

**University Grants Commission**  
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**UGC (Fitness of Colleges for Receiving Grants) Rules, 2024**

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**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 25 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956) read with Section 12B of the Act, and in supersession of UGC (Fitness of Institutions for Grants) Rules, 1975 the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

**1. Short title, application and commencement**

- 1.1 These Rules may be called the UGC (Fitness of Colleges for Receiving Grants) Rules, 2024.
- 1.2 These shall apply to every college included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.
- 1.3 These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Fitness of Colleges for receiving grants:** A College to which these Rules apply shall be declared to be fit to receive grants from the Central Government, the University Grants Commission (UGC), or any other Organization receiving funds from the Central Government, only if the UGC is satisfied that the college fulfils the following conditions namely: -

- 2.1 The College and the affiliating university is included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.
- 2.2 The College has:

Valid accreditation from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

OR

National Board of Accreditation (NBA) accreditation for at least 60% of the total eligible programmes for accreditation for the Colleges offering more than three programmes. In case the number of programmes being offered is less than three, then each of the eligible programme must have been accredited.

OR

Ranked in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking in the respective category (thrice after participating 5 times/twice after participating thrice).

- 2.3 The college has Institute Development Plan to formulate its development proposals.
- 2.4 The college/ sponsoring body has adequate financial resources of its own to meet out the operational requirements. The College shall submit a certificate to this effect duly endorsed by the University.
- 2.5 The college charges from the students only the fees prescribed by the appropriate authority at the Central/State level/ University/ college or as per law in force. It does not charge any capitation fees or any unauthorised fees. The College shall submit a certificate to this effect duly endorsed by the University.
- 2.6 The College shall submit an undertaking duly endorsed by the University to the effect that:-
  - (i) Not less than 75% of the sanctioned/required as per relevant Regulatory Council(s) norms teaching posts are filled up at the time of submission of application;
  - (ii) The teachers are paid as per UGC/State Government/ relevant Regulatory authority norms/Pay Scale, as applicable,
  - (iii) The reservation policy is followed as per the policy of Central or the State Government, as the case may be;
- 2.7 The College shall comply with all the Rules/ Regulations/ Directions/ Notices/ Circulars, etc. issued by the UGC from time to time. An undertaking to this effect shall be submitted to UGC along with the application duly endorsed by the university.
- 2.8 The college affiliated to/recognized by a university, shall submit an undertaking to refund such part of the grants received by the College from the UGC and/or any other Government funding agency, as may not have been properly utilized for the purpose for which they were allocated or may not have been utilized at all.

The sponsoring Society/Trust shall also submit an undertaking agreeing to refund such part of the grants as may not have been properly utilized for the purpose for which they were allocated or may not have been utilized at all.

### **3. Application for recognition under clause 12B of the UGC Act, 1956**

The College, fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in these Rules may apply 'online' to the University Grants Commission for considering the application for its recognition under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 along with the processing fee as decided by the University Grants Commission from time to time.

#### **4. Role of the University**

The concerned University shall examine the application of the College for 12B status on the UGC portal and give its recommendations, along with reasons/ justification, within 60 working days from the date of successful submission of the application on the UGC portal. If the University does not respond on the UGC portal within 60 working days, it shall be presumed that the University has no objection to the processing of the application by the UGC for 12B status.

#### **5. Power to visit the Colleges**

Both the College and the University shall ensure that all the provisions of the UGC (Recognition of Colleges under Clause (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act) Regulations as amended from time to time are followed in letter and spirit. Further, if required, the Commission may decide on physical or virtual verification of a College or constitute teams for such verification at any stage of application or at any time during the course of recognition on its own or upon receipt of any complaint against the accuracy and veracity of the information submitted to the Commission or hosted on the website of the college or any other complaint. Failing to rectify the deficiencies pointed out after such verification, the Commission may take necessary action for withdrawal of the recognition granted to the College under Section 2(f) and/or 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

#### **6. Consequences of violation:**

The Colleges shall at all times adhere to UGC Rules, Regulations and Guidelines made and issued by the Commission from time to time, failing which UGC may take appropriate action against the defaulting Colleges including removal from the list of recognized colleges under Section 2(f) and/or Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

#### **7. Interpretation**

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency with respect to these rules the interpretation given by the Commission/ Government of India shall be final and binding.

#### **8. Removal of Difficulties**

The Government of India in consultation with the University Grants Commission reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementation of these Rules.

**9. Repeal and Saving**

UGC (Fitness of Institutions for Grants) Rules, 1975 are hereby repealed. Such repeal shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under the repealed Rules.

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