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(As per mailing list - 'A')

विषय/Sub: Clarification regarding acceptance of educational  
qualification obtained through distance education mode  
from Open University without undergoing formal  
education for the purpose of employment on the Railway  
- reg.

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Clarification regarding acceptance of Educational Qualification obtained  
through Distance Education Mode from Open University without undergoing  
formal education for the purpose of employment in the Railway's was issued  
by Railway Board vide their letter No. E(NG)-II/2013/RR-1/8 dt. 30-10-2013  
(RBE No. 116/2013) copy enclosed.

The issue of this letter was kept in abeyance as further clarification on  
the issue was sought from Distance Education Board - New Delhi vide  
Railway Board's OM No. E(NG)II/2013/RR-1/8 dt. 15-01-2014.

The Distance Education Board / New Delhi has informed that there has  
been no amendment made in UGC Regulation 1985 on Minimum Standards of  
Instruction for grant of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree through Non formal / Distance Education.  
The Board's letter which clarified this issue i.e., Board's letter No. E(NG)I/-  
2014/PM1/1-CC dt. 22-05-2014 is also enclosed for information and guidance.

(V SRINIVASAN)

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Senior Personnel Officer/Rules  
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For Chief Personnel Officer

संलग्न/Encl: as above

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)I-2014/PM1/1-CC

New Delhi, dated 22.05.2014

The General Manager (P)  
Southern Railway  
Chennai

Sub: - Clarification regarding acceptance of educational qualification obtained through distance education mode from Open University without undergoing formal education for the purpose of employment on the Railways-reg.

Ref: - (i) Southern Railway's letter No. P(R) 553/P/Ed. Qlfn. Dated 18.12.2013  
(ii) Letter of even No. dated 27.01.2014

The clarification sought from Distance Education Board/ New Delhi on the aspect of recognition of Degrees obtained from open University without completing 10+2 has since been received in this office. The DEB has informed there has been no amendment made in UGC Regulation 1985 on Minimum Standards of Instruction for Grant of First Degree through Non-Formal/Distance Education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences, Commers and Sciences which states that :

**"No student shall be eligible for admission to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Course through non formal/distance education unless he has successfully completed 12 years schooling through an examination conducted by a Board/University. In case there is no previous academic record, he shall be eligible for admission if he has passed an entrance test conducted by the University provided that he is not below the age of 21 years on July 1 of the year of admission."**

In view of the above the Railway Board letter No. E(NG)I/2008/PM4/3 dated 18.11.2013 which was kept in abeyance vide letter under reference (2) above, may now be treated as operational.

Please acknowledge receipt.

  
(Kajal Mukherjee)  
JDEN-III  
Railway Board



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

RBE No. 116/2013.

No. E (NG)-II/2013/RR-1/8.

New Delhi, dated: 30/10/2013

The General Manager (P),  
All Zonal Railways/Production Units  
(As per standard mailing list)

**Sub:** Clarification regarding acceptance of educational qualification obtained through distance education mode from Open University without undergoing formal education for the purpose of employment on the railways - reg.

The issue, whether qualification of PG Degree without prosecuting 10+2+3 or 11+1+3 and Under Graduate Degree without prosecuting 10+2 or 11+1 stream of studies obtained by candidates/serving employees for employment/promotion through Open Universities (non-formal/distance education) can be accepted or otherwise has been under consideration of this Ministry.

The same has been examined in consultation with Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission and it is directed that while scrutinizing certificates of qualification submitted by the candidates obtained through Open and Distance Learning centres for the purpose of employment/promotion, following guidelines may be kept in view:-

- (i) No student is eligible for admission to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Course through non-formal/distance education unless he has successfully completed 12 years schooling through an examination conducted by a Board/university. In case there is no previous academic record, he/she is eligible for admission if he/she has passed an entrance test conducted by the University provided that he/she is not below the age of 21 years on 1<sup>st</sup> July of the year of admission;
- (ii) No student is eligible for the award of the first degree unless he/she has successfully completed three year course, this degree may be called the BA/B.Sc/B.Com.(General/Honours/Special) degree as the case may be; and

No student is admitted in a Master's Degree course unless he/she has successfully completed Bachelor's Degree of minimum three year duration. In other words, a PG degree obtained without a Bachelor Degree cannot be treated as valid.

Please acknowledge receipt.

dt 30/10/13  
(Harsha Dass)  
Director Estt. (N)-II  
Railway Board.