



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

"Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of study, 2017 "- Regulations approved by the Senate- Implemented - Orders issued

Equivalency and Migration

U.O.No. 9998/2017/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 09.08.2017

- Read:-* 1. Report of Sub committee of Deans of Faculties on recognition and equivalency of programmes of other Universities
2. Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 13.07.2017
3. Orders of the Hon.ble Vice Chancellor in the file of even No. dated 15.07.2017
4. Extract of the Item No.I.15 of the Minutes of the meeting of the LXXVI meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.07.2017
5. Extract of the Item No.IV-6 of the Senate meeting held on 22.07.2017
6. Orders of the Hon.ble Vice Chancellor in the File of No. 98241/Pl.D-A-Asst-2/2017/Admn dated 24.07.2017
7. Orders of the Hon.ble Vice-Chancellor in the File of even No. Dt.04.08.2017 & 09.08.2017.
8. U O No.9895/2017/Admn dated 08.08.2017

ORDER

The meeting of Deans of Faculties held on 10.05.2017 considered the problems faced by the student community in obtaining Equivalency, Recognition Certificate from the University for programmes offered by other Universities and constituted a subcommittee with members Dr.N.Muhammedali N, Dean, Faculty of Journalism, Dr.C.Naseema, Dean, Faculty of Education, and Dr.E.K.Satheesh,Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.

Vide paper read as (1) above, the draft regulations prepared by the sub committee of Deans of Faculties on the matter of granting recognition/equivalency was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 13.07.2017

Vide paper read as(2) & (3) above, the draft regulations approved by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council was placed before the Academic Council as per the order given by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 15.07.2017.

The Academic Council vide paper read as (4) above, approved the draft regulations on "Recognition and equivalency of programmes of Studies, 2017".

Vide paper read as (5) above, the Senate of the University has approved the draft regulations approved by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 17.07.2017.

Vide paper read as (7) above, sanction has been accorded by the Hon.ble Vice Chancellor for implementing the approved '**Regulations on recognition and Equivalency of programmes of Studies, 2017**'. The Regulations are appended herewith.

The U O read as paper (8) above stands cancelled as per orders of Hon.ble Vice Chancellor dated 09.08.2017.

Orders are issued accordingly.

("The Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of Programmes of Studies, 2017 "is available in the University Website : www.universityofcalicut.info)

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Deputy Registrar

To

PS to VC/ PA to PVC,Registrar,FO,CE/ Deans of Faculties/HODs/All JCEs in Exam Branch and SDE& EDE/JR - GA -I & DR-GA II /All Branch Officers/ GA - I -FSection - with request to circulate to all Deans of Faculties and BOS Chairpersons/ System Administrator,CUCC & Digital Wing - Exam - with request to upload the regulations in the University Website/ SC/FC.

Forwarded / By Order

Section Officer

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
(Planning & Development Branch)

**REGULATIONS ON RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCY OF
PROGRAMMES OF STUDIES, 2017**

1.0 Short Title

- 1.1 These regulations may be called 'Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of study, 2017'.

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 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 programme

- 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 or deemed university or foreign university.
- 4.1.2 The duration of the programme of the other academic institution 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 Favourable recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies after verifying the curriculum to ensure that at least 60% of the curriculum content is similar, which to be done in three days time.
- 4.2 If the conditions from 4.1.1 to 4.1.7 are met, the equivalency certificate shall be issued to the applicant without referring the matter to the academic bodies.
- 4.3 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned.

5.0 Recognition

- 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 or deemed 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.
 - 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 a 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 programmes 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.
 - 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 at least 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 receiving the request for remarks.
- 9.1.9 If the Chairperson and the Dean recommend granting recognition or equivalency, then the same may be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for approval.
- 9.1.1 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.
- 9.1.1 The same shall be reported to the next meeting of the Academic Council.
- 9.1.1 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 other Boards shall submit equivalency certificate from the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education or the VHSE of the State of Kerala, CBSE or ICSE

- 11.3 The Plus 2 programme of open schools and other Boards shall be presented to the Academic Council for recognition.

12.0 Recognition of UG/PG Regular Degree programmes of other Universities in Kerala

- 12.1 The regular degree programmes of all the State and Central universities in Kerala are recognized subject to the following conditions:
 - 12.1. If the eligibility criteria for admission are the same or higher at the same programme level in this University.
 - 12.1. If the duration of the programme is the same or longer than the same programme level in this University.

13.0 Recognition of UG/PG Regular Degree programmes of Universities outside Kerala

- 13.1 The regular degree programmes of all the State and Central universities outside Kerala are recognized subject to the following conditions:
 - 13.1. The content similarity of curriculum is at least 60%.
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 - 13.1. If the eligibility criteria for admission for the programme are the same as those of the University of Calicut or tougher.
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 - 13.1. If the duration is the same or longer.
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 - 13.1. In the case of programmes with practical content, the practical content is more or less the same or at least 60% similar to that of the University.
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14.0 Recognition or equivalency of UG/PG programme of foreign Universities

- 14.1 The University should be included in the list of such Universities approved by the Association of Indian Universities.
- 14.2 The conditions listed in 8.0 are applicable to these programmes.

15.0 Recognition of ODL (Open and Distance Learning) programmes

- 15.1 Programme of any university or academic institution offered in open distance learning or online mode or any mode other than that of regular programme shall be presented to the Board of Studies, Faculty and Academic Council for consideration and decision.
- 15.2 Once such a programme is approved by the University, equivalency or recognition certificate may be issued until substantial change is made in such programmes or mode of delivery.

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 PG programme are met.

17.0 Recognition of PhD Programme done in India

- 17.1 If the PhD programme is done in compliance with the Guidelines issued by the UGC for PhD programmes in this regard, then recognition

may be granted to such PhD programme.

- 17.2 The PhD programmes of State/Central/Deemed Universities in India shall be automatically recognized by the University.

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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VICE-CHANCELLOR