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COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO. 01/2013

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Vice Chancellors of Universities
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEMES OF RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSTS OF LECTURER (PROBATIONARY), SENIOR LECTURER GRADE II AND I- (MEDICAL/DENTAL) AND NON- (MEDICAL/DENTAL)

Your reference is drawn to the existing Schemes of Recruitment for the academic staff in Commission Circular Nos. 721 of 21.11.1997 and 996 of 09.10.2012.

02. The Commission at its 857th meeting held on 07.09.2012 having considered the duration of a research degree required for recruitments and promotions of academic staff decided that the following qualification, as well should be included in the Schemes of Recruitment for the posts of Lecturer (Probationary), Senior Lecturer Grade II and Senior Lecturer Grade I (Medical/Dental) and Non-(Medical/Dental) where a postgraduate degree is required ;

'Masters Degree in the relevant field of a minimum duration of 20 months with a substantial research component or MSc/MA degree with at least 60 credit units with not less than 15 credit units of research by way of thesis/dissertation in the relevant field/discipline or a Doctoral Degree.'

03. Accordingly, the requirement of the Postgraduate degree for recruitments and promotions to the above posts shall be as follows ;

A Masters Degree in the relevant field obtained after a full-time course of study of at least two academic years (or an equivalent part-time course of study) with a research component by way of thesis/dissertation or a Doctoral Degree.


OR

Masters degree in the relevant field of a minimum duration of 20 months with a substantial research component or Masters degree with at least 60 credit units with not less than 15 credit units of research by way of thesis/dissertation in the relevant field/discipline or a Doctoral Degree .

04. The Commission further decided that the qualification of one year Masters degree considered for recruitments and promotions in the Faculties of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Management/Business Studies specified in the Schemes of Recruitment should be deleted so that the above amendments be made applicable to all Faculties in the University System. Accordingly, the qualifications mentioned in sections (2)(i) of post No. 6 and (1)(i) of post No.7 in Commission Circular No. 721 are replaced by the qualifications given in para 03 of this circular.

05. The provisions of this circular are effective from January 01, 2013 . However, those who have already been recruited in terms of Commission Circular No. 721 and have obtained or registered for a one year Masters degree as at December 31, 2012 are allowed to be considered for confirmation/promotion under the provisions of the same circular.

06. Please take action accordingly.


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