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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 read with Section 12 of the International Quality and Accreditation Standards Charter, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Accreditation and Recognition Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the recommendation of the Global Quality Assessment Committee and the Executive Council, hereby notifies the mandatory **Phased Rollout Schedule and Key Milestones for Institutional Accreditation & Quality Assurance Framework (2025–2026)** applicable to all registered constituent institutions, affiliated centres, and candidate accreditation bodies specified herein below:

- 1. Phase I: Preparatory Governance, Self-Evaluation & Baseline Quality Audit**
(Duration: 8 Weeks, w.e.f. 01 Oct 2025 to 26 Nov 2025);
- 2. Phase II: Pilot Implementation, Process Standardisation & Mid-Term Verification**
(Duration: 10 Weeks, w.e.f. 01 Dec 2025 to 09 Feb 2026);
- 3. Phase III: Comprehensive Institutional Rollout & Full-Scale Deployment**
(Duration: 12 Weeks, w.e.f. 10 Feb 2026 to 06 May 2026);
- 4. Phase IV: Systematic Monitoring, Independent Quality Review & Compliance Reporting** (Duration: 8 Weeks, w.e.f. 07 May 2026 to 01 Jul 2026);
- 5. Phase V: Final Statutory Accreditation Audit, Board Evaluation & Certification Conformance**
(Duration: 6 Weeks, w.e.f. 02 Jul 2026 to 12 Aug 2026).

as the mandatory framework for the purpose of the aforesaid Charter with immediate effect, subject to strict compliance with the following statutory conditions, milestones, and regulatory requirements, namely:—

- a. That all applicant and constituent institutions shall complete the Baseline Assessment and submit the formal Self-Study Quality Report to the IQAB Secretariat no later than 26th November, 2025 (Milestone M-01);
- b. That every participating institution shall adhere strictly to the quality guidelines, inspection norms, and benchmarks issued by the IQAB Directorate of Compliance from time to time, and any deviation exceeding fourteen (14) days shall require prior written approval of the Board;

c. That appropriate provisions in the Institutional Governance Structure, Quality Manual, and Operational Statutes shall be formally enacted to:

(i) nominate an accredited Chief Quality Officer (CQO) as the primary liaison with the IQAB Oversight Directorate on or before 15th October, 2025;

(ii) put in place a transparent, digital Grievance Redressal and Compliance Tracking Machinery accessible to all stakeholders;

(iii) maintain a verified Institutional Quality Register and Risk Assessment Matrix subject to periodic unannounced inspection;

(iv) constitute an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) with mandatory representation from independent external assessors;

d. That the Key Milestones specified in the Schedule appended hereunder shall be binding and non-negotiable for the grant and maintenance of accredited status:

Milestone No.	Milestone Description & Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
M-01	Submission of Baseline Assessment Dossier & IQAC Charter	26 Nov 2025	Chief Quality Officer / Head of Institution
M-02	Issuance of Phase I Formal Acknowledgement & Clearance by IQAB	10 Dec 2025	IQAB Secretariat
M-03	Completion of Pilot Programme & Preliminary Verification Audit	09 Feb 2026	Joint Steering Committee
M-04	Mid-Term Regulatory Review Meeting with IQAB Peer Assessors	15 Mar 2026	Directorate of Quality & Standards
M-05	Submission of Comprehensive Rollout Implementation Report	06 May 2026	Executive Authority of Institution
M-06	Completion of Independent External Quality Evaluation & Site Audit	01 Jul 2026	IQAB Board of Independent Auditors
M-07	Submission of Final Conformance Dossier & Compliance Clearance	12 Aug 2026	Chief Quality Officer
M-08	Statutory Final Decision & Formal Publication of Accreditation Order	30 Sep 2026	IQAB Governing Board

e. That failure to satisfy any of the prescribed milestones or conditions within the stipulated time frame shall render the institution liable to forfeiture of candidacy, issuance of a formal Notice of Non-Compliance, or cancellation of accreditation without further notice.

Regards,



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