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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Ordinance governing the Practical/Clinical and Viva-Voce Examination of Medical Undergraduate, Postgraduate Degree/Diploma and Super speciality courses under Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences

- Ref: 1. Decision of the Committee of Academic Council CAC Meeting held on 12.08.2024.
2. Decision of the 187th Syndicate Meeting held on 26.08.2024

Preamble:

In order to ensure proper and systematic instruction, teaching, training, and research in modern and Indian systems of medicine, the Karnataka government has established the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, effective from June 1, 1996, by enacting the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, [Karnataka Act] 1994. The number of medical, dentistry, allied health sciences, nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, AYUSH and other colleges and students have increased phenomenally, for the past few decades which has necessitated the regulation, monitoring, and standardization of curricula and assessment methods; and periodic amendments to them.

Apex bodies that lay down standards, that are required to be adopted and implemented and which bind the Universities across the country, have also provided, by amended regulations, guidelines etc, newer provisions, requiring the RGUHS to keep in step with them.

It needs to be factored that, under the present Regulations of MCI/NMC; and provisions made thereunder, the minimum annual intake of MBBS students in affiliated colleges being 100 and the annual intake in Post Graduate Courses likewise varying for different subjects, from individual faculties; it is reasonable to expect number of students who could be 'examined' for Practical/Clinical and Viva Voce; per examination, will be upto '30 students' in under-graduate courses and, from 1 to 8 students, in postgraduate degree/diploma and in super speciality courses, per day, to make it workable, effective; practical and feasible.

Also, to be noted is the fact that, the 'maximum number of students' indicated, as above will not have any constraint on the Examiners; for the time to be taken/involved for assessing and evaluating the performance of a candidate.

In practical/clinical and viva-voce examination, in each subject, there may be/will be different exercises/clinical cases/OSCE/OSPE/spotters etc., as per the Apex body/RGUHS Syllabus that may be prescribed from time to time.

With increased number of student's intake and, appearances in the examinations in the wards of the Hospital (practical examination centre) on live patients, puts heavy burden on the Examiners of time constrain and at the same time ensuring proper conduct of examinations and evaluation, keeping in mind equity and students' interest.

Keeping in view, various observations by the Hon'ble Courts, during the hearing of many of the cases, that have come up before the Hon'ble Court, for past several years; the authorities of the University having over viewed several aspects; and noticing it, has been recommended for issuance of a new ordinance; addressing all these issues, effective from the ensuing Examinations [commencing from 9th August 2024].

The matter was placed before the CAC Meeting held on 12.08.2024 and the 187th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 26.08.2024. The Syndicate has approved the proposed Ordinance.

Hence, this Ordinance.

Notification No.RGUHSB/RRAC/AUTH(MEET)/8/2024-AUTH, Dt:27.08.2024

Title:

Ordinance governing the Practical/Clinical and Viva-Voce Examination of Undergraduate, Postgraduate Degree/Diploma and Super-speciality courses under Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences.

1. **Time and Commencement:** This Ordinance shall come into force, with effect from the ensuing Practical/Clinical examination conducted on or after the 09th August 2024.
2. **Applicability:** This ordinance shall apply, to the Under-graduate and Post-graduate Degree courses, including PG Diploma, Super Speciality courses in the Faculty of Medicine.
3. **The provisions of this Ordinance regulate and apply to the process of Practical examination and;** the respective Ordinance/s, governing the theory

examinations for UG & PG Courses, which are operative as of now, shall continue to operate, till necessary amendments replace them.

4. Definitions:

a. **Practical/Clinical Examination:**

Means, a student who is evaluated by the requisite number of Internal and External Examiners, as prescribed under respective relevant Regulations for given components of Practical/Clinical Examinations. (Long case, short case, spotters, OSPE, OSCE, such other components) and **such others** as may be introduced by the Apex body, from time to time and, followed by the RGUHS, as per respective disciplines.

b. **Viva-Voce Examination:**

Means, a student who is evaluated by the requisite number of Internal and External Examiners, as prescribed under the respective Regulations for given components of Practical/Clinical Examinations (Long case, short case, spotters, OSPE, OSCE, such other components) and **such others** as may be introduced by the Apex body from time to time and followed by the RGUHS, as per respective disciplines.

c. **Compilation Sheet:**

Means, an 'indicative worksheet' provided for by the University to the Examiners, as a part of 'Practical examinations, which compiles 'the marks' being awarded by all the individual examiners, for a given component of Practical/Clinical and Viva-voce examination for respective subjects. This 'indicative' worksheet' would be designed depending on the individual 'subjects' of various courses. The 'indicative worksheet format' shall be issued by the University, from time to time.

d. **Unfreeze Marks Statement:**

Means, 'compiled marks' awarded in total for the Practical/Clinical and Viva-voce examination, that are entered separately in the University online portal. After the entry, for the verification of the Register Number, Name of the candidate, Maximum Marks and total Awarded Marks with that of indicative compilation sheet, a print of which is taken, is referred to as **Unfreeze Marks Statement**.

e. **Freeze Marks Statement:**

Means, after the verification as mentioned in clause 3(d) above, the total marks awarded by all the examiners in the Practical/Clinical and Viva-voce examination in the University online portal, are uploaded and freeze. This frozen marks statement shall be 'verified' and authenticated by all the examiners, by affixture of their signatures on the same. marks are considered for the final computation of the results.

f. **Practical/Clinical and Viva Voce 'Answer Booklet':**

Means, the designated/prescribed Practical Booklet, with a

printed serial number and shall have the option of the following details mentioned below.

Booklet No.	Reg.No.
Faculty:	Subject:
Year:	Date of Exam:
Max Marks:	Signature of candidate
Separate columns for examiners to mention their names and affix signatures	

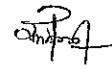
5. Other details of the process/Procedure in conduct of practical/clinical/ viva-voce examination:

- a. The identification or designation of practical/clinical and Viva-voce examination centre will be at the discretion of the University for its administrative convenience.
- b. The number of Examiners to be appointed by the University, shall be in accordance with the apex body Regulations/RGUHS Regulations [if any]. However, in situations like paucity of adequate number of students who are to appear for examination, a common centre (pooled centre) shall be identified by the University's authorities and, the appointment of Examiners (both external and internal) for such centres, shall be at the discretion of the Authorities of the University.
- c. In case of 'pooled centres' the Internal Examiner could be identified, and assigned from 'the eligible faculty of affiliated colleges of RGUHS'.
- d. The definitions/processes explained in clause 4, shall be followed by each of the appointed examiners and, it shall be supervised by the co-ordinator of the Examination, for a particular subject for the correctness in all its respects. The co-ordinator for the examination, shall be the head of the department or the senior most internal examiner.
- e. The 'indicative compilation worksheet' and the frozen marks sheet, shall be signed by all the examiners and, uploaded in 'the web portal of the University' simultaneously and after completion of respective exams on the same day. The 'frozen marks' in the web portal of the University are considered for the final computation of the results.
- f. Mentioning of remarks in the booklet, if any, is in absolute discretion and convenience of the respective examiners.
- g. The examiners shall follow the instruction mentioned in the ordinance, and instructions if any issued from time to time by the authorities of the University and conduct/carry out practical's and viva voce examinations in a fair and transparent manner. Under no circumstances there shall be re-conduct of practical/viva voce examinations.

h. Online uploading:

- i. Creation of Batches, and entries of details, for conduct of examination shall be done by the Institute, in the online portal of the University.
 - ii. The total 'awarded marks' for the practical/clinical and Viva Voce examination, by all the appointed examiners, shall be entered in the prescribed format and University web portal assigned to respective examination centres.
 - iii. The 'frozen marks sheet' shall be printed and, all the examiners shall affix their signatures, authenticating them.
 - iv. The 'indicative compilation worksheet' signed by all the examiners, shall also be uploaded in the online portal.
 - v. The 'frozen marks sheet' signed by all the Examiners shall be 'uploaded' forth with in the online portal.
 - vi. After uploading the 'indicative compilation sheet' and 'frozen marks sheet', the final submission shall be carried out by the examiners and verified by Coordinator/Chairman in the University web portal for completion of the process.
 - vii. Copies of 'indicative compilation sheet' and 'frozen marks sheet' could be issued to the students, [on their seeking] only after the completion of the process and final announcement of the results.
6. The earlier notifications, circulars, guidelines and any other correspondences issued by the University in respect of conduct of Practical/Clinical and Viva-Voce Examination stands withdrawn with effect from date of applicability of this Ordinance.

This ordinance shall be applicable for Practical/Clinical and Viva-Voce Examination of Medical Undergraduate, Postgraduate Degree/Diploma and Super speciality courses under Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences conducted on or after 9th August 2024.


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To,

The Dean/Director/Principals of Medical Colleges Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka

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