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To announce the competitive entrance examination for admission into the 1st year of the Advanced Professional Studies (EPA) Programme of the Advanced School of Economics and Commerce (ESSEC) of the University of Douala, for the 2021/2022 academic year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

MINDFUL OF the Constitution;
 MINDFUL OF Law n° 2001/005 of 16 April 2001 on Higher Education Orientation;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2018/190 of March 2, 2018 amending and supplementing certain provisions of Decree n° 2011/408 of December 9, 2011 on the organization of the Government;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2011/410 of 09 December 2011 to appoint Members of Government;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2019/002 of 04 January 2019 to reshuffle the Government;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 93/026 of 19 January 1993 to create State Universities;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2005/342 of 10 September to amend and complete some provisions of Decree n° 93/027 of 19 January 1993 to define provisions common to Universities;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 93/030 of 19 January 1993 to lay down the administrative and academic organization of the University of Douala;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 93/032 of 19 January 1993 to lay down the financial regulations applicable to Universities;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2012/433 of 01 October 2012 to organize the Ministry of Higher Education;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2017/318 of 27 June 2017 to appoint Vice Chancellors and Rectors in some State Universities;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2019/374 of July 11, 2019 appointing the Rector of the Universities of Douala;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2017/319 of 2017 June to appoint staff members in State Universities;
 MINDFUL OF Decree n° 2013/089/PM of 12 March 2013 to appoint staff members at the Ministry of Higher Education;
 MINDFUL OF Decision n° 21-00075/MINESUP/SG/DAUQ/SDEAC/ of February 15, 2021 setting the calendar for competition entry into the Establishments of Cameroon State Universities and Schools under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, for the academic year 2021 - 2022;

HEREBY ANNOUNCES:

Article 1: A competitive entrance examination for admission of Two hundred and eighty (280) students into the first year of the Advanced Professional Studies (EPA) Program of the Advanced School of Economics and Commerce (ESSEC) of the University of Douala for the 2021/2022 academic year is hereby launched. The training is full-time (day classes). The options and number of places are as follows:

Option	Number of places
Entrepreneurship Management (ENT)	40
Sales Management and Business Negotiation (VNC)	40
Financial and accountant management (FICO)	40
Management of corporate social policy (POSE)	40
Quality management (QUAL)	40
Project management, analysis and evaluation (AEP)	40
Communication management (COM)	40
Total number of places	280

Article 2: The examination is opened to candidates of both sexes, holders of at least a Bachelor Degree or its equivalent.

Article 3: Candidates application files include the following:

- 1) A registration form (obtainable at ESSEC, or at the Department of University Accreditation and Quality at the Ministry of Higher Education; also downloadable online at the url: www.essec-douala.cm/concours2021);
- 2) A hand-written application bearing a 1000 CFA Francs Stamp;
- 3) A certified true copy of birth certificate, not older than three (3) months;

- 4) A certified true copy of Baccalauréat or GCE A/L;
- 5) A certified true copy of the bachelor degree giving right to the examination;
- 6) A schooling certificate testifying that the candidate is registered in a third year Bachelor Degree cycle class, for candidates applying under the reserve of succeeding in their Bachelor degree;
- 7) A medical certificate, not older than three (3) months, issued by a state registered medical practitioner;
- 8) Two (2) recent passport size photographs of the candidate;
- 9) An authorization to register for the competitive examination issued by the Ministry of Public Service and Administrative Reform, or the competent Administrative Authority, for **civil servants and state agents**;
- 10) The receipt issued upon payment of twenty five thousand (25.000) CFA Francs on the following account: École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC), n° 14004000005, United Bank for Africa (UBA) Cameroon. (**NB : the payment should strictly be made under the candidate's name**);
- 11) An A4 self-addressed envelope bearing a 1000 CFA Francs postal Stamp.

Article 4: (1) Once the above file has been constituted, the admission diploma (or the schooling certificate), the certified photocopy of the birth certificate, a passport size photo and the payment receipt must be scanned in color to be deposited on the online registration platform (www.essec-douala.cm/concours2021) after having properly filled all the requested information, **latest on July 21, 2021 at midnight**.

(2) Only those candidates who will have fulfilled this online registration of their application shall be authorized to sit for the examination. This requirement also applies to foreign CEMAC candidates and all applicants must note that access to this online registration will no longer be possible after July 21, 2021.

(3) The complete hard copy file should be deposited at the admission office of ESSEC or sent to ESSEC postal address (BP: 1931 Douala – Cameroun), latest on Friday, July 23, 2021, trusting the post office stamp.

Article 5: (1) The competition will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, starting at 08 am sharp, potentially in the following examination centres: Douala, Yaoundé, Bafoussam, Garoua. To access the examinations rooms, the national identity card will be required to the candidates.

(2) Applicants from centres that will have collected less than 100 applications may be grouped together in a nearby center. As well, centers can also be created in regions with more than 100 applicants. If applicable, the information relating to this, as well as the examination location, will be indicated on the ESSEC website, one week at the latest before the examination runs.

Article 6: For Cameroonians and non CEMAC nationality candidates, the competitive entrance examination has only one part, a written examination representing 100% of the final mark. Subjects will be available in French and English and it is up to candidates to choose any of both languages.

Article 7: the examination comprise the following two (02) papers of equivalent importance:

1.	Economic ESSAY	on an economic subject to test the candidate's interest in economics or management topics relating to contemporary firms preoccupations, current national and international economic problem or to recent economic history or geography	03 heures
2.	Specialty paper	to test the candidate's aptitude to carry on advanced studies in the chosen option for specialization	03 heures

Article 8: With respect to some communitarian agreements, 10% of the places opened to Cameroonians and non CEMAC nationality candidates are granted on title to foreign candidates who are nationals of the CEMAC zone. These places shall be shared among these countries, based on the criterion of merit, in proportion of the number of candidates originating from each of them.

Article 9: The Rector of the university of Douala, the Director of the Department of University Accreditations and Quality, and the Director of ESSEC, shall be responsible, each in his own sphere, for the implementation of this press release which shall be registered and published wherever necessary.

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