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Ref. 1-1 (NQF)/QAD/2017/HEC/501

Date: July 21, 2017

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Consultant (Quality Assurance Division)

Subject: Supervision of MS/MPhil/Equivalent Research Theses by MS/MPhil/Equivalent Qualified Faculty Members

- 1. Reference is made to HEC letter no. 1-22(NQAC)/QAD/2017/HEC/05-362 dated March 24, 2017.
- 2. Some universities and faculty members have approached HEC for seeking clarification about the implementation of the policy enunciated vide above referred letter. It is clarified that:
  - a. The National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on January 09, 2017 approved that the faculty members having MS/MPhil or equivalent qualification (with/without thesis) along with minimum four (04) years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience in an HEC recognized university or research/professional organization after getting MS/MPhil or equivalent degree can supervise the research of up to five (05) MS/MPhil or equivalent program students. However, while gaining the four (04) year experience, the faculty member should co-supervise at least two (02) MS/MPhil/Equivalent level theses along with a senior/HEC approved supervisor. The criteria to evaluate the research/professional experience in this regard are to be developed by the universities themselves and get them approved from their statutory bodies before implementation.
  - b. If an MS/MPhil (with/without thesis) faculty member, having less than 04 year experience, has already been assigned some students who are being supervised by him/her as "Supervisor" then he/she can continue with them but cannot take new students for supervision as a supervisor/co-supervisor till the time he/she has completed four (04) year experience.
- 3. The policies mentioned at clause (a) & (b) are effective from March 24, 2017.
- 4. This letter supersedes the HEC letter no. 1-3/AD-QA/HEC/NQAC(21)/2016/51 dated March 18, 2016 and letter no. 1-22(NQAC)/QAD/2017/HEC/05-362 dated March 24, 2017 and any other previous letter issued in this regard.
- 5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

With kind regards,

Musuuail (Muhammad Ismail)

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No. 1-3/AD-QA /HEC/NQAC (21)/2016/5 / Date: March 18, 2016

Subject:

Number of MS/MPhil Scholars one MS/MPhil Qualified Supervisor can supervise

Dear Sir/Madam,

In continuation of HEC letter no. DD-QA/HEC/NQAC/2015/125 dated February 27, 2015, I am directed to inform that National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 21st meeting held on January 13, 2016 decided that the faculty members having MS/MPhil or equivalent degrees (with/without thesis) along with minimum 5 years of relevant research/teaching/professional experience after getting MS/MPhil or equivalent degree can supervise the research of up to 5 MS/MPhil or equivalent program students. The criteria to evaluate the research/professional experience in this regard are to be developed by the universities themselves.

Further, these are the minimum eligibility conditions and a University/Degree Awarding Institution may make the criteria further stringent. The said policy will be effective from April 1, 2016.

With kind regards

Sanaullah Memo

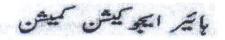
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Ref. 1-22 (NQAC)/QAD/2017/HEC/ 05-362

Date: March 24, 2017

Subject: Supervision of MS/ MPhil Research Thesis by MS/ MPhil Qualified Faculty Members

Dear Sir/ Madam,

- 1. In supersession of HEC letter no. 1-3/AD-QA/HEC/NQAC(21)/2016/51 dated March 18, 2016, it is informed that National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on January 09, 2017 decided that the faculty members having MS/MPhil or equivalent qualification (with/without thesis) along with minimum four (04) years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience in an HEC recognized university or research/professional organization after getting MS/MPhil or equivalent degree can supervise the research of up to five (05) MS/MPhil or equivalent program students. However, while gaining the four (04) year experience, the faculty member should co-supervise at least two (02) MS/MPhil/Equivalent level theses along with a Senior/HEC approved supervisor. The criteria to evaluate the research/professional experience of such faculty members in this regard are to be developed by the universities themselves and get them approved from their statutory bodies.
- 2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

With kind regards,

(Sadia Bukhari) Assistant Director (QAD)

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