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Sub.: Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system for the students from 2024-25 in HBNI - reg.

There were many discussions in the past about the immediate requirement of implementing the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) System in HBNI as per UGC guidelines and NEP-2020. Based on the recommendations of the Academic Council in its 32nd meeting held on 3rd June 2023, HBNI formed a committee to study guidelines of UGC/NEP-2020 on Academic Bank of Credits and recommend modalities to implement the ABC system in HBNI. The Committee's recommendations, as listed in **Annexure-I**, were approved by the 33rd Academic Council held on 4th December 2023.

All the CIs/OCC of HBNI are requested to implement the enclosed recommendations of the Committee pertaining to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system for the benefit of students from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.

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1. All the Directors of CIs/OCC
2. All Deans (Academics) of CIs/OCC
3. Dean/Associate Deans, HBNI
4. HBNI's website

<u>Recommendations of the Committee</u>

- The committee has suggested to implement the ABC in a phased manner with periodic review to make mid-course corrections, if any.

  Every CI/OCC & students need to open account.

- Institutes recognised by HBNI for lateral entry/credit transfer for students

Institutes recognised by HBNI as decided in 32nd meeting of Academic Council held on 3rd June 2023 are those defined as given below:

- ✓ the institute with which HBNI has signed a MOU for academic collaboration
- ✓ the institute which has current NAAC grading of A+ or above
- ✓ the institute which has NIRF ranking within top 50 in university category
- ✓ the Institute of National Importance (INI), as recognised by the Govt of India.

<u>Credit Recognitions</u>

- A course offered at any of the CI/OCC of HBNI or at an institute with which HBNI has signed an MoU for academic collaboration shall be considered as a course offered by HBNI for the purpose of credit recognition.

- For all the degree programmes under HBNI, the students can take a maximum of 50% of their credit requirements through ABC scheme. For these degree programs, core courses should be taken from HBNI and only electives may be permitted through ABC.

- For doctoral students, Standing Academic Committee (SAC) or its equivalent committee will be authorized to accept or reject the courses to be credited through ABC.

- Any courses taken by the student more than three years prior to seeking credit, will not be considered.

- External credits accepted by HBNI will be valid till the completion of the academic program.

ABC implementation on academic programmes offered at HBNI

M.Sc. (2 year)

Vacancies, if any, in the 2nd year of M.Sc. offered by CIs and OCC of HBNI, may be filled by lateral entry to 2nd year.

In such cases, HBNI recommends the following:

- The student must earn a minimum of 50% of the minimum total credit required under the programme.

- With the approval of SAC or equivalent committee of CI/OCC, the credits earned by the student in preceding institute may be transferred provided the former institute is a HBNI recognised HEI.

- Selection will be based on a national level test with appropriate cut-offs corresponding to the continuing batch, and subsequently clearing the entrance test conducted by CI/OCC.

5 year Integrated M.Sc. programme

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- **In addition, the following conditions are recommended**
- ✓ the academic programme should be equivalent to the programme under HBNI
- ✓ should be 75% or more overlap in the syllabus of the courses for credit transfer
- ✓ the student must have a CGPA ≥ 7.5 & selection will be based on a test conducted by CI/OCC
- ✓ the student intending to enroll must enroll for at least one full academic year
- ✓ the student must enrol at the beginning of the academic year
- ✓ The student must earn a minimum of 50% of the total credits required for the award of a degree

2 year M.Sc. (Medical & Radiological Physics), M.Sc. (Clinical Research), M.Sc. (Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Technology), M.Sc. (Hospital Radiophamacy),

M.Sc. (Public Health and Epidemiology), M.Sc. (Patient Navigation) & M.Sc. (Nursing),

Masters in Occupational Therapy (Oncology)

- These programmes are very specialized in the area of oncology under Medical & Health Sciences. It is recommended not to implement ABC for these courses till NMC issues any such order.

3 year MD, 2 yr Certified Fellowship & 3 yr DM/ MCh

- These medical programmes are very specialized in the area of oncology under Medical & Health Sciences. It is recommended not to implement ABC for these courses till NMC issues any such order.

Ph.D. programmes

- ❖ Inter CI/OCC transfer
- ❖ Transfer from other HEI (course work)

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Opening of HBNI courses for external students

- HBNI & its CI's/OCC may open its courses for registration by external students.

- The CIs/OCC in consultation with the course instructor may study and recommend a suitable number of the external students for each course.

- The external students should meet the course pre-requisites before registering the courses.

- SAC or equivalent committee of CI/OCC will look into the requests by the students to accept/reject as per the pre-requisites.