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Policy for Students with Disabilities at Higher Education Institutions in Pakistan

1. Has your University established a standing Accessibility Committee comprising of five (05) members -- strictly in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.1, and has the Committee been briefed (and trained) on its roles and responsibilities? (Section 3.1 & 3.2)

Yes

2. Has your University designated two (02) Disability Coordinators, and are the names and contact details of Disability Coordinators displayed on the website, prospectus, brochures, and student handbooks of your University and outside the Offices of Vice Chancellor/Rector and Registrar? (Section 3.4)

Yes

3. Has the Disability Policy been placed on your University's website?

Yes

4. Has your University launched an online portal for complaints and feedback of disabled students?

Complaints can be lodged at info@uhs.edu.pk.

5. Is your University following the prescribed process with respect to the admissions of disabled students/applicants? (Section 4.1)

Yes

6. Are students with disabilities facilitated during entrance application process? (Section 4.2)

Yes

7. Does your University ensure the provision of certain benefits vis-a-vis financial aid in accordance with the provisions of the applicable disability laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located? Please state details thereof. (Section 4.3.a)

As per Punjab Government Policy.

8. Has your University adopted a needs-based system to facilitate students with disabilities whose financial situation may not otherwise permit them to afford their educational and any additional expenses related to their needs, and do the website and prospectus of your University clearly mention any available fee waivers and concessions for disabled students? Please share a detailed response. (Section 4.3.a)

As per Punjab Government Policy.

9. Does your University ensure compliance of the provisions of applicable legislation whereby students with disabilities may qualify for age relaxation in admission requirements and disability quotas, and do the website and prospectus of your University clearly mention any designated quota for persons with disabilities and any age relaxation options? (Section 4.3.b)

As per Punjab Government Policy.

10. How many seats, and in which disciplines, has your University (in case it is a public sector university) reserved for higher qualification i.e. MS/MPhil and PhD for students with disabilities? (Section 4.3.c)

No seats reserved in PG programs. Students can only apply on Open Merit basis.

11. Does your University provide age relaxation up to ten years for admission to all educational programs for disabled students? (Section 4.3.d)

No

12. Does the website of your University and other web-based services such as student portals, LMS etc. conform to level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)? (Section 5.1)

Yes

13. Enlist the types of accommodations (amongst those mentioned in Section 6.1 or even other than those) that are provided to disabled students? (Section 5.1 & 6.1)

Hostel Rooms at the Ground Floor with easy accessibility and free transportation.

14. How is your University implementing Section 6.2?

Students with disability may apply for provision of scribe in examination.

15. What arrangements have been made in connection with Section 6.3?

Disabled student are preferably allotted hostel rooms at ground floor.

16. Has your University ensured that students are aware of the process for filing a grievance? (Section 7.1)

Yes

17. Has your University established a special fund to support students with disabilities wherein your University annually contributes sufficient funds through exclusive budgetary provision, and wherein all funds and contributions raised through philanthropy are accrued? (Section 8.1)

No

18. How many disabled students are currently studying at your University?

Nil

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