

Mozambique

STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Description:

Higher education is provided by public and private universities and higher institutes. At present, higher education in Mozambique is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Culture (previously it was under the former Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology - MESCT). The Strategic Plan of Higher Education in Mozambique 2000-2010 was approved in 2000. Higher education is funded by the State but universities have a high degree of autonomy (in administration and finance) and coordinate their activities with the Higher Education Council (Conselho do Ensino Superior). Their internal governing body is the University Council (Conselho Universitário) composed of the Rector and the deans of the faculties.

Stages of studies:

University level first stage: Bachelor's Degree (Bacharelato)

The first stage of higher education leads to the Bachelor's Degree (Bacharelato) after two to three years' study in most subjects.

University level second stage: University Degree (Licenciatura)

The second stage leads to a University Degree after two years' study following upon the Bachelor's Degree. Only students having obtained the grades "good" or "very good" in the Bachelor's Degree may proceed to this level. Some programmes are direct-entry, lasting five years and do not require a Bachelor's Degree (Bacharelato) stage. This is the case for Veterinary Medicine where the degree is conferred after five years' study, and in Medicine, where it is conferred after seven years.

University level third stage: Master of Arts or Master of Sciences (Mestrado)

Master's Degree have been implemented. Studies last for at least two years after the first degree.

University level fourth stage: Doctoral Degree

A doctoral degree conferred three to five years after the Mestrado is planned in the new law.

ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Admission to university-level studies:

Name of secondary school credential required: Certificado de Habilitações

For entry to: Universities

Alternatives to credentials: Completion of middle level technical courses may also qualify a student for undergraduate entry.

Admission requirements: Access to universities is based on the Secondary-School Leaving Certificate and an entrance examination.

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