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COMMUNIQUE N° _____ /MINESUP/IGS DU _____ AUTHORIZING
LAUNCHING SELECTIONS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES
(ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027)

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Chancellor of Academic Orders, has the honor to inform the University community that he presided over, yesterday, the first session of the National Commission for Doctoral Training (CNFD).

Pursuant to the Very High Instructions of the President of the Republic, the National Commission for Doctoral Training was established on July 27, 2026, by the Prime Minister, Head of Government. It is responsible for regulating the doctoral cycle in accordance with the vision of the Government of the Republic. To this end, it handles the quotas for selections, the monitoring of the quality of doctoral training, and the granting of research support for doctoral studies where applicable.

The main objectives of this session were to rule on the quota of students to be selected for the doctoral cycle during the 2026-2027 academic year; the distribution of candidates by University institution; the harmonization of selection and training procedures for the doctoral cycle; and finally, to determine priority research fields within this cycle, in accordance with the National Development Strategy.

This communiqué, issued following the deliberations of the CNFD, authorizes the opening of thesis selections for the 2026-2027 academic year, the establishment of rules to be followed, the fixing of quotas per University, the publication of the schedule, and the determination of the procedure to be observed.

I - RULES TO BE FOLLOWED

1. Entry into doctoral studies takes place exclusively through selection;
2. Candidates must hold a Research Master's degree or any other equivalent diploma obtained in fundamental or applied studies, **excluding Master's degrees in professional and technological studies (Professional Master's degrees);**
3. Have obtained at least a "Fairly Good" (Assez-Bien) grade in at least one of the three levels of the Bachelor's (Licence) cycle;

4. Have obtained their Research Master's degree with a grade of at least 13/20 or grade C+ for fundamental sciences on the one hand, and 14/20 or grade B for humanities and social sciences on the other hand. Without ever being revised downward, these criteria may be raised by the head of the institution depending on the specificities of the fields of study, the number of available slots, and reception capacities;
5. Must not have gone for resit exams (rattrapage) for the assessments of the last two semesters of the Master's program.

Selected students shall pay annual university fees amounting to fifty thousand (50,000) CFA francs (except for students who are not nationals of CEMAC countries), and supervision and defense fees shall be borne by the University institution.

II - QUOTAS PER UNIVERSITY

In view of the proposals made by the President of the Conference of Heads of University Institutions (CONCIU), and after consultation, the CNFD, taking into account reception and supervisory capacities as well as financial sustainability, decides that for the 2026/2027 academic year, quotas are distributed as follows:

- Number of slots for Cameroonian students: 700;
- Number of slots for international students: 115.

N°	UNIVERSITY	QUOTA	PECIAL QUOTA FOR SALARIED PHYSICIANS / ODONTOSTOMATOLOGISTS & PHARMACISTS	SPECIAL QUOTA FOR MINRESI RESEARCHERS	INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES QUOTA	TOTAL
1.	BAMENDA	60	05	05	10	80
2.	BERTOUA	30	/	05	08	43
3.	BUEA	60	05	05	10	80
4.	DOUALA	70	08	05	10	93
5.	DSCHANG	60	05	05	15	85
6.	EBOLOWA	30	05	05	08	48
7.	GAROUA	30	05	05	08	48
8.	MAROUA	60	/	05	15	80
9.	NGAOUNDERE	60	/	05	11	76
10.	YAOUNDE I	70	12	05	10	97
11.	YAOUNDE II	70	/	05	10	85
TOTAL		600	45	55	115	815

III - SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE TO BE OBSERVED

- Heads of University institutions shall launch calls for applications no later than **Saturday, October 24, 2026**. They must transmit the draft selection lists to the Technical Secretariat via the President of the CONCIU no later than **Monday, November 30, 2026**.
- Researchers who are candidates from the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation must, in addition to the documents required for admission to the cycle, attach an authorization to apply signed by the competent authority of that ministerial department.
- Candidates applying under the physician quota for thesis selection must prove their affiliation with a public higher education institution (status of permanent lecturer/teacher).
- Proposals for the supervision of foreign students' theses shall be processed separately, following that of national students in the draft selection list.
- Physical draft lists must be accompanied by their digital version. They must highlight in a table, at a minimum, the following information: doctoral school, training unit/department (UFD), student's last name and first names, nationality, specialty, research topic, supervisor's last and first names, academic rank, and the University affiliation of the supervisor(s).

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