

Eligibility Condition for According Equivalence to Two Year Full Time PGDM Programmes.

The process of granting equivalence to the two-year full time PGDM (both the fresh requests and the requests for renewal) which had been put on hold for the past one year owing to the adverse observation by the One-man Committee constituted by the MHRD, has now been resumed after obtaining necessary approval from the MHRD vide their letter dated 19th September 2014. Accordingly, the visits of the Visiting Committee as had already been approved are being sent for their evaluation and recommendations and that their reports and recommendations are being placed before the Equivalence Committee for consideration and approval. He also informed that now, a structured format has been developed for collecting information and submission of the report by the visiting committee. The Committee appreciated the efforts of the AIU in obtaining necessary approval from the MHRD for continuing the Equivalence of the PGDM programme but felt that the AIU must ensure that only such PGDM programme which are of very high quality be granted equivalence. It was also felt that the AIU must ensure utmost objectivity, speed, transparency and consistency in its approach and methodology for granting equivalence. After detailed deliberations, the Committee approved that all request for equivalence of the PGDM be processed as per the following criteria and only such programmes which meet all the specified parameters be approved.

A: Fresh Proposals for Grant of Equivalence to the PGDM Programmes:

- a. Only such PGDM programmes be granted Equivalence which meet the following conditions
 - i. The Institute has applied for the AIU equivalence and has furnished all the required information/documents as prescribed by the AIU;
 - ii. The PGDM Programme has been duly approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi;
 - iii. A Minimum Two Batches of the programme must have passed out successfully;
 - iv. The PGDM programme has been duly accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA);
- b. The equivalence to the PGDM programme meeting the above conditions be granted for the period for which the NBA accreditation is valid;
- c. To simplify the process, the procedural requirements of sending visiting teams for the evaluation of the PGDM programme be done away with and the decision be taken on the basis of the documentary evidences obtained from the Institute offering the PGDM programmes. The AIU shall, however, reserve the right to get the programme evaluated

by a visiting team as and when it deem necessary.

B: Proposals for Renewal of Equivalence to the PGDM Programmes:

- a. Only such PGDM programmes be granted Renewal of Equivalence which meet the following conditions
 - i. The Institute has applied for the AIU equivalence and has furnished all the required information/documents as prescribed by the AIU;
 - ii. The PGDM Programme has been duly approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi;
 - iii. A Minimum Two Batches of the programme must have passed out successfully;
 - iv. The PGDM programme has been duly accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA);
- b. The equivalence to the PGDM programme meeting the above conditions be granted from the date it has become due and further for the period till their NBA accreditation is valid.
- c. To simplify the process, the procedural requirements of sending visiting teams for the evaluation of the PGDM programme be done away with and the decision be taken on the basis of the documentary evidences obtained from the Institute offering the PGDM programmes. The AIU shall, however, reserve the right to get the programme evaluated by a visiting team as and when it deem necessary.
- d. All such cases where proposals have been received for the Renewal of AIU Equivalence for the PGDM programmes that have yet not been accredited, the Renewal may be accorded, for the sake of continuity and as a one-time exceptional measure, from the date it has become due and further for the period of two years with a condition that the institute be asked to obtain NBA accreditation failing which the programme shall not be eligible for AIU Equivalence.