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. NCEAC/GC-47/Circular/2026-8
August 12, 2026

Subject: Clarification regarding “Implementation of BS Computer Science Curriculum 2025” – Circular No. NCEAC/GC-47/Circular/2026-7 dated July 29, 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Reference is invited to NCEAC Circular No. NCEAC/GC-47/Circular/2026-7 dated July 29, 2026, whereby the decisions taken by the General Council of NCEAC in its 47th meeting held on June 18, 2026, were communicated to all stakeholders.

The Secretariat has since received queries from a number of institutions concerning the paragraph appearing under the heading “Implementation of BS Computer Science Curriculum 2025”, which reads:

“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.”

It has been observed that, as worded, this provision is in some instances being read to mean that institutions are required to discontinue all computing nomenclatures other than BS Computer Science, namely Software Engineering, Information Technology, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Computer Engineering and that the HEIs are to merge their intakes under BS CS with effect from 2026. This is not the intent of the Council. The following clarification is accordingly issued:

1. **The provision is enabling, not mandatory.** The provision is enabling in nature and is not a directive. It offers a facility to those institutions that themselves wish to consolidate their existing computing programs under the BS CS nomenclature. No institution is required to discontinue any approved nomenclature to mandatorily merge its intakes.
2. **Existing approvals remain valid.** Institutions that do not wish to consolidate may continue to offer degree programs under other computing nomenclatures approved by NCEAC, including BS Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Computer Engineering. Zero-Visit and Change-of-Scope approvals already granted in respect of such programs remain valid and are in no way affected by the referenced circular.
3. **Intake caps continue to apply to the combined intake.** Where an institution opts to consolidate, the resulting combined intake under BS CS shall be equal to the sum of the maximum annual intake caps approved by NCEAC for all the consolidated programs. For instance, if an institute has three NCEAC approved programs (BS CS, BS AI, and BS IT), each with an approved intake of 50 students, it may either:



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- Merge them into a single BS CS program under the approved HEC BSCS Curriculum 2025 with specializations, admitting 150 students while discontinuing the other two programs; or
- Continue with the existing arrangement, maintaining an intake of 50 students in each of the three programs.

Institutions requiring any further clarification may contact the NCEAC Secretariat through Hafiza Sumaira Hafeez (hshafeez@hec.gov.pk).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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