

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 14th December, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room, VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

The 16th meeting of the Equivalence Committee was held on 14th December, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room, VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. The following were present:

Dr Srikant Mohapatra, PVC	Chairperson
Prof. Ashish Agarwal, Dir (SOET)	Member
Prof. P V Suresh, Dir (SOCIS)	Member
Prof. S R Jha, SOS	Member
Shri Kuldeep Dagar, Dy. Secy., AIU	Special Invitee
Dr Himansu K. Bose, Registrar (SRD)	Convener

Dr S K Pulist, Additional Director, SRD was present to provide academic inputs to the Committee.

At the outset, the Chairperson Dr Srikant Mohapatra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU welcomed the members to the meeting. Thereafter, on request of the Registrar (SRD), Dr S K Pulist, Additional Director, SRD with permission of the Chair presented the Agenda Items one by one for discussion.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision:

16.1 Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Equivalence Committee

16.1.1 The Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 27th May, 2022 were placed before the Committee. The members noted that the Minutes have been approved by the Academic Council in its 78th meeting held on 13th June, 2022. As approved by the Academic Council based on the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee, the notification regarding recognition of certificates awarded by Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai has been issued.

16.2 **To consider and approve recognition of Bhartiya Shiksha Board, Haridwar in connection to AIU's letter No. AIU/EV/IN(I)/ 2022/BSB dated 3rd August, 2021**

16.2.1 The Committee discussed the matter pertaining to recognition of 10+2 certificates awarded by Bhartiya Shiksha Board, Haridwar. It was noted that the AIU which has been mandated by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to grant equivalence/recognition to the certificates issued by the School Education Boards vide the Gazette Notification dated 15th November, 2021, has granted equivalence to Grade 10th and 12th Board Examination/Qualification/Courses conducted by Bhartiya Shiksha Board, Haridwar, Uttarakhand for the purpose of admission in higher education institutions and employment in Central/State Government organizations/bodies, vide its letter No. AIU/EV/IN(I)/ 2022/BSB dated 3rd August, 2021. The AIU representative Shri Kuldeep Dagar informed that based on the above said Gazette Notification, the AIU has already put the system in place and the equivalence is granted to the School Boards following a stringent procedure. The Bhartiya Shiksha Board, Haridwar is one such Board which has been granted equivalence to its 10th and 12th certificates under the new system.

16.2.2 After deliberations, the Committee recommended to recognise the 10+2 certificate awarded by Bhartiya Shiksha Board, Haridwar for academic and employment purposes in IGNOU.

16.3 **To consider and approve inclusion of the names of 4 Boards in the list of 'Unrecognized School Boards'**

16.3.1 The Committee discussed the status of recognition of the 4 School Boards mentioned in the following Table based on the information received from different agencies as given in the 'Remarks' Column.

Sl. No.	Name of the School Board	Remarks
1.	Northern Institute of Open Schooling (India), Delhi Public School, Maharaja Hari Singh Marg, Residency Road, Jammu,- 180001	These boards are not recognized as per COBSE's letter F.No. COBSE/USB/2022/010 dated 20.05.2022.
2.	Tamil Nadu Council for Open and Distance Learning, Kundrathur Road, Porur, Chennai – 600116, Tamil Nadu	
3.	Govt. of Assam, Assam Madrasa	
4.	Board of School Education, Hubli (Karnataka)	
		As per Director (Secondary Education), Bengaluru, Karnataka's letter No. C4(4)Ignouletter/Reg:Eq/03:2022(758 815) dated 25.08.2022, the order dated 27.02.2018 issued by Department of Administration and Personnel Training, Karnataka states that the Board of School Education Hubli (Karnataka) is not recognized. *

16.3.2 Since the AIU is mandated to issue equivalence to the certificates issued by School Boards, the Committee decided that in all cases the University will consider such Boards based on the equivalence granted by AIU. Therefore, SRD was requested to seek information regarding recognition of these Boards from AIU.

16.3.3 The Committee further decided that since the information regarding the 'Unrecognised Boards' is for internal consumption that helps the

concerned Admission Processing Units to process the admission forms expeditiously, an updated list may be provided to these Units. However, this list may be withdrawn from the Common Prospectus to avoid any confusion.

16.4 To report the action taken regarding recognition of Technical Examinations conducted by various Institutions (as per MHRD's letter F No. 11-15/2011-AR (TS.II) dated 6-12-2012 for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU

16.4.1 The members noted that the matter pertaining to recognition of the certificates issued by the following Technical/Professional Institutions upto 31-5-2013 based on the AICTE Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 dated 31-10-2017 is under discussion for the last 3-4 meeting of the Committee in view of observations of the Academic Council in its 77th meeting held on 28th December, 2021:

- 1) Institute of Engineers (India), Kolkata
- 2) Aeronautical Society of India, New Delhi
- 3) Institution of Civil Engineers, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 4) Institute of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai
- 5) Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, New Delhi
- 6) Institute of Fire Engineering, India, New Delhi
- 7) The Institution of Surveyors, New Delhi
- 8) Tool Room and Training Centre, Wazirpur, Delhi
- 9) College of Military Engineering, Pune
- 10) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, New Delhi
- 11) National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineer, Bombay
- 12) Indian Institute of Ceramics, Kolkata.

16.4.2 The members further noted that based on the letter No. F. AICTE/P&A/Misc./2022/84 dated 12th April, 2022 received from AICTE the following information has been sought by SRD from these institutions:

- a) *Correct name of National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering, Bombay,*
- b) *Names of the institutes and details of the technical programmes of all the institutes which have been recognised by the AICTE as per Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 dated 31-10-2017,*
- c) *Level of the programmes,*
- d) *Entry level qualification for admission to these programmes, and*
- e) *Equivalence of these programmes with the programmes offered by other universities in India:*

16.4.3 In response to the letter written by SRD, only three institutions (Sr. No. 1, 3 and 10 above) have provided the required information. The SOET and SOCIS have already provided their observations in the respective cases. While examining these cases, the Committee decided to seek relevant information pertaining to all these institutions from AIU also. The updated information may be placed before the Committee in its next meeting for further examination.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members.

(SRIKANT MOHAPATRA)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor &
Chairperson,
Equivalence Committee