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REGARDING EQUIVALENCE / RELEVANCE OF DIFFERENT ENGINEERING / TECHNOLOGY BRANCHES NOMENCLATURE

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) keeps on receiving a large number of representations/grievances, not only from faculty members of AICTE approved Institutions but also from the faculty members graduated from various IITs, NITs, University departments and Deemed universities, pertaining to their eligibility, suitability and promotions to employ as Assistant Professors, Associate Professors or Professors for different departments due to the deviations in nomenclature of their qualifying degree at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Grievances are also received about suitability of candidates for a particular department if the Ph.D. is carried out from the departments other than the employing department.

In view of this, AICTE has already published the Gazette notification, “Major / Core Branch of Engineering / Technology and their relevant / appropriate courses leading to degree in Engineering / Technology for recruitment to teaching positions” dated on 28th April 2017, which comprises all the nomenclatures which AICTE had approved for their institutions to run. However, it is beyond the scope of the AICTE to include and update from time to time the nomenclatures offered by various IITs, NITs, Universities, Deemed Universities as these organizations/institutions are empowered to start courses with the approval of their BoG/Senate/Management Council/ Academic Council or from UGC without the knowledge of AICTE. Hence making an exhaustive list of nomenclature to give FURTHER CLARITY IS NOT PRACTICABLE FOR AICTE NOR IT IS NECESSARY.

In addition to what is stated in the above notification, the BoG of the concerned Institution on the recommendation of duly constituted Selection Committee and with the approval of their respective State / UT /Central Government /University /DTE etc. as applicable may take appropriate decision on relevant qualifying degrees suitable for recruitment to teaching positions especially keeping in view interdisciplinary nature of emerging technologies. The same should however be notified at the time of advertisement for the posts. Incumbent faculty recruited in the past based on their qualification acquired will continue to be eligible in the departments they were recruited to if found to be eligible as per the AICTE norms prevailing at that time.

It is therefore advised that such queries be resolved at the state or the university level and need not be raised to AICTE level.

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