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Subject: **Supervision of MS/MPhil/Equivalent Research Theses by MS/MPhil/Equivalent Qualified Faculty Members**

1. Reference is made to HEC letter no. 1-22(NQAC)/QAD/2017/HEC/05-362 dated March 24, 2017.
2. Some universities and faculty members have approached HEC for seeking clarification about the implementation of the policy enunciated vide above referred letter. It is clarified that:
  - a. The National Quality Assurance Committee (NQAC) in its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on January 09, 2017 approved that the faculty members having MS/MPhil or equivalent qualification (with/without thesis) along with minimum four (04) years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience in an HEC recognized university or research/professional organization after getting MS/MPhil or equivalent degree can supervise the research of up to five (05) MS/MPhil or equivalent program students. However, while gaining the four (04) year experience, the faculty member should co-supervise at least two (02) MS/MPhil/Equivalent level theses along with a senior/HEC approved supervisor. The criteria to evaluate the research/professional experience in this regard are to be developed by the universities themselves and get them approved from their statutory bodies before implementation.
  - b. If an MS/MPhil (with/without thesis) faculty member, having less than 04 year experience, has already been assigned some students who are being supervised by him/her as "Supervisor" then he/she can continue with them but cannot take new students for supervision as a supervisor/co-supervisor till the time he/she has completed four (04) year experience.
3. The policies mentioned at clause (a) & (b) are effective from March 24, 2017.
4. This letter supersedes the HEC letter no. 1-3/AD-QA/HEC/NQAC(21)/2016/51 dated March 18, 2016 and letter no. 1-22(NQAC)/QAD/2017/HEC/05-362 dated March 24, 2017 and any other previous letter issued in this regard.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

With kind regards,

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