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| **University Grants Commission’s draft regulations for setting up and operation of International Branch Campus by Foreign Higher Education Institutions in India** | |
| Overall comments: | |
| **Specific sections of the regulations** | **Comments** |
| Eligibility   * foreign university * foreign educational institution |  |
| Procedure for approval   * Documentation * Undertaking |  |
| Physical infrastructure: built-up space for academic programmes |  |
| Admission Process for students   * Criteria for domestic students and international students * Eligibility qualifications * Number of seats * Refund policy |  |
| Fee Structure |  |
| Appointment of faculty and staff and other service conditions   * Qualifications of faculty * Salary structure * Location of faculty |  |
| Qualification and Equivalence of award |  |
| Use of online and ODL |  |
| Annual reporting   * Annual reports * Audit reports * Inspection by UGC |  |
| Cross border fund movement and maintenance of Foreign Currency Accounts   * Repatriation of funds * Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999 and its Rules |  |
| Safeguarding student’s interest   * Disruption or discontinuation of programme and courses * Student grievances |  |
| Other conditions   * The Foreign Higher Educational Institutions shall not offer any such programme of study which jeopardises the national interest of India or the standards of higher education in India. * The operation of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions shall not be contrary to the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency, or morality. * The Foreign Higher Educational Institutions shall abide by any other condition (s) prescribed by the Commission and the Government of India from time to time. |  |
| Consequences of violation  The Commission shall impose a penalty and/or suspend/withdraw approval at any time in the event of the following:  • The campus of the Foreign Higher Educational Institution has failed to adhere to or has violated these Regulations;  • Its activities or academic programmes are against the interest of India;  • It has failed to abide by the undertaking given at the time of application;  • It engages in operation (s) other than the one (s) permitted under these Regulations;  • In case of any adverse finding, misappropriation and suppression of facts |  |
| Any other comments |  |
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