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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the Commission's approval¹ of the decisions taken in the 11th Equivalence and Accreditation Committee meeting held on June 30, 2022, the Higher Education Commission will recognize the degrees awarded by Foreign Chartered Universities/Institutions through Virtual/Online/Distance Learning/Blended Learning, as per the following policy:

- i) The university/degree awarding institution is present in the international directories published by UNESCO or is chartered/accredited in its country of origin.
- ii) The application will be processed on individual merit after submission of details through online application available at eservices.hec.gov.pk along with all supporting documents and eservices.hec.gov.pk shall remain updated with UNESCO-listed universities/degree awarding institutions.
- iii) Professional degrees like Engineering, Medical, Nursing etc. awarded by foreign chartered universities/institutions through virtual/online/distance learning/blended learning will only be processed after registration/endorsement from respective professional body i.e. Pakistan Engineering Council, Pakistan Medical Commission, Pakistan Nursing Council etc.

02. This policy supersedes earlier decision on Recognition of Degrees awarded by Foreign Chartered Universities/ Institutions through Virtual/Online/Distance Learning, taken in the 1st meeting of the Equivalence and Accreditation Committee held on April 05 & April 18, 2003, and approved by the Commission in its 4th meeting held on October 25, 2003, and will be applicable to all pending and new cases.

03. This is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, HEC.


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