

**Commission decision in respect of matter related to the offering of Bachelor's programmes with duration of 3 years or 4 years**

Matter related to the offering of Bachelor's programmes with duration of 3 years or 4 years was placed before the DEB Working Group (DWG) in its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024.

Based on the recommendations of the DWG, Commission in its 579<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 decided as under:-

***a.** In order to implement NEP-2020, HEIs shall be permitted to offer 4-year bachelor's degree (Honours) after eight semesters programme of study in ODL and Online mode without one batch passed out condition from academic session July-August, 2024, provided that a batch has been passed out from corresponding 3 year bachelor's degree in conventional/ODL mode, as applicable. However, one batch passed out condition shall be applicable to 3-year bachelor's degree as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.*

*Further, HEIs applying for the recognition of the programme to be offered in ODL and/or Online mode shall fulfill all the conditions stipulated in Regulations such as PPR, preparedness of SLM/E-LM and approval of PPR and SLM/E-LM by the statutory bodies of HEI etc.*

***b.** As Ph.D. is prohibited in ODL and Online mode, 4-year bachelor's degree (honours with research) shall not be permitted to be offered in ODL and Online mode.*

***c.** The entry level qualification, credits and duration for 4-year bachelor's degree (Honours) shall be as per the guidelines/regulations issued by the Commission from time to time.....”*

Accordingly, HEIs have the provision to apply for 4-year bachelor's degree (Honours) in ODL and Online mode, without one batch passed out condition from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning September 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024), provided that a batch has been passed out from corresponding 3 year bachelor's degree in conventional/ODL mode, as applicable.

Further, for 4-year bachelor's degree (Honours), requirement will as per National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) as under:

- i. Entry level qualification: Student has to complete the requirements of a 3-year bachelor's degree and shall have minimum 75% marks or its equivalent grade after completing 3-year bachelor's degree
- ii. Credits: 160
- iii. Duration: Four years (eight semesters)

In this regard, HEIs willing to offer 4-year bachelor's degree (Honours) in ODL and/or Online mode shall fulfill all the conditions stipulated in UGC Regulations such as PPR, preparedness of SLM/E-LM and approval of PPR and SLM/E-LM by the statutory bodies of HEI etc. and submit the same to UGC along with application.