



## **National Assessment and Accreditation Council**

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### **Notification to Universities (Dual Mode)**

Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Deemed to be Universities declared by the Central Government under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance (INI) declared by an Act of Parliament, offering academic Programmes in face to face mode and also offering academic programmes through ODL mode by establishing Directorates of Distance Education (DDE) as Departments/ Centres/ Institutes to offer their academic programmes through ODL mode, are known as Dual Mode Universities (DMUs).

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 notified vide Gazette Notification dated 23rd June, 2017, it will be mandatory for a University offering programmes in ODL mode to comply with University Grants Commission (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 and apply for assessment and accreditation of the programmes offered by it in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. In this background, the NAAC under the direction of UGC initiated the process to formulate framework for Assessment And Accreditation (A &A) of Open Universities on a priority basis. A National Task Force (NTF) for Open and Distance Learning (ODL) was constituted for this purpose by NAAC.

Further, the 3rd Amendment to the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017, notified on 6th September 2018, states that the HEIs in dual mode shall submit an undertaking to the effect that it will attain a NAAC score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale before the end of academic session July 2019-June 2020, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the ODL Programmes of the HEIs.

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Director, NAAC**