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Subject: Eligibility of Four-Year B.Sc. (Honours/Honours with Research) Graduates for admission to M.E./M.Tech. Course in AICTE-approved Institutions/Universities – reg.

In accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the UGC Regulations, 2025, notified on 26 March 2025, and with a view to promoting academic mobility and interdisciplinary education, the matter regarding the eligibility of students completing a Four-Year B.Sc. (Honours/Honours with Research) programme for admission to postgraduate courses in Engineering and Technology Programme was considered by the Council.

Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Four-Year B.Sc. (Honours/Honours with Research) graduates may be considered for admission to M.E./M.Tech. Courses in AICTE approved Institutions/Universities only in relevant and closely aligned disciplines/specialisations where M.Sc. graduates are already eligible for admission.
2. Admission shall be subject to the discipline/course-wise eligibility criteria prescribed by AICTE. The candidate shall possess the requisite academic background, including the prescribed prerequisite subjects and/or credits, for the concerned M.E./M.Tech. Courses.
3. The admitting Institution/University may prescribe appropriate eligibility requirements relating to minimum percentage of marks/CGPA, entrance examination, GATE or any other applicable admission criteria, domain knowledge assessment, and/or prerequisite/bridge courses, in accordance with the applicable AICTE norms.
4. Institutions/Universities shall ensure that the academic standards and quality of postgraduate Engineering and Technology programme are maintained and are not diluted. This provision shall supplement and shall not replace the existing B.E./B.Tech. pathway for admission to M.E./M.Tech. Courses.
5. Admissions shall be made within the approved intake of the concerned M.E./M.Tech. course and in accordance with the applicable AICTE regulations, Central / State reservation policy, and other statutory requirements notified from time to time.
6. The detailed discipline/course-wise eligibility mapping of Four-Year B.Sc. (Honours/Honours with Research) Programme / courses with the corresponding M.E./M.Tech. courses shall be notified separately by the AICTE. The detailed eligibility list shall be made available on the official AICTE website for information and implementation by all concerned.

In view of the above, all AICTE approved Institutions/Universities / State / UT admission authorities are requested to take necessary action accordingly and suitably incorporate the above provisions in their admission notifications, prospectuses and other relevant admission documents.

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