



## **Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.**

### **Direction No. 7 of 2017.**

**Eligibility Criteria and procedure for Registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors/guides and research topics, submission of thesis and its evaluation for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy Direction, 2017.**

**(Issued under section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Univesities Act, 2016.)**

Whereas, the Maharashtra public universities Act, 2016, i.e. Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2017, (hereinafter referred to as the Act) has come into force with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017,

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission has framed Regulations prescribing Minimum Standards for Ph.D. Degrees of the Universities vide its Notification No.F.I-/2002@(PS) Exemp., dt.1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 published in the Gazette of India, dt. 11/17 July 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the UGC Regulations, 2009);

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission, in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedures for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 vide its Notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 published in the Gazette of India No.278, Part III – section 4, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, necessitating issuance of new Direction regarding Minimum standards & procedures for award of Ph.D. Degree,

AND

Whereas, Direction No. 217 of 2016 in respect of “eligibility criteria and procedure for registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors/guides and research topics, submission of thesis and its evaluation for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Direction, 2016 was issued by the Vice-Chancellor, on 24/10/2016, under provision of sub-section (8) of section 14 of the then Maharashtra Universities Act,1994,

AND

Whereas, the secretary University Grants Commission, New Delhi Vide No. F.No.20-1/2014 (PS) dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 has issued the Public Notice for defining the words “Regular Mode” appearing in the University Grants Commission’s regulation on minimum qualifications for appointments of teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and colleges and measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education 2010 (4<sup>th</sup> Amendment) notified in Gazette of India on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, it has mentioned that the Ph.D. should be in a regular mode. The UGC at its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 has decided that Ph.D. degrees which are pursued either full-time or Part-time will be treated as degrees awarded through “Regular mode’ provided these are in conformity with the existing statutes/by-laws/Ordinances, etc of the degree awarding university. However, the Ph.D. acquired under distance mode is not permitted.

AND

Whereas, ordinance No. 87 of 2017 is in existence in the university relating to the subject matter of this Directions;

AND

Whereas, ordinance No. 87 of 2017 is required to be amended for making provision relating to Part time Ph.D. Degree programme and qualification for the Ph.D. Degree supervisor;

AND

Whereas, amending existing ordinance No. 87 of 2017 is a time consuming process;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. N.V. Kalyankar, vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under provision of section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, do hereby issue following Directions to amend existing ordinance No. 87 of 2017.

1. This Direction shall be called "Eligibility criteria and procedure for registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors/guides and research topics, submission of thesis and its evaluation for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy Direction, 2017"
2. This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.
3. In para '4' of ordinance No. 87 of 2017 in respect of "Eligibility criteria and procedure for registration of candidates, allotment of supervisors/guides and research topics, submission of thesis and its evaluation for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy ordinance, 2017" (hereinafter referred to as the main ordinance)
  1. After cause "h)" and before clause "i)" following clause "i)" be inserted.  
"i) "Ph.D. degree program in Regular Mode" means either full-time or Part-time Ph.D. degree program of the University."
  - 2) Existing clauses i), j), k), l) and m) be read as j), k), l), m) and n) respectively.
4. Clause 'a" of para '9' of the main ordinance be substituted by the following clause 'a'  
"a) Any full time approved undergraduate teacher having Ph.D. Degree and having not less than five years teaching experience out of which three years shall be as post Ph.D. and having publication of research papers in referred journals, seven in case of Assistant Professor, five in case of Associate professor and three in case of professor.

**OR**

Any full time approved post-graduate teacher having Ph.D. Degree and having not less than three years Post Ph.D. teaching experience and having publication of research papers in referred journals, seven in case of Assistant Professor, five in case of Associate Professor and three in case of Professor,

**OR**

Any full time recognized post-graduate teacher having not less than three years post Ph.D. teaching experience and having publication of research papers in referred journals, seven in case of Assistant professor, five in case of Associate Professor and three in case of Professor.

**Explanations:**

1. Recognised Post Graduate Teacher means a teacher who has been recognized as a Post graduate teacher under provision of Direction.
2. For counting the requisite number of research papers for this clause, the benefit of research papers published for the purpose of recognition as a post graduate teacher shall be given to the candidate.

**OR**

A person working at, an institute/laboratory of the central government or state government, research and development with not less than ten years of experience as a scientist with Doctoral Degrees and having published at least five research papers in referred journals.

However, already recognized Ph.D. supervisors who are not regular professors/ Associate Professors/ Assistant professors of the University/ Institutions/ college shall also continue to be recognized as Ph.D. supervisors of the university until last research scholar under him/her submit his/her Ph.D. thesis to the university or the period of registration of research scholar has

expired, whichever is earlier. Provided that in areas/ disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the above condition for recognition of a person as a research supervisor may be relaxed by recording reasons in the writing by the Board of Research constituted as per provision of section 59(2) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.”

5. Para 13 of the Main ordinance be substituted by the following para :-

“13. Tenure of Registration

Full time Ph.D. degree program shall be for the minimum duration of three years and part time Ph.D. degree program shall be for the minimum duration of the four years and six months including course work and a maximum of 6 years for full time as well as for part time Ph.D. program from the date of registration as per the provisions of this Direction. The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40 % disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years in the maximum duration for both the Ph.D. programs. In addition, the women candidates may be provided maternity leave/child care leave once in the duration of the Ph.D. programme for up to 240 days.


(Notes :-

- 1) Full time Ph.D. degree course shall be described to mean a course pursued by the candidates who is not in full time or part time employment of any government organization or private and public enterprise and is devoting six hours a day at the place of research for such a study and the part time Ph.D. degree course would mean a course perused by any candidate who is in some employment and is perusing the course by devoting at least five hundred clock hours in a year for the said study, at the place of research to be certified by the concerned supervisor and head of the place of research.

- 2) Part time Ph.D. degree program may also be opted by any candidate who is not in employment of any organization however he/she shall have to give an option at the time of submitting an application for registration for the said part time degree program.)”

**Gadchiroli.**

**Date :-24 /04/2017.**

  
**(Dr. N. V. Kalyankar)**  
**Vice-Chancellor**