

## **Norms/Guidelines Relating to Equivalency/Recognition of Academic Programmes or Areas of Studies and Nomenclature and Degrees of Other Universities**

*In exercise of the powers conferred under by the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007(Act 22 of 2007), together with all the amendments made therein from time to time and amendment of section 4 , sub section(2), of clauses (zd) and (ze)*

*((zd)- evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for mutual recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof;*

*(ze)-evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof of various programmes conducted by Universities or higher education institutions outside the State and outside the country);*

*of the Kerala State Higher Education Council, hereby, frames the following Norms & Guidelines, namely:-*

- 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 Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), and other national level stand-alone institutions funded by Government.**
- 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 the Government.**
- 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 Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) or other institutions recognized by University Grants Commission (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 Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for according recognition/equivalence 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 relevant UGC norms/regulations as amended from time to time.

Also resolved to recommend to the government to establish a State Level Academic Committee (SLAC) in the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) for the purpose of disposing of objections/disputes/complaints regarding the nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and according approval/recognition/ equivalence.

Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers shall refer unsettled issues of nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and their approval/recognition/equivalence to KSHEC for decision by the SLAC. In all issues of nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and their approval/recognition/equivalence the aggrieved candidates shall appeal to the KSHEC for the decision by SLAC.