

No. NCEAC/HEC/Notification/Admission/Corrigendum/9-26/02A

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To:

All Vice Chancellors / Rectors

All Public and Private Sector Universities / Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs)

Subject: **CORRIGENDUM – ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR BS COMPUTING PROGRAMS (Clarification on Minimum Eligibility)**

Reference: NCEAC Notification No. NCEAC/HEC/Notification/Admission/4-26/02 dated April 22, 2026

HEC Letter No. HEC/NCRC/CS&IT/2025/8163 dated October 14, 2025

HEC Letter No. HEC/Curri/CS-IT/2025/8421 dated December 3, 2025

Honorable Sir / Madam,

This is with reference to the aforementioned NCEAC notification dated April 22, 2026, regarding the minimum eligibility criteria for admission to BS Computer Science and other BS Computing programs.

Upon review, it has been observed that the notification requires clarification regarding the Mathematics prerequisite. The original wording creates ambiguity about the eligibility of Pre-Medical students and students from diverse academic backgrounds.

To remove any confusion and ensure consistent implementation, the following clarification / correction is hereby issued.

REVISED / CLARIFIED MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(Effective from Admission Year 2026)

“Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) / A-Levels (involving a minimum of 12 years of schooling), or an IBCC equivalent qualification, with at least 50% marks is the basic eligibility requirement for admission to all BS Computing Programs.”

Mathematics Requirement:

- Students who have studied Mathematics at the HSSC / Intermediate level are eligible for admission, regardless of their subject combination (e.g. Pre-Engineering, ICS, General Science, Commerce, or any other group).
- Pre-Medical students (who have studied Biology, Physics and Chemistry at HSSC level but not Mathematics) are also eligible for admission; however, they must complete two additional Mathematics courses (total 06 credit hours) during their first year of study, including the zero semester, as deficiency courses.
- Students who have neither studied Mathematics at HSSC level nor belong to the Pre-Medical group shall not be eligible for admission.

APPLICABILITY

This revised / clarified eligibility criterion applies to:

- All regular admissions to BS Computing programs.
- Lateral entry of Associate Degree Programme (ADP) holders to the 5th semester of a BS Computing program.
- Transfers from and to all BS Computing programs.

For Lateral Entry Students:

Only those ADP degree holders who fulfil the above-stated minimum eligibility criteria (including the Mathematics requirement, as applicable) and have obtained a minimum CGPA of 2.0 shall be eligible for lateral transfer to a BS Computing program.

RATIONALE FOR CLARIFICATION

This clarification is necessary to:

1. **Remove Ambiguity:** The previous notification did not clearly distinguish between Pre-Medical students and other non-Mathematics backgrounds.
2. **Ensure Fair Access:** Pre-Medical students are given a pathway to computing programs through additional Mathematics deficiency courses, recognising their strong scientific background.
3. **Maintain Standards:** At the same time, the policy prevents admission of students with no Mathematics background and no Science foundation, thereby safeguarding academic quality.
4. **Support Accreditation:** Clear and consistent admission criteria facilitate smooth accreditation processing without challenges.

COMPLIANCE DIRECTIVE

All Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the clarified minimum eligibility criteria as outlined above for all admissions to BS Computing programs under the purview of NCEAC.

Institutions must ensure that:

- Admission policies are updated accordingly.
- Public notifications reflect the corrected criteria.
- Pre-Medical students are enrolled only with the condition of completing two additional Mathematics courses in their first year.
- Compliance is documented for accreditation purposes.

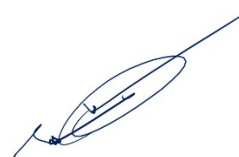
Failure to comply may result in challenges to the accreditation process.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

NCEAC appreciates your cooperation and continued support in ensuring the timely implementation of the corrected eligibility criteria.

For any clarification, please contact NCEAC Secretariat at hshafeez@hec.gov.pk or mbukhari@hec.gov.pk (051 9080 2771-2-3).

Yours sincerely,



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