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Subject: HEC INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION POLICY-2024

Respected Heads of the Institutions,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) being the apex regulatory body of higher education is empowered by its Ordinance No. LIII of 2002, Section 10-1(a) and Section 10-1(d). Accordingly, the HEC devised an affiliation criterion duly approved by the Commission in 2005 and circulated to all recognized Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for its compliance.

2. However, with time, the need has been felt to make certain improvements in the existing criteria to cope with the emerging needs/trends and to ensure the quality of higher education at affiliated colleges. Therefore, a policy decision was taken and notified vide letter No. 15(18)/A&A/Acc./HEC/2022/327 dated February 23, 2023, wherein a ban was imposed on the grant of fresh affiliations by all the public sector universities/DAIs across the country.

3. I am pleased to inform you that the HEC after thorough deliberations and consultation with relevant stakeholders including provincial governments and heads of public sector DAI has finalized the HEC Institutional Affiliation Policy - 2024 (copy attached) having certain key parameters in terms of qualified faculty, academic and allied facilities to enhance the quality of education and promote socio-economic development in the country.

4. To ensure compliance with the HEC Institutional Affiliation Policy -2024, an online portal (<https://edustats.hec.gov.pk/>) has been developed for the collection of data for desk review and the DAI's granting affiliation to the colleges shall have to provide the requisite information and after having desk review by HEC, continuation of affiliation of its respective affiliated colleges shall be notified by the respective DAI.

5. Preceding in view, you are requested to strictly ensure compliance with HEC Institutional Affiliation Policy-2024 in letter and spirit as the affiliating DAIs shall be responsible for streamlining the affiliations along with robust monitoring and evaluation of the affiliated colleges. Moreover, the affiliating DAIs shall ensure the implementation of its policies/HEC policies and procedures at the affiliated colleges as HEC will not physically inspect the affiliated colleges/institutions. Non-compliance of the subject policy by the DAIs and granting sub-standard affiliations can result in strict disciplinary action by this Commission including the ban on granting affiliations to the colleges. If students are admitted in violation of the HEC Policies, this Commission will not recognize/attest the degrees/documents of such students and all liabilities will lie with the DAIs in this regard.

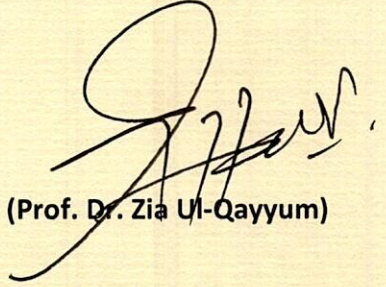
6. HEC Institutional Affiliation Policy -2024 is also applicable for the approved study centers (where regular classes are conducted) as well as centers operated under MoU with Public/Private Institutions. In case of contact sessions of DEC's, Online Distance Learning (ODL) Policy needs to be followed.



7. I sincerely hope that the DAIs will ensure the compliance of HEC's instructions and continue to strive for providing quality education to the youth of Pakistan.

With best regards,

Encl: As above.


(Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum)

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