



# PAKISTAN NURSING COUNCIL

(NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH)  
CHAK SHEHZAD  
ISLAMABAD

NO. PNC F-11-Admin/2018/1233-13/5

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- All DGNs/DNs  
(Punjab, Sindh, KPK & Balochistan)
- All Deans / Directors Nursing  
Recognized Universities
- All Principals  
Recognized Nursing Schools/Colleges

Subject: **LONG AWAITED DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY PNC FOR THE EQUIVALENE / ATTESTATION OF NURSING DEGREE / DIPLOMAS OF NURSING PROFESSIONALS.**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of HEC's letter No. 8(61)/A&A/2018/HEC/5799, dated 26.04.2018 on the above mentioned subject for information, compliance and for further circulation to all concerned.

Encl: As above

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April 26, 2018

**The Registrar,**  
Pakistan Nursing Council,  
National Institute of Health,  
Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.

Subject: **Long Awaited Decision on the Proposal Submitted by PNC for the Equivalence/Attestation of Nursing Degree/Diplomas of Nursing Professionals**

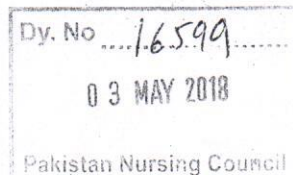
Dear Madam,

Kindly refer to your letter No.F-11/Admin/2017/3917 dated December 4, 2017 on the subject cited above.

2. The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has been pleased to grant one time waiver/relaxation for attestation/equivalence of following Nursing Qualifications in the light of decision taken in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of HEC's Equivalence and Accreditation Committee held on February 6, 2017:

S.No	Issue	Approval of HEC
i.	Diploma in Midwifery and Diploma in Nursing obtained on the basis of Matriculation other than Science.	<p>The policy will be relaxed with cutoff date as June 30, 2016 for those who got Diplomas in Nursing and Midwifery or any other speciality and subsequently registered with Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC) on the basis of Matric other than Science.</p> <p>The HEC will accordingly recognize four years Diplomas in Nursing and Midwifery or any other speciality awarded by the approved Institutions/Boards of the Pakistan Nursing Council, after SSC (10-year schooling), as equivalent to B.Sc. degree (14-year schooling) subject to the condition that they also qualify the compulsory subjects i.e. English, Islamic Studies/Ethics and Pakistan Studies at B.Sc. level from a chartered University.</p>
ii.	BS/B.Sc. Nursing degrees awarded on the basis of F.Sc. (Pre-Engineering), I.Com, F.A and ICS etc.	<p>The policy will be relaxed with cutoff date as June 30, 2016 for those who got 4-year BS/B.Sc. Nursing degrees on the basis of F.Sc. (Pre-Engineering), I.Com, F.A and ICS etc. and subsequently registered with Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC).</p> <p>The HEC will accordingly recognize 4-year BS/B.Sc. Nursing degrees awarded by the chartered Universities/DAI's after Intermediate (12-year schooling) as equivalent to 16-year schooling.</p>

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3. In order to recognize 2-year Post RN BSc Nursing degree as equivalent to 16-year of schooling, recommendations of PNC to waive off the conditional subjects (English, Islamic studies/Ethics and Pakistan Studies) at B.Sc. level (14-year schooling) after 4-year Diplomas is not approved, keeping in view the decision of 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of HEC's Equivalence and Accreditation Committee held on January 4, 2016.
4. Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC) is, accordingly, advised to circulate the above decisions to all the stakeholders for information and compliance thereof.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Farrukh Raza)

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