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INTERNATIONAL QUALITY AND ACCREDITATION BOARD

ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION DIVISION

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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/GQAF-STAT/2026-27/01.—In exercise of the sovereign statutory powers conferred by Section 8 read with sub-section (3) of Section 15 and Section 24 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Statutory Global Accreditation, Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) and Transnational Quality Standards Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), pursuant to the unanimous resolution of the International Governance Council and the General Assembly, hereby formally promulgates, enacts, and notifies the IQAB Global Quality Accreditation Framework 2026 (GQAF-2026) along with its following ten constituent statutory accreditation wings, standards directorates, and global peer evaluation panels, namely:—

- (1) Global Institutional Quality Benchmarking & Governance Standards Directorate;
- (2) Transnational Outcome-Based Pedagogical & Competency Harmonization Senate;
- (3) Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) Peer Review & Signatory Accords Bureau;
- (4) Faculty Research Vitality, Scholarship Impact & Academic Integrity Oversight Directorate;
- (5) Enterprise AI Governance, Algorithmic Ethics & EdTech Quality Assurance Directorate;
- (6) International Medical, Healthcare & Allied Health Sciences Accreditation Bureau;
- (7) Engineering, Applied Technology & Washington/Sydney Accord Harmonization Bureau;
- (8) Institutional ESG, Decarbonisation & Climate Action Quality Benchmarking Directorate;
- (9) Transnational Student Mobility, Cross-Border Degree Validation & Grievance Redressal Tribunal;
- (10) Supreme Assembly of Signatories, Digital Registry Promulgation & Gazette Council.

As the sovereign statutory accreditation architecture, benchmarking standard, and multilateral recognition framework for all higher education institutions, autonomous academies, and professional bodies with immediate effect.

1. Statutory Framework Conditions & Institutional Accreditation Covenants

The mandatory adoption, compliance auditing, and accreditation certification under the IQAB Global Quality Accreditation Framework 2026 shall be subject to strict adherence to the following statutory conditions, evaluation standards, and governance covenants, namely:—

(1) Mandatory Alignment with Outcome-Based Benchmark Ontologies:— That all candidate and accredited institutions shall transition all degree and diploma curricula to verifiable competency ontologies, outcome-driven learning matrices, and industry co-designed rubrics on or before Friday, 15th May, 2026;

(2) Continuous Quality Enhancement (CQE) & Annual Surveillance Mandate:— That the legacy 5-year periodic review is hereby superseded by the IQAB Continuous Quality Enhancement (CQE) cycle, requiring annual submission of verified student learning analytics, faculty research impact dossiers, and institutional equity indicators;

(3) Institutional Compliance & Internal Quality Assurance Bylaws:— That participating universities, specialized academies, and national partner bodies shall formally enact appropriate statutory bylaws to:

(i) establish or upgrade an Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) with executive governance authority on or before Tuesday, 31st March, 2026;

(ii) integrate institutional student records and credential databases with the IQAB Global Verifiable Digital Registry on or before Tuesday, 30th June, 2026;

(iii) implement mandatory faculty continuing professional development (minimum 40 verifiable hours per academic annum);

(iv) enforce institutional standards on ethical artificial intelligence adoption, algorithmic fairness in grading, and academic integrity;

(v) participate mandatorily in the Transnational Lead Assessor Calibration and Multilateral Peer Verification Sessions.

2. Transnational Authority, Multilateral Recognition & Legal Effect

(1) Binding Transnational Legal Recognition:— That all accreditation ratings, institutional tiers, and program endorsements granted under the Global Quality Accreditation Framework 2026 shall carry full statutory authority under international quality conventions and enjoy reciprocal recognition across all MLA signatory jurisdictions.

- (2) Consequences of Non-Compliance or Default:— That failure of constituent institutions to meet mandatory CQE milestones or maintain accredited benchmarks shall result in provisional suspension of international mobility endorsements and formal de-indexing from the Global Verified Registry.

SCHEDULE

MANDATORY PHASED TIMELINES AND TARGET DATES FOR THE IQAB GLOBAL QUALITY ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK 2026

The following Key Framework Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days) shall be legally binding upon all applicant institutions, accredited universities, and signatory councils:—

Item No.	Harmonization Milestone & Statutory Treaty Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
GQA-01	Official Promulgation of IQAB Global Quality Accreditation Framework 2026 Standards	31 Jan 2026 (Thu)	President & Supreme Governing Council, IQAB
GQA-02	Opening of Institutional Self-Study Portal & Candidate Registration Gateway	16 Feb 2026 (Mon)	Accreditation & Certification Division
GQA-03	Mandatory Submission of Institutional Governance & IQAC Constitution Filings	31 Mar 2026 (Tue)	Member Universities & Autonomous Academies
GQA-04	Submission of Outcome-Based Curricula Dossiers & Faculty Research Data	15 May 2026 (Fri)	Academic Deans & Institutional Leadership
GQA-05	Deployment & Verification of IQAB Verifiable Digital Registry API Gateway Nodes	30 Jun 2026 (Tue)	Bureau of Digital Credentialing & Registry
GQA-06	Global Governance Mid-Term Audit & Inter-Agency Accreditation Deliberations	15 Jul 2026 (Wed)	Joint Committee on International Accords
GQA-07	Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site & Hybrid International Peer Assessor Audits	15 Sep 2026 (Tue)	IQAB International Board of Assessors
GQA-08	Publication of 2026–2027 Official Global Quality Accreditation Roll & Directory	30 Oct 2026 (Fri)	Standing Committee on International Ratings
GQA-09	Execution of Multilateral Mutual Recognition Accords & Articulation Treaties	26 Nov 2026 (Thu)	Plenipotentiary Signatories & Treaty Wing
GQA-10	Official Gazette Promulgation of Ratified Global Accreditation Register & Accords	15 Dec 2026 (Tue)	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Statutory Authentication & Sovereign Execution

Given under the seal of the International Quality and Accreditation Board and authenticated by the undersigned under the authority of the Governing Council on this Fifteenth day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

Regards,



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