

## INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

Chennai, the 18th July 2013

No. PAD/PEN/001/2013—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980, the Board of Directors of Indian Overseas Bank after consultation with the Reserve Bank of India and with the previous sanction of the Central Government, hereby makes the following Regulations further to amend the Indian Overseas Bank (Employees') Pension Regulations, 1995, namely:—

- (1) (1) These Regulations may be called the Indian Overseas Bank (Employees') Pension (Amendment) Regulations, 2013.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- (2) In sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 50 of the Indian Overseas Bank (Employees') Pension Regulations 1995, for the words "two years", the words "one year" shall be substituted.
- (3) In Regulation 50 of the Indian Overseas Bank (Employees') Pension Regulations 1995, in sub-regulation (6), for the words "two years", the words "one year" shall be substituted.

INDIRA PADMINI  
General Manager  
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Footnote:—The Principal Regulations were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number PAD/179/2097 published in the Gazette of India, Part III Section 4 dated 29.09.1995 and subsequently amended as under.

Notification No.	Date
29[PART III-SECTION 4]	15.07.2000
16[PART III-SECTION 4]	20.04.2002
09[PART III-SECTION 4]	01.03.2003
96[PART III-SECTION 4]	24.05.2004
09[PART III-SECTION 4]	05.03.2010

The 6th August 2013

No. IRD/184/2013-14—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and Section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980, the Board of Directors of Indian Overseas Bank after consultation with Reserve Bank of India and with the previous sanction of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Indian Overseas Bank Officer Employees'

(Acceptance of Jobs in Private Sector Concerns after Retirement) Regulations, 2000, namely:—

1. (1) These Regulations may be called Indian Overseas Bank Officer Employees' (Acceptance of Jobs in Private Sector Concerns after Retirement) Amendment Regulations, 2013.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In Regulation 4 of the Indian Overseas Bank Officer Employees' (Acceptance of Jobs in Private Sector Concerns after Retirement) Regulations, 2000, in Sub-regulation (1), for the words "two years", the words "one year" shall be substituted.

INDIRA PADMINI  
General Manager  
Personnel Administration Department

Footnote: The Principal Regulations were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number IRD/184/232 published in the Gazette of India, Part III Section 4 dated 24.02.2001.

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

New Delhi, the 27th May 2013

No. 1-1/2011 (CPP-II)—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (f) and (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely:—

1. Short title, application and commencement :—

- (1) These regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.
- (2) These regulations shall apply to—
  - (a) All Foreign Educational Institutions operating in India through collaboration with Indian Educational Institutions, other than Technical Institutions, prior to the coming into force of these regulations, or intending to operate through collaboration, for offering their programmes leading to award of degrees and postgraduate diplomas; and
  - (b) Indian Educational Institutions, other than Technical Institutions, already collaborating prior to the coming into force of these regulations, or intending to collaborate with Foreign Educational Institutions for offering programme(s) of study leading to award of degrees and postgraduate diplomas.
- (3) Any Indian Educational Institution or Foreign Educational Institution already having a

collaborative arrangement shall comply with these regulations within a period of six months from the date of their coming into force.

- (4) These regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

## 2. Definitions:—

- (a) “Accrediting Agency”, in respect of a Foreign Educational Institution, means an agency or body approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions;
- (b) “Act” means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;
- (c) “Appropriate authority” means an authority of the Indian University, created under relevant provision of its Act and having the powers to take decision(s) with regard to such collaboration with Foreign Educational Institutions;
- (d) “Collaboration” means an arrangement between an Indian Educational Institution and a Foreign Educational Institution, put into place through an instrument of written Agreement for the purposes of collaborative or partnership/twinning arrangements with the purpose of offering degree(s) and postgraduate diploma programme(s);
- (e) “Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the Act;
- (f) “Degree” means a degree awarded by an Indian Educational Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Section 22 of the Act or a degree awarded by a Foreign Educational Institution in its home country;
- (g) “Foreign Educational Institution” means –
- (i) an institution duly established or incorporated in its home country and has been offering educational programmes at the graduate and higher levels in its home country in the areas or disciplines concerned and
  - (ii) which offers or proposes to offer programme(s) of study leading to the award of degree(s) or postgraduate diploma(s) through conventional mode, but excluding distance mode, in collaboration, partnership or in a twinning arrangement with any Indian Educational Institution;
- (h) “Indian Educational Institution” means a university or college or institution, whether known as such or by any other name, (public and private), other than Technical Institution, recognized as such by the relevant Statutory Body for imparting education at the undergraduate, postgraduate and higher levels;

- (i) “NAAC” means the National Assessment and Accreditation Council established under clause (ccc) of Section 12 of the Act;
- (j) “Section” means a section of the Act;
- (k) “Statutory Body” means a body established or incorporated by or under a Central Act to regulate, co-ordinate, determine and maintain standards of teaching, examination and research in universities or programme(s) of study, including professional programme(s) leading to the award of degree(s) or postgraduate diploma(s);
- (l) “Postgraduate Diploma” means a diploma awarded on satisfactory completion of a programme of study of a duration of not less than one academic year and for which the minimum qualification for admission is a Bachelor degree from a recognized university or institution;
- (m) “Technical Institution” means an institution as defined under clause (h) of section 2 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 but excluding Technical Universities and Universities offering technical programmes;
- (n) “Twinning Programme” means a programme of study whereby students enrolled with an Indian Educational Institution may complete their programme of study partly in India and partly in the main campus of Foreign Educational Institutions in its home country in which it is primarily established or incorporated.

## 3. Eligibility criteria and conditions for collaborations :—

- (1) A Foreign Educational Institution collaborating with an Indian Educational Institution shall satisfy the following criteria or conditions—
- (a) The Foreign Institutions which are accredited with the highest grade in their homeland should be allowed to have twinning arrangement with those Indian institutions which are accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting agencies with a grade not less than B or its equivalent in respect of institutional accreditation or a threshold level of accreditation in respect of program accreditation, as the case may be.
  - (b) It shall have operative arrangements in India through Indian Educational Institution(s) by way of collaboration.
  - (c) The Foreign Educational Institutions offering programme(s) of study through collaboration or partnership or twinning shall ensure that the programme(s) of study offered and imparted by them in India are in conformity with the standards laid down by the respective Statutory Regulatory Body concerned.
  - (d) The Foreign Educational Institutions shall also abide by any other condition(s) prescribed by the Government of India and Statutory Regulatory Body(ies) from time to time.

(2) An Indian Educational Institution collaborating with Foreign Educational Institution(s) shall satisfy the following criteria or conditions—

- (a) At the time of Agreement for collaboration, the Indian Educational Institution shall have accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council with a grade not less than B or its equivalent grade;

Provided that the Indian Educational Institutions maintained by the Central Government or Commission and State Government(s) and Union territory Government(s) shall be exempt from the accreditation for the purposes of these regulations.

- (b) It shall have experience of at least five years in offering educational programme(s) in India at the level of degree and postgraduate diploma;

Provided that the Indian Educational Institutions maintained by the Central Government or Commission and/or State Government(s) and/or Union territory Government(s) shall be exempt from the requirement of five years experience.

- (c) Its academic infrastructure, including laboratory and workshop facilities and library shall meet the requirements of the relevant Statutory Body.

- (d) The Indian Educational Institution, if it is an institution affiliated to a university, collaborating with Foreign Educational Institutions for conducting programme(s) of study leading to the degree(s) or postgraduate diploma(s) shall obtain prior approval from the affiliating university concerned.

- (e) All matters relating to the grievances of students including legal matters relating to the collaboration shall be addressed by the Indian Educational Institutions entering into academic collaboration.

(3) All institutions (Indian or Foreign) involved in collaborative, twinning or other forms of partnership arrangements shall satisfy the following criteria and conditions :—

- (a) The academic requirements and other details of the programme(s) of study shall be made public by displaying prominently in the respective websites before the commencement of the programme by the Indian Educational Institutions concerned.

- (b) No programme of study and/or research shall be offered which is against national security and territorial integrity of India.

- (c) The Educational Institution concerned shall also abide by any other condition(s) specified by the Government of India and Statutory Body(ies) from time to time.

- (d) Wherever foreign exchange is involved, the educational institution (Indian and/or foreign) shall abide by and comply with the relevant Regulations, Norms, Notifications and Instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

4. Procedure for collaboration :—

Any Foreign Educational Institution collaborating with Indian Educational Institution(s) shall have to enter into a written Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement with the Indian Educational Institution concerned:

Provided that no Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement shall be entered into by Foreign Educational Institutions collaborating with Indian Educational Institutions unless the Indian Educational Institution concerned has obtained prior approval of the Commission including the approval of the draft Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement;

Provided further, that after approval of the Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement, as the case may be, by the Commission, it shall be signed by both the partnering institutions and a copy of such Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement shall be forwarded to the Commission and shall also be uploaded on their websites.

5. Procedure for approval:—

For approval, the following procedure is required to be fulfilled; namely—

- (a) The Foreign Educational Institutions concerned shall submit a draft Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement to the Commission along with an application in the specified format, giving details about the infrastructure facilities, facilities available for instruction, faculty, specified fee, courses, curricula, requisite funds for operations for a minimum period of three years and other terms and conditions of collaboration, if any.

- (b) The Commission, after receiving the application along with draft Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement, shall acknowledge the receipt of the application within a week. The proposal shall be then processed internally and deficiency, if any, shall be communicated and additional documents, if any required, shall be asked for within a period of one month.

- (c) Once the Commission is satisfied that the proposal is complete in all respects, the Commission shall take the decision to issue a letter of approval, after considering various factors including quality of education, overall merit of the proposal, fees to be charged, credibility of the Foreign Educational Institution as well as Indian Educational Institution within a period of six months. In case the Commission does not approve the proposal, a letter of rejection shall be issued by the Commission stipulating the reasons therefor.

- (d) The approval so granted shall be valid for a period of five years or as specified otherwise, during which, the Commission may review the progress made and periodically inform the agencies concerned about the results of such a review and the Commission may extend or withdraw the approval or impose such other conditions for extension, as it may deem fit and proper.
- (e) In the event of any malpractices, the approval granted may be revoked;
- Provided that before revocation, an opportunity to show cause shall be given to the Educational Institution concerned.
6. Miscellaneous conditions:—
- The other conditions required to be fulfilled are—
- (a) A franchise arrangement, by whatever name, between a Foreign Educational Institution and an Indian Educational Institution shall not be allowed under these regulations.
- (b) No arrangement involving a Foreign Educational Institution granting, for a consideration, a license or permission to an Indian Educational Institution to carry out educational activity in the name of the Foreign Educational Institution shall be permitted under these regulations.
- (c) The University Grants Commission shall maintain an updated list of approved collaborating institutions on its website.
- (d) On commencement of these regulations, no Foreign Educational Institution or Indian Educational Institution shall establish or operate its educational activity in India through collaboration leading to award of degree(s) and postgraduate diploma(s) without the express permission or approval of the Commission.
7. Consequences of violation :—
- (a) The Commission either on its own or on the basis of any complaint from any quarter may cause an inquiry, including physical inspection, of the collaborative arrangements and after having satisfied itself that the collaborating institution(s) is/are not functioning in accordance with these regulations, may issue directions for termination of the Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement for collaboration and while issuing such directions, the Commission shall ensure that the students, who have already enrolled for such course or programme are permitted to continue till they obtain requisite qualification;
- Provided that an opportunity to explain its position shall be given to such an educational institution before coming to the conclusion that it is not functioning in accordance with these regulations and before issuing directions for termination of the Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement.
- (b) If the institution concerned is found to have violated these regulations, the Commission shall take action as provided under Section 14 of the Act and shall also notify on its website and also through media that the programme(s) offered or conducted through the said collaborative arrangements are not in conformity with these regulations.
- (c) In case the Commission finds any Deemed to be University violating any of the provisions of these regulations, in addition to provisions made under clauses (a) and (b) above, the Commission may also recommend to the Central Government for withdrawal of Deemed to be University status.
- (d) The Commission may also take such further action against Indian Educational Institution(s) as it may deem fit and proper.
- (e) The Commission may also declare the Foreign Educational Institution(s) as 'blacklisted' and prohibit such Foreign Educational Institution(s) from entering into any collaborative arrangement with any Indian Educational Institution in future.
8. Interpretation :—
- (a) Any question as to the interpretation of these regulations shall be decided by the Commission and its decision shall be final and binding in the matter.
- (b) The Commission shall have the power to issue clarifications to remove any doubt, difficulty or anomaly which may arise in regard to the implementation of these regulations.
- (c) Any dispute arising in relation to collaborative arrangement between Indian Educational Institution(s) and Foreign Educational Institution(s) shall be governed by the Indian law.

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