

MOHE Reviewing Courses Offered At IPTs To Ensure Graduates' Employability

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KOTA BHARU - The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) constantly reviews the courses of study offered at institutions of higher learning (IPTs) to ensure the programmes remain relevant, resilient and meet current industry needs. MOHE secretary-general Datuk Aminuddin Hassim said that any new course would need to undergo evaluation by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) before being implemented to ensure that they truly meet the needs of the job market.

The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) conducts comprehensive assessments with industry input to ensure that courses offered by higher education institutions remain relevant, sustainable, and aligned with current market needs. The ministry continuously monitors developments in both public and private institutions, taking into consideration factors such as programme costs, institutional readiness, and industry demand. During each academic session, university senates review proposals to introduce new programmes or discontinue courses that are no longer relevant to the job market while also considering new government policies. A similar process is implemented in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions, including polytechnics and community colleges, where several programmes, such as the Diploma in Textile Technology, are currently under review. In addition, MOHE is upgrading 10 polytechnics to Premier Polytechnic status by 2027, enabling them to offer Bachelor's Degree programmes and further strengthen Malaysia's TVET sector. The ministry also encourages SPM graduates not to reject higher education offers due to financial concerns, as various forms of government assistance are available to support students and ease their financial burdens.

