



Speed Post

F.No. 40- 11/2022 (DEB-II) (ODL)

October, 2022

The Registrar
Maulana Azad National Urdu University
Gachibowli, Hyderabad
Telangana -500 032

27 OCT 2022

Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July- August, 2022) and onwards – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India on dated 4th September, 2020. Subsequently, the first and second amendments in Principal Regulations have been notified on 01.07.2021 and 18.07.2022 respectively in the Gazette of India.

2. The eligibility criteria for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulation 6 describes provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulation 7 describes the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. University Grants Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, for recognition of the programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode from academic year **2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022)** and onwards vide Public Notice F. No. 3-1/2022 (DEB-III) dated 13th May, 2022, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting application shall be open upto 31st May, 2022. The **Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.
4. Application received from **Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.
5. The **Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman of the UGC, on **20.07.2022**.

6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) by the **Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana** as detailed in point no. 8 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 16.08.2022 and 31.08.2022**
8. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognised (communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 16.08.2022):-**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1.	Masters of Arts (History)	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2026-27 (upto January, 2027only)
2.	Masters of Arts (Hindi)	
3.	Masters of Arts (Arabic)	

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised :-**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for refusal
1	Bachelor of Education	NCTE has not recommended this programme, as per its Letter dated August, 2022 (copy enclosed).*

* NCTE Letter was communicated through UGC-DEB web portal to the HEI on 31.08.2022.

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. For the programmes not recommended for recognition as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface Meeting Sheet through UGC, DEB portal as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The HEI has submitted an appeal which will be processed as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

“No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition”.


12. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

Yours faithfully,


(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
Deputy Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Telangana Secretariat Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 013 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), MoE, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
4. The Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana, Pin Code – 500 032.
5. The Joint Secretary, Central University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
6. Guard file.


(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
Deputy Secretary

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 26th May, 2022 duly notarized and signed by Prof. Sk. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar and Prof. Mohd. Razaullah Khan, Director submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 03.06.2022.
- 2) Intake capacity under Open and Distance Learning mode for a programme under science discipline
 - For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
 - For Open University: Learning enrolment will commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centers to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 3) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL/ Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 4) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 5) Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examination as under:
 - For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as condition laid down in Regulations.
 - For Online Programmes: Examinations either using technology enabled online test with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations, or through the Proctored Examination and in conformity with any other norms for such examination as may be laid down by the Commission
- 6) Higher Educational Institution offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and it also fulfill following conditions as under:
 - Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
 - Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarters; not through any Learner Support Centre.
 - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** taking into consideration of the following:
 - At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI
 - Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.
- 8) Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
 - Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
 - Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 9) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval


 (Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
 Deputy Secretary

T. Pritam Singh
Regional Director



राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद्
(भारत सरकार का एक सांविधिक निकाय)
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
(A Statutory Body of the Government of India)

To,

Date:

Ms. Neethu S. Thulaseedharan,
Deputy Secretary,
University Grants Commission,
Distance Education Bureau,
35-Feroze Shah Road,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Confirmation on validity of NCTE NOCs/recommendation submitted by the HEIs for B.Ed. programme in ODL mode for the academic year 2022-23 & onwards-reg.

Dear Madam,

In terms of Section 14(1) of the NCTE Act, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh the SRC (NCTE) vide order No. F.SRO/APSO7298/B.Ed-DE/2006-2007/5803 dated 28.06.2007 granted recognition to Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gochibowli, Hyderabad-500032 Andhra Pradesh for Secondary (B.Ed. Distance Education) course with an annual intake of 500 students.

In terms of 14(1) of the NCTE Act, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gachibowli Road, Manikonda Village, Gachibowli Post, Rangareddi District-500032, Andhra Pradesh the SRC (NCTE) vide order No. F.SRO/SRCAPP1960/B.Ed-AI-DE/AP/2014-15/57189 dated 26.02.2014 granted recognition to Directorate of Distance Education, Sy. No. 211 & 212, Gachibowli Street, Manikonda Village, Gachibowli Post, Rangareddi Taluk & District-500032, Andhra Pradesh for Secondary (B.Ed-AI-Distance Education) course with an annual intake of 500 students.

The SRC in its 393rd meeting held on 05th -06th January 2021 considered the matter and Committee decided as under:-

"The Committee noted that a Show Cause Notice dt. 13.03.2020 was issued to the university directing therein to submit the following:-

- 1) Status of Self-Instructional Material and approval from DEB, UGC thereof.

जी-7, सेक्टर-10, द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075

G-7, Sector -10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075

Tel. : +91-11-43152353, 20893264/ Email : wre@ncte-india.org

Website : www.ncte-india.org

- 2) Details of the core staff in teacher education working at the University/Distance Education Centre.
- 3) The eligibility criteria adopted by the University/Centre for admissions into the programme.
- 4) Any admission is made without degree/diploma in teacher education through formal system. Details of such admissions.
- 5) Fee prescribed and projected expenditure details for the programme.

The Committee noted the following:-

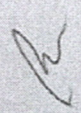
- (i) The approval of DEC/DEB regarding self-learning materials has not been submitted as required under Clause 6 2(c) of Appendix-10 of NCTE Regulations, 2014.
- (ii) The appointment of core faculty has not been made as required under NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Accordingly, the Committee decided to direct the University not to make any admission in B.Ed. (ODL) programme from the now onwards until they confirmed to the NCTE Regulations, 2014 within 3 months, otherwise the SRC, NCTE constraints to withdraw the recognition without any further notice. Further SRC, NCTE decided that each university offering B.Ed. (ODL) should obtain DEB approval for their Self-instructional material. Under no circumstances the (SIM) self-instructional material obtained DEB approval will not be allowed to adopt by another university. Accordingly, the Committee defer the admissions in B.Ed. (ODL) programme till submission of above documents and approval of SRC, NCTE."

Consequent upon the above decision, a Show Cause Notice dt. 18.01.2021 was issued to the institution inter-alia directing "**not to make any admission in B.Ed. (ODL) course from now onwards**" and submission of suitable reply within a period of 90 days.

The SRC in its 405th meeting held on 13th -14th December 2021 held the following :- .

"The SRC decided to advise RD to issue a letter to all the institutions offering B.Ed. (ODL) in southern regional directing them to forward the SIM Material being develop by them within a period of 15 days from the issue of this letter. The institutions shall also be advised in that letter that they will not forward any SIM material developed and being used by any other institution. The SIM Material be developed by each institution independent of other institutions even though the syllabus may be the same. Further, the material developed in SIM format should be in English only to get it assessed by the experts across the country.

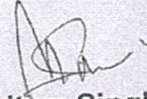


Further, the institutions are also advised to enclose the copy of syllabus of the University along with their SIM Material for assessment and certification.

On receipt the replies of the institutions the matter may be placed before the SRC in the next meeting. In the meantime, the SRC will prepare panel and the material will get certified by drafting the service of the Experts from the panel."

In view of the above, it is hereby concluded that the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gochibowli, Hyderabad-500032 Andhra Prades has been directed to not make any admission in B.Ed. (ODL) course.

Yours faithfully,



(T.Pritam Singh)
Regional Director

Copy to:-

1. SO to Member Secretary, NCTE
2. The Under Secretary, Regulation Section, HQ. NCTE

