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Subject: HEC's NOC for Offering Degree Programs in ODL Mode

Reference is made to the HEC's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Policy 2024 along with the associated Toolkit, circulated on 28th August 2024. The policy outlines minimum standards and procedures and it provides a toolkit to assess institutional and program readiness for launching quality degree programs in ODL mode. Both documents are available at the following links:

- i. The ODL Policy 2024: <https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/policies/Documents/ODL-Policy-Circulated.pdf>
- ii. Associated Toolkit: <https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/policies/Documents/ODL-Toolkit.pdf>

2. In this regard, it is reiterated that all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) intending to offer degree programs through ODL mode for the first time; need to seek an NOC from the HEC. The NOC is mandatory to ensure compliance with the prescribed standards, facilitate quality assurance, and safeguard the credibility of ODL degree programs. HEIs are advised to thoroughly review the ODL Policy and Toolkit and submit their applications for NOC well in advance at least six months before the launch of the program, ensuring that all requirements are met. Programs launched without obtaining the requisite NOC from HEC will be considered unauthorized, and necessary regulatory action will be taken against the institution.
3. Your cooperation in upholding the quality of higher education through compliance with HEC policies shall be appreciated.


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