



**UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**

**Abstract**

Modifications in the Calicut University Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study in the light of G.O (Ms) No. 272/2018/HEdn dated 13.11.2018 - approved subject to ratification by the Academic Council - Orders issued.

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**Equivalency and Migration**

U.O.No. 6387/2019/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 17.05.2019

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*Read:-*1. G.O (Ms) No. 272/2018/HEdn dated 13.11.2018 .  
2. U.O.No. 3871/2019/Admn Dated, 16.03.2019.  
3. Minutes of meeting of the Committee constituted by the University to study and report norms and guidelines relating to Equivalency/Recognition of Academic programmes as per G.O (Ms) No.272/2018/HEdn dated 13.11.2018.

**ORDER**

As per paper read as (1) above, the Government approved the following Norms and Guidelines relating to Equivalency/Recognition of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature and degree of other universities formulated by Kerala Higher Education Council.

1. All universities, higher educational institutions (HEIs), agencies and employers shall recognize the degrees awarded by national institutes like Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research(IISERs) and other national level stand alone institutions funded by Governement.
2. All universities/HEIs/employers in the state shall recognize the BS-MS degrees of IISERs, IISc, State/Central Universities and other HEIs funded by Governement.
3. No equivalency/recognition shall be insisted upon for degrees obtained from National institutes like Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs), Indian Institute of Science(IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) or other institutions recognized by University Grants Commisssion(UGC).
4. There shall be reciprocal recognition of degrees awarded by the Indian Universities/other HEIs as listed out and updated by the University Grants Commission.
5. Universities/HEIs/Employment agencies/Employers in the state shall follow the nomenclature of degrees prepared and listed by the UGC .
6. Universities/HEIs/Employment agencies/Employers shall follow the conditions, policies and procedure stipulated by the Association of Indian Universities(AIU) for according recognition/equivalency of qualification/degrees awarded by foreign universities.
7. Universities/HEIs/Employment agencies/Employers shall approve/recognize degrees acquired through open and distance learning complying with the latest University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Regulations.
- 8 Equivalency/recognition of degrees acquired through open and distance Learning before the promulgation of the UGC open and distance learning regulations, 2017 shall be decided by the University concerned.
9. Universities/HEIs/Employment agencies/Employers shall approve /recognize degrees awarded by private universities with the recognition /approval of the UGC, and which comply with the relevent UGC norms/regulations as amended from time to time .

Vide paper read as (2) above, a committee was constituted with the following members to study how to incorporate the Norms and Guidelines relating to Equivalency/Recognition of Academic programmes or Areas of studies and Nomenclature and Degree of other Universities as per the G.O(Ms) No.272/2018/HEdn dated 13.11.2018 to the University Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of study :

1. Dr. P.Vijayaraghavan.P, Member, Syndicate (Convenor)
2. Sri.K.K.Haneefa, Member, Syndicate

3. Dr.P.R.Sree Mahadevan Pillai, Dean, Faculty of Engineering
4. Dr.E.K.Satheesh, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies.
5. Dr.N.Muhammadali, HOD, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and
6. Dr.Lajish.V.L, HOD, Department of Computer Science.

As per paper read as (3) above, the Committee made the following observations and recommendations at its meeting held on 21.03.2019.

1. The Committee observed that, the University of Calicut has already recognized the regular degrees awarded by national institutes like Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institute of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and other national level stand alone institutions funded by Government .
2. The Committee observed that the University of Calicut has already recognized the regular BS-MS degree of IISERs, IISc and other HEI funded by the Government .
3. The Committee recommended the University to grant equivalency to the regular degree programmes of State and Central Universities and National Institutes like Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institute of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) with same nomenclature, course duration and the same or higher eligibility criteria . In the case of degrees offered by other institutions recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC), conditions laid down in the University Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study from time to time may be followed.
4. The Committee recommended for reciprocal recognition of regular degrees awarded by the Indian Universities/other HEIs as listed out and updated by the University Grants Commission subject to the conditions stipulated in the University Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study from time to time.
5. The Committee recommended the University to follow the nomenclature of degrees prepared and listed by the UGC.
6. The Committee recommended the University to grant recognition/equivalency to the regular degree programmes of foreign universities recognized/equalized by Association of Indian Universities, subject to the conditions stipulated in Clause 4.0 of the University Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study.

The Committee also recommended to delete Clause 14.0 regarding Recognition or Equivalency of UG/PG programme of foreign Universities.

7. The Committee recommended to recognize degrees acquired through Open and Distance Learning complying with the latest University Grants Commission and Open and Distance Learning Regulations, subject to the conditions laid down in the University Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study from time to time.
8. The Committee recommended the University to grant Equivalency/Recognition of degrees acquired through Open and Distance Learning before the promulgation of the UGC Open and Distance Learning Regulations, 2017, as per the conditions laid down in the University Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Study from time to time .
9. The Committee recommended to recognize regular Degrees awarded by Private Universities with the recognition/approval of the UGC, and which comply with the relevant UGC norms/regulations as amended from time to time, subject to the conditions stipulated in the Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of study.

**10. In view of the above, the Committee recommended to effect the following modifications in the Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of Study :**

1. The Committee recommended to modify Sub Clause 4.1.1 as " The programme of study is done in a state or central university/foreign university and national institutions like Indian Institute of Technology(IITs), Indian Institute of Science(IISc), National Institute of Technology(NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research(IISERs)".
2. The Committee recommended to modify Sub Clause 4.1.2 as "the nomenclature of the programme is the same and duration is the same or longer.
3. The Committee recommended to delete Sub Clause 4.1.7 and 4.2.
4. The Committee recommended to modify Sub Clause 5.1.1 as " the programme of study is done in a state or central university/deemed university/private university recognized by the UGC or foreign universities recognized by the Association of Indian universities or reputed national institutions such as IIM, IIT, IISc, IISER and NIT and other national level institutions funded by Government.

5. The committee recommended to modify Sub Clause 7.1.1 as " the Programme of study is done in a state or central university or deemed university recognized by the UGC or foreign universities recognized by the Association of Indian Universities".
6. The Committee recommended to delete clause 14.0.
7. The Committee recommended to delete Clause 15.0.
8. The Committee recommended to modify Sub Clause 16.2 as" If M Phil programme in the subject is offered by the University of Calicut, then equivalency may be granted if the conditions mentioned for equivalency in these regulations for UG/PG regular programmes are met".
9. The Committee recommended to delete etc after NIST in Sub Clause 17.2.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to approve the recommendations and modifications suggested by the Committee on the Regulations of Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of study and implement the authenticated Regulations effecting modifications, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

Orders are issued accordingly. These regulations supersede all the previous Regulations in this regard. (Regulations appended)

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Deputy Registrar

To

PS to VC/ PA to PVC/PA to Registrar/PA to FO/ PA to CE/HODs/All JCEs in Exam Branch and SDE& EDE/JR - GA -I & DR-GA II /All Branch Officers/ GA - I -F Section with request to circulate to all Deans of Faculties and BOS Chairpersons/Principals of affiliated colleges/System Administrator,CUCC & Digital Wing.

Forwarded / By Order

Section Officer



## UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

### REGULATIONS ON RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCY OF PROGRAMMES OF STUDIES

#### 1.0 Short Title

1.1 These regulations may be called 'Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of study.'

#### 2.0 Scope, Applicability and Commencement

2.1 These regulations include procedure for granting recognition and equivalency to programmes of study offered by academic institutions.

2.2 These regulations shall be applicable to programmes of study done by candidates in academic institutions within or outside the country

2.3 These regulations shall become effective from the date of approval by the Academic Council .

#### 3.0 Definitions

3.1 'Recognition' is the act of treating the programme of another academic institution inside or outside the country as having merit and quality.

3.2 'Equivalency' is the act of equating the degree of another academic institution in higher education inside or outside the country with the same or similar programme of the University and not to negatively discriminate such programme holders. Within the University, one programme of study may also be granted equivalency to another programme of study of the University. For example, B Com (Honours) has been equated to B Com Regular programme.

3.3 'Eligibility' means the qualification of a person for admission to a prescribed programme of study or research in the University or for registration for examinations of the University for the first time, with reference to the qualifications possessed by the person and minimum qualifications prescribed in the Regulations of the University for the same. The eligibility is generally determined by the Board of Studies concerned.

3.4 'Academic Council' means the Academic Council of the University of Calicut .

3.5 Faculty means a Faculty of the University.

3.6 'Programme of study' means any academic programme approved by the appropriate academic bodies of the institutions of higher education with specific eligibility criteria of programme, duration of study and scheme of examinations.

3.7 'University' in these regulations means University of Calicut.

3.8 'State university' means a government funded university founded on the basis of an Act of the State legislature, recognised by the UGC.

3.9 'Central University' means a university founded on the basis of an Act of the Parliament, recognised by the UGC.

- 3.10 'Deemed University' means an institution for higher education so declared, on the recommendation of the UGC, by the Central Government under Section 3 of the UGC Act.
- 3.11 'Private University' means a university duly established through a State/Central Act by a sponsoring body viz. a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, or any other corresponding law for the time being in force in a State or a Public Trust or a Company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956.
- 3.12 Foreign University means a registered university existing outside the jurisdiction of the country and approved by the Association of Indian Universities.
- 3.13 'Academic institution' means University, deemed to be University, or Private University or any other institution which is legally authorised to award Degree.
- 3.14 'Open and Distance Learning programme' means a programme of study which uses mode of providing flexible learning opportunities by overcoming separation of teacher and learner using a variety of media, including print, electronic, online and occasional interactive face- to-face meetings with the presence of an Higher Educational Institution or Learner Support Services to deliver teaching- learning experiences, including practical or work experiences.
- 3.15 Title of the programme means the nomenclature of the programme like BA Economics, BSc Zoology, B.Com Finance, MSc Computer Science etc.

#### **4.0 Equivalency of Regular programmes modified as "Equivalency of Regular UG/PG programmes"**

- 4.1 A regular programme of study of an academic institution shall be treated as equivalent to the programme of the University if the following conditions are met :
- 4.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state or central university/foreign university and national institutions like Indian Institute of Technology(IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology(NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research(IISERs).
- 4.1.2 The nomenclature of the programme is the same and the duration is the same or longer .
- 4.1.3 The eligibility criteria of the programme of the other academic institution are the same or higher.
- 4.1.4 The minimum requirements for a pass in the programme of study of the other academic institution are equal to or higher than those of the programme of this University.
- 4.1.5 If the minimum requirements for a pass in the programme of the other academic institution are less, yet if the candidate meets the minimum requirements individually as per this University's programme requirements, the equivalency can be granted.
- 4.1.6 The UG programme should be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern.
- 4.1.7 . Deleted.
- 4.2 . Deleted.
- 4.3 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned.

#### **5.0 Recognition to Regular programmes modified as "Recognition to Regular UG/PG programmes"**

- 5.1 The recognition is granted to a programme of study of another academic institution if the following criteria are met:
- 5.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state or central university/deemed university/private university recognised by the UGC or foreign universities recognised by the Association of Indian

Universities or reputed national institutions such as IIM, IIT, IISc, IISER and NIT and other national level institutions funded by Government.

- 5.1.2 The duration of such programme is not shorter than that of the programmes at similar level (UG/PG etc.) offered by the University of Calicut or any other state University in Kerala.
- 5.1.3 The UG programme should be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+ 5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern.
- 5.1.4 If the above conditions are met, the recognition certificate shall be issued to the applicant without referring the matter to the academic bodies.
- 5.1.5 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned. If there is no Board of Studies relevant or appropriate to consider the matter for recognition of a programme of study, it shall be presented to the Academic Council for consideration.

## **6.0 Equivalency of Open and Distance Learning Programme**

- 6.1 Equivalency is granted to an open and distance learning programme if it meets the following conditions:
  - 6.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state or central university or deemed University recognised by the UGC
  - 6.1.2 The duration of the programme of the other academic institution is the same or longer.
  - 6.1.3 The eligibility criteria are the same or higher.
  - 6.1.4 The minimum requirements for a pass in the programme of study of the other academic institution are equal to or higher than those of the programme of this University.
  - 6.1.5 The UG programme shall be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+ 5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern.
  - 6.1.6 Title of the programme shall be the same as that of the programme of the University of Calicut.
  - 6.1.7 There shall be 60 percent content similarity between the syllabi of the programme of other university and the programme of this university as verified by the Board of Studies concerned.
  - 6.1.8 If the programme of study of the University has practical component, the other programme of study should also have practical component with a minimum of 60% content similarity as verified by the Board of Studies.

## **7.0 Recognition to Open and Distance Learning Programme**

- 7.1 Recognition is granted to an open and distance learning programme, if it meets the following criteria:
  - 7.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state or central university or deemed University recognised by the UGC or foreign university recognized by the Association of Indian Universities .
  - 7.1.2 The duration of the programme of the other academic institution is the same or longer.
  - 7.1.3 The eligibility criteria are the same or higher.
  - 7.1.4 The minimum requirements for a pass in the programme of study of the other academic institution are equal to or higher than those of the programme of this university.
  - 7.1.5 The UG programme shall be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+ 5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern .
  - 7.1.6 Title of the programme shall be the same as that of the programme of the University of Calicut .

- 7.1.7 The matter of recognition of ODL programmes shall be placed before the Board of Studies concerned for detailed analysis of the quality and merit of the programme. The Board may recommend or not recommend the programme for recognition based on its evaluation of the scheme, content, regulation etc. of the programme.

## **8.0 Procedure for Recognition or Equivalency Certificate**

- 8.1.1 The candidate shall submit a request for recognition or equivalency certificate in the prescribed form to the University, online or offline, along with chalan/receipt for having paid the fee as prescribed by the University.
- 8.1.2 In the case of online submission, the applicant shall attach scanned copies of the relevant regulations including pass/fail or grading criteria, syllabi and scheme of examinations and copies of mark lists and Degree or Diploma Certificate of the other university or academic institution where the programme of study was done.
- 8.1.3 If the request is submitted offline, then it shall be sent to the Registrar, University of Calicut along with the above attachments.
- 8.1.4 If the candidate has not completed the programme of study at the time of applying for recognition or equivalency, the request along with the above attachments, except copies of mark lists and Degree or Diploma certificate, shall be sent through the University or academic institution where he/she is studying to the University of Calicut.
- 8.1.5 If the programme has already been granted recognition or equivalency to a programme of study of this University, the certificate will be issued to the candidate.
- 8.1.6 If it is not considered or rejected before, the application along with other documents shall be sent to the Chairperson to place it in the Board of Studies for consideration.
- 8.1.7 If the Board recommends recognition or equivalency, the same shall be presented to the relevant Faculty for consideration and recommendation. In case, the Board rejects, the reason(s) for such rejection shall be recorded.
- 8.1.8 If the Faculty approves it, it is placed in the Academic Council for its consideration and resolution.
- 8.1.9 If the Academic Council approves the programme of study as equivalent or resolves to recognize the same, then the certificate of such equivalency or recognition shall be issued to the candidate.
- 8.1.10 If it is not approved, the fact of such rejection shall be communicated to the applicant at the earliest.
- 8.1.11 If a request for recognition or equivalency of a programme of study of an academic institution is rejected, it shall not be re-opened until substantial change in the curriculum or other conditions for recognition or equivalency has been made by the corresponding academic institution or University.
- 8.1.12 In the case of professional programme, the academic institution or University awarding the Degree should have the recognition of the regulatory body concerned.

## **9.0 Fast track Procedure for the recognition/equivalency of regular programmes of study**

- 9.1.1 If the candidate needs the certificate urgently for regular programme of study, the following fast track office procedure may be used :
- 9.1.2 The request for recognition/equivalency may be admitted by the Vice Chancellor if there is sufficient ground to issue the certificate urgently.

- 9.1.3 The request, along with the copies of the documents, is sent to the Chairperson of the relevant Board of Studies for consideration and remarks on whether the programme of study can be recognized or granted equivalency to a programme of study of the University.
- 9.1.4 The Chairperson shall form the opinion of the Board by circulation as prescribed in the statutes.
- 9.1.5 However, the Chairperson shall give his/her recommendation within three days of receiving the request from the University.
- 9.1.6 After getting the recommendation of the Chairperson, the University shall send it to the Dean of the Faculty concerned for remarks.
- 9.1.7 The Dean shall consult atleast the Chairman of the Board concerned and members of the Faculty by email circulation to get their view on the programme of study.
- 9.1.8 The remarks of the Dean concerned shall be sent to the University within three days of the request for remarks.
- 9.1.9 If the Chairperson and the Dean recommend granting recognition/equivalency, then the same may be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for approval.
- 9.1.10 If the Vice Chancellor approves it subject to ratification by the Academic Council, the candidate shall be issued the recognition or equivalency certificate within two working days.
- 9.1.11 The same shall be reported to the next meeting of the Academic Council.
- 9.1.12 The University may levy a higher fee for such fast track recognition or equivalency certificate.

#### **10.0 Authority for granting recognition or equivalency**

- 10.1 The Academic Council is the authority to grant recognition or equivalency of a programme of study.
- 10.2 The recognition or equivalency granted can also be withdrawn by the Academic Council if it finds that the programme of study recognized earlier is not on par with the programme of study of the University at the time of review.
- 10.3 If the recognition or equivalency so granted is withdrawn, such withdrawal shall be prospective and it will not in any way affect the recognition or equivalency granted earlier.

#### **11.0 Recognition of Plus 2 Programmes**

- 11.1 The Plus 2 programme of the Directorates of Higher Secondary Education or the VHSE of the State of Kerala, CBSE and ICSE is recognized by the University and they are to be taken as the benchmark for recognizing Plus 2 programmes of other institutions.
- 11.2 Candidates who have done Plus 2 under Boards other than those mentioned in Clause 11.1 shall submit equivalency certificate from the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education or the VHSE of the State of Kerala, CBSE or ICSE.
- 11.3 Deleted.
- 11.4 Senior Secondary Examination of NIOS can be recognized by the University, if the candidate has passed the course with a minimum of five subjects, out of which one should be English.

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### **16.0 Recognition and Equivalency of M.Phil programme**

16.1 M.Phil programme done in compliance with the Guidelines/Regulations issued by the UGC/ University shall be recognized by the University.

16.2 If M Phil Programme in the subject is offered by the University of Calicut, then equivalency may be granted if the conditions mentioned for equivalency in these regulations for UG/PG regular programmes are met .

### **17.0 Recognition of Ph D Programme done in India**

17.1 The Ph.D programmes of State/Central/Deemed Universities in India shall be recognized by the University if the Ph.D programme is done in compliance with the guidelines on Ph.D programmes issued by the UGC.

17.2 Ph.D programmes of national institutions like IIM, IIT, IISc, IISER, NISER, NIT and NIST shall be automatically recognized.

### **18.0 Recognition of PhD programme done in foreign Universities**

18.1 If the PhD programme is done in an institute or University or any higher education institution outside India, then recognition may be granted to such a research programme if the research institute or the academic institution is listed in the Universities Handbook issued by the Association of Indian Universities.

### **19.0 Grievance handling**

19.1 A Committee chaired by the Vice Chancellor or Pro Vice Chancellor along with four Deans of Faculty may be constituted to receive and address grievances of candidates seeking recognition or equivalency certificate from the University.

19.2 One of the Deans shall serve as its Convener to oversee the process of grievance redressal.

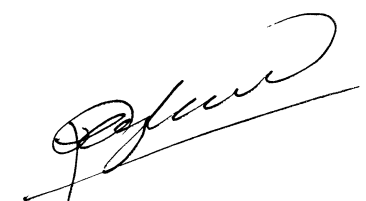
19.3 The General and Academic Branch will receive such complaints and place them before the Committee for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

19.4 The Committee may refer the complaint to the Board of Studies concerned for reconsideration citing the reasons for the same.

### **20.0 Amendment**

20.1 The Academic Council may consider any motion to amend or repeal these Regulations and resolve appropriately.

20.2 Any amendment to these regulations shall take effect from the date of resolution by the Academic Council unless determined otherwise.

  
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