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Beware of bogus UK degree colleges

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Trading in bogus degrees became a criminal offence on November 30, writes John Clare, Education Editor, in the Daily Telegraph.

It will now be illegal for any British institution to award a degree unless it, or the award, appears on a comprehensive list published by Mr. Baker, Education Secretary.

Unauthorised institutions which offer degrees or awards using the terms bachelor, master or doctor, will be fined up to £2,000 for each offence.

The provisions, under the Education Reform Act, will be policed by Trading Standards Officers.

Mr. Baker said unscrupulous operators would now be prevented from undermining the reputation of British degrees.

He said the list of approved institutions and awards would give students, particularly those from overseas, the "means to distinguish between bogus UK degrees and the real thing".

Publication of the list was welcomed by the British Council which receives more than 5,000 inquiries a month from overseas students about degree study in Britain.

The following Universities and Institutions are authorised by Royal Charter or Act of Parliament to award UK degrees.

Aberdeen, Aston, Bath, Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Brunel, Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Brunel, Buckingham, Cambridge (and its 31 colleges), City, Cranfield Inst of Tech, Dundee, Durham (and its 14 colleges), East Anglia, Edinburgh, Essex, Exeter, Glasgow, Heriot-Watt, Hull, Keele, Kent (and its four colleges), Lancaster (and its eight colleges), Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool.

London (and its 33 institutes, schools, and colleges), London Business School, Loughborough, Manchester (including UMIST and Manchester Business School), Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham, Open Uni-

versity, Oxford (and its 40 colleges and halls), Queen's Belfast, Reading, Royal Coll of Art, Royal Coll of Music, St. Andrews (and its three colleges), Salford, Sheffield, Southampton, Stirling, Strathclyde, Surrey, Sussex, Ulster, Wales (and its six colleges), Warwick, York (and its six colleges).

The Archbishop of Canterbury is also authorised to award degrees.

The following Polytechnics and Colleges offering approved courses leading to the award of a UK degree granted by a recognised body:

Anglo-European Coll of ChiropRACTICE, Bournemouth, Ashridge Management Coll, Bangor Normal Coll, Bath Coll of H E, Bishop Grosseteste Coll Lincoln, Botton Inst of H E, Bedford Coll of H E, Bishop Grosseteste Coll Lincoln, Botton Inst of H E, Bradford & likely Comm Coll, Bretton Hall Coll Wakefield, Brighton Poly, Bristol Poly, British Sch of Osteopathy London, Buckinghamshire Coll of H E, Bulmershe Coll of H E Reading, Camborne Sch of Mines, Cambridge Inst of Educ, Cambridgeshire Coll of Arts and Tech, Cent Manchester Coll, Central Sch of Speech & Drama London.

Centre for the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations Selly Oak Coll Birmingham, Charing Cross Hosp London, Charlotte Mason Coll of Educ Ambleside, Chester Coll of H E, Chichester Theological Coll, Christ Church Coll Canterbury, City of Birmingham Poly, City of London Poly, Colchester Inst, Coll of Petroleum Studies Oxford, Coll of Ripon & York St. John, Coll of St. Mark & St. John Plymouth, Coll of St. Paul & St. Mary Cheltenham.

Coventry Poly, Craigie Coll of Educ Ayr, Crewe & Alsager Coll of H E, Dartington Coll of Arts Totnes, De La Salle Coll of H E Manchester, Derbyshire Coll of H E, Doncaster Met Inst of H E, Dorset Inst of H E, Duncan of Jordanstone Coll of Art Dundee, Dundee Inst of Tech, Eal-

ing Coll of H E, Edge Hill Coll of H E Ormskirk, Edinburgh Coll of Art, Essex Inst of H E, Falmouth Sch of Art & Design, Glasgow Coll of Tech, Glasgow Sch of Art, Gloucestershire Coll of Art & Tech.

Gwent Coll of H E, Harrow Coll of H E, Hatfield Poly, Henley Management Coll, Hertfordshire Coll of Art & Design, Hillingdon Hosp Post-graduate Centre, Humberside Coll of H E, Inst for Biotechnological Studies London, Inst of Advanced Nursing Educ London, Jews' Coll London, Jordanhill Coll of Educ Glasgow, Kent Inst of Art & Design, Kidderminster Coll of H E, King Alfreds' Coll of H E Winchester.

Kingston Poly, La Sainte Union Coll of H E Southampton, Laban Centre for Movement & Dance London, Lancashire Poly, Leeds Poly, Leicester Poly, Leicestershire County Council Dept of Educ, Liverpool Inst of H E, Liverpool Poly, London Bible Coll, London Contemporary Dance Sch, London Inst, Loughborough Coll of Art & Design, Luton Coll of H E.

Manchester Poly, Manchester Royal Infirmary Sch of Physiotherapy, Middlesex Poly, Moray House Coll of Educ Edinburgh, Napier Poly of Edinburgh, Nene Coll Northampton, New Coll Durham, Newcastle upon Tyne Poly, Newman Coll Birmingham, North Cheshire Coll Warrington, N E London Poly, N E Surrey Coll of Tech Ewell, N E Wales Inst of H E Wrexham.

North Riding Coll Scarborough, Northern Coll of Educ Aberdeen, Norwich City Coll of F and H E, Norwich Sch of Art, Oak Hill Coll London, Oxford Poly, Paisley Coll of Tech, Plymouth Poly, Poly of Cent London, Poly of North London, Poly of Wales, Portsmouth Poly, Queen's Coll Glasgow, Queen Margaret Coll Edinburgh.

RAF Coll Cranwell, Ravensbourne Coll of Design and Comm Chislehurst, Robert Gordon's Inst of Tech Aberdeen, Roehampton Inst of H E, Rose Bruford Coll of Speech &

Drama Sidcup, Royal Naval Coll London, Royal Naval Engineering Coll Plymouth, Royal Scottish Acad of Music & Drama Glasgow, Royal Agricultural Coll Cirencester, Royal Acad of Music London.

Salford Coll of Tech, Salisbury & Wells Theological Coll, Scottish Coll of Textiles Galashiels, Sheffield City Poly, South Bank Poly London, South Glamorgan Inst of H E Cardiff, Southampton Inst of H E, Spurgeon's Coll London, St. Andrew's Coll of Educ Glasgow, St. John's Seminary Wonersh, St. Martin's Coll Lancaster, St. Mary's Coll Twickenham.

Staffordshire Poly, Stockport Coll of Tech, Stourbridge Coll of Tech, Sunderland Poly, Tavistock Clinic London, Teeside Poly, Thames Poly, Thames Valley Coll of H E Slough, The Poly Huddersfield, The Poly Wolverhampton, Trent Poly Nottingham, Trinity & All Saints Coll Carmarthen, Trinity Coll of Music, London.

Watford Coll, Welsh Coll of Music & Drama Cardiff, West Glamorgan Inst of H E Swansea, West London Inst of H E, West Surrey Coll of Art & Design Farnham, West Sussex Inst of H E Bognor Regis, Westhill Coll Birmingham, Westminster Coll Oxford, Wimbledon Sch of Art, Winchester Sch of Art, Worcester Coll of H E.

The following awards have been designated by the Secretary of State of Education and Science as recognised awards:

Degree of the Utter Bar (awarded by Inns of Court); Master of Horticulture (Royal Horticultural Society); Mastership in Chemical Analysis (Royal Society of Chemistry); Mastership in Clinical Biochemistry (jointly by Royal Coll of Physicians, Royal Society of Chemistry, Royal Coll of Pathologists, Assoc of Clinical Biochemists); Mastership in Food Control (jointly by Royal Society of Chemistry, Inst of Biology, Inst of Food Science & Technology).