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NILAI: Private colleges that have been upgraded to university college status now have 10 years before they start offering their own programmes.

Previously, they were given five years to do so.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said a change in policy in July last year meant these institutions had 10 years from when they had been granted university college status to offer their own programmes.

"These institutions can also offer foreign degrees but at post-graduate level only. Under the previous policy, they could not offer any foreign twinning or franchised degrees at all," he told reporters after launching INTI

International University College's eight new undergraduate degree programmes yesterday.

He added that these institutions must offer 80% of their own programmes and only 20% foreign.

Asked about a television news report which claimed it interviewed students who worked as guest relations officers, Mustapa said it was up to the individual public or private higher education institutions to investigate the matter.

"They could also be pretending to be students. We have not received any report on this."

INTI International University College board of directors' chairman Datuk Dr Mohamad Zawawi Ismail said a major milestone was achieved when it was given university college status in September last year.

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