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**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU  
35-FEROZE SHAH ROAD  
NEW DELHI-110001

**F. No. 7-117(2)/2019 (OL)**

**June, 2020**

The Registrar  
Manipal Academy of Higher Education  
Madhav Nagar, Manipal- 576104  
Udupi, Karnataka.

**26 JUN 2020**

Sub: Commission order on the application submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution for the programmes to be offered in online mode for 2019-20 academic session beginning January 2020 and onwards - regarding.

Ref: Online Registration ID- HEI-U-0234.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26 read with clause (j) of Section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 04.07.2018.

2. The Eligibility Criteria for Higher Educational Institutions is enumerated under Regulation 4 of the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018. The Regulation 5 describes the process of applications for the Online Courses or Programmes; Regulations 6 describes the approval process, whereas Regulations 11 and 12 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition and provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission.
3. In accordance with these Regulations, the Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Online Courses or Programmes from the academic session 2019-20, with the last date for submitting online applications on the UGC portal up to 15.04.2019. The last date for submitting duly certified hard copies was 22.04.2019. The **Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka** had submitted its application for recognition of the Online Courses or Programmes.
4. Application received from **Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka** had been scrutinized by the Screening Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. As the HEI had proposed a learning platform other than SWAYAM, it was invited for an Interface Meeting with the duly constituted Technical Expert Committee on 13.05.2019 & 15.10.2019. Based on the recommendations of the Technical Expert Committee and its approval by the Competent Authority, the learning platform of the HEI was approved and same was conveyed to the HEI vide UGC letter no. F. No. 7-12/2019 (OL) dated 30.10.2019.
6. The **Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019 in the UGC (DEB) office at 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001. The Expert Committee based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018, made recommendations for onsite visit by Expert Committee to verify the readiness/preparedness of the e-content in 4 quadrants and availability of e-content in Learning Platform along with proctored examination facilities.
7. The Visiting Expert Committee has visited to **Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka** on **22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020** for the above purpose and submitted its report. The Interface Expert Committee based on the Visiting Expert Committee report and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018, made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority.
8. Based on the recommendation of Interface Expert Committee and its approval by the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the recognition status of the programme to be offered in online mode from 2019-20 for academic session beginning January 2020 and onwards by **Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka**; as detailed in point no. 9 below.
9. **Online Programme Recognized\*:**


(The recognition status was uploaded on 30.01.2020 at UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb); as per commission decision in its 545<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.12.2019 and also intimation of the same vide Email date 30th January, 2020)

S. No.	Name of the Online Programme	Duration	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	2 Years	2019-20, academic session beginning from January, 2020 up to 2020-21.

\*The decision of the Expert Committee has already been communicated vide Email dated 30.01.2020.


10. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee and its approval by the Competent Authority, the HEI is requested to submit an affidavit duly notarized on Rs. 500/- stamp paper in prescribed format (copy enclosed) within a period of one month from the date of Issue of Commission order.
11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 3 of Regulations 6 of the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 **“No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Online Courses or Programmes and admit students thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the approval”**.
12. The HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 in letter and spirit. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
13. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (11) of UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Amit Kumar Verma)  
Education Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, Room no. 645, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560004 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110 070 (A copy of affidavit submitted by the HEI as per AICTE letter no. AICTE/P & AP/ Misc./ 2020/621 DATED 09.01.2020 is enclosed).
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Madhav Nagar, Manipal - 576104, Karnataka.
5. The Joint Secretary, CPP-I (DU) Bureau, UGC for information and necessary action, if any.
6.  Guard file.

  
(V.K. Sudharsana Devi)  
Section Officer

**Specific Provisions for Compliance**

- a. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer Online Course or Programme in only those disciplines in which it has already been offering the same or similar or Programme in regular mode (of classroom teaching) or in Open and Distance Learning mode and from which at least one batch has been passed out.
- b. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any courses or programme in engineering, law, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy, applied arts and such other courses or programmes not permitted to be offered through online or open and distance learning mode by any other statutory or regulatory body or council.
- c. The content and the designing and developing of courses of the Course or programme shall have to be developed by the in house faculty as stipulated in item (i) of sub-regulation(4) of regulation.
- d. The Higher Educational Institution shall ensure the compliance of entry level qualification, mode of admission, duration of programme(minimum & maximum) and number of credits as per UGC notification on specification of degrees, UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies from time to time.
- e. The Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the norms and standards of AICTE to offer programmes of MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism in online mode.
- f. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply all the terms and conditions in letter and spirit as stipulated under UGC(Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 and norms issued by the statutory bodies from time to time.
- g. The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering online courses or programmes as mentioned in Annexure 1 of UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.
- h. The Higher Educational Institution shall also scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions for the operation of the Online Courses and Programmes as mentioned in Regulation 7 of (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.
- i. The Higher Educational Institution shall ensure that all the information given by the University in the proposal and documents submitted during various interactions to UGC are complete, true and correct.
- j. The Higher Educational Institution shall make e-material available in 4 quadrants for each of the courses of recognized courses or programmes on its learning platform, well before the start of the immediate next academic session.
- k. That Higher Educational Institution is fully aware of the consequences, if the University fails to abide by UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.
- l. The Higher Educational Institution is fully aware that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University is found to be false and/ or fake at a later stage or in case of any violation, UGC may take punitive measures mentioned in UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018. The HEI is also fully aware that, it is / will be the sole responsibility of the HEI for career consequence of the students, if any, arising out of the same.

**(Dr. Amit Kumar Verma)**  
*Education Officer*