

KERALA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ABSTRACT

KUHS – Examination – forwarding of General Examination policy to the colleges during Covid – 19 pandemic – ratified – orders issued

EXAMINATION BRANCH

U.O.No : No.26/2021/Exam General

Date : 29-03-2021

Read:--1) Minutes of the 26th meeting of Academic Council dt.06/02/2021

2) Minutes of the 63rd meeting of Governing Council dt.17/02/2021

<u>ORDER</u>

25th meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.09.2020 decided to formulate a general examination policy during the situation owing Covid 19 pandemic and entrusted Dr.C.P. Vijayan, Pro Vice Chancellor, to prepare a policy document in this regard. The general examination policy thus formulated, considering the urgency of conducting various examinations, was forwarded to all affiliated colleges.

The 26th meeting of Academic Council held on 6.02.2021 ratified the action of the University in forwarding the general examination policy to all colleges vide paper read as (1) above. The general examination policy during covid – 19 pandemic as detailed below:

1. Examinations are essential and it cannot be avoided due to Covid –19 pandemic.

2. Priority in conduction will be given to the final year examinations and for courses where all theory and practical classes are over. Permission to appear in final year examinations for the candidates who failed in the previous year/semester examinations will be as per the course regulations. Relaxations in these rules will be as per the advisories of the concerned apex councils.

3. Pending examinations will be conducted after finishing online theory classes and the pending clinical/practical classes utilizing extra hours and the shortest time period.

4. Examinations will be notified sufficiently earlier so as to enable the candidates from outside the state and outside the country to arrive and finish their quarantine period.

5. Rules related to the travel and quarantine will be according to the decisions of Central/State Governments.

6. Examination registration should be done through the college where the candidate has studied for the course.

7. Conduct of theory examination will be as per examination manual of KUHS. (Online transmission of QP, Video recording of the proceedings, Barcoded answer books etc.)

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8. Candidates will be allowed to appear for the examination from the college of their choice provided these conditions satisfy (a) Principal of the college should be ready to accept the candidate both for theory and Practical examinations. (b) Candidates should be ready to submit an undertaking that they are aware of the fact that their teachers may not be available as internal examiners for practical examinations. This facility may be withdrawn at the discretion of the University at any time.

9. Candidates who are suffering from Covid –19 (Or any other contagious disease) can be permitted to write the Theory examination if they are reporting to the Chief Superintendent and make a formal request. They will be allowed to appear for the examination after getting seated in a separate room and the whole process will be video recorded. For Practical examinations Covid Positive candidates will not be permitted and they will be given another chance after they are Covid negative and the required number of days are over.

10. Examinations will not be normally conducted in containment zones, except in situations where there is special permission from authorities. In such situations if feasible, students will be permitted to appear for the examination from a nearby college of the same stream. Decision of the Government authorities will be final in all such cases.

11. For clinical examinations instead of Patients, Case scenarios, Simulated Patients and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) will be used according to the advisories given by the respective apex councils.

12. External examiners will be arranged either from the possible nearest colleges where their physical presence will be insisted or outside the state examiners will be allowed to participate online as per the recommendations of the respective apex councils. It is the responsibility of the center chairman to ensure that all examiners are following the directions from the university.

13.Time limit for the submission of Projects/Case Records/ Protocols /Dissertations /Thesis will be extended according to the recommendations of the respective faculty Deans. Relaxations in the sample size, mode of data collection, Number of observations for records etc. will be allowed as a onetime measure during this period and it will be intimated to the evaluators if requested for by the candidates and endorsed by the respective Principals.

14. Students will be permitted to attend the online classes of the next year/semester once online classes of the current year/semester is over. The required pass in the year/semester end examination will not be considered for this permission. But once the colleges are getting open students should go back to their respective year/semester and finish the clinical/practical classes to become eligible for appearing in the year/semester examination. Promotions will be given as per the regulations only.

15. The general guidelines of the Health authorities like usage of Face masks, keeping recommended distance between individuals, Hand washing/Sanitization etc. will be followed as per rules. College authorities are responsible to ensure that all officials and students are following these guidelines.

16. Relaxations mentioned in this policy is for the Pandemic period and University reserves the right to modify them as and when required.

The Governing Council has approved the decision of Academic Council, ratifying the action of the University in forwarding the general examination policy to all colleges vide paper read as (2) above.

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The Hon. Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction to implement the decision of the Governing Council with respect to ratifying the action of the University in forwarding the general examination policy to all colleges.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By the order of the Vice Chancellor,

Prof.(Dr.) S. Anilkumar

Controller of Examinations

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