

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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Vice-Chancellors of Universities,
Rectors of Campuses,
Directors of Institutes,

SCHEMES OF RECRUITMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF

University Grants Commission has approved the following schemes of recruitment for the posts of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in the University System:-

- 1. Lecturer (Probationary) (Medical/Dental) : B-04 By advertisement
- 2. Lecturer (Probationary) Non-(Medical/Dental): B-04 By advertisement
- 3. Lecturer (Medical/Dental)/Non-(Medical/Dental): B-04(a) Transitional
- 4. Senior Lecturer, Gr. II (Medical/Dental) : B-03 By advertisement
- 5. Senior Lecturer, Gr.II, (Medical/Dental): B-03 By Promotion
- 6. Senior Lecturer, Gr.II Non-(Medical/Dental) : B-03 By advertisement
- 7. Senior Lecturer, Gr. II Non-(Medical/Dental) : B-03 By Promotion
- 8. Senior Lecturer Gr. I (Medical/Dental): B-03(a) By advertisement
- 9. Senior Lecturer, Gr.I (Medical/Dental): B-03(a) By Promotion
- 10. Senior Lecturer, Gr.I Non-(Medical/Dental) : B-03(a) By advertisement
- 11. Senior Lecturer, Gr.I Non-(Medical/Dental): B-03(a) By Promotion

The details of the schemes of recruitment are annexed herewith.

These schemes of recruitment will come into effect from
Olst December 1997 and will replace all previous schemes of recruitment
approved in respect of the posts of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer.

Universities/Institutes may take action to fill vacancies in the above posts in terms of the provisions of the above schemes of recruitment.

A further Circular on the schemes of recruitment for the posts of Associate Professor/Professor/Senior Professor will follow.

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2. Post & Salary Code

Lecturer (Probationary) Non-(Medical/Dental) B-04

Method of Recruitment

By open advertisement

Qualifications

(1) A Degree with specialization in the relevant subject with First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours and at least 01 year of experience in teaching/research/professional work/ postgraduate studies; amended by U.G.C. Circular No. 935

OR

(2) A Degree with specialization in the relevant subject with Second Class (Lower Division) Honours and at least 01 year of experience in teaching/research/professional work/ postgraduate studies;

OR

(3) (a) A degree with specialization in the relevant subject without Honours or any other degree with at least Second Class Honours,

and

(b) A Postgraduate Degree of at least 02 academic years duration in the relevant subject with a research component by way of thesis/dissertation;

OR amended by U.G.C. Circular 08/2016

(4) Such academic or professional qualifications or professional experience as may be approved by the University Grants Commission upon the recommendation of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

Notes:

- (a) An applicant who is eligible under (2) or (3) above could be considered for appointment only if applicants qualified under (1) above are either not available or evaluated and considered as unsatisfactory by the Selection Committee. Such appointment would require a special justification and approval of the University Grants Commission.
- (b) An applicant recruited with a Degree with specialization in the relevant subject and First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours and Masters Degree of 02 academic years duration with a research component by way of thesis/dissertation may be placed one (01) step above the initial of the B-04 salary scale.
- (c) An applicant recruited with a Degree with specialization in the relevant subject with First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours and a Doctoral Degree may be placed two (02) steps above the initial of the B-04 salary scale.

Special Note:

All Lecturers (Probationary) shall complete an induction training course (which includes Teaching/Learning Methodologies) within a period of one year from the date of first appointment. This is a pre-requisite for probationary study leave and confirmation in the post. The University Grants Commission will organise this course of training twice a year, ie: December/January and June/July.

6. Post & Salary Code

Senior Lecturer, Gr. II [Non-(Medical/Dental))] B-03

Method of Recruitment

By open advertisement

Qualifications

(1) Candidates shall possess the academic qualifications required for Lecturer (Probationary) [Non-(Medical/Dental)] as specified under post 2 in this document.

AND

(2) (i) A Masters Degree in the relevant field obtained after a full-time course of study of at least two academic years (or an equivalent part-time course of study) with a research component by way of thesis/dissertation or a Doctoral Degree. Amended by U.G.C. Circular 08/2016

In the case of Faculties of Science/Applied Science the required qualification shall be a Masters Degree in the relevant field with full-time research of at least 02 years or a Doctoral Degree.

In the case of Faculties of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Management/Business Studies a Masters Degree of one year's duration in the relevant field may be accepted when combined with an evaluated research record in conformity with current guidelines. (See note below)

OR

(ii) Such professional qualifications and experience as may be approved by the University Grants Commission upon the recommendation of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

AND

- (3) At least six (06) years experience in one or more of the following:-
 - (i) Teaching at University Level,
 - (ii) Professional experience,
 - (iii) Research in a recognized Institution,
 - (iv) Postgraduate Studies to acquire the qualifications stipulated at (2) above.

Notes:

- (a) An applicant who qualifies only under (3) of the qualifications for Lecturer (Probationary) as specified under post 2 in this document may be exempted from (2)(i) above if he/she has a Doctoral Degree in the relevant field.
- (b) An applicant who qualifies only under (3) of the qualifications for Lecturer (Probationary) as specified under post 2 in this document and has a Masters Degree as specified under (2)(i) above may be exempted from (2)(i) if he/she has evaluated research and dissemination of knowledge in conformity with current guidelines.

- (c) The Selection Committee may recommend to place an applicant at a point higher than the initial of the salary scale in consideration of exceptional, merit/additional qualifications/additional experience. Such recommendation along with justification should be submitted to the University Grants Commission for approval.
- (d) The current guidelines in regard to evaluated research and dissemination is that a candidate should obtain a minimum total of 15 marks and the marking scheme for this purpose is Sections 2.0 and 3.1 of the Marking Scheme for posts of Associate Professor/Professor.

Special Note:

A Senior Lecturer, Gr. II may be confirmed in the post on completion of 03 years satisfactory service in the permanent cadre and completion of an induction training course which includes (Teaching/Learning Methodologies) within a period of one year from the date of first appointment. The University Grants Commission will organise this course of training.

10. Post & Salary Code

Senior Lecturer, Gr. I Non-(Medical/Dental) B-03(a)

Method of Recruitment

By open advertisement

Qualifications

1. Candidates should possess the academic qualifications required for Lecturer (Probationary) Non-(Medical/Dental) as stipulated under Post 2 in this document.

AND

2. (i) A Masters Degree in the relevant field obtained after a

full-time course of study of at least two academic years

(or an equivalent part-time course of study) with a

research component by way of thesis/dissertation or a

Doctoral Degree. Ownended by U.G.C. Circular 08/2016

In the case of Faculties of Science/Applied Science, the required qualifications shall be a Masters Degree in the relevant field with full-time research of at least 02 years or a Doctoral Degree.

In the case of Faculties of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Management/Business Studies, a Masters Degree of one year duration in the relevant field may be accepted when combined with an evaluated research record in conformity with current guidelines. (See Notes)

(ii) Such professional qualifications and experience as may be approved by the University Grants Commission upon the recommendation of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

AND

- 3. At least twelve (12) years of experience [of which not less than six (06) years should have been after obtaining qualifications stipulated in 2 above] in one or more of the following:-
 - (i) Teaching at University Level
 - (ii) Professional experience
 - (iii) Research in a recognized Institution
 - (iv) Postgraduate Studies

Notes:

- (a) An applicant who is recruited under (3) of the qualifications for Lecturer (Probationary) Non-(Medical/Dental) as given in Post 2 of this document, may be exempted from 2(i) above if he/she has a Doctoral Degree in the relevant field.
- (b) An applicant who is recruited under (3) of the qualifications for Lecturer (Probationary) (Non-Medical) with a Masters Degree as specified under 2(i) above may be exempted from 2(i) if he/she has evaluated research and dissemination of knowledge in conformity with current guidelines. (See note (c) below)
- (c) The current guidelines for evaluated research record is that a candidate should obtain a minimum of 15 marks. The marking scheme for this purpose is Sections 2.0 and 3.1 of the marking scheme for posts of Associate Professor/Professor.
- (d) A Senior Lecturer, Gr. I may be confirmed in the post on completion of 03 years satisfactory service in the permanent cadre which shall include a satisfactory completion of a course of training in Teaching/ Learning Methodologies for which facilities will be provided by the University Grants Commission.