

# Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala (Abstract)

B.Arch Course – Re-do of Internal Assessment – Report of the Expert Committee – Approved – Orders Issued.

### ACADEMIC AIV SECTION

### U.O. No. 6604/AIV/1/Acad/2018.

Priyadarshini Hills, Dated: 07/09/2018

Read:- 1. U.O. No. 3606/AIV/1/2018/Academic dated 24/04/2018.

- 2. U.O. No. 4981/AIV/1/2018/Academic dated 20/06/2018.
- 3. Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting held on 26/06/2018.

## ORDER

As per the reference read 1<sup>st</sup> above, an option for re-doing the internal assessment part of the failed theory papers has been given to B.Arch students (2011 Admission onwards), in the same fee structure as allowed to B.Tech students. As per the reference read 2<sup>nd</sup> above, an Expert Committee was constituted for imparting recommendations regarding the internal re-do process. The Expert Committee, observed that if a student who gets very low score in continuous assessments and repeatedly scores reasonably high marks in theory examinations might not be declared pass, such candidates having demonstrated improvement in the subject domain knowledge shall be given an opportunity to re-do the continuous assessment marks, as this would enable them to acquire B.Arch degree. The committee also evaluated the decisions adopted in other Universities in this matter, assessed the implications in their implementation in M.G. University and submitted a detailed report on the B. Arch Internal Re-do examination. The quintessence of the recommendations is as follows:

1. A chance for re-doing the continuous assessment shall be provided for all the subjects except Architectural Design (I to VI), Basic Design and Architectural Thesis and Viva voce for those candidates who have completed five years of B.Arch study but could not be declared pass by University due to low marks in their continuous assessment though they could obtain the minimum requirement of 45 percent marks in the respective University Theory Examinations/Viva-voce/Lab as the case may be. All the candidates who have obtained at least 45 percent marks or above in the university theory examination under Group II subjects as well as the subject due to the shortfall in the continuous assessment (CA) marks are alone eligible to appear for re-do of their continuous assessment marks in that subject. Further, for the subjects Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Computer Applications in Architecture I and II (lab), Working Drawings and Details, Documentation of Traditional Building, Workshop Practice and Dissertation for

which University Theory examinations are not there, if the student has not acquired a pass even after repeated attempts with the succeeding regular batches, but has acquired minimum 45 percent marks for external Viva voce/Lab, then the chance of re-doing is allowed so that the student gets the B.Arch degree.

- 2. No candidates would be permitted to re-do the continuous assessment marks if either they are declared pass in that particular subject or have already obtained 70 percent marks in continuous assessment process. Candidates who have obtained 70 percent marks in the continuous assessments need to obtain the minimum requirement of 40 percent marks in University theory examination to meet the passing criteria of 50 percentage in total for that subject.
- 3. The re-do exercise shall be conducted for the candidates whose regular period of study for B.Arch degree course has been completed. Only one attempt would be given for the candidate for re-do of the Continuous Assessment (CA) of a particular theory/lab/viva-voce subject. The entire re-do exercise is applicable to 2011 admission onwards for B.Arch degree programme.
- 4. A re-do of continuous assessment would require to satisfy the components mentioned above and would also call for an elaborate arrangement of accommodating them at various centres and for different subjects.
- 5. A re-do of continuous assessment shall be conducted by colleges/institutions under the direction of the Controller of Examinations, Mahatma Gandhi University. The examination centres shall be allocated to all colleges where affiliated B. Arch programmes of Mahatma Gandhi University are/were offered. These colleges shall conduct the continuous assessment for re-do of a few subjects of a particular semester or entire subjects of one complete semester as mentioned in clause 1 based on the feasibility of implementation as decided by Controller of Examination. The internal re-do of different semesters could be with different colleges.
- 6. Controller of Examinations shall communicate the overall structure of the programme along with the information on semesters/subjects for which re-do is to be conducted through various colleges/institutions. The co-ordinator of examination at each institution shall be appointed by the university in consultation with the Principals of the colleges concerned.
  - The fee for the process shall be fixed by the syndicate and a guideline for the same is proposed as follows. Every candidate need to pay a specified registration fee (Rs.3000/-) per subject to University and the entire expenditure for this exercise need to be met from this amount. Remuneration for examiner, co-ordinator and principal and institutional cost towards stationery, overheads and related expenditure in connection with the conduct of the exercise need to be included in the registration fee. Students need to register with University for the re-do under reference on payment of prescribed fee. The list of students along with the required university U.Os and documents shall be passed on to respective principals/co-ordinators of the colleges/institutions.
- 8. The co-ordinator shall identify suitable examiners from the existing faculty members in the department/institution for conducting the re-do. The re-do shall

consist of two tests and two assignments for all theory subjects. The first test and assignment shall be from the first two modules and second test and assignment shall be from the remaining module(s). The scheme & pattern of the re-do is left to the examiner based on the learning requirement of that particular subject. Out of the total marks allocated for continuous assessment, 70 percent marks shall be for test and 30 percent for assignments for those subjects for which University Theory examinations are there. For the remaining subjects for which re-do is permissible (as per clause 1) 70 percent shall be allotted for assignments/practical/research work and 30% for written test/viva-voce/lab.

- 9. The candidates registered for re-do shall complete the stipulated assessment exercises within a minimum of 45 days and maximum of 90 days from the date of registration for re-do at the allotted teaching institution. Any act of misconduct or malpractice, during the re-do examination shall be dealt with relevant rules and regulations of the University.
- 10. Examiners shall be given a consolidated remuneration based on the total number of examinations conducted for each paper. No TA/DA need to be paid to the examiners as this is conducted at their own institutions.
- 11. The final marks in the continuous assessment awarded to candidates for each subject shall be communicated back to the Controller of Examinations, Mahatma Gandhi University by the co-ordinators.
- 12. University shall reckon only the minimum marks required to meet the passing requirement of 50 percent marks out of total marks (CA and external put together) irrespective of the actual marks obtained by the candidate in the re-do exercise. Candidates who avail re-do chance to obtain B.Arch degree shall be placed in second class only.
- 13. Notification for the re-do examination shall be invited along with specific odd/even semester examination notifications issued by the University. Also the marks after conducting the examination shall reach the university before the completion of the regular valuation camps. The results of the re-do process shall be released only along with the regular release of B.Arch Examination results of that particular semester.

In addition to the above, the committee recommended to delete clause 9 in U.O. No. 4604/AIV/1/2017/academic dated 27/07/2017 as it was found that clause 9 is contradictory to the rules, regulations, scheme and syllabus of B.Arch degree. The Committee also recommended a minimum of 100 working days/semester for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters of B.Arch degree course while the students pursue practical training. Further, the committee recommended that the college shall be permitted to upload the revised continuous assessment marks of a candidate if he/she repeats the dissertation work with subsequent batches with a different topic.

The committee also recommended to constitute a separate Board of studies and Faculty of Architecture and Planning under Mahatma Gandhi University to facilitate smooth conduct of undergraduate, post graduate and Ph.D programmes in Architecture, Planning and allied fields. The Vice-Chancellor exercising the powers under section 10(17) of Chapter III, Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985 has approved the above recommendations of the Expert Committee.

The existing regulation of B.Arch Degree stands modified to the above extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

## Sd/-ASSISTANT REGISTRAR II (ACADEMIC) FOR REGISTRAR

Copy to:-

- 1. The P.S. to Vice-Chancellor/ Pro-Vice-Chancellor
- 2. P.A.to Registrar/Controller of Examinations/Finance Officer
- 3. Principals of all Colleges
- 4. Members of Expert Committee
- 5. Assistant Registrar/Deputy Registrar/Joint Registrar(Exam/Acad)
- 6. B.Arch sections/CETEX/System Administrator
- 7. Content Management Section/PRO sections
- 8. Stock file/File copy/record sections

#### **FORWARDED / BY ORDER**

Sai hala

**SECTION OFFICER** 

File No. AcAIV/01/457/2018