

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
(Directorate of Higher Education)
Yojana Bhawan, Nepal House Campus, Doranda, Ranchi-834002 (Jharkhand)

NOTIFICATION

No.: JSHEC/NEP-01/2024-

Ranchi/dated:

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 39(1) of the Jharkhand State University Act, 2000 the Governor of Jharkhand hereby approves the following regulations namely:

Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits in State Universities of Jharkhand Regulations, Jharkhand, 2024

1. Short title, application, and commencement

- 1.1 This Regulation may be called Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits in State Universities of Jharkhand Regulations, 2024
- 1.2 It shall extend to the whole of Jharkhand
- 1.3 They shall come into force from the date of its notification.

2. Definition

In this Regulation, unless otherwise requires in the subject or context-

- a) **“Academic Bank Account”** means an individual account with the Academic Bank of Credits opened and operated by a student, to which all academic credits earned by the student from course(s) of study are deposited, recognised, maintained, accumulated, transferred, validated or redeemed for the purposes of the award of degree/diploma/certificates etc. by an awarding institution;
- b) **“Academic Bank of Credits”** means an academic service mechanism as a digital or virtual or online entity established by the University Grants Commission with the approval of the Central Government, to facilitate students to become its academic account holders, thereby paving the way for seamless student mobility between or within degree-granting Higher Educational Institutions through a formal system of credit recognition, credit accumulation, credit transfers and credit redemption to promote distributed and flexible teaching-learning herewith referred to as ABC;
- c) **“Affiliated College including Linguistic and Regional Minority College”** means educational institution having received privileges of the University as per the provisions of Act and Statute in Jharkhand State University Act, 2000 (as adapted and amended up to date)
- d) **“Constituent College”** means a teaching institution maintained or controlled by the University
- e) **“Credit”** means the standard methodology of calculating one hour of theory or one hour of tutorial or two hours of laboratory work, per week for a duration of a semester (13-15 weeks) resulting in the award of one credit; which is awarded by a higher educational institution on which these regulations apply; and, Credits’ for internship shall be one credit per two weeks of internship, subject to a maximum of four credits;

One credit for Theory/Tutorial = 15 Hours of Teaching i.e., 15 Credit Hours

One credit for Practicum = 30 Hours of Practical work i.e., 30 Credit Hours

One credit for Internship = 2 weeks of Internship; (Max. limit to 4 credits)

- f) **Credit-redemption**” means the process of commuting the accrued credits in the Academic Bank Account of the student to fulfil the credits requirements for the award of Degrees or Diplomas or Certificates or Course work for Ph.D. programme etc., by the registered degree-awarding Higher Educational Institutions.
- g) **“Higher Education Institutions”** means Universities, Constituent Colleges and Affiliated Colleges established as per provisions of the Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000
- h) **“Registered HEIs”** means Higher Education Institutions established under the Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000, and registered on the Academic Bank of Credits Platform.
- i) **“Regulation”** means Regulation framed under Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000 (adapted and amended from time to time)
- j) **“University”** means University referred to in section 3 of the Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000 (as adapted and amended up to date)
- k) **“UGC”** means University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956

3. **Eligibility Criteria for approval of HEIs to register with Academic Bank of Credits**

All HEIs of Jharkhand are eligible to register on Academic Bank of Credits.

4. **Objectives of Academic Bank of Credits**

- a) To promote student-centric and learner-friendly approaches in higher education across the country by promoting a more interdisciplinary approach to higher education.
- b) To enable selection of the best courses or combination of courses by students as per their aptitude and quest for knowledge along with the associated logistics and costs.
- c) Allow students to tailor their degrees or make specific modifications or specialisations rather than undergoing the rigid, regularly prescribed degree or courses of a single university or autonomous college.
- d) To enable multiple entry-multiple exit for students to complete their academic qualifications as per their time preferences and provide mobility across various disciplines and HEIs for Degree or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma or Certificate programme.
- e) To support, procedurally, the teaching-learning activities to happen in a distributed and blended manner through integration across campuses or Universities or autonomous colleges with increased mobility.
- f) To facilitate lifelong learning amongst all, i.e., formal and informal students from both full-time and part-time modes.
- g) To allow students’ the freedom to choose and change their academic directions, connect different domains of knowledge and help them acquire the right foundations and building blocks to pursue their life goals.

5. **Functions of Academic Bank of Credits**

- a) ABC shall deposit Credits awarded by registered HEIs, for Courses pursued therein, in the Academic Bank Account of the student and the validity of such credits shall be as per norms and guidelines issued by UGC from time to time.

- b) ABC accepts course credits directly transmitted by the respective registered HEI awarding the credits.
- c) Courses undertaken by the students through the online modes through National Schemes like SWAYAM, NPTEL, V-Lab, etc., or of any specified University, shall also be considered for credit transfer and credit accumulation.
- d) In the interests of students, credits earned and deposited with ABC shall be valid for the purpose of redemption to a degree or diploma or Post Graduate diploma or certificate, for varying duration as specified by the credit awarding and credit accepting HEI subject to a maximum duration of seven years.
- e) Credits obtained by students undergoing skill-courses from registered HEIs offering Vocational Degree or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma or Certificate programmes are also eligible for accrual and redemption of credits through the ABC.
- f) Credits obtained by undertaking courses in registered HEIs during or after the academic year 2022-2023 alone are eligible for Credit transfer, Credit accrual and Credit redemption through ABC.
- g) A registered HEI shall have a webpage on its website containing details of the facility of ABC, list of all registered HEIs, Guidelines or Standard Operating Procedures for the students to utilise the facility effectively and a link of the ABC website.

6. Academic Bank of Credits Implementation methodology

- a) ABC is essentially a credit-based, and highly flexible, student-centric facility.
- b) Universities shall, with the approval of their statutory authorities, amend the extant Ordinances, wherever applicable, relating to, inter alia, Course registration, Course requirements, acceptance for inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary courses, Credits to be offered to such courses, Credit transfers and Credits acceptance from other registered HEIs, nature of grades to be awarded etc.
- c) Students availing flexibility under the facility of ABC are entitled to subscribe only to Courses of their choice and aptitude, so as to enable them to accumulate credits and not to the entire Programme of study leading to the award of a degree by the registered HEI.
- d) Every registered HEI shall provide student counselling and guidance to all students desirous of opening an Academic Bank Account with ABC, regarding the details of utilisation of the services of ABC in terms of Credit definition, Credit accumulation, Credit transfer, Credit redemption as well as in respect of the opening, closure and validation of Academic Bank Accounts of students where such requests are recommended through the parent University or Autonomous colleges which are already registered with ABC.
- e) Credits earned by students shall be deposited in their respective Academic Bank Account with ABC. They shall be valid for not exceeding seven years as specified by the credit awarding institutions and on acceptance by the registered HEI awarding academic qualifications, for the purpose of commutation of credits for the award of any Degree, or Diploma, or Certificate.

Provided that once any credit is redeemed for the award of the academic qualification, such credit shall be irrevocably debited from the respective student's Academic Bank Account.

- f) Once used, or redeemed, Credits earned by a student cannot be re-used for the award of any other formal academic qualifications.

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- g) With the approval of its statutory authorities, a registered HEI shall be encouraged to appropriate the structure of courses offered by it as core courses or core electives or open electives or skill enhancement electives or ability enhancement electives etc. with appropriate credit requirements, to promote multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary higher education.
- h) In awarding academic qualifications, registered HEIs shall follow the norms and guidelines, in regard to the number of credits and duration of time, stipulated from time to time by the UGC or the professional standards setting body, as the case may be.
- i) A registered HEI may fix its Course fee based on the number of credits of a course for which the student is enrolled with approval from its Competent Authority as per relevant provisions of Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000, and related Statutes.

7. Monitoring, Support and Quality assurance by Universities and ABC

- a) It shall be the responsibility of each University, to monitor the development and operationalisation of the ABC programme at its level and at the level of its constituent and affiliated colleges.
- b) Registered HEIs shall offer teacher or staff training, mentoring, academic and administrative audit and other measures for improving the quality of performance of the ABC facility and promotion of holistic/multidisciplinary education with the support of ABC which may be in the form of Faculty Development Programmes or Quality Improvement Programmes or Professional Development Programmes or Technology Inculcation Programmes.
- c) The quality assurance of the implementation of ABC at the level of the registered University and its Constituent or Affiliated Colleges or autonomous college shall be developed by the University or autonomous college concerned either through the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) or Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) or any other appropriate structured mechanism as may be decided by the University or Autonomous College.
- d) All registered HEIs shall upload, annually, on its website, a report of its activities *vis a vis* the ABC, as well as of measures taken by it for quality assurance, quality sustenance and quality enhancement.
- e) There shall be an ABC-Grievance Redressal Mechanism at the level of every HEI registered with the Academic Bank of Credits (College / University) and the Jharkhand State Higher Education Council (JSHEC) to address the grievances/appeals of students. The detailed structure for Grievance Redressal is as follows:-

Level 1	College ABC Nodal Officer
Level 2	University ABC Nodal Officer
Level 3	State-Level ABC/NAD Coordinator
Level 4	State Nodal Officer – JSHEC

The Nodal Officer of the University shall be responsible for all activities related to the implementation and Grievance Redressal of ABC at the University Level. The University may issue necessary directions to its constituent or affiliated colleges for the smooth implementation and Grievance Redressal of the ABC data.

- (i) In case of any discrepancy or non-availability of Credit Data in the Academic Bank of Credits, the student shall raise a grievance with the College ABC Nodal Officer through online/offline mode along with all the supporting documents. The College ABC Nodal Officer shall verify the grievance and resolve it within 14 working days of submission.

- (ii) In case the grievance is not resolved within the above stipulated time, the student shall have the option to escalate it at the University ABC Nodal Officer level, who shall have a maximum period of 14 working days from the date of escalation to resolve the grievance at their level.
- (iii) In case the grievance is still not resolved, the student shall have an option to reach the State ABC/NAD Coordinator or/and State ABC Nodal Officer – JSHEC to resolve the grievance within a maximum period of 14 working days to resolve the grievance.
- (iv) Each registered HEI shall display the contact details of College & University ABC Nodal Officer, State Level ABC/NAD Coordinator and State Nodal Officer – JSHEC prominently on its website/notice board/ other prominent locations in the HEI.

8. Adherence:

All Registered HEIs shall adhere to regulations with regard to Academic Bank of Credits issued by UGC and by the DHTE Jharkhand as amended from time to time.

By order of the Governor of Jharkhand,

Sd/-

(Rahul Kumar Purwar)

Principal Secretary to Government

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Ranchi/dated:

Copy to :- The Superintendent, Government Press, Doranda, Ranchi for publication in the next issue of the Government Gazette. Instructions are given to provide 100 copies of printed manuals to the Higher and Technical Education Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

- 2. Departmental Nodal Officer of e-Gazette for information and publication in e-Gazette.

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Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy to :- Principal Private Secretary to the Departmental Minister/Joint Secretary, Chief Secretary Office, Jharkhand, Ranchi /All Departmental Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Jharkhand/Secretary, Jharkhand Public Service Commission, Ranchi/Director, Higher Education / Registrar, Ranchi University, Ranchi/ Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag/ Binod Bihari Mahato Koylanchal University, Dhanbad/Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka/ Kolhan University, Chaibasa/ Nilamber Pitamber University, Medininagar, Palamu/ Jamshedpur Women's University, Jamshedpur/Dr. Shayama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi/Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University, Ranchi/ Jharkhand Technical University, Ranchi for information and necessary action/Shri Kumar Chandan, MIS Officer is directed to send the resolution to departmental e-Governance cell for uploading to the departmental portal.

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