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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/AUDIT-CONF/STAT/2025-26/46.—In exercise of the sovereign statutory powers conferred by Section 6 read with sub-sections (3) and (6) of Section 15 and Section 34 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Statutory Comprehensive Institutional Inspections, Multi-Jurisdictional Peer Audits and Quality Conformance Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the recommendation of the Board of Lead Assessors and with the formal assent of the Governing Council, hereby solemnly promulgates, mandates, and notifies the protocol, guidelines, and statutory execution schedule for the **Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Annual Plan Conformance Audits Completion (Cycle 2026)** across all accredited universities, candidate colleges, research institutes, and constituent technical faculties specified herein below:—

- (1) **Transnational Academic Governance, Curriculum Rigour & Programmatic Conformance Audit Division;**
- (2) **Faculty Qualifications, Research Integrity & Continuous Professional Competency Inspection Wing;**
- (3) **Institutional Physical Infrastructure, Laboratories, Safety & Smart Campus Facilities Audit Bureau;**
- (4) **Enterprise AI Integration, Digital Credentialing & Blockchain Security Verification Cell;**
- (5) **Campus Decarbonisation, Resource Stewardship & ESG Environmental Conformance Audit Wing;**
- (6) **Fiduciary Solvency, Crisis Liquidity Buffer & Financial Resilience Audit Directorate;**
- (7) **Student Experience, Transparent Evaluation, Diversity & Grievance Redressal Mechanism Panel;**
- (8) **International Multilateral Equivalence, Dual-Degree Accords & Student Mobility Audit Bureau;**
- (9) **Independent International Peer Reviewers, Lead Assessors & Technical Evaluators Commission;**
- (10) **Statutory Audit Reconciliation, Final Conformance Scoring & Official Gazette Directorate.**

as the mandatory statutory on-site inspection framework, evidence-based verification standard, and decisive assessment protocol for the final renewal, validation, and awarding of sovereign institutional accreditation ratings for the 2026 operational year.

1. Statutory Audit Conditions & Institutional Inspection Covenants

All accredited universities, constituent faculties, and candidate institutions undergoing the Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Conformance Audit shall strictly adhere to the following statutory conditions, access covenants, and inspection directives, namely:—

- (1) **Mandatory Completion Cut-Off Date:**— That all on-site physical audits, laboratory inspections, stakeholder interviews, and multi-jurisdictional peer verifications across all member states shall commence in January 2026 and be comprehensively concluded on or before Wednesday, 1st July, 2026 (Milestone AUD-08);
- (2) **Composition of Multi-Jurisdictional Peer Delegations:**— That each on-site audit delegation shall comprise at least three (3) certified international peer assessors from distinct sovereign jurisdictions, led by an accredited IQAB Chief Lead Assessor, ensuring total objectivity and transnational benchmarking;
- (3) **Institutional Audit Readiness & Governance Bylaws:**— That participating institutions shall enact formal executive resolutions on or before Wednesday, 7th January, 2026 to:
 - (i) designate an Institutional Chief Audit Host Officer to coordinate directly with the IQAB Lead Assessor Delegation on or before Wednesday, 21st January, 2026;
 - (ii) grant unhindered access to all academic departments, financial ledgers, examinations archives, student records, and digital repositories;
 - (iii) deposit pre-audit self-study portfolios and verified block chain credential access keys on or before Wednesday, 11th February, 2026;
 - (iv) facilitate confidential, unmonitored stakeholder interviews with faculty, administrative personnel, and enrolled students;
 - (v) commit to the immediate implementation of mandatory corrective action plans resulting from non-conformance findings.

2. Audit Scrutiny, Evidentiary Rigour & Statutory Sanctions

- (4) **Inviolable Evidentiary Rigour & Forensic Verification:**— That all audit conclusions, rating scores, and compliance determinations must be substantiated by empirical documentary evidence, live laboratory demonstrations, and verified block chain hash validation.
- (5) **Consequences of Obstruction or Non-Conformance:**— That any attempt to obstruct peer review assessors, conceal academic deficiencies, or submit fabricated institutional records shall attract an immediate Failure to Comply order, revocation of candidate accreditation, and blacklisting in the Official Gazette.

SCHEDULE

Mandatory Phased Timelines & Key Statutory Milestones For Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Conformance Audits (2026)

The following Key Conformance Audit Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days from January 2026 onwards) shall be legally binding upon all candidate institutions, assessor boards, and regional audit directorates:—

Item No.	Conformance Audit Milestone & Statutory Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
AUD-01	Gazette Notification of 2026 Conformance Audit Operational Directives	07 Jan 2026 (Wed)	Director of On-Site Audits & Inspection, IQAB
AUD-02	Institutional Host Officer Nominations & Audit Schedule Finalisation	21 Jan 2026 (Wed)	Accredited Member Universities & Colleges
AUD-03	Submission of Comprehensive Pre-Audit Self-Study Dossiers & Evidence	11 Feb 2026 (Wed)	Heads of Institutions / Vice-Chancellors
AUD-04	Deployment of Multi-Jurisdictional Lead Assessor Delegations Worldwide	11 Mar 2026 (Wed)	Bureau of Lead Assessors & Peer Reviewers
AUD-05	Commencement of Physical On-Site Institutional Audits & Laboratory Inspections	08 Apr 2026 (Wed)	IQAB International Audit Panels
AUD-06	Mid-Term Multi-Jurisdictional Audit Progress Review & Interim Scoring Conclave	13 May 2026 (Wed)	Audit Oversight Committee, IQAB
AUD-07	Culmination of Complex Forensic Facility Audits & ESG Campus Verifications	10 Jun 2026 (Wed)	Directorate of Environmental & Physical Standards
AUD-08	Mandatory Deadline: Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Conformance Audits Completion	01 Jul 2026 (Wed)	IQAB Board of Lead International Assessors
AUD-09	Submission of Final Peer Evaluation Dossiers & Quality Rating Recommendations	12 Aug 2026 (Wed)	Chief Lead Assessors & Institutional Reviewers
AUD-10	Official Gazette Promulgation of Ratified Accreditation Ratings & Final Orders	30 Sep 2026 (Wed)	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Statutory Audit Governance & Sovereign Authentication

The Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Annual Plan Conformance Audits Completion herein notified shall constitute the official sovereign verification record of the International Quality and Accreditation Board. All institutional ratings, reciprocal international recognitions, and chartered accreditations granted pursuant to these audits shall carry full legal validity under the IQAB Charter Act.

Regards,



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