



COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR LICENSING STUDENT RECRUITMENT AGENCIES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTIONS

SRA/STD/01: Scope

These Standards and Guidelines shall apply to:

1. Agencies for student recruitment into universities/institutions;
2. Agencies for advertising, exhibiting and marketing universities/institutions;
3. Foreign universities or institutions directly advertising, exhibiting or recruiting students;
4. A confederation of agencies for recruiting students into universities/institutions; advertising, exhibiting, and marketing universities/institutions.

SRA/STD/02: Conditions for Licensing

An individual or entity wishing to operate a student recruitment agency in Kenya shall apply to the Commission for University Education for a license.

Guidelines

A licensed Student Recruitment Agency shall:

1. Annually apply for licensing from the Commission in a prescribed format;
2. Pay the requisite application fee as set by the Commission from time to time;
3. Have a valid Certificate of Incorporation in Kenya obtained from the Registrar of Companies or a valid Certificate of Registration in Kenya from the Registrar of Business Names;
4. Comply with National and County Governments' regulations governing public and health safety including fire safety;

5. Have a valid Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding/Finance with each of the universities and institutions that it represents or intends to represent;
6. Have its own or leased physical address:
 - (a) If the physical address is owned by the agency, a valid title deed be availed to the Commission;
 - (b) If the physical address is leased, a valid lease agreement be availed to the Commission.
7. Have a functional:
 - (a) Postal address;
 - (b) Website;
 - (c) Internet;
 - (d) Email address; and
 - (e) Fixed/mobile telephone number.

SRA/STD/003: Office Space

A Student Recruitment Agency shall have appropriate and adequate office space.

Guidelines

The office space shall have:

1. Sufficient aeration and lighting;
2. A reception area and interview/counseling room(s);
3. Suitable furniture and related work tools;
4. Sufficient clean water;
5. Access to clean and well maintained male and female sanitation facilities.

SRA/STD/04: Human Resource

A Student Recruitment Agency shall have adequate and competent human resources to execute its mandate in accordance with its human resource policy.

Guidelines

1. There shall be a clear human resource policy detailing employee management policies, guidelines and practices in the agency;

2. All employees in the agency shall have requisite qualifications and experience in their areas of operation to enable them advise students, parents and guardians appropriately;
3. At least two employees in the agency shall have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree;
4. A database on employee profiles including citizenship, qualifications, and employment details shall be developed and maintained;
5. The citizenship of employees in the agency shall be evidenced by a valid national identification card for Kenyan citizens and a valid passport for foreigners;
6. Foreign employees shall have valid work permits;
7. Certificates of good conduct for both Kenyan and foreign employees shall be obtained from the Kenya Police Service.

SRA/STD/05: Validity of the License

A full license to operate as a student recruitment agency shall last for one calendar year while a short term license shall last for up to three months. Both licenses are renewable provided the licensed agency adheres to these Standards and Guidelines.

Guidelines

1. The term of the license shall commence from the date of issue or as may otherwise be stated in the license itself;
2. An annual license shall end twelve months (or as may otherwise be stated in the license itself) from the date of commencement;
3. A short-term license shall end three months (or as may otherwise be stated in the license itself) from the date of commencement
4. The Commission may vary or nullify the license if the agency contravenes any of the terms and conditions under which the license is issued;
5. An agency wishing to continue operating as a student recruitment agency shall apply for the renewal of its license in the manner prescribed by the Commission at least one month prior to expiry; and
6. An agency whose license has expired and has not applied for renewal shall cease operations or be deemed to be in contravention of the Universities Act.

SRA/STD/06: Quality of Service

A Student Recruitment Agency shall promote the highest standards of student recruitment, advertising, exhibiting and marketing for universities/institutions.

Guidelines

A student recruitment agency shall:

1. Have and display a Service Charter detailing its services and timelines;
2. Develop and institutionalize internal quality assurance mechanisms;
3. Only recruit students for admission into the universities and institutions approved by the Commission;
4. Clearly outline the services rendered to students before and after they join the universities and institutions they are recruited into;
5. Track and record the progress of the students they place in universities and institutions;
6. Develop and maintain alumni records;
7. Evaluate and document feedback from the students, parents, guardians and related clients they serve.

SRA/STD/07: Obligations of a Licensed Student Recruitment Agency

A Student Recruitment Agency shall recruit qualified students for admission into universities/ institutions that are accredited and recognized in their countries of origin.

Guidelines

A student recruitment agency shall:

1. Recruit for admission only qualified students meeting requisite entry requirements as set by the Commission from time to time;
2. Recruit students for admission into accredited and recognized universities and institutions in their countries of origin;
3. Ensure that the students upon graduation submit their qualifications to the Commission for recognition and equation.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING A STUDENT RECRUITMENT AGENCY
(CHECKLIST TO BE USED DURING INSPECTION)

1. Annual application in the prescribed format.
2. Evidence of payment of the requisite Licensing fee.
3. A valid Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Registration.
4. Valid Business Permit.
5. Valid Fire safety certificate.
6. A List of universities/institutions being represented or to be represented.
7. Valid Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding/Finance with each of the universities/institutions being represented or to be represented.
8. A valid title deed if the premises are owned by the agency or a valid lease agreement if the premises are leased.
9. A Clear Human Resource Policy.
10. Staff Profiles including:
 - a. Copies of ID cards (for Kenyan employees),
 - b. Copies of passports and valid work permits (for foreign employees),
 - c. Highest academic qualifications,
 - d. Copies of Certificates of Good Conduct for all employees.
11. A minimum of a bachelor's degree for at least two employees.
12. Functional postal address; Website; Internet; Email address; and a fixed/mobile telephone number.
13. Physical Address in Kenya.
14. Suitable furniture and related work tools; sufficient clean drinking water; and access to clean and well maintained male and female sanitation facilities.
15. Well displayed Service Charter detailing services offered with clear timelines.
16. A Self – Assessment Report in the prescribed format (when seeking license renewal).
17. A physical visit/inspection to the offices of the Recruitment Agency by the Commission for University Education Team.

18. License Charges

S/No.	Type Of License	Amount (KES)
a)	Annual License	100, 000/=
b)	Short-term License - Authority to mount Student recruitment fairs and exhibitions (Maximum one month)	35, 200/=
c)	Short-term License - Authority to mount Student recruitment fairs and exhibitions (Maximum one week)	8, 800/=

19. Payment Options

Kindly follow the step-by-step guidelines in CUE's portal for Licensing of Student Recruitment Agencies: <https://imis.cue.or.ke/LicensingPortal/> that require all payments for this service to be done via eCitizen platform. Please follow the system prompts through the payment process.