



Higher Education Commission
National Computing Education Accreditation Council
(NCEAC)



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To:

The Vice Chancellors / Rectors / Heads of Institutions
All Public and Private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) & Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs)

Subject: Mandatory NCEAC Accreditation, Zero Visit Compliance, Data Submission for Affiliated Colleges, and HEC Degree Attestation Policy

Honorable Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Higher Education Commission (HEC) directives and notification dated August 25, 2026 (13(0)/AC/QAA/HEC/2026/3084), regarding the strict enforcement of quality assurance standards and accreditation for all BS level computing degree programs offered across Pakistan.

The National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) has observed with serious concern that several public sector universities have granted affiliations to numerous colleges without ensuring strict adherence to the minimum quality standards prescribed by the Council. Many of these affiliated colleges operate without adequate faculty, dedicated infrastructure, computing laboratories, or Outcome-Based Education (OBE) frameworks, while producing a large volume of graduates annually.

To uphold academic quality, safeguard the future of students, and ensure compliance with national accreditation standards, HEC and NCEAC hereby notify all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) of the following mandatory requirements:

1. Mandatory Data Submission for Computing Programs (Principal Seat, Campuses, & Affiliated Colleges)

All HEIs/DAIs must submit complete and comprehensive data for all students currently enrolled in ADP and BS-level computing programs across their principal seat, sub-campuses, and all affiliated colleges by **October 31, 2026** on NCEAC AAS system (<https://accredit.nceac.org.pk/>).

For each affiliated college and campus, the submission must explicitly include:

- **Exact Student Body Size:** Total number of students enrolled per discipline/program and batch.
- **Faculty Details:** List of dedicated full-time faculty members for computing programs, including their academic qualifications and designations.
- **Infrastructure & Physical Facilities:** Number of dedicated classrooms exclusively allocated for computing programs.
- **Computing Laboratories & Hardware:** Total number of functional computing labs, specs, and exact count of available computers designated for students.

2. Mandatory Zero Visits for Affiliated Colleges & New Programs

- **Existing Programs in Affiliated Colleges:** Universities must immediately ensure that every affiliated college currently offering computing programs applies to NCEAC for an **Accreditation Visit**. Evaluators from the Council will inspect the institution to

verify compliance with minimum criteria regarding faculty, physical and lab infrastructure, curriculum alignment, and Outcome-Based Education (OBE) understanding. Subsequent accreditation visits will follow.

- **Prohibition on Launching Unapproved Programs:** Universities **must not** grant affiliation to a computing program or permit any affiliated college to commence new computing degree programs without prior approval following a successful NCEAC Zero Visit.

3. Mandatory Accreditation for HEC Degree Attestation (Effective June / Fall 2027)

- Effective **June 2027** the Higher Education Commission (HEC) **will only attest BS-level computing degrees that are accredited by NCEAC.**
- The **Computing Graduate Card** issued through NCEAC accreditation will be **strictly mandatory** for HEC attestation of all BS computing degrees.
- All HEIs/DAIs and affiliated colleges must ensure that every graduating student goes through the formal accreditation process to prevent degree attestation refusal.

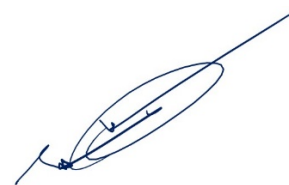
Acknowledgment & Compliance

The NCEAC deeply appreciates your immediate cooperation, proactive leadership, and continued commitment to implementing these regulatory standards to elevate computing education in Pakistan.

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Yours sincerely,



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