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**Public Notice**  
**on**  
**Distance Education Programme – Important Decisions for the benefit of the stakeholders**

A. The Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 02.08.2018 considered the recommendations of the Interface Committees and approved the ODL programmes for 2018-19 onwards.

The important decisions by the Commission in respect of distance education programmes are being notified for the benefit of all stakeholders:

1. All professional programmes i.e. MBA/MCA/B.Ed/M.Ed/B.Ed (Special Education)/M.Ed (Special Education)/Hotel Management/Travel/Tourism and Management Programmes in ODL mode shall not be accorded recognition without prior approval of the respective Regulatory Authority valid for the year 2018-19 & onwards, as per sub regulation 2(p) of Regulation 1, Part –I of UGC (ODL) Regulation, 2017.
  2. As per UGC (ODL) 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Regulation 2018 notified on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) that were given permission by the UGC to offer ODL programme for the academic year 2017-18 but not accredited with NAAC, shall apply for NAAC accreditation within 3 months from date of issue of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. HEIs who have not complied to this condition shall not be accorded recognition.
  3. As per clause 3.3 of Annexure –X of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017, the Programmes of Private Universities, which are not running same/similar programmes in regular mode for last 5 years, shall not be accorded recognition.
  4. For the current academic year 2018-19, the HEIs shall complete admission process by first October, 2018 and no admission shall be made after this.
  5. HEIs shall be given 30 days time period to submit representations along with documentary evidence in respect of reason(s) indicated in the Recognition letter communicating programme-wise deficiencies and shall be processed as per the relevant provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.
  6. As per sub regulation (2) of Regulation 1 of Part I, of UGC (ODL) Regulation, 2017, only degree level programmes at Under Graduate/ Post Graduate level have been considered. The Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma programmes have not been considered.
- B. The HEIs which had participated in the Interface Meetings, and whose names are not appearing in the Recognition List, have not been recognised for offering ODL programmes for 2018-19. Such HEIs will be given an opportunity to make representation within 30 days to UGC as per sub regulation (4) of regulation 3 of Part II of UGC (ODL) Regulation, 2017.
- C. For the HEIs which have been recognised for offering ODL programmes, for 2018-19 and onwards, as per the recognition list, recognition letters having details of the programmes recognised/not recognised with reason(s) thereof are being issued separately.
- D. The visits by UGC Expert Committees to Deemed to be Universities and its Learner Support Centres/Study Centres to assess the preparedness of the HEI to offer ODL programmes are under process. The decision of the Commission will be communicated separately.

  
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