

**Government of Rajasthan  
Higher Education (Gr.4) Department**

F.No. 3 (26) Edu-4/2004

Jaipur, dated: 10-10-2012

To,  
The Vice Chancellors of all State  
Universities /Deemed Universities  
/ Chairman RPSC.

Subject: Recognition of Degrees/Diplomas awarded by Open Universities in  
the State of Rajasthan.

Sir/Madam,

There are a number of Open Universities in the country offering various degrees/diplomas through the mode of non-formal education. Open Universities have been established in the country by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature in accordance with the provisions contained in section 2 (f) of University Grants Commission Act, 1956. These Universities are, therefore, empowered to award degrees in terms of section 22(1) of the UGC Act, 1956 e.g. IGNOU was established by an act of Parliament in 1985 (Act No. 50 of 1985).

A circular was earlier issued vide UGC letter N.F.1-8/92(CPP) dated February, 1992 mentioning that the Certificate, Diplomas and Degrees awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are to be treated equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Universities in the country.

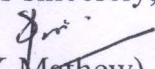
Attention is further invited to UGC circular No. F1-25/93(CPP-II) dated 28 th July, 1993 and UGC circular No. F1-52/2000(CPP-II) dated 5th May, 2004 and Association of Indian Universities letter No. EV/II(449)/94/176915-177115 dated 14 th January, 1994 for recognition of degrees and diplomas as well as transfer of credit for courses successfully completed by students between the two types of universities so that the mobility of students from Open University stream to traditional Universities is ensured without any difficulty.

Even professional degrees like MCA and MBA are recognized by AICTE vide their circular N0. F. No. AICTE/Academic/MOU-DEC/2005 dated 13 th May, 2005.

The details of recognition of degrees/ diplomas awarded by Open Universities are also given on UGC, IGNOU and websites of the concerned Open Universities.

May, I therefore request you to treat the Degrees/ Diplomas / Certificates awarded by the Open Universities in conformity with the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the traditional Universities in the state.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Chief Secretary

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