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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPROVAL PROCESS 2021-22

AICTE invites applications for approval from all the existing and new Technical Institutions for conducting Technical Programmes/ Courses **for the academic session 2021-22** in the following categories:

All applicants are requested to read carefully and thoroughly the AICTE Approval Process Hand Book 2021-22 and All India Council for Technical Education (Grant of approval for Technical Institution) Regulations, 2020& 1st Amendment Regulations, 2021which are available @ www.aicte-india.org before submitting online applications on AICTE Web Portal for the Academic Session 2021-22.

1. New Technical Institutions

Applications for "Setting up New Technical Institutions Offering Technical Programmes in Engineering and Technology/Planning/ Applied Arts and Crafts/ Design/ Hotel Management and Catering Technology/ MCA/ Management at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Levels" shall be permitted only in cases as specified in the Approval Process Handbook.

The existing Institutions offering Courses in Applied Arts and Crafts/ Design/ Vocational (Technical) Programmes / Non-Technical Institutions conducting MCA/ MBA, without the approval of AICTE and seeking approval for the first time from AICTE, shall submit an application as a new Technical Institution.

- "In compliance of the order dated 08.11.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in CA No.364/ 2005, for the existing Institutions offering Courses in Architecture Programme, approval by the Council of Architecture is mandatory but **AICTE approval is NOT required.**

- In compliance of the order dated 05.03.2020 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Transfer Petitions (CIVIL) No 87-101 of 2014, for the existing institutions offering courses in Pharmacy programme, approval of PCI is mandatory but **AICTE approval is NOT required.**

- State Public & Private Universities and Central Universities are also NOT required to take AICTE approval as per AICTE Act. However, some of the Universities are seeking approval of AICTE for availing the benefits of AICTE schemes/initiatives as per the prevailing policies/norms. Accordingly, interested Architecture / Pharmacy Institutions may apply to AICTE for approval, provided, they are already having valid approval of CoA /PCI on the day of application".

- The Central /State Public & Private Universities are not required to take approval of AICTE for Technical Programmes except ODL & Online Programmes / Courses. However, Universities (Category I, II & III) as well as Institutes of Eminence (IoE) are not allowed to take approval for select Technical Programmes/ Courses / Intake which is creating confusion amongst students. Therefore, interested Central /State Public & Private Universities shall have to obtain AICTE approval for ALL Technical Programmes/ Courses / Intake and NOT for selected Technical Programmes / Courses / Intake after fulfilling AICTE norms.

- As regards, Institutions Deemed to be Universities, it is mandatory to have AICTE approval from the Academic Year 2018-19 in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 03-11-2017 passed in **CA No.17869-17870 /2017**. It is found that some of the Deemed to be **Universities (including category I & II) as well as Institutes of Eminence (IoE) are yet to take AICTE a**pproval or taken approval partially for selected Technical Course(s)/ Programme(s)/ Intake. Therefore, the Deemed to be Universities who have never taken approval from AICTE are directed NOT to run any Technical Programme(s)/Course(s) without prior approval of AICTE.

Note: Application for partial approval of any Programme(s) / Course(s) / Intake at any level shall NOT be permitted. If it is noticed that a University/ Institutions Deemed to be University has taken any such partial approval, they are liable for penal action.

2. **Existing Technical Institutions**

- Applications from Existing Technical Institutions offering Technical Programmes in Engineering and Technology/ Planning/ Applied Arts and Crafts/ Design/ Hotel Management and Catering Technology/ MCA/ Management at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/ Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Levels affiliated to University/ Board or Standalone Institutions for
- Extension of Approval based on Self-Disclosure
- Introduction/ Continuation of seats for Non Resident Indian(s)
- Change of Site/Location
- Conversion of Diploma Level into Degree Level and vice-versa
- To start new Programme/ Level in the existing Institutions
- Merger of Institutions under the same Trust/ Society/ Company operating in the same Campus or City
- Extension of Approval of the existing Institutions after a break in the preceding Academic Year/ Restoration of Intake
- Introduction/ Continuation of supernumerary seats for Foreign Nationals/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/ Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries
- Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-ed Institution and vice-versa
- Increase in Intake/ Additional Course(s)
- Introduction of Integrated/Dual Degree Course
- Closure of the Institution
- Introduction/ Continuation of Fellow Program in Management
- Change in the Name of the Course(s)/ Merger of the Courses/ Reduction in Intake/ Closure of Programme(s)/Course(s)
- Change in the Name of the Institution or Affiliating University/ Board or Type of Institution (Institution(s) converted into a University)
- Change in the Minority Status of the Institution
- Change in the Name of the Bank
- Change in the Name of the Trust/ Society/Company
- Extended EoA
- Collaboration and Twinning Programme between Indian and Foreign University/ Institution in the field of Technical Education, Research and Training
- Introduction of Vocational Courses
- Applications from the existing Institutions offering Technical Programmes at Diploma/ Under Graduate Degree and affiliated to Board/ University for seeking approval for Introduction/ Continuation of Vocational Education Programme(s) leading to Diploma / Degree in Vocational Education under NSQF.

Note : Institutions Deemed to be Universities offering Technical Programme(s) approved by the Council, falling under Category-I / II (as declared by UGC) shall have to submit an application to the Council indicating the increase in Intake in the Courses/New Course(s)in Emerging / Multidisciplinary areas. The Council shall be granting approval to those Programmes/ Courses. However, such Universities shall have to update the data in AICTE Web-Portal on annual basis and comply the norms and standards as specified by AICTE from time to time.

Institutions Deemed to be Universities that have been recognized as an Institute of Eminence by the Ministry of Education, Government of India shall have to update the detail in AICTE Web Portal on annual basis and comply the Norms and Standards as specified by AICTE from time to time.

3. **Courses in Open and Distance Learning and / or Online Learning Mode.**
   Applications from the Standalone Institutions/ Institutions Deemed to be Universities/ Universities for seeking approval for Introduction/ Continuation of Courses in Open and Distance Learning Mode and / or Online Learning Mode.

4. **Submission of online applications for the session 2021-22 shall begin on 09th March, 2021 and end on 03rd April, 2021. The last date for submission of online applications with penalty for Extension of Approval based on self-disclosure ONLY for existing Institutions is permitted up to 8th April, 2021. It may be noted that there shall be no further extension of date.**

Note: All the Institutions are requested to visit AICTE Website @ "www.aicte-india.org > Home > Quick link: Approval Process 2021-22" regularly for all General Notifications, Updated Information and Official Communications related to Approval Process 2021-22. There will not be any other individual communication to the Institutions.

AICTE is also organizing online Stakeholder's Workshops appraising the changes in Approval Process Handbook 2021-22 on 10th March, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Interested stakeholders can attend the same.

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