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Ref. 1-1 (NQF)/QAD/2017/HEC/ 49-/
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Subject: **Grant of MPhil Allowance @ Rs. 2500/- Per Month**

- Reference to F.No.3(6)Imp/2016-Vol-II-4 dated January 04, 2017 on subject cited above.
- Under the provision of Section 10 clause 1(o) of HEC's Ordinance No. LIII, dated 11.09.2002, the Quality Assurance Division of HEC has devised the Admission and Award of Degree Criteria for MS/MPhil/PhD/Equivalent Programs. As per HEC approved criteria (enclosed), there is no difference between MS and MPhil degrees except nomenclature. As such, there are two types of MS/MPhil Degrees that are mentioned below:
 - MS/MPhil by Course Work (30 credit hours)
 - MS/MPhil by Thesis (24 credit hours course work + 06 credit hours thesis)
- It is further added that in some cases, nomenclature was changed from MPhil to MS after the introduction of BS and MS programs by HEC. As such following types of degrees are awarded as equivalent to 18 years of schooling:

S#	Degree Title	Description
i	a. MPhil Degree (with thesis) b. MS Degree (with thesis)	Both are equal degrees, awarded after 24 credit hours course work + 06 credit hours thesis. There is no difference except nomenclature.
ii	a. MPhil Degree by Course Work b. MS Degree by Course Work	Both are equal degrees, awarded after 30 credit hours course work. There is no difference except nomenclature.
iii	Equivalent degrees of Other disciplines like Engineering, Agriculture, Law, MBA, etc.	In these disciplines, degrees are not awarded with MS/MPhil Title while these degrees are equated to 18 years of schooling.

- According to above referred Office Memorandum of Govt. of Pakistan, Finance Division, the MPhil allowance is granted to those only who acquire/possess the degree of MPhil recognized by the HEC. However, in view of the above mentioned clarification, all those who have MPhil or MS degrees (18 years schooling) should be eligible to draw the allowance @ Rs. 2500/- per month.
- Forwarded for your favorable consideration, please.

With kind regards,

Enclosure: as above

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To: Assistant Director (Quality Assurance Division),
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Subject: **GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE @ RS.2,500/- PER MONTH**

Reference Higher Education Commission's letter No.F.1-1 (NQF)/QAD/2017/HEC/77-325, dated 02-10-2017 on the above noted subject and to say that under CSR-4 Government of Pakistan reserve to themselves the right of changing the rules in these Regulations regarding pay and acting allowance and leave and pension, from time to time at their discretion, and of interpreting their meaning in case of dispute. Moreover, under Rules of Business, framing of rules/policies on financial matters including the financial terms of service matters is the allocated business of Finance Division in terms of Rule-3(3) of Rules of Business, 1973.

2. At present, M. Phil Allowance is not admissible on any degree other than M. Phil as clarified vide our O.M.No.F.3(6)Imp/2016-Vol-II-4, dated 04-01-2017.

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