Subject: Minimum and Maximum Duration of MS/MPhil/PhD or Equivalent

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 21st meeting held on January 13, 2016 approved the minimum and maximum duration of MS/MPhil/PhD programs as under:

- MS/MPhil or Equivalent: 1.5 to 4 years
- PhD or Equivalent: 3 to 8 years

The policy is admissible on students admitted after the issuance of said letter. Further, it was also resolved that a degree will be recognized with effect from the date of issuance instead of some retrospective date.

With kind regards,

Sanaullah Memon

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