

उत्तराखण्ड शासन
सिंचाई अनुभाग-1

संख्या:- 1239/ 11(I)-2017-06(76)/2012

देहरादून: दिनांक 28 जुलाई, 2017

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दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धति से आई0ए0एस0ई0, सरदार शहर, राजस्थान के द्वारा संचालित बी0टेक0 पाठ्यक्रम डिग्री की वैधता के सम्बन्ध में सिंचाई विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन के पत्र दिनांक 01.12.2016 के क्रम में विश्व विद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के संलग्न पत्र 83-2/2016(DEB-III) दिनांक 07 जुलाई, 2017 के माध्यम से दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धति से प्राप्त डिग्री की वैधता के सम्बन्ध में स्थिति स्पष्ट की गयी है।

अतः UGC से प्राप्त उक्त पत्र की प्रति संलग्न कर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु आपको प्रेषित की जा रही है।

संलग्नक-यथोक्त।



(आनन्द बर्द्धन)
प्रमुख सचिव।



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F.No. 83-2/2017 (DEB-III)

By Speed Post

Dated: July, 2017

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Sub: Regarding Clarification of Degree obtained from IASE Sardarshahar Rajasthan University.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2140/11-2016-06(76)/2012 dated 01.12.2016 received from MHRD vide letter No.F.12-1/2017-DL dated March 2017 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to inform you as under:-

1. The Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahar, Rajasthan is a Deemed University, UGC has not granted its approval to the university to offer technical courses under ODL mode. The erstwhile 'Distance Education Council' (DEC) had granted ex-post facto 'Institutional recognition' to it for the programmes offered by it through distance mode upto the academic year 2005. The provisional institutional recognition was also granted to it for the academic year 2007-08. No further recognition has been granted to it either by DEC or UGC to offer any programme through distance mode. The information is also displayed on UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in/deb.

It is for your information that a Deemed University can operate within its own Headquarters only. The UGC has not granted its approval to the university to open any study centre in any other State or even within its State. Kindly refer the Public Notice dated 27.06.2013 (copy enclosed) on territorial jurisdiction of universities and other matters related to distance education on UGC website.

2. A copy of checklist/parameters issued vide F.No.12-4/2016 (DEB-III) dated 27.04.2016 for checking the validity of qualifications acquired through distance mode is also attached for more information on the subject. The Policy of the UGC with regard to territorial jurisdiction and off campuses/study centres has been clearly circulated in its "Public Notice" dated 27-06-2013, which is also available on the UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in. Attention is also invited to a Public Notice issued vide F.No. 12-9/2016(DEB-III) dated 19.07.2016 wherein it has been clarified that territorial jurisdiction policy is equally applicable in case of examination Centre. The same is uploaded at U.G.C. website and can be accessed at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1873455_Territorial-Jurisdiction-of-Universities.pdf. Copies of letters issued by UGC regarding 'Online Examinations under Open and Distance Learning mode' dated 06.10.2016 and 'Disclosure of Information on website' regarding ODL programmes and territorial jurisdiction in case of examination centres' is attached for your reference.

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3. The degrees acquired through distance education mode are recognised for the purpose of employment in central government and also for pursuing higher education in other educational institutions provided the same has been awarded by the universities/institutions recognized specifically to offer education through distance mode in conformity with the norms, guidelines and regulations of UGC.

Yours faithfully,


(Smita Bidani)

Education Officer

Encl: As above

F.No. 12-4/2016 (DEB-III)

Dated: 27th April, 2016

Sub: Checklist/parameters for checking the validity of qualification acquired through distance mode.

1. There is no provision or mechanism in UGC to verify/validate the degrees/diploma/certificates issued by universities/institutions. The same can be verified by the issuing authority i.e. the concerned university/institution only. However, the following points may be taken into consideration while deciding the validity of qualifications acquired through distance mode.

2. MHRD vide Gazette Notification No.6-1/2013 dated 10.06.2015 (published in Gazette on dated 25.07.2015) has notified that- "all the degrees/diplomas/certificates including technical education degrees/diploma awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode of education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government, provided they have been approved by the UGC."

Prior to this, the Gazette Notification No. 44 dated 01.03.1995 was effective. As per this, the approval of Distance Education Council (DEC) was necessary for the recognition of qualifications acquired through ODL mode of education.

3. Therefore, all universities are required to obtain prior specific approval for offering education through distance mode. The year-wise details of recognition accorded to the universities to offer education through distance mode have been uploaded on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb.

4. It may be noted that programme-wise recognition has been given to some universities for some academic years, the same has been uploaded on UGC website. In some case, it is 'institutional'. It is clarified that during the period of 'institutional recognition', the universities were required to offer programmes approved by the statutory bodies of their university and after seeking approval of the concerned regulatory bodies, wherever required. Further, in case of technical/professional programmes offered by the university, the approval from the AICTE was required to be obtained by the university in accordance with the Gazette Notification No. 44 dated 1.3.1995 issued by MHRD. Seeking approval from the respective apex bodies was the responsibility of the university.

5. The degrees acquired through distance education mode are recognised for the purpose of employment in central government and also for pursuing higher education in other educational institutions provided the same has been awarded by the universities/institutions recognized specifically to offer education through distance mode in conformity with the norms, guidelines and regulations of UGC. However, it is the prerogative of the concerned employer/university/institution to take a view in respect of qualification acquired through distance mode.

6. The duration of programme, nomenclature of programme and the minimum eligibility criteria should be as per UGC norms. Single sitting/one year degree programmes are not allowed. The details of degrees specified by UGC along with the level of the degree, minimum duration of the programme and minimum qualification required at entry level are given in the 'Specification of Degrees, 2014' published in the Gazette of India in July, 2014. Copy of the same is uploaded on UGC website and is available at the link

http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1061840_specification-of-degrees-july-2014.pdf.

7. The erstwhile DEC of IGNOU has issued a Notification dated 01.11.2012 regarding the policy on pursuing two or more programmes simultaneously in various combinations. The same is also uploaded on UGC website at the link

<http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices/NOTIFICATION-PolicyonPursuingtwoormoreProgrammesSimultaneously.pdf>

In the meantime, the matter regarding pursuing two degree programmes simultaneously was also being considered by UGC. Now, UGC vide Public Notice dated 15.01.2016 has clarified as under:

"The Commission had sought the comments of the Statutory Councils. The responses, so far, received do not endorse the idea of allowing the students to pursue two degree simultaneously. Therefore, the universities shall conduct their programmes in accordance with the First Degree and Master Degree Regulations, 2003 prescribed by the UGC and also follow the norms and parameters prescribed by the Statutory Council concerned, wherever relevant".

8. Further universities/institutions are required to adhere to the 'Territorial Jurisdiction' policy of UGC. Also, franchising of education through private institutions/centres is not allowed by UGC. The following are the regulating provisions regarding territorial jurisdiction and Study Centres pertaining to different types of universities:

(i) The Deemed Universities can operate within their own Head Quarters or from those off campuses/off-shore campuses which are approved by the Govt. of India through notification published in the gazette. Any Study Centre can be opened only with the specific approval of UGC. It is for information that UGC, so far, has not granted its approval to any Deemed to be University to open any 'Study Centre' in any other State or even within its own State. Further, institutions declared Deemed to be Universities before 26.05.2010 are not allowed to conduct courses in distance mode from any of its off-campus centres/off-shore campuses approved after 26.05.2010.

(ii) The Private Universities cannot open their centre(s) even within the State as per the provision of UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation, 2003 without the approval of UGC. The UGC has not granted any approval to the university to open off campus/study centre anywhere.

(iii) In the case of State Universities, these can operate within their respective States Only through their own departments/constituent colleges and/or through their affiliated colleges with the approval of their statutory bodies/councils, wherever required. It is for information that UGC has not granted approval to any State University to open off-campus/study centre in other States.

(iv) The 'State Universities' and 'Private Universities' cannot operate beyond their State of origin. These are established by the State Governments and hence cannot operate in other States. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 11.02.2005 in the case of Prof. Yashpal & Anr. vs State of Chhattisgarh & Ors held that- "In view of Article 245 (1) of the Constitution, Parliament alone is competent to make laws for the whole or any part of the territory of India and the Legislature of the State may make laws for the whole or any part of the State."

(v) The UGC does not allow any type of university/institution to offer education through distance mode by hiring any private establishment, institutions or centres. No such franchising, collaboration or agreement is recognised by UGC.


9. It is also for information that no institution is allowed to offer technical, medical and para-medical programmes including M.Phil and Ph.D through distance mode. The UGC has not allowed any university to offer education through online mode. For more information kindly refer to various public notices already displayed on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb at the link

<http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/pdf/debinfo%20for%20stakeholders.pdf> The other issues regarding UGC policy on territorial jurisdiction, study centres, franchising of education etc. are also covered in these notices as well as in other notices.

10. As for as technical education is concerned, it is clarified that the programmes like BE/B.Tech. are not allowed through distance mode. MHRD directions prohibiting BE/B.Tech through distance mode dated 29.07.2009 is uploaded on UGC website at the link

<http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices/MHRDBTechMTech.pdf>.

Also, the joint committee of UGC, AICTE and DEC has not given its recognition to B.E and B.Tech programmes of any university through distance mode. In this regard copy of letter dated 13.08.2009 issued by DEC may be seen at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices/BTechMTech.pdf>. Also, it is has been the policy of AICTE not to recognise any technical qualification acquired through distance mode.


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