



D.O. No. K-12052-9/13/2020-LH-Pt(1)

Dated: 24th November, 2020

Respected Vice Chancellors,

As you are aware, veterinary education in the country is regulated under the Indian Veterinary Council Act 1984 through the MSVE Regulations, 2016. Regulation 13(3) thereof provides that the examination shall be to assess whether the student has been able to achieve a level of competence i.e. achieving desirable learning outcomes.

Classroom teaching in universities and other educational institutions across the country has ceased from March 2020 and online classes have become the order of the day in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. As per the departmental Advisory vide D.O. No. K 12052-9/13/2020-LH dated 17th June 2020, it was emphasized that for students in the first, second and third professional years, the universities concerned may conduct final theory and practical examinations in offline/online mode and in case of the latter's inability to do so, such students would be promoted provisionally to the next professional year subject to successful completion of the previous theory and practical examinations.

However, in the present COVID19 pandemic scenario, it has been decided that while maintaining the sanctity of academic expectations and integrity of the examination process, the veterinary/agricultural universities/veterinary colleges may adopt online **assignments and presentation-based assessments** as an alternative method of examination to achieve the desired learning outcomes. All students, except for students in the fourth professional year in 2019-20, would be promoted to the next professional year. Their marks shall be determined by the universities concerned based on the internal assessments and the aforementioned assignments.

Accordingly, in continuation of our earlier Advisory dated 17/6/2020, it is advised to complete the annual theory & practical examinations for students from the first professional year to the third professional year in the academic session 2019-2020, with the following guidelines:


- Assignments shall be prepared by the university covering all the topics of the course curriculum prescribed in MSVE regulations, 2016. Such students shall submit their assignments to the University/College within a specified time limit, as per the university concerned. Evaluation of assignments shall be done by external examiner(s).

- This relaxation is for one time only for the present academic session i.e. 2019-20 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- If any student wishes to improve his/her marks of subjects of the academic session 2019-2020, then he/she may appear for that particular subject by appearing in the external examination, along with his/her immediate junior batch, whenever these examinations are conducted by the universities at the earliest.
- The students shall be informed well in advance about the assessment related activities for academic session 2019-20.

However, this relaxation will not be available for final year students. All Veterinary/Agriculture/other Universities having constituent/affiliated veterinary colleges may ensure that examination (under any mode whether online/offline) of the final year students is held well before 31st December 2020 so that commencement of their internship programme starts from 1st January 2021.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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