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The Registrar
The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education
(Deemed-to-be-University)
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Shankarapally road, Hyderabad
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Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) and onwards – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India on dated 4th September, 2020. Subsequently, the first and second amendments in Principal Regulations have been notified on 01.07.2022 and 18.07.2022 respectively in the Gazette of India.

2. The eligibility criteria for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 of Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulations 6 describes provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describes the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. University Grants Commission had invited online application from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, for recognition of the programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode from academic year **2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022)** and onwards vide Public Notice F. No. 3-1/2022 (DEB-III) dated 13th May, 2022, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting application shall be open upto 31st May, 2022. The **ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, Telangana** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.
4. Application received from **ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, Telangana** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments to remove or rectify such deficiency(ies) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, Telangana** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman of the UGC, on **20.07.2022**.
6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) by the **ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, Telangana** as detailed in point no. 8 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 16/08/2022.**
8. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognised (communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 16/08/2022):-**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) upto January, 2023 only.
2.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2026-27 (upto January, 2027 only)

Note:

*HEI shall ensure the compliance on the basis of communication/recommendations received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as number of seats, valid academic year, period of recognition etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised :- Nil**

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:

“No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition”.

11. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

Yours faithfully,


(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
Deputy Secretary

Copy to:

- 1) The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh Telangana Secretariat Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500013 *with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.*
- 2) The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
- 3) The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi – 110070.
- 4) The Vice-Chancellor, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed-to-be-University), Donthanapally, Shankarapalli Road, Hyderabad, Telangana - 501203
- 5) The Joint Secretary, CPP-I/DU Bureau UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002.
- 6) Guard file.


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Deputy Secretary

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 31st May, 2022 duly notarized and signed by Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar and Dr. Sanjay Fuloria, Director submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 06th June, 2022.
- 2) Intake capacity under Open and Distance Learning mode for a programme under science discipline
 - For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
 - For Open University: Learning enrolment will commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centers to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 3) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL/ Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 4) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 5) Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examination as under:
 - For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as condition laid down in Regulations.
 - For Online Programmes: Examinations either using technology enabled online test with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations, or through the Proctored Examination and in conformity with any other norms for such examination as may be laid down by the Commission
- 6) Higher Educational Institution offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and it also fulfill following conditions as under:
 - Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
 - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case.
 - Institutions Deemed to be University shall operate only within its Head Quarters or from those off campuses which are approved by the Government of India through notification published in the Official Gazette.
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** taking into consideration of the following:
 - At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI
 - Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.
- 8) Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
 - Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
 - Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 9) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval


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 Deputy Secretary