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Subject: ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED THROUGH HEIs/ SUB-CAMPUSES AND AFFILIATED COLLEGES

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has been consistently emphasizing the importance of quality assurance and accreditation of academic programmes in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to ensure that graduates acquire the requisite knowledge, skills and competencies in accordance with national and international standards.

2. In this regard, it has been observed that a number of degree programmes being offered through HEIs/DAIs and their affiliated colleges require accreditation by the relevant Accreditation Council. Since accreditation is an essential component of quality assurance and plays a critical role in ensuring the academic and professional standards of degree programmes, it is imperative that such programmes are duly accredited by the relevant Accreditation Council.

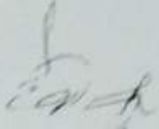
3. The Chairman HEC, during the meeting with all Accreditation Councils held on **August 25, 2026**, directed that ensure implementation and compliance of prescribed quality assurance standards across all academic programmes offered by the university, its sub-campuses, and affiliated institutes/colleges.

In this regard following decisions were made in the meeting:

- i. Initiate immediate process for obtaining accreditation of eligible programmes being offered at the HEIs/DAIs and their affiliated colleges from the relevant Accreditation Council within six months.
- ii. Take necessary administrative measures to facilitate affiliated colleges/institutes in fulfilling accreditation requirements of programs and quality assurance obligations prescribed by HEC and the Accreditation Councils.

iii. The Accreditation Councils shall facilitate the HEIs and their affiliated colleges in completing the accreditation process within the stipulated timeframe, in accordance with their prescribed criteria, standards and procedures.

4. All universities in general and affiliating universities in particular are advised to take immediate and necessary actions and ensure compliance with all above mentioned policy decisions.


(Irfan Ullah)

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