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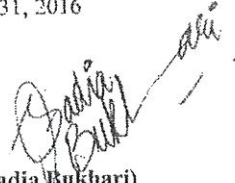
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Subject: Requirement of the Equivalence Certificate from IBCC

01. I am directed to intimate that National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 22nd Meeting held on January 09, 2017 decided the following on the requirement of the Equivalence Certificate from IBCC:

- i. All the students regardless of their origin, who studied for 'O' level/ equivalent Program in a foreign country and 'A' level in Pakistan should be given equivalence certificate as per IBCC policy in vogue.
- ii. The persons who in the past, passed the 'O' level examination from Pakistani institution without studying Urdu, Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat, then got admissions and passed 'A' level and university examinations and now are in professions; for such persons:
 - a. The Controllers of Examination and Vice Chancellors of the universities, from which the persons mentioned graduated prior to December 31, 2016 (cut-off date), shall provide an undertaking/ affidavit with Degree Supplement Form that in order to fulfill the admission requirements they implemented their own policies/ procedures, to determine the equivalence of the O&A levels and equivalent foreign qualifications instead of getting the IBCC equivalence certificates from them. However, in future, they shall require the IBCC equivalent certificate for the O&A levels and equivalent foreign qualifications to fulfill the admission requirements.
 - b. For the degrees of the programs covered by the Professional/ Accreditation Councils, HEC may exempt the requirement of equivalence certificates for such graduates and attest their degrees without imposing the condition of registration by the Professional/ Accreditation Councils.
 - c. In the case of degrees of programs which are not covered by the Professional/ Accreditation Councils, HEC may attest those degrees without the requirement of equivalence certificates.

- ✓ iii. The currently enrolled students in the universities with O&A level and equivalent qualification who have not studied Urdu, Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat should take and clear the deficient courses from their own university, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) or any recognized national Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
- ✓ iv. In future, no admission be granted by the universities to the students who studied O level/ Equivalent Education from abroad and A level from Pakistan but not studied the subjects of Urdu, Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat.
- v. HEC may attest the Bachelors and higher level degrees of the graduates having F.SC (Pre-Agriculture) who got admission in Bachelors programs till December 31, 2016 provided all other requirements are met.
02. This issues with the approval of the HEC Competent Authority.


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