

FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admission and Fees)
''शिक्षण-नव्हेव्यवसाय -ज्ञान यज्ञ''

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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority (constituted under section 11(2)(3)(4) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015) held on **Friday, the 9th July, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Conference Hall, Room No. 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49 Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051. Following were present:

1.	Hon'ble Justice V.L. Achliya, (Retd.)		Chairperson	
2.	Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University.		Member	
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant.	:	Member	
4.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish)Phadtare, Cost Accountant.	:	Member	
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist.	:	Member	
6.	Dr. K.D. Chavan, Registrar Maharashtra University of Health Science, : Member Nashik.			
7.	Dr. Abhay Wagh, Director of Technical Education, Mumbai		: Member	
8.	Shri. Vishwajit Mane, I.A.S, Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research .	: Member		
9.	Shri. C.D. Joshi, I.A.S		Secretary	

Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Director of Higher & Technical Education, Pune, Member, being unable to attend the meeting was granted leave of absence.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 220th meeting dated 18/03/2021.

Proposed decision to be taken discussed.

The minutes of previous meeting of the FRA held on 18/03/2021 was confirmed subject to following correction.

I) In Item No. 2 the academic year recorded as "2020-21" to be corrected and substituted as "2021-22". The corrected minutes of meeting to be uploaded.

Item No. 2: To consider the proposals for fixation of Adhoc fee for the academic year 2020-21 of the following Institutes/colleges.

Sr. No.	Course	Name of the Institutes/colleges		
1.	RANM/RGNM	Akshay Nursing School, Nanded.		
2.	RANM	Late Raghunathraoji Kendra Nursing School, Beed.		
3.	RANM	Kisan Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Latur.		
4.	RGNM	Jai Institute of Nursing, Indapur.		
5.	RGNM	Kedarnath Nursing College, Islampur, Sangli.		
6.	RANM/RGNM	Union of Nursing College Management, MS.		
7.	RGNM	Dr. Archanatai Gade Patil School of Nursing, Yavatmal.		

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Item No. 3: To grant ex-post-facto sanction to Adhoc fee to be charged for the RANM & RGNM courses started in the academic year 2020-21.

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Item No. 7: To approve the Adhoc fee for the academic year 2021-22 of various courses run by the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions.

Discussed, Hon'ble Chairperson, suggested to study more elaborately and whether adhoc fee can be sanctioned and what should be modus operandi to decide such cases and hence decided to defer till next meeting.

Item No. 4: To consider the proposal received from AL- AMEEN Unani Medical College and Hospital, Nashik for fixation of fees for the academic year 2021-22 and consequential the decision as to final fees to be payable for the academic year 2019-20 & 2020-21.

Discussed & deferred.

Item No. 5: To consider the request received from various institutions running RANM & RGNM courses for extension of time limit to submit the proposals for approval of fee for the academic year 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Discussed, due to unprecedented situation of COVID 19 time limit extended till 31st July 2021.

Item No. 6: To prescribe the procedure to be followed by the institutions seeking approval and upward revision of fees by the Institutions.

While prescribing the procedure to be followed by the institute in submitting the fees proposal it was discussed that since there is no authenticity of documents submitted in online portal, therefore three hard copies of the fees proposal be asked with relevant online proposal. In addition to that list of papers to be called with proposal are to be decided by Secretary, FRA in guidance with Hon'ble Chairperson and to be communicated to the Institutes.



Item No.8: To discuss and decide the processing fee to be payable by the institution seeking approval, an upward revision of fee, and application seeking review of the decision of the Authority.

Discussed in the light of Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and fees) Act, 2015 under section 16(3) which reads as under;

"The Regulating Authorities may charge process fee for conduct of CET and charges for fixation of fees, etc, as may be decided from time to time by the said authorities. The process fee for each year may be decided by the concerned authorities considering their day to day expenditure including salaries, allowances, administrative expenses, honorarium, infrastructural needs and any other activity in pursuance of its function, etc".

This Authority has previously decided not to collect processing fee but considering financial position and to meet the expenditures to be incurred for operating office it was decided to revoke the previous resolution and start to collect processing fees to the extent of minimum Rs. 15,000/- or 0.05% whichever is higher from the academic year 2021-22.

Item No.9: To discuss and decide the norms for charging fees by the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the academic year 2022-23.

After discussion at length it was decided to form a subcommittee under leadership of Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex- Vice Chancellor, with three members viz., Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant, Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish)Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist and Secretary, FRA.

This subcommittee will submit its recommendation to decide the norms for charging fees before 31st July, 2021 before the Authority.

ItemNo.10: To discuss the measures to be taken for improvement, up-gradation of existing infrastructure facilities provided & to acquire new premises by way of sale/lease for the office of Fees Regulating Authority.

Discussed and it was decided that all responsibility be entrusted to Secretary FRA who will act under guidance of Hon'ble Chairperson.

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Item No.11: To form the Panels of Chartered Accountants/Cost Accountants for scrutiny and verification of proposals received from the Institutions.

After elaborate discussion it is resolved to entrust work to Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant & Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Members of Fees Regulating Authority & submit the recommendation before 31st July, 2021 before the Authority.

<u>Item No.12: To evolve the mechanism to be adopted for verification of infrastructure and amenities provided by the Institutions.</u>

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Item No.13: To discuss the steps to be taken to evolve the mechanism to undertake research studies for determining the course-wise expenses required to be made per student for the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions.

` Discussed and it was decided to employ certain third party agency to study and recommend before the Authority.

<u>Item No.14:</u> To discuss the mechanism to undertake measures for the redressal of grievances of the stakeholders.

Section 13 (v) of the of Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and fees) Act, 2015 provides for undertaking measures to a redress grievances of the stake holders. In order to fulfill objective enshrined under section 13 (v) of the Act, after elaborate discussion it was decided to form a subcommittee under the guidance of Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Member of Fees Regulating Authority, to study the mechanism and suggest the modalities for redressal of grievances.

This subcommittee will submit its recommendation within a period of one month before the Authority.

Item No.15: Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

The next meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority will be communicated in due course.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

Date: 09th July, 2021

Place: Mumbai

CHAIRPERSON

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