

**BON SECOURS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)
Vilar, Thanjavur- 613 006**



**FEE REFUND & NON-RETENTION OF ORIGINAL
CERTIFICATES POLICY
(2025-2026)**

*(Institutional Policy Document aligned with UGC Communication
D.O.No.F.125/2024(FNT/NETfeeNivaran, October 2025)*

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5/2024(FNT/NET)-FeeNivaran, October 2025)*

1. PREAMBLE

This policy has been adopted in accordance with the recent communication issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) regarding the Fee Refund Policy applicable for the academic year 2024-25 and retained for subsequent sessions up to 31 October 2025, until modified by the UGC.

The institution is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, student welfare, and strict adherence to regulatory expectations in matters related to fee refunds, verification of academic documents, and non-retention of original certificates.

2. SCOPE & APPLICABILITY

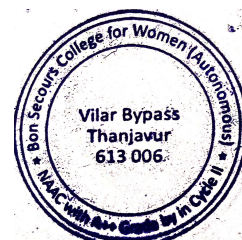
This policy applies to:

- 2.1. All students admitted to undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, certificate, and professional programmes of the institution.
- 2.2. All categories of admissions (Management/ Government / Minority / Self-Financing / Open / Quota / Scholarship).
- 2.3. All departments, admission offices, administrative units, and affiliated bodies of the institution.

3. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

- 3.1. Ensure compliance with UGC Fee Refund Policy and related circulars.
- 3.2. Protect students against financial hardship during admission and withdrawal.
- 3.3. Ensure non-retention and non-misuse of students' original academic certificates.
- 3.4. Establish transparent procedures for grievance redressal.
- 3.5. Enable timely and fair resolution of disputes related to admission and refunds.



4. FEE REFUND NORMS

4.1 Refund Eligibility and Deductions

Refund is processed as per UGC Fee Refund Guidelines as follows:

Withdrawal Timeframe	Refund Entitlement
Before commencement of classes	100% refund (Processing charge \leq 5% of fees paid or ₹5,000 whichever is lower)
Up to 30 days after commencement	Refund after permissible deduction
Beyond 30 days	No refund
Caution/Security Deposit	Fully refundable (not subject to deduction)

Note: "Commencement of Classes" refers to the official opening date of the academic programme declared by the institution.

4.2 Processing Period

- All eligible refunds shall be processed within 15 days from the date of receipt of written application from the student/parent.

4.3 Mode of Refund

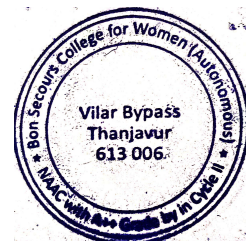
- Refunds shall be processed **ONLY** through digital banking channels to the bank account of the student/parent.

5. NON-RETENTION OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES

The institution shall comply with UGC norms prohibiting the retention of students' original documents.

Accordingly:

- Original certificates shall NOT be collected or retained during admission.
- Only self-attested copies shall be obtained for institutional records.
- Original certificates may be physically verified in the presence of the student and returned on the same day.
- Self-attested copies shall be considered valid for all internal administrative purposes.
- Under no circumstances shall original certificates be withheld to enforce payment of fees, obtain undertakings, or prevent migration/transfer.



In cases of suspicion regarding certificate authenticity, verification shall be sought from the issuing Board/University; however, the original shall not be retained.

6. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

To ensure fair and transparent resolution of disputes:

1. A Fee Refund & Certificate Handling Committee (FRCHC) is constituted every academic year.
2. Students/parents may file grievances through:
 - Institutional Online Portal
 - Email to designated grievance cell
 - Physical Submission at Administrative Office
3. All grievances shall be disposed within 30 working days.
4. Matters unresolved at institutional level may be escalated to:
 - Affiliated University
 - UGC Student Grievance Portal
 - State/Statutory Authorities

7. COMPLIANCE & PENALTY

Failure to adhere to UGC policy norms may attract punitive actions as per UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates (October 2018) including:

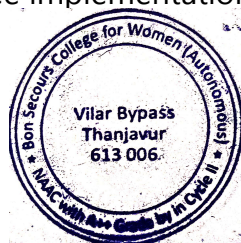
- Regulatory sanctions
- Financial penalties
- Restriction on admissions
- Reporting to NAAC, NIRF, and relevant statutory bodies

The institution ensures full compliance in letter and spirit.

8. MONITORING & REPORTING

The following institutional mechanisms shall oversee implementation:

- **Admission Office**



- **Accounts Section**
- **Student Grievance Cell**
- **IQAC**
- **Governing Body / Statutory Committees**

Annual compliance reports shall be submitted to IQAC for:

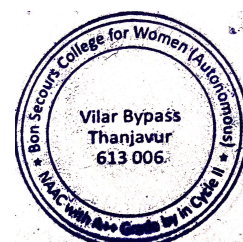
- UGC Monitoring
- NAAC / NIRF / AISHE Data
- Institutional Development Plan (IDP)
- Statutory Review

9. POLICY VALIDITY & AMENDMENTS

This policy remains in force until superseded by a new UGC circular. Amendments are made as required to maintain regulatory compliance.

10. EFFECTIVE DATE

The policy applies to admissions from the **Academic Year 2025-2026** onward, aligned with UGC communication dated October 2025.





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D.O.No.F.12-5/2024(FNT/NET)–FeeNivaran(Notice)

5 कार्तिक, 1947/ October 27, 2025

Subject: UGC Fee Refund Policy for Academic Session 2025–26

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आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

The University Grants Commission, vide Circular No. D.O. No.F.2-71/2022 (CPP-II) (C-114546) dated 12th June 2024, issued the Fee Refund Policy applicable for the academic year 2024–25. It is hereby informed that the Fee Refund Policy for the year 2024–25 is currently in existence and the same policy will remain in force for subsequent academic sessions until the issuance of new policy by UGC with the cut-off date of 31st October 2025.

All Higher Educational Institutions are requested to strictly adhere to the cut-off date mentioned in the Fee Refund Policy issued by the UGC for the academic years 2021–22 to 2024–25 to resolve the old pending cases respectively.

Any HEI violating the provisions of UGC Fee Refund Policy shall be liable for punitive action as notified in Clause 5 of the UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates issued in October 2018. Copies of the above-mentioned Fee Refund Policies are attached for your reference.

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University Grants Commission

Notification

on

Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates

October, 2018

1. Introduction:

The Commission has notified University Grants Commission (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012 on redressal of multifarious grievances of students. But given the sheer volume of the complaints regarding non-refund of fees and retention of original certificates by Higher Educational Institutions (HEI), the Commission felt the need to notify elaborate instructions so as to curb such malpractices and decided to issue appropriate instructions in the form of this Notification to all universities and other HEIs under the purview of the UGC.

2. Objective:

To prohibit coercive and profiteering institutional practices in the matters related to refund of fees in case of withdrawal from the programme and retention of original certificates at the time of and / or after admission.

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 12 (d) read with Section 12(j) of the UGC Act, 1956, the UGC issues this Notification for adoption of standard operating procedures in the matters related to refund of fees in the event of student's withdrawal from the program and non-retention of certificates at the time of admission.

3. Application and Enforcement

3.1. The instructions contained in this Notification shall be in supersession to its earlier Public Notice dated 23.04.2007 and its Notification dated 16th December, 2016. It shall be applicable to Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research Programs run by universities included under Section 2 (f) of UGC Act, together with all colleges under their affiliating domain and institutions declared as deemed to be universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

3.2 The provisions contained in this Notification shall come into force with immediate effect and shall have regulatory force on extant as well as future grievances over issues and matters covered herein.

4. Specific provisions for Mandatory compliance by HEIs:

The Commission herewith lays down specific provisions and consequent mandatory compliance on the issues related to:

(1) Refund of fees by the institution concerned in the event of the withdrawal from the programme by a student; and

(2) Verification and non-retention of academic and personal certificates of student;

For any complaint in respect of (1) & (2) above, the grievance redressal mechanism as prescribed under UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012, shall be followed.

4.1 Refund of Fees

4.1.1 No HEI shall make it mandatory for applicants to purchase the institutional prospectus at any time during the course of the programme of study. Purchasing prospectus shall be the personal choice of the applicant and he/she shall have rights to decide against it in case he/she wishes to access the information from the institutional website. As laid down in the Right to Information Act, 2005, and reiterated in the UGC Guidelines on Students' Entitlement, all HEIs shall disclose on their website and prospectus information regarding the status of the institution, its affiliation, accreditation

status, physical assets and amenities, course-wise sanctioned intake of students, various types of fees payable for different programmes, total fees payable for an entire programme, last date of admission, details of faculty, members of governing bodies and minutes of the meetings of bodies like Academic/Executive Council, sources of income, the financial situation and any other information about its functioning, necessary for an applicant to make a fully informed choice.

4.1.2 HEIs shall charge fees in advance only for the semester/year in which a student is to engage in academic activities. Collecting advance fees for the entire programme of study or for more than one semester/year in which a student is enrolled is strictly prohibited.

4.1.3 If a student chooses to withdraw from the programme of study in which he/she is enrolled, the institution concerned shall follow the following five-tier system for the refund of fees* remitted by the student.

S. No	Percentage of Refund of fees*	Point of time when notice of withdrawal of admission is received in the HEI
(1)	100%	15 days or more before the formally-notified last date of admission
(2)	90%	Less than 15 days before the formally-notified last date of admission
(3)	80%	15 days or less after the formally-notified last date of admission
(4)	50%	30 days or less, but more than 15 days, after formally-notified last date of admission
(5)	00%	More than 30 days after formally-notified last date of admission

NOTE : **Caution money and security deposit, which are not part of the fees chargeable, shall be refunded in full.*

4.1.4 In case of (1) in the table above, the HEI concerned shall deduct an amount not more than 5% of the fees paid by the student, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5,000/- as processing charges from the refundable amount.

4.1.5 Fees shall be refunded by all HEIs to an eligible student within fifteen days from the date of receiving a written application from him/her in this regard.

4.2 Verification and Non-retention of Students' Academic and Personal certificates

4.2.1 No HEI shall insist upon a student to submit the original academic and personal certificates, like, mark-sheets, school leaving certificates and other such documents, at the time of submitting admission form, but the submission of self-attested copies thereof shall be mandatory.

4.2.2 HEIs shall physically verify the originals at the time of admission of the student in his/her presence and return them immediately after satisfying themselves about their authenticity, keeping the attested copies for their record.

4.2.3 The self-attested certificates of students shall be held valid and authentic by institution concerned and/or the affiliating university for all purposes and administrative requirements and should there be a need for physical verification at any time during the course of the programme of study, such verification shall be undertaken and the original certificates thus used for verification shall be returned immediately to the student concerned.

4.2.4 Taking the certificates into institutional custody under any circumstance or pretext is strictly prohibited.

4.2.5 In case of any suspicion over the authenticity or genuineness of a certificate, reference may be made to university or the Board which issued the certificate to the student and the admission be subjected to the authentication, but original certificate shall not be retained by the HEI under any circumstance.

4.3 Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM)

4.3.1 All HEIs shall mandatorily have a “Grievance Redressal Mechanism” (GRM) as mandated by UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012, as amended from time to time, to address and effectively resolve complaints, representations and grievances related to any of the issues mentioned in this Notification.

4.3.2 The GRM shall be available on HEI website.

4.3.3 HEIs shall ensure that all grievances received are addressed as deemed fit within 30 days.

5. Punitive Actions by Commission against defaulting HEIs

The Commission, in respect of any HEI which contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Notification, shall proceed to take one or more of the following actions, namely:-

- (a) withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956;
- (b) withholding any grant allocated to the HEI;
- (c) declaring the HEI ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programs of the Commission;
- (d) informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission, about the non-compliance by the HEI concerned;
- (e) recommend to the affiliating university for withdrawal of affiliation, in case of a college / institute;
- (f) recommend to the Central Government for withdrawal of declaration as Institution deemed to be university, in case of an institution deemed to be university;
- (g) recommend to the appropriate State Government for appropriate necessary action in case of a university established or incorporated under a State Act;

- (h) taking such other action within its powers as the Commission may deem fit.

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Commission under this Notification unless the HEI has been given an adequate opportunity of being heard.



(Rajnish Jain)

Secretary



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No. F. 14-17/2020(CPP-II)

17th December, 2020

Respected Madam/Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to the UGC Guidelines on Academic Calendar for the First Year of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Students of the Universities for the Session 2020-21 in View of COVID-19 Pandemic which provide that:

"In order to avoid financial hardship being faced by the parents due to lockdown and related factors, full refund of fees be made on account of all cancellation of admissions/ migration of students, up to 30.11.2020, for this very session as a special case. To be crystal clear, the entire fees including all charges be refunded in totality (Zero Cancellation charges) on account of cancellation/ migration up to 30.11.2020. Thereafter, on cancellation/ withdrawal of admissions up to 31.12.2020, the entire fee collected from a student be refunded in full after deduction of not more than Rs.1000/- as processing fee."

The guidelines are available on UGC website https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1019576_Guideline.pdf

The Commission has been receiving several references in the form of RTI applications/ complaints/ public grievances/ court cases in respect of non refund of fee by the universities/ institution in violation of the UGC Guidelines. The Commission has taken a very serious view of such complaints. Most of these complaints have come from the students who have taken admission in private or self financing universities and deemed to be universities and later opted out for one or the other reasons.

It is reiterated that the UGC guidelines are to be followed mandatorily by all the universities in letter and spirit. Any institution/ university found to be violating the guidelines and refusing to refund the fee by giving its own interpretation of the guidelines shall be liable for punitive actions as notified in clause 5 of the UGC notification refund of fees and non-retention of original certificate issued in October 2018 (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5437737_UGC-Notice-reg-Fees-refund-Eng.pdf.)

You are once again requested to ensure the compliance of the UGC directions in respect of refund of fee in accordance with the UGC Guidelines on Academic Calendar for the First Year of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Students of the Universities for the Session 2020-21 in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellors of All Universities

**UGC Guidelines on Examinations and
Academic Calendar in view of
the COVID-19 Pandemic**



**University Grants Commission
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi**

July, 2021

UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic – July, 2021

I. Introduction

Keeping in view the prevailing situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding the cancellation of School Board examinations for class/grade-XII; the earlier order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court upholding the UGC's guidelines of July 6, 2020 regarding terminal semester/ final year examinations; the earlier UGC guidelines on examination and academic calendar dated April 29, 2020, July 6, 2020 and September 24, 2020; and, the larger interest of students, the following guidelines are being issued by the UGC in respect of examinations and the academic calendar for universities, colleges and institutions deemed to be universities (who are collectively called "**Higher Education Institutions**" in these guidelines) in continuation of the earlier guidelines.

II. Examinations

The provisions as contained in the guidelines issued earlier as mentioned above shall apply for the current academic session 2020-21. Further, the Terminal Semester/ Final Year Examinations (2020-2021) be compulsorily conducted in offline (pen & paper)/ online/ blended (online + offline) mode by no later than August 31, 2021 following the prescribed protocols/ guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For intermediate semester/year students, assessment shall be based on internal evaluation and previous semester as suggested in 2020 guidelines.

III. Academic Calendar

The provisions contained in the UGC Guidelines dated 24.09.2020 shall be applicable for the academic session 2021-2022. For students of the intermediate semester/year, the Higher Education Institutions may start their academic session (in online/offline/blended mode) as early as possible, following the guidelines/directions related to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by the appropriate government/competent authority.

In addition, the following guidelines shall also apply regarding the academic calendar for the first-year under-graduate and post-graduate students in Higher Education Institutions:

1. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order dated June 22, 2021 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No. 522 of 2021 (Mamta Sharma versus Central Board of Secondary Education & Others) has noted as follows:

“....Attorney General for India by pointing out that U.G.C. will be issuing necessary instructions to ensure that the admission process by the colleges and institutions should commence only after the declaration of results by the C.B.S.E. and I.C.S.E., including the State Boards.”

Accordingly, Higher Education Institutions shall ensure that the admission process for undergraduate courses/programmes for the academic session 2021-2022 commences only after the declaration of results by the CBSE, ICSE and State Boards. It is expected that all the School Boards will declare their results for the class/grade-XII examinations by July 31, 2021.

2. Admissions to the first year courses/programmes for the session 2021-2022 shall be completed by no later than September 30, 2021. The last date for admissions to fill up the remaining vacant seats shall be October 31, 2021. The relevant documents of the qualifying examination can be accepted up to December 31, 2021.
3. The academic session 2021-2022 shall commence latest by October 1, 2021 for first semester/year students.
4. Accordingly, Higher Education Institutions shall follow the calendar given below for the academic session 2021-2022:

Admission Process for Undergraduate Level Programmes (in view of point no. 1 of Academic Calendar)	To Commence only after the declaration of results by the C.B.S.E. and I.C.S.E., including the State Boards. It is expected that School Boards will declare the results of the class/grade-XII examinations by 31.07.2021.
Completion of Admission Process for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes in online/offline/blended mode	30.09.2021
Commencement of Classes for intermediate semester/year students in online/offline/blended mode	As early as possible
Commencement of Classes of Undergraduate and Postgraduate students' Fresh batch (First Semester/Year)	*Latest by 01.10.2021
Preparatory Break	**To be planned by the Higher Education Institutions
Conduct of Examinations	
Semester Break	
Commencement of Classes for Even Semester	
Preparatory Break	
Conduct of Examinations	
Semester Break begins	31.07.2022
Semester Break ends	
Commencement of Next Academic Session for this batch	01.08.2022

*If there is a delay in declaration of result of the qualifying examinations, Higher Education Institutions may plan and start the academic session by October 18, 2021. The teaching-learning process may continue in offline/ online/ blended mode.

**Higher Education Institutions may plan for classes, breaks, conduct of examinations, semester break etc. during the period October 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 following necessary protocols/guidelines/directions/advisories issued by the Central/State Governments and competent authorities from time to time, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. In view of the financial hardships being faced by parents due to lockdowns and related factors, a full refund of fees should be made on account of all cancellations of admissions/ migrations of students up to October 31, 2021 for the academic session 2021-2022 as a special case. It is made clear that the entire fee, including all charges, should be refunded (i.e. there should be zero cancellation charges) on account of cancellations/ migrations up to October 31, 2021. Thereafter, on cancellation/ withdrawal of admissions up to December 31, 2021, the entire fee collected from a student should be refunded in full after deducting not more than Rs.1000/- as processing fee.
6. The guidelines issued by the UGC on April 29, 2020 and July 6, 2020 highlighting the modes of teaching, conduct of examinations, importance of physical & social distancing etc. should be read along with the present guidelines and shall remain mandatory, but the present guidelines shall prevail in the event of any conflict.
7. The present guidelines are subject to the advisories/directives issued by the apex statutory bodies/councils concerned, e.g., AICTE, NCTE, BCI, NMC, DCI, INC, PCI, AYUSH etc. regarding examinations and academic calendars.

Notwithstanding the present guidelines regarding the conduct of examinations and commencement of the next academic session, every Higher Education Institution shall ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary protocols/guidelines/directions/advisories issued by the Central/State Governments or competent authorities from time to time, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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D.O.No.2-71/2022(CPP-II)

1st November, 2022

Respected Madam/Sir,

The Commission has received references in the form of RTI applications/ complaints/ public grievances/ court cases regarding non-refund fees by some universities/institutions violating the UGC Guidelines / Notifications. The Commission has taken a serious view of such complaints.

It is reiterated that the UGC letter dated 02.08.2022 (**Annexure**) is to be mandatorily adhered to in letter and spirit. Any institution/ university found to be violating the guidelines and refusing to refund the fee by giving its interpretation of the Guidelines / Notifications shall be liable for punitive actions as notified in clause 5 of the UGC Notification regarding the refund of fees and non-retention of original certificate issued in October 2018 (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5437737_UGC-Notice-reg-Fees-refund-Eng.pdf) as reproduced below:

1. withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956;
2. withholding any grant allocated to the HEI;
3. declaring the HEI ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programs of the Commission;
4. informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission about the non-compliance by the HEI concerned;
5. recommend to the affiliating university for withdrawal of affiliation, in case of a college/institute;
6. recommend to the Central Government for withdrawal of declaration as Institution deemed to be a university, in case of an institution deemed to be a university;
7. recommend to the appropriate State Government for appropriate necessary action in case of a university is established or incorporated under a State Act;
8. taking such other action within its powers as the Commission may deem fit.

You are again requested to ensure compliance with the UGC directions regarding the refund of fees and return of the original document to the students.

With kind regards,

(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes

Encl: As stated above



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D.O.No.2-71/2022(CPP-II)

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Subject: Fee refund policy 2022-2023

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that the University Grants Commission has issued 'the UGC guidelines on examination and academic calendar in view of the Covid-19 pandemic' on 16th July, 2021, wherein UGC has stipulated the provision of refund of fees on account of all cancellations of admissions/ migrations of students during the academic session 2021-2022. Also, UGC on 12th July, 2022 has requested the higher educational institutions to fix the last date of their under graduate admission process after declaration of result of class XII by CBSE so as to provide sufficient time to such students for admission in under graduate courses. Also, it may be noted that several entrance examinations including CUET, JEE Main, JEE Advance etc. have been delayed, due to which admissions may continue up to October, 2022.

In view above, and in order to avoid financial hardships being faced by parents, it has been decided by UGC that full refund of fees should be made by the higher educational institutions on account of all cancellations of admissions/ migrations of students up to October 31, 2022 for the academic session 2022- 2023 as a special case. It is made clear that the entire fee, including all charges, should be refunded (i.e., there should be zero cancellation charges) on account of cancellations/ migrations up to October 31, 2022. Thereafter, on cancellation/ withdrawal of admissions up to December 31, 2022, the entire fee collected from a student should be refunded in full after deducting not more than Rs.1000/- as processing fee.

All the Higher Educational Institutions are requested to ensure the compliance of the UGC directions in respect of refund of fee in view of COVID-19 Pandemic related factors.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Fee Refund Policy 2023-24

Respected Madam/Sir,

The University Grants Commission receives many representations/complaints from the students/parents on the non-refund of fees by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on cancellation/withdrawal of admissions.

Students should be allowed a full refund of fees within a specified period to opt for a course they choose.

The Commission has considered the matter in its 570th meeting held on 27 June 2023, and after considering the relevant factors decided, the following fee refund policy for the academic session 2023-24:

- Notwithstanding anything contained in any guidelines/ prospectus/ notification/ schedule, a full refund of fees shall be made by the HEIs on account of all cancellations of admission/migrations of students up to 30 September 2023 and with a deduction of not more than Rs. 1,000, as a processing fee, up to 31 October 2023.
- For any admission schedule extending/commencing beyond/after 31 October 2023, the provisions contained in the UGC Notification issued in October 2018 on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates shall apply (reproduced below for ready reference):

Category	Percentage of Refund of fees*	Point of time when notice of withdrawal of admission is received in the HEI
(1)	100%	15 days or more before the formally notified last date of admission
(2)	90%	Less than 15 days before the formally notified last date of admission
(3)	80%	15 days or less after the formally notified last date of admission
(4)	50%	30 days or less, but more than 15 days after formally notified last date of admission
(5)	00%	More than 30 days after formally notified last date of admission

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It may also be noted that the UGC has notified the Redressal of Grievances of Students Regulations, 2023 wherein *"delay in, or denial of, the refund of fees due to a student who withdraws admission within the time mentioned in the prospectus, subject to guidelines, if any, issued by the Commission, from time to time"* has been defined as one of the grievances.

The Higher Education Institutions are requested to ensure compliance with the fee refund policy for the academic session 2023-24 and redress any grievance by the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

Any HEI violating the provisions of UGC Fee Refund Policy 2023-24 shall be liable for punitive action as notified in Clause 5 of the UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates issued in October 2018.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Manish Joshi)

To,

- The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
- The Principals/Directors of all Colleges / Institutes.



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12th June, 2024 / 22 ज्येष्ठ, 1946

Subject: Fee Refund Policy 2024-25

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

The University Grants Commission receives many representations/complaints from students/parents on the non-refund of fees by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on cancellation/withdrawal of admissions.

2. Students should be allowed a full refund of fees within a specified period to enable them to opt for a course of their choice.

3. The Commission has considered the matter in its 580th meeting held on 15 May 2024, and after considering the relevant factors decided, the following fee refund policy for the academic session 2024-25:

- Notwithstanding anything contained in any guidelines/ prospectus/ notification/ schedule, a full refund of fees shall be made by the HEIs on account of all cancellations of admissions/migrations of students up to 30 September 2024 and with a deduction of not more than Rs. 1,000, as a processing fee, up to 31 October 2024.
- It shall apply to all higher education institutions, whether established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act, and every institution recognized by the University Grants Commission under clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and to all institutions deemed to be a University declared as such under Section 3 therein and to all higher education institutions affiliated to a University.
- These guidelines would also be applicable to organizations, consortiums, committees, associations, etc., constituted for the purpose of conducting counselling or processing admissions and collecting fees on behalf of participating HEIs, and the HEI concerned will be responsible for refund fees.
- For any admission schedule extending/commencing beyond/after 31 October 2024, the provisions contained in the UGC Notification issued in October 2018 on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates shall apply (reproduced below for ready reference):

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- e. This policy will remain in force for subsequent academic sessions until the issuance of a revised policy by the UGC.

4. It may also be noted that the UGC has notified the Redressal of Grievances of Students Regulations, 2023, wherein "delay in, or denial of, the refund of fees due to a student who withdraws admission within the time mentioned in the prospectus, subject to guidelines, if any, issued by the Commission, from time to time" has been defined as one of the grievances.

5. The Higher Education Institutions are requested to ensure compliance with the fee refund policy for the academic session 2024-25 and redress any grievance by the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

6. Any HEI violating the provisions of UGC Fee Refund Policy 2024-25 shall be liable for punitive action as notified in Clause 5 of the UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates issued in October 2018.

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सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।