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**Subject: Advisory regarding utilization of Pakistan Qualification Register (PQR) for Verification of Academic Programs and Student Guidance**

The Pakistan Qualification Register (PQR) is the official database of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for all recognized academic programs offered by universities and Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) in Pakistan. The PQR maintains the integrity of higher education by systematically mapping each program to its designated level within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and displaying its current operational status (**active, suspended, or closed**). This ensures that PQR provides a verifiable guarantee that a program is officially approved and recognized by the HEC.

2. To further strengthen this system, HEC has conducted nationwide training over the past year for PQR Focal Persons from universities. These sessions were aimed at improving the accuracy of program data to ensure reliable records for degree attestation and verification.

3. In continuation of these efforts, the HEC has published updated lists of active MS/MPhil (Level-7) and PhD (Level-8) programs registered in the PQR. These lists are publicly accessible and are intended to guide prospective students in making informed choices regarding their higher education.

#### 4. **Key Guidance for Prospective Students**

In light of the above, all applicants must be clearly advised of the following:

- **Verify Program Status:** Always check the updated Active Program List and the NOC Issued List available on the HEC website before applying for admission.
- **Risk of Non-Attestation:** Please be aware that admission to programs not listed in the PQR may lead to the non-attestation of the degree by HEC at a later stage.
- **Access to Information:** The official lists are available at the following link:  
<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaWJhbnN0ZikzLWl5MjYtMzQxODU2ZjZlOTVkiwidCI6IjZGYwOTZlThiNzItNDhINC05YjkxLWNIzjc5ZDg3ZWUzYSIsImMiOjI9>

#### 5. **Action Required by Universities**

To ensure the dissemination of this critical information, all universities are advised to undertake the following measures immediately:

- **Internal Circulation:** Circulate this advisory to all relevant academic departments, including Deans, Chairpersons, and faculty.
- **Public Dissemination:** Publish this advisory prominently on official university websites and all official social media platforms.
- **Student Guidance:** Ensure that prospective students are fully informed of these requirements to safeguard their academic and professional interests.

6. The Higher Education Commission views this matter with utmost importance, as the PQR is the sole authoritative source for program recognition and degree verification. Therefore, the Leadership of universities are requested to direct their Focal Persons (for PQR) to comply with this directive immediately upon receipt.


7. For any queries regarding the PQR or the active program lists, please contact: [Muhammad Rafaquat Awan Focal Person (PQR), Quality Assurance Division (QAD), Higher

*Pl disseminate the information.*

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We commend the University leadership for their steadfast role in advancing educational quality and policy alignment. The Commission looks forward to our continued partnership, confident that together we are building a resilient, transparent, and competitive system for the benefit of future generations.



(Nasir Shah)

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All Public & Private Sector Universities

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