



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

(Distance Education Bureau, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068)

F. No. UGC/DEB/Recog./Tecnia/2014/ 6894-97

Dated: 27/05/2014

To

The Director

Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies,
Centre for Distance Learning
PSP, Institutional Area Sec-14
Rohini, New Delhi – 110 085

Sub: Continuation of recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) for academic year 2014-15 – reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Office Letter No. F.No. DEC/Tecnia/2012/14776-77 dated 24 September 2012 conveying the approval of the Distance Education Council (DEC) to your Institution for offering programmes in ODL mode. In this regard, I am directed to inform that the UGC has taken decision to maintain status quo for 2014-15 and accordingly the recognition/approval granted to you vide the aforementioned letter would continue for academic year 2014-15. Your Institution may offer the programmes in ODL mode which were offered during 2013-14 in accordance with approval conveyed by DEC (copy enclosed).


2. The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- i) The Institution/University shall offer only those programmes through distance mode which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and wherever necessary by the Apex regulatory bodies of the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/any other, and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, for any specific programme mentioned above.
- iii) Nomenclature of all programmes shall be as per UGC/AICTE.
- iv) No teacher education programmes can be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
- v) Programmes in physiotherapy are not allowed through distance mode.
- vi) University/Institution shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered through distance mode by respective apex body/ies.
- vii) MHRD directions prohibiting B.E. / B. Tech. through Distance mode vide its letter dated 29/07/2009 shall be adhered to strictly (copy at UGC website).
- viii) The eligibility conditions for admissions will be as per UGC/AICTE norms.
- ix) The minimum duration of a programme offered in ODL mode should not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
- x) The University has at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.

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- xi) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of Universities for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC Notification No. F. 27-1/2012 (CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb. In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.
- xii) Franchising arrangement for offering programmes in distance mode in any form is not allowed.
3. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.
4. Before launching the programme/s, the Institution shall submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in letter referred to in para 1 above and the terms and conditions laid down in para 2 above. In case the UGC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be liable to be withdrawn. It may also be noted that:
- i) If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.
- ii) In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the career of the students enrolled.
5. Your university/institution is required to send along with the affidavit, a list of programmes (approved by the statutory bodies) that are on offer through distance mode currently, duly authenticated by the Registrar.


Yours faithfully,


(Bijayalaxmi Mishra)
Dy. Director

Encl as above

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Delhi
2. The Member Secretary, AICTE, 7th floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
3. Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary (TEL), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Concerned file
5. Master file
6. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.


Bijayalaxmi Mishra
Dy. Director

Public Notice
on
Courses/Study Centres/Off Campuses & Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities

No. F.27-1/2012(CPP-II)

27th June, 2013

The Commission has come across many advertisements published in National Dailies offering opportunities for the award of university degrees through various franchise programmes conducted by certain private institutions. These private establishments claiming themselves as study centres or learning centres of different universities enrol students for various degree programmes and also claim to be responsible for teaching and conduct of examinations. The faculty and the infrastructure belong to these private agencies. The concerned university except providing syllabus and teaching materials, has no mechanism to monitor and maintain the academic standards of teaching being imparted at these centres. This blatant compromise with the standards of education has led to widespread criticism. The Commission has taken a serious view of these misleading advertisements appearing in various newspapers.

It is, therefore, clarified for the information of all concerned, including students and parents that:

- a) a Central or State Government University can conduct courses through its own departments, its constituent colleges and/or through its affiliated Colleges;
- b) a university established or incorporated by or under a State act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location;
- c) the private universities and deemed universities cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications.
- d) no University, whether central, state, private or deemed, can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions even for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode.
- e) all universities shall award only such degrees as are specified by the UGC and published in the official gazette.
- f) the Universities shall conduct their first degree and Master's degree programmes in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission in this regard.

In this connection, the students and the general public are also hereby informed of the following regulating provisions pertaining to different types of universities:

A. UGC Regulations on Private Universities

A private university established under a State Act shall be a unitary university. A private university may be permitted to open off campus centres, off shore campuses and study centres after five years of its coming into existence subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down under UGC (Establishment of & Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. As of now, the UGC has not granted permission to any Private University to establish off-campus/study centre.

B. UGC Regulations on Deemed Universities

A Deemed University shall operate only within its Headquarters or from those off campuses/off-shore campuses which are approved by the Government of India through notification published in the official gazette.

In case of distance education programmes, no institution deemed to be university, so declared by the Govt. of India after 26th May, 2010 [date of publication of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010] is allowed to conduct courses in the distance mode.

The institutions deemed to be universities declared before 26th May, 2010 are not allowed to conduct courses in distance mode from any of its off-campus centres/off-shore campuses approved after 26th May, 2010.

Approval for new courses and extension of approval of the courses already run by the Deemed to be Universities under distance mode would be granted by the UGC subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down by the UGC.

The UGC has not granted approval to any deemed to be university to establish study centres.

Any information /clarification with regard to recognition of Private Universities/Deemed Universities and the courses offered by them may be obtained from JS (CPP-I) UGC, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

C. Distance Education programmes of the Central Universities and State Govt. Universities

The Central/State Govt. Universities can conduct courses through distance mode in accordance with the provisions of their respective Act and after the approval of the UGC.

The information relating to recognized universities, list of specified degrees and all the relevant regulations/instructions/guidelines of the UGC are available on UGC website: www.ugc.ac.in.

The students are, advised not to take admission in the unapproved Study Centres, Off-Campus Centres, Franchisee Institutions, Colleges/Institutions claiming to be affiliated with Private Universities or Deemed Universities.

(Akhilesh Gupta)
Secretary

