



Higher Education Commission National Computing Education Accreditation Council



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Subject: Hiring of Computing Graduates from NCEAC Accredited Programs

National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was established and notified by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) on February 16, 2005 vide notification 19-54/HEC/A&C/2005/196 to enhance the quality of computing graduates through accreditation of computing degree programs nationwide. Currently, the Council accredits the following Bachelor of Science degree programs: Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Information Systems, Bioinformatics, Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Multimedia & Gaming, and Computer Engineering.

As per the bylaws of NCEAC issued by the HEC, "Accreditation shall be a **mandatory** process for all relevant academic programs offered by public and private sector institutions." The Council has accredited a total of 423 computing programs at almost all well-known and well-reputed Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)/Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) in all four provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir through 1120 accreditation visits. Several of these programs have been accredited multiple times whereas 237 of these programs are at Public institutions and 186 at Private institutions.

As per the decision of the NCEAC General Council, the HEC will not attest any non-accredited computing degree after 31 August 2024. The same has already been disseminated by a public alert in daily newspapers Jang, The News and Dawn on 9-Apr-23 and in daily newspapers Ausaf and The Recorder on 19-Mar-23. Many national and international organizations already require hiring of graduates from NCEAC-accredited programs only, including Ministry of Defense, Ministry of IT & Telecom, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage Division, Australian and New Zealand Embassies, and several employers and employees in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, etc.. The list of NCEAC accredited computing degree programs may be found on Council's website at <https://nceac.org.pk/Home/AccreditedInstitutes>. All other computing programs in the country are not accredited. This site also contains information about those institutions who have been barred from taking further intake because of the violations of NCEAC decisions committed by them.

In a view of the above, NCEAC requests that you kindly direct all the attached/affiliated departments in your organization to hire only those computing professionals who have graduated from the NCEAC accredited computing programs and have a valid registration with NCEAC. Thank you.

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