

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University  
Thiruvananthapuram**

**Abstract**

APJAKTU - Academic - Provision for Equivalency/Eligibility/Recognition - Revised Criteria - Orders issued.

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*ACADEMIC SECTION*

U.O.No. 1743/2020/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 14.12.2020

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*Read:-*(1) Minutes of the 6th Special Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29/11/2020, item no.S6.1.003.

(2) U.O.No. 65/2020/KTU dated 09/01/2020.

(3) U.O.No. 470/2020/KTU dated 04/03/2020.

**ORDER**

Vide paper read (1) above the subcommittee constituted for a detailed study on fixing/revising the criteria for issuing equivalency/recognition certificates with Dr.J.David as convenor had submitted its report on 28/11/2020, which was presented before the academic council meeting for discussion and resolution.

The Academic Council resolved **to approve the report submitted by the subcommittee** to recommend the criteria for granting Recognition/Equivalency/Eligibility, incorporating the modifications suggested.

The regulations associated with the granting of Recognition / Equivalency / Eligibility are the following :

## **1.Scope**

These regulations are applicable for granting recognition, equivalency, or eligibility to programmes of study offered by academic institutions/Universities within or outside the country. Equivalency or eligibility can be obtained only for such programmes which have been granted recognition from APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (APJAKTU). As per the existing regulations of APJAKTU, a candidate shall become eligible for admission to course of study in an institution under this University only if he

/she has passed the qualifying examination for admission to the course as prescribed in the regulations relating to the admission or has passed any other examination recognized by this University thereto.

- **Programme** in this regulation refers to the relevant degree programme, eg. B.Tech., M.Tech., etc.
- **Recognition** is the act of treating the programme of another academic institution inside or outside the country as having merit and quality.
- **Equivalency** is the act of equating the degree of an academic institution in higher education inside or outside the country with the same or similar programme of the University. Within the University, one programme of study may also be granted equivalency to another programme of study of the University.
- **Eligibility** means the qualification of a person for admission to a prescribed programme of study in the University, or for registration for examinations of the University for the first time, with reference to the qualifications possessed by the person and minimum qualifications prescribed by the University for the same.



## **2. Authority for granting recognition/equivalency/eligibility**

**2.1)** The Board of Governors is the authority to grant recognition/equivalency/eligibility of a programme of study, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned and Academic Council.

**2.2)** The recognition/equivalency/eligibility granted can be withdrawn if it finds that the programme of study recognized earlier is not on par with the programme of study of the University at the time of review.

**2.3)** If the recognition/equivalency/eligibility so granted is withdrawn, such withdrawal shall be prospective and it will not in any way affect the recognition or equivalency granted earlier.

## **3. Criteria for Recognition of a Programme**

Recognition is granted to a programme of study of another academic university/institution, if the following criteria are met:

1. If the programme of study is recognised by the UGC/AICTE and is completed from a State or Central University/Institution, Deemed University or Private University. In case of Architecture programmes, the programme shall be recognised by the Council of Architecture.
2. If the programme of study is completed from a foreign University, it shall be recognised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
3. If the programme of study is from National Institutions, namely Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NIT), Indian Institutes of Management (IIM), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) and other national-level stand-alone institutions, funded by Government.
4. Any program offered by any other University/Institution which is not covered under the categories 3.1) to 3.3), shall be considered by Board of Studies, Academic Council, and Board of Governors as per the merit of the case.
5. If any programme of study has got recognition by APJAKTU, degree holder of this programme will be eligible for higher studies under APJAKTU. As an Example, if B.Tech. degree in Mechanical Engg. awarded by *Delhi Technological University* has received recognition from APJAKTU, all the students who possess B.Tech. Mechanical Engg. of *Delhi Technological University* will be eligible to apply for any programme in APJAKTU for which the eligibility for admission is B.Tech. Mechanical Engg.

## **4. Degrees of Foreign Universities : Criteria for Recognition / Equivalence / Eligibility**

The programme under consideration for recognition/equivalency/eligibility must be obtained from a University, which is approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the candidate shall produce Equivalency certificate from AIU.



## **5.Criteria for Equivalency of a Programme**

Assuming that *programme A* (from APJAKTU or any recognized Universities/Institutions) is considered for equivalency to *programme B* of APJAKTU, criteria for equivalency will be as follows.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Mandatory Requirement</b>
1	Name of the degree of programme A (Eg. UG/PG/Ph.D.)	Same as programme B
2	Normal Duration of the Programme A	Same or longer, as compared to programme B
3	Mode of Study of programme A (Regular, correspondence or part- time/evening)	Same as that of programme B
4	Eligibility for Admission, for programme A (programme completed for eligibility)	Similar in nature, as compared to programme B
5	Criteria for pass in a subject for programme A	Minimum 40% marks is essential for each subject.
6	Minimum academic credits of A	Same or more, as compared to programme B.
7	If programme B has practical content	More than 60% of the practical content of programme B should be covered in programme A
8	Syllabus content of A	More than 80% of the syllabus of B should be covered in A.

**Equivalency is awarded only if all the mandatory criteria numbered 1) to 8) are satisfied.**

5.1) In case of National Institutions, namely Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NIT), Indian Institutes of Management (IIM), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT), and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) and other national-level stand-alone institutions funded by Government.

- If nomenclature (Name of degree and Specialisation) of programmes A and B are same, equivalency is awarded, without any further evaluation.
- If nomenclature of programmes A and B are different, above criteria 1 to 8 are to be satisfied for awarding equivalency.

5.2) The programmes of foreign universities recognized as equivalent by AIU will also be granted equivalency as per the above criteria 1 to 8. In this case, the candidate shall produce Equivalency Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities.



## **6.Criteria for Eligibility of a Programme**

The Board of Studies and subsequently the Academic Council shall examine the qualification for admission to the prescribed programme of study in the University or for registration for examinations of the University. Considering the regulations, scheme, and syllabus of the programme under consideration, these Academic Bodies recommend to the Board of Governors which decides the eligibility of the programme.

As per the extract of minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Syndicate held on 04/02/2020 vide item no.S-011-005, the Syndicate approved the recommendation of the Academic Council regarding the application fee for Equivalency as **Rs.6,000/-**( Rupees Six thousand only) (for the first applicant) and for subsequent applicants **the fee shall be Rs.1000/-**(Rupees One thousand only).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement the decision of the Academic Council as above.

The university orders read as (2) stands cancelled with immediate effect and will have validity till date. The order read as (3) for fixing fees for equivalency certificate is valid and modified only to the above extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

*Sd/-*

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