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All Vice Chancellors/ Rectors/ Heads of HEIs Offering Engineering Programs in Pakistan

Subject: Revised Concept Clearance Performa for Launching New Engineering Program

The Concept Clearance policy for launching of new engineering program was formulated/ approved by Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) in its 109th Meeting and notified vide letter dated June 19, 2023 for implementation. After approval of Concept Clearance request, the HEI is eligible to apply for Zero Visit to launch new engineering program.

2. Further, EAB in its 117th meeting held on March 20, 2025 reviewed and approved the recommendations of 4th Accreditation Planning Management Committee (APMC) meeting pertaining to amendments in Concept Clearance Performa. The amendments encompass certain aspects like; establishment history of HEI, Statutory provision for launching engineering program as per HEI's Charter/ Act, defining criteria for demographic needs and mandatory MOUs requirement with different industries/ organizations etc.

3. The revised Concept Clearance Performa along-with guidelines and timelines is enclosed herewith for information and compliance, please.

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Encl: As above

Copy to:

- a. The Convener EAB
- b. PS to Chairman/ Registrar, PEC

CONCEPT CLEARANCE PERFORMA FOR LAUNCHING NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

(This Concept Clearance only allows eligibility towards submission of Zero Visit request to PEC)

1. OBJECTIVE, SCOPE AND JUSTIFICATION OF LAUNCHING NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

(Please see enclosed guidelines (Annex-A) on following aspects and use additional space where needed along with necessary document(s) to support)

a-i. Name of the University/ College/ HEI: _____

Self Public

Affiliated Private

Constituent Campus

Name of Constituent Campus/ Affiliated Institute/ College (if any) _____

a-ii. Age of the HEI/ Date of Establishment of the HEI: _____

b. Name of the Program to be launched:

c. Statutory Provision to Launch the Proposed Engineering Program (attach copy of HEI Act with provisions to launch engineering program):

d. Proposed Year (Fall) for Launching of new Engineering Program:

e. Objectives of the Program to be launched:

f. Objectives linking with **Demographic Needs**, and how to be benefitting at Regional, National and International Market (to be substantiated with relevant information/ data):

i. Program offered in the region: (Division/District)

ii. Relevant available industry:

iii. Youth population of the region (Students with intermediate qualification may be considered as youth population of the region.):

iv. Demand & Supply (employability)

g. Scope and justification of the Program (with documentary evidence):

2. ACADEMIA – INDUSTRY INTERACTION

(Please see enclosed guidelines (Annex-A) on following aspects and use additional space where needed along with necessary document(s) to support)

a. Employability of the subject Program Graduates with expected employers and industry, preferably in the geographical jurisdiction of the HEI:

b. MoUs with Different Industries/ Organizations/ Relevant Entity (At least five (05)

MoUs with relevant industries/ organizations, need to be fulfilled as mandatory requirement):

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

3. IMPACTS ON RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

(Please see enclosed guidelines (Annex-A) on following aspects and use additional space where needed along with necessary document(s) to support)

a. Social Impact of the newly launching Program: _____

b. Environment and Sustainability Impact: _____

4. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

(Please see enclosed guidelines (Annex-A) on following aspects and use additional space where needed along with necessary document(s) to support)

a. Infrastructure Planning (Indicative):

b. Financial Resources (Indicative):

c. Possible impediments for program (faculty, lab equipment etc.) and how to address for launching successful program:

5. EXISTING ENGINEERING PROGRAMS RUN BY THE HEI: (YES/ NO)

a. (If Yes, then please fill following table)

Sr.	Program Title	Accreditation History with Level

b. Details of phased-out Engineering program (if any):

Sr.	Program Title	Discontinued w.e.f

6. ANY OTHER POINT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL EVALUATION

DECLARATION

I undersigned and undertake that Department of _____ is launching _____ discipline. I do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that any advertisement/ announcement in local or National Newspapers or through any other source of media will never be published nor the students will be granted admissions/ enrolled by the University/Institute/College in said Engineering Discipline(s) (under inspection), without prior approval/ permission taken from the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), precisely after the peer review assessment of above mentioned program by conducting the mandatory Zero Visit followed by PEC EAB decision.

I further undertake that if any discipline is launched before the finalization by the PEC EAB decision, will be at the risk and cost of the HEI/ University concerned.

PREPARED BY:

- **Concerned HoD (Name):** _____
- **Designation:** _____
- **Phone No. and Email:** _____
- **Signature with official stamp:** _____
- **Date:** _____

VERIFIED AND RECOMMENDED BY:

- **Head of Institution (Name):** _____
- **Designation:** _____
- **Phone No. and Email:** _____
- **Signature with official stamp:** _____
- **Date:** _____

GUIDELINES/ INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL THE PERFORMA

1. OBJECTIVE, SCOPE AND JUSTIFICATION OF LAUNCHING NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

a. Proposed Year (Fall) for Launching of new Engineering Program:

- i. The cut-off date to submit Zero Visit request for launching of new program is January 31st of the year, whereas the program is launched generally in Fall of the same year. Therefore, the Concept Clearance application should be submitted well before the cut-off date for Zero Visit request, to properly assess and decide by PEC but not later than June 30th of preceding year.
- ii. Double fee will be charged in case application is submitted after cut-off date (i.e. March 31 of each year).
- iii. Cut-off date for fulfillment of observations for current year (July 31 of each year) failing to which the request would be considered for next year.
- iv. Maximum timeline (upto December 31 of same year) for closure of Zero Visit request after Concept Clearance, failing to which, the request would be closed/ returned.

b. Objectives of the Program to be launched:

Objectives of the program should be clearly defined while highlighting the needs and outcomes of the program.

c. Objectives linking with Demographic Needs, and how to be benefitting at Regional, National and International Market:

The defined objectives should be closely related and aligned with the demographic and regional needs. Focus may be emphasized on facts and figures to elaborate/ validate the linking of program with demographic needs, programs available in the area, relevant available industry, Youth Population of the region, demand & supply and employers at National and International level.

d. Scope and justification of the Program:

Scope and justification of the program with documentary evidence should be provided to justify the program scheme and specialization to be offered.

2. ACADEMIA – INDUSTRY INTERACTION

a. Employability of the subject Program Graduates with indicated employers and industry:

Perspective employers/ industry should be identified and tentative plan be devised/ formulated prior to launching of program wherein HEI/institute should figure out for likely employment of its graduates. Supply and demand analysis may also be provided in this regard.

b. MoUs with Different Industries (Mandatory):

Please refer/ attach at least five (05) MoU(s) if the institute has carried out with any employer/ stakeholders for employability or training of students etc.

3. IMPACTS ON RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

a. Social Impact of the newly launching Program:

Please highlight the social impacts in connection with the new program that how it would meet the social needs or solve societal problems/ major issues identified.

b. Environment and Sustainability Impact:

Please highlight if the program has inculcated Environment and Sustainability factors.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

a. Infrastructure Planning (Indicative):

Please provide the requisite infrastructure planning and present structure to accommodate the students, labs, faculty, allied facilities etc. Whether the planned infrastructure would be already existing or to be raised as part of PSDP/ PC-1 funding or a program as part of institutional development/ progression.

b. Financial Resources (Indicative):

Please indicate the financial resources in order to sustain the program including its operational/ recurring expenses as well as intended endowment. The sources for funding/ investment like private or public may also be indicated.

c. Program with possible impediments (faculty, lab equipment etc.) and how to address for launching successful program:

Please underline any possible hindrances in launching/ functioning of program and how to cope with the potential issues/ problems.

Timeline for Submission of Concept Clearance Performance

(Approved in 109-EAB held on March 22, 2023)

Sr#	Activity	Existing Timeline	Revised/ Proposed Timeline
i.	Concept Clearance Request Submission	October 31 of preceding year	June 30 of preceding year
ii.	The meeting of the Concept Clearance Committee	-	To be held before July 31 of preceding year
iii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations of Committee to be approved by Convener EAB • Decision to be conveyed to HEI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not later than August 15 of preceding year • Not later than August 31 of preceding year

Timeline for Submission of Zero Visit Request

iv.	Zero Visit Cut-off date	January 31 of each year with single fee	No change
v.	Zero Visit Cut-off date (with Double Fee)	Upto March 31 of each year with double fee	No change
vi.	Cut-off date for fulfilment of observations for current year	-	July 31 of each year, failing to which the request would be considered for next year.
vii.	Maximum timeline for closure of Zero Visit request after Concept Clearance	-	A request can be entertained due to non fulfilment of observations upto a maximum of one year (upto December 31 of same year), failing to which, the request would be closed/ returned.
