

**ADMISSION OF DIPLOMA HOLDERS INTO SECOND YEAR DEGREE  
ENGINEERING PROGRAMES THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY**

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
NEW DELHI

**NOTIFICATION**

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**No. F. 37-3/Legal/2007** :- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 23 read with section 10 (b), (o) & (v) of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (52 of 1987), following Regulations are hereby notified by the Council:

**(1) Short title and commencement:-**

- (a) These **Regulations** may be called the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) admission of students in Degree Engineering Programmes through lateral entry Regulations 2007.
- (b) They shall come into force w.e.f. the date of publication in the Official Gazette of India.

**(2) Definitions:-**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "Act" means the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (52 of 1987);
- (b) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956;
- (c) "Technical Institution" means an Institution set up by Government, Government Aided and Private (self financing) for conducting courses / programmes in the field technical education, training and research in Engineering, Technology Including MCA, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts and such other programmes and areas as are notified by the Council from time to time;
- (d) "University" means a University defined under clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and includes an institution deemed to be University under section 3 of that Act;
- (e) All other words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (52 of 1987), shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the said Act;

**(3) Purpose:-**

These Regulations provide for admission of diploma holders and B.Sc. graduates into second year degree programmes in Engineering and Technology through lateral entry.

**(4) Applicability: -**

These Regulations shall be applicable to:

- (a) All technical institutions of Govt., Govt. Aided and Private (Self financing) conducting courses / programs in the fields of technical education, training and research in Engineering, Technology including MCA, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts and such other programs and areas as are notified by the Council from time to time.
- (b) Universities including Deemed to be Universities of Government, Government Aided and Private (self financing) conducting courses / programs in the fields of technical education, training and research in Engineering, Technology including MCA, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts and such other programs and areas as are notified by the Council from time to time.

**(5) Requirement: -**

Under section 10 (o) of AICTE Act, it shall be the duty of the Council to take all such steps as it may think fit for ensuring coordinated and integrated development of technical and management education and maintenance of standards and for the purposes of performing the functions under this Act, the Council may provide guidelines for admission of students to technical institutions and Universities imparting technical education.

**6.1 ADMISSION OF DIPLOMA HOLDERS INTO SECOND YEAR DEGREE ENGINEERING PROGRAMES THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY**

**6.1. (a) Admission of Diploma Holders**

Although engineering diploma programmes are conceived as terminal in nature, some flexibility has to be built in to enable the meritorious amongst diploma holders to obtain Engineering degrees. There is evidence of diploma holders pursuing an Engineering programme having performed well not only in their academic careers but also in their jobs.

**6.1 (b) Eligibility**

For being eligible to seek lateral entry to engineering degree programme at the second year/ third semester level, a candidate must have passed the diploma in Engineering in the relevant branch with a minimum of 60 percent in the aggregate. Only candidates fulfilling these conditions would be eligible for appearing in the entrance test meant for selection of diploma holders for Lateral entry to degree programmes. The selection of candidates will be based on an entrance test, the merit ranking in the test being the basis of admission.

At present students obtain diploma through different programmes in different States/UTs. Such programmes have different structures and forms like the semester pattern, annual pattern, sandwich pattern, etc. In order to maintain uniformity, a common entrance examination seems essential. Further, it is necessary to select only meritorious students who have passed the diploma with good academic record.

A student who has acquired a diploma in Engineering through a minimum of three years of institutional study, after 10+(Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination) can be considered to be academically equivalent to a student who has passed the first year

of the four year Engineering degree programme for which the qualifying examination is of the 12+ level.

The Affiliating University may prescribe compensatory courses to make up deficiencies for diploma holders, who are admitted through lateral entry.

#### **6.2(a) Admission of B. Sc, Graduates**

Science education in the country is suffered primarily due to lack of employment opportunities after completion of degree courses. This trend is affected the science education in the country and only a few students are opting to go for the science stream. In order to provide science students avenues for proper employment opportunities after completing graduation, Science graduates may be permitted to join Engineering courses at second year along with the diploma holders through lateral entry.

#### **6.2 (b) Eligibility:**

For being eligible to seek lateral entry to an Engineering degree programme at the second year/ third semester level, a candidate must have passed the Degree in Science (B.Sc.), with Mathematics as a subject and with a minimum of 60 percent marks in the aggregate. Only candidates fulfilling these conditions would be eligible for appearing in the entrance test meant for selection of B.Sc., graduates for Lateral entry to an Engineering degree programme. The selection of candidates will be based on an entrance test, the merit ranking in the test being the basis of admission.

The affiliating University may exempt B.Sc.; degree holders from Science courses and other relevant courses at the second year level and prescribe compensatory courses to makeup deficiencies.

#### **(7) Extent of Lateral Entry**

Diploma holders and B.Sc Degree holders shall be eligible for admission to second year engineering degree programmes up to a maximum of 10% of sanctioned intake, which will be over and above the approved intake (supernumerary). In addition, these candidates shall be eligible for admission in the second year against the vacant seats at first year level. The concerned Admission Authority shall decide the ratio between the diploma holders and B.Sc graduates for admission.

#### **(8) Interpretation**

If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Regulations, the same shall be decided by the Council.

The Council shall have the power to issue clarification to remove any doubt which may arise in regard to implementation of these Regulations.

#### **(9) Power to relax**

The Council may, in exceptional cases, for removal of any hardship or such other reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these Regulations.

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