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CORRIGENDUM

Clarification of Educational Qualification for Various Posts

In continuation of the recruitment notification issued under reference, the following clarification is hereby made regarding the prescribed educational qualifications for certain posts:

1. The qualifications mentioned in the original notification shall be read in accordance with the corrigendum attached herewith.
2. This clarification supersedes any typographical or interpretational errors in the earlier notification.
3. Candidates are advised to refer to this corrigendum while submitting applications for the respective posts.

This corrigendum is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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CLARIFICATION / ADDENDUM

Clarification regarding “Equivalent” Educational Qualifications

Reference	Recruitment Notification File No. IIITMK/79/HR IIITMK/2026 dated 09.07.2026
Subject	Interpretation and verification of “or equivalent” / “equivalent degree” qualifications
Date	14.07.2027

In continuation of the above recruitment notification, the following clarification is issued to ensure uniform scrutiny of educational qualifications. It identifies common degree-title variants and allied doctoral disciplines that may be considered within the notified subject areas. It does not relax the required doctoral level, research relevance, experience, age, or any other eligibility condition prescribed in the notification.

1. General meaning of “equivalent qualification”

- 1.1** For qualifications awarded in India, the degree shall have been awarded by a University/Institution legally empowered to award degrees under Section 22 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and shall satisfy the recognition/approval requirements of the competent statutory authority, wherever applicable.
- 1.2** The expression “equivalent” means a qualification at the same academic level, with substantially comparable programme duration/credit load, curriculum, laboratory or project components, and learning outcomes, in the relevant or allied discipline. Similarity of title alone shall not establish equivalence.
- 1.3** For reference under the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF): B.E./B.Tech. and other four-year engineering/technology bachelor’s degrees are at bachelor level; M.Sc. is at master’s level; M.E./M.Tech. is at the engineering/technology master’s level; and Ph.D. is at doctoral level. Equivalence shall also require discipline relevance and documentary proof.
- 1.4** A Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, professional certification, institutional membership, short-term course, or work experience shall not be treated as equivalent to a degree unless a specific equivalence order/certificate from the competent authority establishes parity with the degree prescribed in the notification.
- 1.5** Where “full-time” is stated in the notification, only a full-time programme shall be considered. Qualifications obtained through online, distance, off-campus, or collaborative modes shall be considered only when the programme and mode were duly recognized for the relevant period and otherwise meet the notified requirement.

2. Foreign qualifications

- 2.1** A qualification awarded by a foreign educational institution shall be supported by an Equivalence Certificate issued by the University Grants Commission under the UGC (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025, unless the qualification falls within an exemption expressly provided under those Regulations.
- 2.2** The foreign institution must be recognized in its home country. The equivalence assessment may take account of entry requirements, duration, credits, curriculum, laboratory/project/internship requirements, evaluation process, and learning outcomes.
- 2.3** The required equivalence certificate and authenticated transcripts shall be produced at document verification. Eligibility shall remain provisional until verification of the qualification, institution, mode of study, and equivalence certificate.



3. Post-wise clarification

Post / Job code	Qualification in notification	Clarification for equivalent Indian qualification
CEO - Maker Hub IIITMK/MH/01	First-class B.E./B.Tech./M.E./M.Tech. in Electronics, Electrical, Instrumentation or allied discipline. Desirable: Ph.D. or equivalent in Electronics or Materials Engineering.	A claimed equivalent must be an engineering/technology degree at the corresponding bachelor's, master's, or doctoral level and in a demonstrably relevant discipline. For the desirable doctoral qualification, titles such as D.Eng./Eng.D./Sc.D./D.Sc. may be considered only when formally recognized/equated at doctoral level and relevant to the specified field. "First class" must be evidenced by the degree/transcript or an official class/CGPA conversion certificate from the awarding university.
Program Manager - Maker Hub / Satellite Centres IIITMK/MH/02 and MH/03	Full-time B.E./B.Tech./M.E./M.Tech./M.Sc. or equivalent in engineering, technology, science, entrepreneurship, innovation management or allied discipline.	A full-time recognized degree at the corresponding bachelor's or master's level may be considered where its curriculum is substantially aligned with the notified field. Examples that may be examined, subject to documentary equivalence and relevance, include a four-year B.S./B.Sc. in Engineering/Technology and a relevant M.S./M.A./M.B.A. in Entrepreneurship or Innovation Management. A diploma/PG diploma alone is not a degree equivalent unless formally equated to the relevant degree.
Scientific Officer - Maker Hub / Satellite Centres IIITMK/MH/04 and MH/05	Ph.D. in VLSI/Electronics Engineering or Material Science and Engineering.	For this recruitment, Ph.D. and D.Phil. are treated as equivalent degree nomenclatures for Doctor of Philosophy. A recognized Ph.D./D.Phil. in any directly relevant title listed in Section 4 may be accepted. A Ph.D./D.Phil. in a broader or differently named discipline may also be accepted where the degree records, thesis and research outputs establish substantial specialization in VLSI/electronics engineering or materials science and engineering. Earned D.Eng./D.Sc. or a foreign research doctorate is not automatically equivalent and shall require a specific level/relevance determination; a foreign award must also satisfy the applicable UGC equivalence requirements.
Project Associate - Maker Hub / Satellite Centres IIITMK/MH/06 and MH/07	Four-year Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology or Master's degree in Science/Technology or equivalent in Electronics/Applied Physics.	A four-year B.E./B.Tech./B.S./B.Sc. (Engineering/Technology) or an integrated qualification at the same bachelor level may be considered if relevant and formally recognized. A three-year B.Sc. alone shall not be treated as equivalent to the notified four-year engineering/technology bachelor's degree. A candidate with a three-year B.Sc. followed by a relevant M.Sc./M.S. may be considered through the expressly permitted master's-degree route.

4. Equivalent and allied doctoral disciplines for Scientific Officer posts (MH/04 and MH/05)

The University Grants Commission states that equivalence for employment purposes is determined by the employing organisation. Accordingly, for this recruitment, IIITMK may treat the following common Ph.D./D.Phil. discipline titles as falling within, or being allied to, the notified fields. The list is comprehensive for common nomenclatures but cannot capture every title used by every university; the catch-all provision in paragraph 4.5 applies to uncommon titles.

4.1 VLSI / Electronics Engineering - directly relevant doctoral titles

- Ph.D./D.Phil. in VLSI Design; VLSI Engineering; VLSI Design and Technology; VLSI and Embedded Systems; or VLSI Systems.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Microelectronics; Microelectronics and VLSI Design; Microelectronics and Nanoelectronics; Nanoelectronics; or Nanoelectronic Devices.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Electronics Engineering; Electronics and Communication Engineering; Electronics and Telecommunication/Telecommunications Engineering; Electronic Science; Electronics; or Applied Electronics.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Semiconductor Engineering; Semiconductor Technology; Semiconductor Devices; Solid-State Electronics; Solid-State Devices; or Electronic Materials and Devices.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Integrated Circuit Design/IC Design; Analog IC Design; Digital IC Design; Mixed-Signal IC Design; RF IC Design; System-on-Chip/SoC Design; or Electronic Design Automation/EDA.



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- Ph.D./D.Phil. in RF and Microwave Engineering; Microwave Electronics; Communication Electronics; Optoelectronics; or Photonics, where the doctoral work is substantially in electronic/semiconductor devices, circuits or systems.

4.2 VLSI / Electronics Engineering - conditionally allied doctoral titles

- A Ph.D./D.Phil. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, Instrumentation Engineering, Embedded Systems, Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Mechatronics, Physics, Applied Physics, Nanoscience, Nanotechnology, or another engineering/science discipline may be considered only when the degree certificate/registration record and the thesis, abstract, publications or patents establish substantial doctoral research in one or more of the following: VLSI, microelectronics, nanoelectronics, semiconductor materials/devices/processes, integrated circuits, chip or processor architecture, EDA, electronic circuits/hardware, RF/microwave electronics, optoelectronic devices, or a closely related electronics domain.

4.3 Materials Science and Engineering - directly relevant doctoral titles

- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Materials Science and Engineering; Materials Science; Materials Engineering; or Engineering Materials.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering; Metallurgical Engineering; Metallurgy; Physical Metallurgy; or Process Metallurgy with substantial materials research.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Ceramic Engineering; Ceramic Technology; Glass and Ceramic Engineering; Polymer Science and Engineering; Polymer Engineering; or Polymer Technology.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Materials Chemistry; Materials Physics; Electronic Materials; Semiconductor Materials; Functional Materials; Advanced Materials; Smart Materials; or Energy Materials.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Composite Materials/Composite Engineering; Biomaterials; Surface Engineering; Coatings; Corrosion Science and Engineering; Computational Materials Science; Materials Processing; or Materials Characterisation.
- Ph.D./D.Phil. in Nanomaterials; Nanostructured Materials; or Nano Materials Science and Engineering.

4.4 Materials Science and Engineering - conditionally allied doctoral titles

- A Ph.D./D.Phil. in Nanoscience, Nanotechnology, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Physics, Applied Physics, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Production Engineering, Textile Technology/Smart Textiles, Biomedical Engineering, Biotechnology, or another engineering/science discipline may be considered only when the doctoral research substantially concerns the synthesis, processing, fabrication, characterisation, modelling, testing, structure-property relationships, performance, degradation, validation or engineering application of materials.

4.5 Catch-all test for uncommon degree titles

- Any other recognized Ph.D./D.Phil. title may be considered where the candidate produces sufficient university-issued records and the Screening Committee, with subject-expert advice where required, is satisfied that the doctoral thesis and principal research outputs are substantially within either notified field. A broad department name or a similar-sounding degree title, by itself, shall not establish equivalence.

4.6 Doctoral award nomenclature and exclusions

- Ph.D. and D.Phil. are accepted nomenclature variants of Doctor of Philosophy. The specialization may appear on the degree certificate, transcript, Ph.D. registration/award notification, thesis title page, or an official certificate issued by the awarding university.
- An earned D.Eng./Eng.D., D.Sc./Sc.D. or another research doctorate may be examined only through a specific equivalence and subject-relevance determination by IIITMK; for a foreign award, the applicable UGC equivalence certificate shall also be required.
- Honorary doctorates, M.Phil., M.E./M.Tech., M.Sc., postgraduate diplomas, fellowships, certifications and work experience do not substitute for the prescribed research doctoral qualification.

4.7 Additional documents for Scientific Officer applicants claiming an allied title

- Degree/provisional certificate and the official Ph.D. award notification;
- Ph.D. registration or university certificate showing the department/discipline and research area;



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- Thesis title page and abstract, together with a brief statement mapping the doctoral work to the notified field;
- List of relevant peer-reviewed publications, patents, prototypes or technology outputs arising from the Ph.D.; and
- Where the title is broad or interdisciplinary, a certificate from the Controller of Examinations/Registrar/Dean confirming the doctoral specialization or thesis area.⁵ Documents required for an equivalence claim
- Degree/provisional degree certificate, official award notification, and complete mark sheets/transcripts, as applicable;
- Official statement of programme duration, mode of study, credits and syllabus/curriculum where the degree title differs from the notified title; for a doctoral claim, the thesis title page, abstract and university-issued specialization/discipline record;
- Proof that the awarding institution was legally recognized and competent to award the degree during the period of study;
- Equivalence certificate/order from UGC or another competent statutory authority, as applicable;
- Official CGPA-to-percentage/class conversion certificate where class/division is not stated on the transcript; and
- For foreign-language documents, an authenticated English translation.

6. Decision on eligibility

The mere submission of an equivalence claim shall not confer eligibility. The Screening/Selection Committee may seek additional documents or expert opinion. The decision of IIITMK on discipline relevance and satisfaction of the notified qualification shall be final, subject to applicable law and statutory regulations.

This clarification shall be read as part of the Recruitment Notification referred to above. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

**Director / Competent Authority
IIITMK**

Regulatory references used in preparing this draft

1. University Grants Commission Act, 1956 - Section 22 (right to confer degrees).
2. UGC Specification of Degrees under Section 22, including Ph.D., D.Phil., D.Eng. and D.Sc. nomenclatures.
3. UGC Frequently Asked Questions / Public Notice on equivalence of degrees: for employment, equivalence is determined by the employing organisation.
4. UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.
5. UGC National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF).
6. UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025.
7. UGC (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025.

