



विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

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Secretary

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Subject: Acceptance of Degree, Mark-Sheet and other educational documents presented through the DigiLocker platform-reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that National Academic Depository (NAD) is an online storehouse of academic awards (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Mark-Sheets, etc.) lodged by the academic institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies in a digital format. It is a 24x7 online mode for making available academic awards and shall help in validating their authenticity, safe storage and easy retrieval.

The DigiLocker platform of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has the facility to pull students' academic documents into the issued documents section in an electronic form once uploaded through the DigiLocker-NAD platform by the original issuer. These electronic records available on DigiLocker platform are valid documents as per the provision of the Information Technology Act. 2000.

Earlier, the Commission vide its letter of even number dated 3rd January, 2022 had requested the higher educational institutions (HEIs) to accept degrees, marks sheets and other educational documents available in issued documents in DigiLocker account as valid documents. However, it has come to the notice that certain universities are asking the students to submit printed copy of educational certificates. Therefore, all HEIs are once again requested to accept the digital copy made available in the DigiLocker platform by the various Boards including Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and other recognized institutions, as its legally valid documents.

With Kind regards,

Yours sincerely (Rajnish Jain)

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3. The Secretary/Principal Secretary (Higher & School Education) of all States

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