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**Subject: Admission of Foreign Students in Educational Institution of Pakistan**

In pursuance of this office previous letters No. 5-1/FS/Acad/HEC/SOPs/2018/620, dated July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 & No. 5-2/FS(NOC)/Acad/HEC/2019/867, dated May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 on above cited subject. It is apprised that the Higher Education Commission grants No Objection Certificate (NOC) to foreign national students for educational purpose in order to complete formal requirements of admission and student visa processing under intimation to the Ministry of Interior.

2. As per the existing policy, foreign students holding valid passports are eligible to approach the desired Universities/DAIs directly to secure admission, after confirmation of the admission the Universities/DAIs refer the case to HEC for issuance of NOC for student visa process. The NOC application must be submitted by the **International Student Office** along with the following duly verified documents:

- Copy of Admission Letter
- Student Information Sheet
- Copy of Passport

The complete NOC application in softcopy should be emailed to HEC on the following email address:

[nocforeign@hec.gov.pk](mailto:nocforeign@hec.gov.pk)

3. It is pertinent to mention here that the request for issuance of NOC must be initiated by **International Student Office** of the degree awarding university only. HEC will not entertain any NOC application submitted by embassies/consulates or foreign students personally.

4. Furthermore, HEC requires five (05) working days for processing of NOC application from the date of receipt of complete application. The university may request for application status update officially and discourage the foreign students from visiting HEC office for personal enquiries in order to avoid any inconvenience.

5. All Universities/DAIS are therefore requested to ensure implementation and compliance of the policy referred to above in true letter and spirit.

Warm Regards,

(Saher Mirza)

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