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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978

Order under Section 27(1) (b) read with Section 25A

BY virtue of powers vested in me by section 27(1) (b) read with Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education having obtained a report under Section 70C of the aforesaid Act, in respect of the Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies (Pvt) Limited a company incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007 and bearing Registration Number PV 94125 and located at Manelwatta, Bollegala, Kelaniya, being recognized as a Degree Awarding Institute do by this Order, amend the Schedule I to the Order made under the said Act, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1944/2 of December 07, 2015, by the substitution of the contents under the heading 'Condition' in schedule I and schedule II for of the following :-

SCHEDULE I

CONDITIONS

1. Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies (Pvt) Limited shall, when admitting students of the degree programme related to the degree Specified in Schedule II hereto in respect of:
 - (A) Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies with minimum of 90 credits (SLQF Level 5), adhere to the minimum entry qualification of three (03) simple passes (S) in any stream in one and the same sitting at G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination conducted by the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka or equivalent qualification.



- (B) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Buddhist Studies with minimum of 120 credits (SLQF Level 6), adhere to the minimum entry qualification of three (3) simple passes (“S”) in any three subjects including Buddhism/Buddhist Civilization/Pali/Sanskrit as one of the three subjects in one and the same sittings at G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination conducted by the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka or equivalent qualification.
- (C) Post Graduate Diploma in Buddhist Studies with minimum of 25 credits (SLQF Level 8), adhere to the minimum entry qualification of :-
- (1) a Bachelor’s degree recognized by University Grants Commission or Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education of Sri Lanka,
 - (i) including 30 credits in Buddhist Studies, or
 - (ii) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area, or
 - (2) a qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to 1 (i) or 1 (ii)
- (D) Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies with minimum of 30 credits (SLQF Level 9), adhere to the minimum entry qualification of:-
- (1) a Bachelor’s degree recognized by University Grants Commission or Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education of Sri Lanka,
 - (i) including 30 credits in Buddhist Studies, or
 - (ii) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area, or
 - (2) a qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to 1 (i) or 1 (ii), or
 - (3) Bachelor’s degree in any subject area from a recognized University/ Institute and pass an aptitude test recognized by the Academic authority of HEI, or
 - (4) Completion of Dhammacariya qualifications, Myanmar, or
 - (5) Passed the final examination of the Oriental Studies Society, Sri Lanka.
- (E) Master of Philosophy in Buddhist Studies (SLQF Level 11), adhere to the minimum entry qualification of:-
- (1) a Bachelor’s Honours degree of SLQF Level 6 recognized by University Grants Commission or Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education of Sri Lanka with a minimum of 30 credits in Buddhist Studies, or
 - (2) a Bachelor’s Honours degree of SLQF Level 6 recognized by University Grants Commission or Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education of Sri Lanka with a minimum of 30 credits in the related field and successful completion of a qualifying examination, or
 - (3) a Bachelor’s degree of Level 5 recognized by University Grants Commission or Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education of Sri Lanka with a minimum GPA of 3 in the scale of 0-4 and successful completion of a qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent of SLQF 6 in the same or related field, or
 - (4) a qualification of SLQF levels 7 or above in the relevant field.

- (2) Specify that the minimum entry qualifications applicable under (1), shall come into force on 01.07.2023 as mentioned in the relevant Non State Higher Education Circular Letter No. 02/2023 dated 05.06.2023 (as amended).
- (3) clarify that, any student admitted prior to the above circular coming into force shall continue the said Bachelor Degree on the basis of the minimum entry requirements applicable at the time of admission.
- (4) Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies (Pvt) Limited is recognized to offer the degrees specified in SCHEDULE II hereto subject to the five (5) year review conducted by the Specified Authority.

SCHEDULE II

<i>Column I</i> Degree	<i>Column II</i> Abbreviations for Degree
Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies	BA (Buddhist Studies)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Buddhist Studies	BA (Hons) (Buddhist Studies)
Post Graduate Diploma in Buddhist Studies	PGDip (Buddhist Studies)
Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies	MA (Buddhist Studies)
Master of Philosophy in Buddhist Studies	MPhil (Buddhist Studies)

Dr. HARINI AMARASURIYA,
Minister of Education, Higher Education and
Vocational Education.

Colombo,
18th September, 2025.

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