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Offering One-Year Postgraduate Programme under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

This is in supersession of the earlier circular of even number dated 24th July, 2026. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides for a One-Year Postgraduate Programme for learners who have successfully completed a Four-Year Bachelor's Degree with Honours, subject to the applicable academic framework and the relevant UGC Regulations.

Accordingly, HEIs already recognized/entitled by the UGC to offer a Two-Year Postgraduate Programme through ODL and/or Online mode, may offer a One-Year Postgraduate Programme in the same discipline. It shall be in conformity with the provisions of the NEP 2020, other applicable UGC Regulations, norms of concerned Regulatory Bodies, and the UGC's Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes, subject to the fulfilment of the prescribed credit requirements, the approval of the programme by the competent statutory bodies of the HEI (BoS/Academic Council/EC/equivalent) and compliance with the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time, and other prescribed requirements.

Further that:

1. The proposed One-Year Postgraduate Programme shall be in conformity with the provisions of NEP, 2020 and the applicable UGC Regulations/Guidelines.
2. The One-Year Postgraduate Programme through the ODL and/or Online mode is permitted only if the corresponding Two-Year Postgraduate Programme in ODL and/or Online mode has already been recognized/entitled by the UGC for the HEI.
3. Admission to the programme shall be restricted to learners possessing the prescribed eligibility, subject to the successful completion of a Four-Year Bachelor's Degree with Honours.
4. Entry-level eligibility criteria for Programmes such as MBA, MCA, PGDM etc. shall be strictly as per eligibility conditions prescribed by the concerned Regulatory Bodies from time to time.
5. The curriculum, learning resources, assessment, credit framework, and all other academic requirements comply with the relevant UGC Regulations and statutory norms.

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