

# SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

**RE – 15**

## **REGULATIONS FOR OPERATIONALIZING ACADEMIC BANK OF CREDITS**

**[Based on National Education Policy 2020]**

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*(Under Section 31 of the SU Act & Statute 41)*

Academic Bank of Credits is essentially a credit-based, and highly flexible, student-centric facility. Academic Bank Account with Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) will store the credits earned by students. Sikkim University has been registered with the Academic Bank of Credit to recognise, accumulate, transfer and redeem the credits earned by each of the students admitted in various programmes/courses offered by the University and colleges affiliated to the university.

### **I. Role of the University/Colleges**

1. The Controller of Examination (CoE) of Sikkim University shall be the nodal officer and s/he will be responsible for storing, verifying, and transfer of credits earned by the students admitted to the various programmes/courses of the academic departments/centers and colleges affiliated to Sikkim University.
2. The Principal in each College affiliated to SU shall function as the Nodal Officer and shall be responsible for transmitting the credits earned by the students admitted to the various programmes/courses of the college to the office of CoE, Sikkim University.
3. The CoE office will make provisions to accept, record and deposit the credits in Academic Bank of Credits earned by the students of Sikkim University, affiliated colleges, and other recognized Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) at a compatible level of education.
4. The CoE office shall make provisions to accept, record and deposit the credits earned by the students of Sikkim University in other recognised HEIs at a compatible level of education in the country.
5. The CoE office shall reckon the total credits earned by each of the students admitted to course considering the desired requirements in the specific course(s).
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7. Upon collecting a certificate, diploma or degree, all the credits earned by the students till then, in respect of certificate, diploma or degree levels of studies, shall stand debited.
8. The CoE office shall allow for credit redemption through the process of commuting the accrued credits in the Academic Bank Account maintained in the ABC for the purpose of fulfilling the credit requirements for the award of

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Certificate/Diploma/ Degree (UG & PG) courses offered by academic departments/ centers and affiliated colleges of Sikkim University.

## **II. Role of students**

1. Students must inform the CoE's office through the Head of the Department, the courses adopted by them for a particular programme and semester.
2. The validity of credits earned by the students in various courses [e.g., Certificate/Diploma/Degree (UG & PG)] and kept in the Academic Credit Account will be to a maximum period of seven years or as specified by the ABC for different disciplines or fields of learning to allow the redemption of credits after the date of earning such credits. After seven years, re-entry into a programme of study will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes.
3. Once used, or redeemed, Credits earned by a student cannot be re-used for the award of any other formal academic qualifications.
4. Students availing flexibility under the facility of ABC provided in sub-regulation (3) are entitled to subscribe only to Courses of their choice and aptitude, so as to enable them to accumulate credits and not to the entire Programme of study leading to the award of a degree by the Registered Higher Education Institution.
5. Credits earned by students shall be deposited in the respective Academic Bank Account with ABC and shall be valid for not exceeding seven years as specified by the credit awarding institutions and subject to its acceptance by the Registered Higher Education Institution awarding academic qualifications, for the purpose of commutation of credits for the award of any Degree or Diploma or Certificate: Provided that once any credit is redeemed for the award of the aforementioned academic qualification, such credit shall be irrevocably debited from the respective student's Academic Bank Account.
6. Where a student fulfils the norms of sufficiency of total number of credits and of the nature of credits, approved by a Registered Higher Education Institution for the award of the specified Degree or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma or Certificate, the student shall be eligible for such award by that Higher Education Institution.

## **III. Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

There shall be an Academic Bank of Credits-Grievance Redressal Mechanism at the University and in affiliated colleges to address the grievance/appeals of students.

## **IV. Removal of Difficulties**

Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to remove any difficulty faced in the implementation of the above regulation.