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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **KITWE MAN JAILED 2 YEARS FOR FORGERY OF SCHOOL CERTIFICATES**

**Lusaka, Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.** The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) is pleased with the conviction and sentencing of Misheck Chiyesu of Kitwe by the Lusaka Magistrate Court. Misheck Chiyesu aged 27, was sentenced to two (2) years imprisonment with hard labour for forgery of School Certificates.

Details are that on dates unknown but between October 2018 and January 2019, Chiyesu was involved in the production of School Certificates purporting to show that they were issued by the Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) when in fact not. This is contrary to Section 342 and 347 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. On one count, Chiyesu was found guilty of the offence of forgery and was sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment with hard labour while on the second count, he was found guilty of offence of forgery committed on dates unknown but in the month of April 2019 and was sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment with hard labour. Both sentences will run concurrently effective the date of conviction. The case was presided over by Magistrate, Honourable A. Walusiku who passed the Judgment on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The conviction and sentencing of Chiyesu will act as a deterrent to anyone with intentions to engage in similar acts.

We therefore, emphasize that ECZ is the only institution mandated by law to award certificates to deserving candidates after sitting for examinations conducted by the Council.

ECZ remains committed to its mandate and will ensure that certificates are obtained through the prescribed assessment and certification process that protects the Zambian school qualification and the integrity of the education system in Zambia. Those who work to defile this effort risk being prosecuted in accordance with the Law.

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