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University Grants Commission
(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
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3rd August, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a scheme on skill development based higher education as part of college/university education, leading to Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) Degree with multiple exit options such as Diploma/Advanced Diploma under the NSQF. The B.Voc. programme is focussed on universities and colleges providing undergraduate studies which would also incorporate specific job roles and their National Occupational Standards (NOSs) alongwith broad based general education.

In order to, look into new developments and consider the candidates passing out of B.Voc. Degree Programme as per eligibility requirements, it is requested to implement the following:

- (i) Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.), a Bachelor level degree specified by UGC under section 22(3) of UGC Act, 1956 and notified in official Gazette of India dated 19th January, 2013 be recognised at par with the other Bachelor level degrees for competitive exams conducted by Union/State Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission or other such bodies where the eligibility criteria is "Bachelor Degree in any discipline".
- (ii) Students with B.Voc. Degree should be considered eligible for the trans disciplinary vertical mobility into such courses where entry qualification is a Bachelor Degree without specific requirement in a particular discipline.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

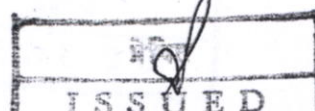
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The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.

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University Grants Commission
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F. No. UGC/DEB/ 2013
Dated 14.10.2013

The Registrar/Director
Of all the Indian Universities
(Deemed, State, Central Universities/
Institutions of National importance)

Subject: Equivalence of Degrees awarded by Open and Distance Learning
(ODL) Institutions at par with Conventional Universities/ Institutions

Sir/ Madam,

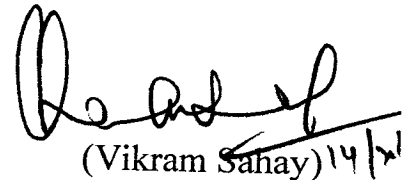
There are a number of Open and Distance Learning Institutions (ODLIs) in the country offering Degree/ Diploma/Certificate programmes through the mode of non formal education. These comprise Open Universities, Distance Education Institutions (either single mode or dual mode) of Central Universities, State Universities, Deemed to be Universities, Institutions of National Importance or any other Institution of Higher learning recognized by Central/State/Statutory Council/Societies registered under the Society Registration Act 1860.

2. A circular was earlier issued vide UGC letter F1 No- 52/2000(CPP-II) dated May 05, 2004 (**copy enclosed**) mentioning that Degrees/Diplomas / Certificates/ awarded by the Open Universities in conformity with the UGC notification of degrees be treated as equivalent to corresponding awards of the traditional Universities in the country.
3. Attention is also invited to UGC circular No F1-25/93(CPP-II) dated 28th July 1993 (**copy enclosed**) for recognition of degrees and diplomas as well as transfer of credit for courses successfully completed by students between the two types of universities so that the mobility of students from Open University stream to traditional universities/ institutions is ensured without any difficulty.

4. The Government of India, in exercise of its power conferred under section 20(1) of UGC Act 1956, issued directions dated 29th December 2012 entrusting UGC with the responsibility of regulating higher education programme in open and distance learning (ODL) mode. Consequently, Universities/ Institutions desirous of offering any programme through distance mode would require recognition of UGC.

5. As you are aware, the Government of India has envisaged a greater role for the Open and the Distance Education System. The envisioned role may be fulfilled by recognizing and treating the Degrees / Diplomas/ Certificates awarded through distance mode at par with the degrees obtained through the formal system of education. Open and Distance Education System in the country is contributing a lot in expansion of Higher Education and for achieving target of GER, without compromising on quality. Non recognition/ non equivalence of degrees of ODL institutions for the purpose of promotion/ employment and pursuing higher education may prove a deterrent to many learners and will ultimately defeat the purpose of Open and Distance Education.

6. Accordingly, the Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates awarded for programmes conducted by the ODL institutions, recognized by DEC (erstwhile) and UGC, in conformity with UGC Notification on specification of Degrees should be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degree/Diploma/Certificate of the traditional Universities/ institutions in the country.



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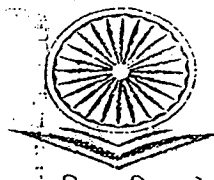
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3. Secretary, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16 Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg (Kotla Marg), New Delhi-110002.

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
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F1-52/2000(CPP-II)

April, 2004

5 MAY 2004

The Registrar/Director
of all the Indian Universities
(Deemed, State, Central Universities/
Institutions of National importance)

Subject: Recognition of Degrees awarded by Open Universities.

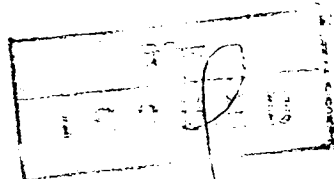
Sir/Madam,

There are a number of open Universities in the country offering various degrees/diploma through the mode of non-formal education. The Open Universities have been established in the country by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2(f) of University Grants Commission Act, 1956. These universities are, therefore, empowered to award degrees in terms of Section 22(1) of the UGC Act, 1956.

A circular was earlier issued vide UGC letter N.F.1-8/92(CPP) dated February, 1992 mentioning that the Certificate, Diplomas and Degrees awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University are to be treated equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Universities in the country.

Attention is further invited to UGC circular No.F1-25/93(CPP-II) dated 28th July, 1993 (copy enclosed) for recognition of degrees and diplomas as well as transfer of credit for courses successfully completed by students between the two types of universities so that the mobility of students from Open University stream to traditional Universities is ensured without any difficulty.

The UGC has specified the nomenclature of degrees under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956 to ensure mandatory requirements viz. minimum essential academic inputs required for awarding such degrees. A copy of Gazette Notification regarding specification of degrees issued vide No.1-52/97(CPP-II) dated 31st January 2004 is enclosed. The details are also given in UGC Web site: www.ugc.ac.in

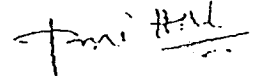


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May, I therefore request you to treat the Degrees / Diploma / Certificates awarded by the Open Universities in conformity with the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the traditional Universities in the country.

Yours faithfully,

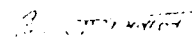


(Dr. [Mrs.] Pankaj Mittal)
Joint Secretary

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2. The Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, I.G. Sports Complex, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002.
3. The Secretary, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), 16 Connaught Place, Marg (Kotla Marg), New Delhi-110002.
4. The Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, I.G. Stadium, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
5. The Director of Distance Education Council, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.
6. The Vice-chancellor Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.
7. The Vice-chancellor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Road No.46, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033 (Andhra Pradesh)
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12. The Vice-chancellor, Kota Open University (Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University), Kota-324010 (Rajasthan)
13. The Vice-chancellor Nctaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata - 700020 (West Bengal)
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D.O.No.F.1-25/93(CPP-11)

July, 1993

28 JUL 1993

Dear Vice Chancellor,

As you are aware, the Open Universities have been established in the country by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2(f) of University Grants Commission Act, 1956. These universities are, therefore, empowered to award degrees in terms of Section 22 (1) of the UGC Act, 1956.

It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that the students who have done their M.A. from open universities are debarred by universities from registration for Ph.D. studies. This is most unfair in view of the importance attached to the Open University and distance learning in National Policy on Education, 1986. The Programme of Action-02 also aims at promoting the mobility of students among open universities and among the traditional universities. This can be made possible only when there is a workable understanding between open universities and traditional universities for recognition of each other's degrees on reciprocal basis. A Memorandum of Understanding has already been signed between University of Pondicherry and Indira Gandhi National Open University which provides for recognition of each other's degrees and diplomas as well as transfer of credits for courses successfully completed by students between the two universities. The other universities may also make similar arrangements so that the mobility of students from Open University stream to traditional universities is ensured without any difficulty.

I hope that your university will make necessary efforts in this direction and let the Commission know the progress.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.P. Gangurde

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To all the VCs as per list attached and copy to A10

