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The General Manager (P),  
All Zonal Railways/Production Units  
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**Sub:** Clarification regarding acceptance of educational qualification obtained through distance education mode from Open University without undergoing formal education for the purpose of employment on the railways - reg.

The issue whether qualification of PG Degree without prosecuting 10+2+3 or 11+1+3 and Under Graduate Degree without prosecuting 10+2 or 11+1 stream of studies obtained by candidates/serving employees for employment/promotion through Open Universities (non-formal/distance education) can be accepted or otherwise has been under consideration of this Ministry.

The same has been examined in consultation with Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission and it is directed that while scrutinizing certificates of qualification submitted by the candidates obtained **through Open and Distance Learning centres** for the purpose of employment/promotion, following guidelines may be kept in view:-

- (i) No student is eligible for admission to the to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Course through non-formal/distance education unless he has successfully completed 12 years schooling through an examination conducted by a Board/university. In case there is no previous academic record, he/she is eligible for admission if he/she has passed an entrance test conducted by the University provided that he/she is not below the age of 21 years of admission;
- (ii) No student is eligible for the award of the first degree unless he/she has successfully completed three year course, this degree may be called the B.A/B.Sc/B.Com.(General/Honours/Special) degree as the case may be; and
- (iii) No student is admitted in a Master's Degree course unless he/she has successfully completed Bachelor's Degree of minimum three year duration. In other words, a PG degree obtained without a Bachelor Degree cannot be treated as valid.

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**Copy to:** Dr. Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Deputy Director, University Grants Commission, Distance Education Bureau, Camp Office, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068 w.r.t. letter No. UGC/DEB/2013/2217 dated 14/10/2013 for information.

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