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. NCEAC/GC-47/Circular/2026-7  
July 29, 2026

**Subject: Communication of Important Decisions taken by NCEAC GC to Stakeholders**

Dear Sir / Madam,

This is to inform you that General Council (GC) of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) in its 47th meeting, held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, in Video Conference Hall (NAHE), HEC, H-8/1, Islamabad, took some important decisions related to the accreditation of computing programs. These decisions are effective immediately unless stated otherwise. I am sharing these decisions for your information and compliance.

**Implementation of BS Computer Science Curriculum 2025**

Institutions already offering NCEAC Accredited or Approved programs under computing nomenclatures other than BS CS may discontinue previous nomenclatures and adopt the BS CS nomenclature for their combined intake from 2026 without any Change of Scope visit. This will be the case if all previously offered nomenclatures were approved for the institution by NCEAC and the relevant programs were approved/accredited by NCEAC. However, the institute is required to formally inform NCEAC of their decision before making this transition in order to avoid accreditation-related problems in future.

**Students Cap Imposed in NCEAC AAS System**

NCEAC will allow all DAIs/HEIs to upload their student intake data for all admitted students in a computing program on the NCEAC system and submit their applications for accreditation. However, effective from Fall 2026 onwards, no institute shall be permitted to upload student data on the NCEAC system beyond the approved intake cap set by NCEAC. In case an institute has violated the maximum allowable annual intake limit set by NCEAC for a program during a year, the batch admitted during that year will not be accredited.

**Zero Visit**

- i. Without a successful Zero-Visit approval, a program will not be eligible for accreditation at a later stage.
- ii. NCEAC will only grant admission up to two sections with 50 students each at the start of a program.
- iii. Any DAI/HEI that got more than 50% of its computing degree programs accredited in 'Y-2', 'Y-1' or 'Z' category shall not be allowed to add a new program. So 'Zero Visit' for a new program shall only be planned when at-least 50% existing programs have been accredited in 'X' category or higher.
- iv. This policy shall apply to all programs commencing on or after Fall 2026.

### Change-of-Scope Visit

After a Change-of-Scope Visit, if approved, the Council may allow up to two additional sections of 50 students each.

### Transfer of Students

The transfer students and bridging students through lateral admission be allowed only if the seats in the respective batches are available as per the duly approved cap by the NCEAC. The cap imposed by NCEAC must not be violated in any case.

### Registration of Graduates of Computing Programs Admitted Before Fall 2007

Those graduates who were admitted to a computing program on or before Fall 2007 (with 2011 as the graduation year), i.e., prior to the inception of NCEAC in 2007, do not require a proof of accreditation of their respective computing program. But these graduates are eligible to apply for the Associate or Professional registration if they fulfill the respective registration requirements.

I appreciate your support in implementing these decisions at your institute. Let the NCEAC Secretariat staff, Hafiza Sumaira Hafeez ([hshafeez@hec.gov.pk](mailto:hshafeez@hec.gov.pk)), know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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