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To

All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and
All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,

Subject: Introduction & Implementation of Credit Framework for the movement from Professional/Vocational Education to Engineering & Technology.

Dear Sir/Madam,

AICTE has introduced Unified Credit Framework National Higher Equation Qualification Framework (NHEQF) / National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) for the movement from Professional/Vocational Education to Engineering & Technology to align it with the objective of NEP-2020 and also prescribed the same in AICTE Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2022-23 for the implementation of the same by All AICTE approved Technical Universities/Institutions. The details of Credit Framework as prescribed is placed below for reference.

Sl No.	Academic Level	Entry Qualifications at different levels.	Exiting Qualifications at different levels	NHEQF/NSQF Level	Unified Credit Level (UCF)
1	10th Std.		10th Standard	Level 2	3.0
2	11th Std./1st year Diploma	10th Completed	A candidate exits with 10+1 year of Diploma or equivalent with NHEQF/NSQF level 3/UCF level 3.5	Level 3	3.5
3	12th Std./ 2nd year Diploma	A candidate completing 10+1 year of Diploma or 11th std or equivalent vocational with NHEQF/NSQF level 3/UCF level 3.5	A candidate exits with 10+2 year of Diploma or equivalent with NHEQF/NSQF level 4/ UCF level 4	Level 4	4.0
4	Final year Diploma	A candidate completing 10+2 year of Diploma or 12th std or equivalent vocational with NHEQF/NSQF level 4/ UCF level4	Diploma	Level 5	4.5
5	1st year UG Degree	12th Completed	Undergraduate Certificate	Level 5	4.5

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6	2nd year UG Degree	A candidate with Diploma in appropriate branch of Engineering/Equivalent Vocational or Technical program with NHEQF level 5/UCF level 4.5 completed.	Undergraduate Diploma	Level 6	5.0
7	3rd year UG Degree	A candidate with 10+4/12+2 in appropriate domain with NSQF level 6/UCF level 5 completed	Bachelor of Vocational Education	Level 7	5.5
8	Final year UG Degree	A candidate with 3 years Bachelor degree in Vocational/B.Sc. in appropriate domain with NHEQF level 7/UCF level 5.5 completed	B.E./ B.Tech.	UG Engineering Degree	6.0
9	1st year PG Degree	A candidate with 4 years Bachelor Degree in Technical Progrmme in appropriate Domain with UCF level 6.0 completed	Post Graduate Certificate	Post Graduate Certificate	6.5
10	Final year PG Degree	A candidate with 1 year PG certificate in Technical Programme in appropriate Domain with UCF level 6.5 completed	M.E./M.Tech.	PG Engineering Degree	7.0
11	PhD Degree	A Candidate Who Has Completed Level 7 In Technical PG Programme or 6.5 in General PG Degree	PhD Degree	PhD Degree	8.0

- At each entry, Institution/University has to identify the educational gaps/skill gaps and suitable bridge course may be offered.
- To make the students employable after every exit, the skill component with progressive enhancement in skill in respective disciplines may be introduced in the curriculum right from the 1st year of the program by the concerned regulatory body/University/Technical Board, as the case may be.

All the AICTE approved institutions/technical universities are requested to make necessary amendment in their statutes and implement the same.

Regards

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