

University Grants Commission

Commission Circular No. **20**/2017

No.20, Ward Place,
Colombo-07

29th September 2017

Vice Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
Directors of Institutes

Amendment to the Policy Framework and Guidelines for offering External Degrees and Extension Programmes by Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes


This has reference to the Commission Circular No. 13/2016 of 31.08.2016 issued amending the clause no. 1.6. of the Commission Circular No. 932 of 15.10.2010 on Policy Framework and Guidelines for offering External Degrees and Extension Programmes by Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes.

Commission at its 971st meeting held on 07th September 2017 has decided to revert back to the previous ratio of students to be admitted to External Degrees, i.e. 1:2 (twice the number of internal students) with immediate effect by strictly adhering to the provisions stated in the Commission Circular No. 932 of 15.10.2010 on Policy Framework and Guidelines for offering External Degrees and Extension Programmes by Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes. Accordingly clause 1.6 of the Commission Circular No. 932 is reproduced as follows;

- 1.6. Admission Committee of the Senate in each University/Higher Educational Institution/Institute will be responsible for selecting number of students based on the UGC guidelines. The total number of students accommodated into a degree programme, except under special circumstances should not exceed twice the number admitted into the internal compartment for a similar study programme.

However, the Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions/ Institutes should take initiatives to introduce/ promote only innovative, nationally and globally relevant degree programmes with the approval of the University Grants Commission in future.

Commission Circular No. 13/2016 of 31.08.2016 is rescinded with immediate effect and please write to the undersigned for any clarifications.


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