

NAAC Reforms 2024: Important Announcement- Dt.29th June 2024

Dr. Radhakrishnan Committee on transformative reforms in accreditation was approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Executive Committee of NAAC had proposed launching of Reforms in two phases-Binary Accreditation and Maturity Based Graded Levels.

The Apex committee and Discipline-wise Committees held about 40 meetings to complete required manuals and process related aspects. NAAC, as per the recommendation of the Apex committee, wishes to hold 5 regional workshops to elicit the nationwide views on the manual before launching it in the next two months. In addition, it has been proposed to engage with the Higher Education Departments/ Councils of various States to appraise them of planned Reforms in Accreditation thereby enabling most institutions to participate in the new Accreditation process.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee of NAAC has proposed that during the transition period, to ease the completion of pending applications under present the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) and to facilitate the smooth transformation to the proposed reforms, the following were resolved for implementation:

- 1. Reiterating the earlier decision, it was decided to accept IIQA applications under present methodology (RAF) until 30th June 2024 (6.00 PM).
- 2. HEIs with valid accreditation as per the present RAF whose validity is expiring between 1st July 2024 and date of launch of Maturity Based Graded Levels (MBGL) shall be extended for a maximum period of three months after the launch of MBGL.
- 3. HEIs already accredited shall continue to hold the accreditation with the grade till its validity exists. During such a valid period of accreditation, such institutes may apply for Maturity Based Graded Level at any time once the MBGL is announced.
- 4. HEIs whose IIQA or SSR applications are under RAF:
 - a. may opt for Binary accreditation (in such a case, the ongoing A & A process under RAF will be closed) **or**
 - b. may decide to go ahead for A & A process under the current RAF.
- 5. HEIs who are not accredited shall apply for Binary accreditation as and when it is launched.

HEIs are requested to visit the NAAC website for clarification if any or further assistance.