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**Sub.: Clarification regarding "Regular Mode" with reference
to the Ph.D. Degrees.**

University Grants Commission Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010 (4th Amendment) notified in the Gazette of India on 11th July, 2016, it has mentioned that the Ph.D. should be in Regular Mode.

UGC has been receiving queries from various stakeholders/universities seeking clarification with regard to definition of the word "Regular Mode". The Commission at its meeting held on 22nd February, 2017 considered the issue and decided that it may be read as under:

"Ph.D. degrees which are pursued either full time or part time will be treated as degrees awarded through Regular Mode provided these are in conformity with the existing Statutes/Byelaws/Ordinances etc. of the degree awarding University. However, the Ph.D. acquired under distance mode is not permitted.

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