG-02	Release of Software Development Kits (SDKs) & Institutional API Keys	05 Dec 2025	Technical Standards & Cyber Directorate
DVG-03	Submission of Institutional Cyber security & Systems Readiness Dossiers	15 Dec 2025	Member Institutions / CIOs
DVG-04	Mandatory Deadline: Live Activation of Block Chain Conduits & Gateway Hubs	10 Dec 2025	Directorate of Information Systems
DVG-05	Transnational Cryptographic Stress-Testing & Global Interoperability Simulation	09 Feb 2026	IQAB Cyber Infrastructure Panel
DVG-06	Mid-Term Digital Governance Conclave & Block Chain Signatory Node Review	16 Mar 2026	Joint Parliamentary Committee on Technology
DVG-07	Full-Scale Launch of Global Employer Verification Portal & Mobile Wallet App	06 May 2026	Bureau of Digital Credentialing
DVG-08	Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Cyber Security & Ledger Conformance Audits	01 Jul 2026	IQAB Panel of Lead Digital Assessors
DVG-09	Submission of Annual Block Chain Verification Volume & Ledger Audit Reports	12 Aug 2026	Institutional Technology Councils
DVG-10	Official Gazette Promulgation of Ratified Block Chain Jurisdictional Roll	30 Sep 2026	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Digital Infrastructure Governance & Sovereign Authentication

The Digital Verification Gateway & Block Chain Credential Conduits herein notified shall operate as the official immutable credential verification standard of the International Quality and Accreditation Board. All higher education diplomas, transcripts, and professional qualifications verified through this infrastructure shall carry full legal validity and cross-border equivalence.

Regards,



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