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**UGC (Recognition of Colleges under Clause (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act)
Regulations, 2023**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (d) of sub-Section (1) of Section 26 of the UGC Act 1956 (3 of 1956) as modified up to 20th December 1985, and in supersession of the Regulations/Guidelines in force, except the things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, for granting recognition to colleges under clause (f) of Section 2 of the said Act, the University Grants Commission with the approval of the Central Government hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

1. Short title, application and commencement:

- 1.1 These Regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Recognition of Colleges under clause (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act) Regulations, 2023.
- 1.2 These shall apply to all colleges as defined under section 12A(1)(b) of the UGC Act, 1956.
- 1.3 These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Gazette of India.

2. Definitions:

- 2.1 “affiliation” together with its grammatical variations, includes, in relation to a college, recognition of such college by, association of such college with, and admission of such college to the privileges of, a university;
- 2.2 “college” means any institution whether affiliated college or constituent college, known as such or by any other name and provides undergraduate or postgraduate or Ph.D. programmes or Diploma course of a duration of not less than one academic year and for which the minimum qualification for admission is a Bachelor’s degree or all together, for obtaining any qualification from a University, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such University, which has been recognised as competent by the University Grants Commission to provide such programmes or courses of study;

- 2.3 “Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under Section 4 of the UGC Act;
- 2.4 “programme of study” means a programme leading to the award of a degree specified by the Commission under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act;
- 2.5 “statutory/regulatory body” means a body constituted under any law for the time being in force for determining or maintaining standards of quality in the relevant areas of higher education;
- 2.6 “student” means a person pursuing a programme of study;
- 2.7 “university” means a university as defined u/s 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Note: Any definition not included here shall be as per the provisions contained in the UGC Act, 1956 or as per the General Clauses Act if it has not been defined in the UGC Act.

3. Conditions for recognition:

The Commission may, in consultation with the university concerned, recognize a college under clause (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act if the college satisfies the following conditions:

- 3.1 The college is affiliated to a university in accordance with the provisions of UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time.
- 3.2 The college complies with all the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and Ordinances as also the Rules and Regulations of the university concerned as amended from time to time.
- 3.3 The college abides by all the relevant rules, Regulations and Guidelines issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.
- 3.4 The college offers programme(s) of study leading to the award of degree specified by the Commission under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act or a Diploma course of a duration of not less than one academic year and for which the minimum qualification for admission is a Bachelor’s degree.
- 3.5 The College shall apply as per procedure stipulated in these Regulations along with the following documents on the UGC portal:-
- (i) Documents related to year of establishment of the college;
 - (ii) Society Registration Certificate along with MoU or Registered Trust Deed or such other relevant documents, as the case may be;
 - (iii) Affiliation certificate issued by the university at the time of application;
 - (iv) Approval of the statutory/regulatory body at the time of application;
 - (v) Notarized Undertaking in non-judicial stamp paper of not less than Rupees one hundred jointly by the Management and Principal of the College to the effect

that the college complies with all the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and Ordinances as also the Rules and Regulations of the affiliating university.

- (vi) Notarized Undertaking in non-judicial stamp paper of not less than Rupees one hundred jointly by the Management and Principal of the College to the effect that the College shall abide by the Rules/ Regulations, Notices, Circulars, Directions, guidelines, etc. issued by the UGC and relevant statutory/regulatory bodies from time to time.
- (vii) Official communication about AISHE code issued by the Ministry of Education.

4. Recognition under clause 2(f) of the UGC Act to be mandatory:

- 4.1 Inclusion under clause 2(f) of the UGC Act shall be mandatory for all the colleges, irrespective of whether a college has temporary or permanent affiliation to the university concerned. All existing Colleges shall have to obtain UGC recognition under Section 2(f) within three years from the date of notification of these Regulations. The Colleges established/affiliated after the notification of these regulations shall have to obtain UGC recognition under Section 2(f) within three years of their establishment/affiliation.
- 4.2 It shall be mandatory for the college and affiliating university to upload the status of affiliation and recognition under clause 2(f) of the UGC Act on their website.

5. Application for recognition under section 2(f):

- 5.1 The college shall apply 'online' to the Commission on its web portal developed for this purpose along with the processing fee for recognition as may be decided by the Commission from time to time.
- 5.2 The affiliating university shall verify the details in the application including the approval taken from the statutory body for courses on the UGC portal, for correctness and upload its observations and recommendations on the said portal within 60 days from the date of uploading the application by the College. The application if found deficit shall be referred back by the University to the college along with the observations for compliance. The college shall re-submit the application after complying with the deficiencies pointed out by the University.
- 5.3 The affiliating University shall ensure that all the Colleges affiliated to it are included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 within three years as referred in para 4.1 above.
- 5.4 On receipt of verification details from the university, the Commission shall process the application within 90 days and upload its decision thereon on the UGC portal.
- 5.5 The certificate of recognition under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, if so approved, may be downloaded from the UGC portal.

5.6 If at any time, the information provided by the applicant college is found to be incorrect, the UGC may remove the name of the College from the list of recognised institutions under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

5.7 Recognition of a college under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act shall remain valid till the college remains affiliated to the university concerned.

6. Power to visit the Colleges

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) of the UGC Act, 1956.

7. 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.

8. Interpretation

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

9. Removal of Difficulties

The Commission reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementation of these Regulations.

Secretary, UGC