



University Grants Commission
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New Delhi 110002

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The Vice Chancellor
[Central university, State university and Deemed to be university]

Sub. : A) UGC (Minimum qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it) 3rd amendment, Regulation, 2009.

B) UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D degree) Regulation 2009.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that University Grants Commission framed the UGC [minimum qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it] [3rd amendment] Regulation,2009 as well as the UGC [minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree], Regulation,2009, which were circulated vide Commission's earlier letter No. F.1-1/2002[PS] Exemp. dated 12th June, 2009.

Now, the both the above mentioned Regulations have been published in the Gazette of India, no.28 dated July 11-July17,2009 in Part III, Section 4. Thus, both the UGC Regulations have come into force with their publication in the Gazette of India . A copy of both the above mentioned Regulations duly published in the Gazette of India is enclosed for information and necessary action.

This is to further inform you that in terms of the provisions of the UGC [minimum qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it] [3rd amendment] Regulation,2009, the Commission has initiated the process of identifying candidates of various institutions, who have been awarded Ph.D. Degree in compliance of the provisions of the UGC [minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree], Regulation,2009, so as to exempt them from the requirement of minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in various universities, colleges and institutions.

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However, since, the above process is likely to take time, therefore, keeping in view the public interest and the interest of students at large in expediting the filling up of various vacant positions of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in various universities, colleges and institutions, the Commission has decided, as an ad-hoc measure, to leave it to the concerned universities, colleges and institutions to decide as to whether the Degree of Ph.D. awarded to various candidates is in compliance of the provisions of UGC [minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree], Regulation,2009, so as to exempt them from the requirement of minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in their universities, colleges and institutions

It is also hereby clarified that where the admission at the M.Phil. has been through an entrance examination and course work has been prescribed at the M.Phil. level, such M.Phil. candidates when admitted to the Ph.D programmes shall not be required to undertake entrance examination or course work and it shall be considered to have complied with the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award M.Phil / Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2009 subject to the specific compliance of other requirements of the said Regulation and particularly the provisions as contained in Regulation 9 and Regulation 13 to 18 thereof.

In other cases, where a candidate has done M.Phil. from one university and moves to another university for Ph.D., the new university may give credit and exempt for the course work done in the previous university. However, such a candidate will have to appear in the entrance test as applicable to a fresh candidate directly joining Ph.D.

The above procedure will apply in case of those candidates who have also obtained Ph.D. degree from abroad.

This is to further inform that those presently working as teachers in ad hoc capacity but are not NET qualified shall be given a time period of two years (i.e. four attempts at NET) to qualify in the NET/SLET and during this period of time of two years, colleges, and universities may not fill teaching posts presently held by them on ad hoc basis on regular basis.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. K.C. Pathak)
Joint Secretary

Encl.: As above

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The Education Secretaries of all states and Union Territories

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