



**Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
Technical Branch
Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091**

Memo No. 44 –Edn(T)/HED-20014(99)/14/2023-TECH

Date 05.02.2024

WHEREAS Memo No. 412-Edn(T) dated 14.09.2023 was issued with the direction to all the State Universities including Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology to desist from providing NOC to any institute without obtaining prior approval/clearance from the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal and only after following the statutory requirements.

AND WHEREAS, the notification vide Memo No. 412-Edn(T) dated 14.09.2023 has already been relaxed vide Memo No. 19-Edn(T) dated 24.01.2024 to the extent that the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT) will issue NOC for applying to the statutory bodies i.e. AICTE, PCI, COA etc. for variation in intake of the existing courses of the existing institutes under Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology.

AND WHEREAS, the All India Council of Technical Education has published the Approval Process Handbook 2024-27 where it is mentioned under Clause 2.6(a) that “The existing institutes shall have liberty to expand its activities by increase in intake/addition of new/additional courses.” As such, it seems that AICTE has given liberty to the existing institutes for expansion through increase in intake/introduction of new courses etc. subject to fulfillment of necessary infrastructural facilities as stipulated by AICTE.

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Professional Academic Institutes, West Bengal (APAI, WB) applied to the Higher Education Department for further relaxation in regard to Memo bearing No.412-Edn(T) dated 14.09.2023, requesting relaxation towards issuance of NOC for the introduction of additional courses in the existing colleges under MAKAUT to avail the advantage of the liberty to expand its activities by increasing intake/addition of new/additional courses as per the aforesaid guideline of AICTE.

NOW THEREFORE, considering all aspects and to keep up the National Standard of Technical Education in the State of West Bengal, the Notification vide Memo No. 412-Edn(T) dated 14.09.2023 is further relaxed to the extent that the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology will issue NOC for applying to the Statutory/Regulatory Bodies i.e. AICTE, PCI, COA etc. for introduction of additional courses under the jurisdiction/affiliation to the said Regulatory Bodies in the existing

colleges only which are already approved by the said Statutory/Regulatory Bodies and affiliated to MAKAUT.

However, this relaxation shall not be extended for establishment of new institutes and introduction of the courses like BBA, BCA, B.Sc in Hospitality and Hotel Administration, B. Optometry (Bachelor of Optometry), B.Sc in Media Science etc. which are known as non-AICTE courses offered by MAKAUT and extant procedure will continue in such institutes/courses.

The advisory is issued with the approval of the competent authority in the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal in accordance with Section 18 of the West Bengal Universities and Colleges (Administration and Regulation) Act, 2017.

Deputy Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1) Director of Technical Education, West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, Kolkata-700091- She is requested to send copy to each college under her jurisdiction for taking necessary action;
- 2) Vice Chairperson (Academic), West Bengal State Council of Higher Education, ASANNA, New Town, Kolkata-700156;
- 3) Registrar, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal, Haringhata, Nadia;
- 4) Private Secretary to the Hon'ble MIC, Department of Higher Education;
- 5) Sr. PS to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol-91;
- 6) PA to the Sr. Special Secretary, IT Cell, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol-91 – He is requested to arrange for uploading a copy in this Department's website;
- 7) PA to the OSD & ex-officio Sr. Special Secretary, Law Cell, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol-91;
- 8) Secretary, Association of Professional Academic Institutes (APAI), West Bengal
- 9) Office copy.

Deputy Secretary