



FAQ ABOUT AUTONOMY

Q.1. What is Autonomy?

Ans.: Autonomy is defined as a functional status given to the Institute, by the University Grants Commission (UGC) by providing greater flexibility towards purely academic development for improvement of academic standards and excellence.

Q.2. Why the Autonomy is needed?

Ans.: The affiliating system of Institutes was originally designed when their number in an University was small. The University could then effectively oversee the working of the Institutes, act as an examining body and awards degree on their behalf. With the exponential growth of Institutes spreaded over geographically faraway places and diversity of courses, it is becoming increasingly difficult for a University like Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT) to attend to the various needs of individual Institutes. The regulations of the University and its common system, governs all Institutes alike, irrespective of their characteristic strengths, weaknesses & locations, have affected the academic development of individual Institute.

Hence, the Education Commission recommended Institute autonomy i.e. freedom to modernize their curricula and enhance quality of education for promoting academic excellence.

Q.3. What sort of freedoms an Autonomous Institute will enjoy?

Ans.: An autonomous Institute will have the freedom to:

- i) Determine and prescribe its own courses of study and syllabi, and restructure and redesign the courses to suit local needs. This will cover all courses at UG, PG , etc. at the time of conferment and new courses subsequently,
- ii) Offer student-centric wide choice in courses, wide range of electives and freedom in choice of courses,
- iii) Periodical change in syllabus as per changing needs,
- iv) Prescribe rules for admission in consonance with the reservation policy of the state government,
- v) Evolve methods of assessment of students' performance, the conduct of examinations and notification of results,
- vi) Use modern tools of educational technology to achieve higher standards and greater creativity; i.e. to frame their curricula, devise methods of teaching, examination and evaluation. But Autonomy is always linked with accountability. Academic audit, both internally and externally, will be continued to monitor standard of education at any point of time, and
- vii) Promote healthy practices such as community service, extension activities, projects for the benefit of the society at large, neighborhood programmes, etc.

Q. 4. Why student will take admission to an Autonomous Institute?

- i) An Autonomous Institute will be able to offer more updated courses relevant to the local needs in contrast to the University offered courses that are mostly outdated.
The market oriented curricula to be offered by an Autonomous Institute will attract the students for better job prospect.
- ii) University curricula are fixed structured with little scope of variation whereas an Autonomous Institute will be able to offer flexible curricula structure which will give the students opportunity to complete the courses as per their convenience.
- iii) Autonomous Institute will have the authority to formulate curricula for in-depth teaching which will equip the student with required skill. Students of an autonomous Institute will be at an advantage in the job market vis-à-vis a student of other affiliated Institutes.
- iv) An Autonomous Institute will be able to introduce more objective & continuous assessment system to help the students to become aware of their short comings as well as required space to improve through a continuing process.

Q.5. Who grants Autonomy? UGC, Govt., AICTE or University?

Ans.: In case of MCKVIE, it is MAKAUT that finally grants autonomy only after concurrence from the respective Govt. of West Bengal as well as UGC.



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Q.6. Once a Institute become Autonomous, will it be sustained for ever?

Ans.: No. The status of Autonomy is given to the Institute for only a period of 10 years.

Once this initial period of six years gets over, the Institute again needs to go through reassessment by the Review committee formed by the experts from UGC and the University. So in short, the right of autonomy has to be continuously earned.

In the event of the availability of evidence confirming decline in standards in an autonomous Institute, it shall be open to the UGC and the University to revoke the autonomous status of that Institute after careful scrutiny, and mutual consultation and due notification to the management. In such cases the students already admitted under the autonomous scheme would be allowed to complete the course under autonomous status.

Q.7. What is the difference between a Deemed University and an Autonomous Institute ?

Ans.: A Deemed University is established by an Act of the Central Govt. and is fully autonomous to the extent of awarding its own Degree. A Deemed University is usually a Non-Affiliating version of a university and has similar responsibilities like any university. An Autonomous Institute enjoys Academic Autonomy alone as per UGC norms without Degree awarding authority. MAKAUT will have checks/control on the performance of MCKVIE.

Q.8. What will be the change of status for student if the Institute become Autonomous?

Ans.: An Autonomous Institute carries a prestigious image for the students and the teachers. Autonomy is recognition of ability of MCKVIE of continued past efforts on academic performance, capability of self-governance and the kind of quality education that the MCKVIE offers.

Students admitted for 1st year after obtaining Autonomous status will follow the curriculum of new system as stipulated by MCKVIE. Students of all other years will follow MAKAUT system. Subsequent years, one by one year will be included in the Autonomous system of MCKVIE.

Q.9. Shall the Institute award its own Degree after becoming Autonomous?

Ans.: No. Degree will be awarded by MAKAUT with a mentioned of the Institute on the degree certificate.

Q.10. What are Statutory Committees in an Autonomous Institute?

Ans.: The statutory committees are:-

1. Board of Governors,
2. Academic Council,
3. Board of Studies and
4. Finance Committee.

The participation of external members in every statutory body except Finance Committee is compulsory. The Institute has nominated Professors from academic Institutions of repute and also the reputed industry experts in these bodies. In each body adequate number of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT) representatives are present to ensure quality standard of education being imparted.

Q.11. Who takes decisions on Academic matters in an Autonomous Institute?

Ans.: The Academic Council is the highest academic body and is responsible for all the academic decisions. Many issues are raised at the lower most level i.e. Departmental Academic Committee (DAC) which are referred to BOS and then the same to Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) [Internal, non-Statutory Committee]. All decisions taken in AAC are to be approved by the Academic Council finally.

The Board of Studies of a department shall prepare syllabi for courses and submit the same to Board of UG/ PG Academic Council for approval.

Q.12. Will the students of the Autonomous Institute qualifies for University Medals and Prizes for academic excellence?

Ans.: No. MCKVIE has to Institute its own awards, medals etc. for the academic performance of the students. However, for all other events like sports, cultural & co-curricular activities organized by the University, the students shall qualify.



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Q.13. Will Academic Autonomy makes a positive impact on the Placements or Employability?

Ans.: Certainly. The Companies are coming to reputed Institutes to get industry ready students. There are many factors are considered by different companies while recruiting. The number of Students qualifying for placement interviews is expected to improve, due to rigorous and repetitive classrooms teaching and continuous assessment. Also the autonomous status is more responsive to the needs of the industry. As a result, there will be a lot of scope for industry oriented skill developed built-in into the system. The graduates from an autonomous Institute will, therefore, represent better employability.

Q.14. How will the Foreign Universities or other stake – holders know that we are an Autonomous Institute?

Ans.: Foreign Universities and Indian Industries will know our status through MCKVIE web-site (www.mckvie.edu.in).

Q.15. What will be our relationship with the MAKAUT?

Ans.: We remain an affiliated Institute of MAKAUT. The University has the right to nominate its members on the Board of Governors, Academic Council and also in all Board of Studies (BOS) of the Institute.

Q.16. Shall we get autonomy for M.Tech and MCA also?

Ans.: Yes.

Q.17. Can short term courses be offered by autonomous Institutes beyond the curriculum?

Ans. : Yes. The Institute can offer special need-based short term courses under the departments of the Institute for the benefit of the students and outsiders can also enroll for them.

Q.18. How can an autonomous Institute starts new degree / Post Graduate courses?

Ans. : An autonomous Institute is free to start a new degree or Post Graduate course with the approval of the Academic Council of the Institute. Such courses shall fulfill the minimum standards prescribed by the University / UGC in terms of number of hours, curricular contents and standards. The Institute may rename the existing course after restructuring / redesigning it and the University should be duly informed of such proceedings so that it may award new degrees in place of the old. The University has the right to review and scrutinize all new courses of an autonomous Institute and can modify them in consultation with UGC.

Q.19. What is the role of State Government towards assistance to Autonomous Institute?

Ans. : 1. The Government has to convey in Concurrence for the extension of autonomy of any Institute by the UGC within the stipulated time of 90 days after receipt of the review Committee report. The State Government has to give a no objection to the Institute continuing to be autonomous.
2. The Government has to depute a nominee on time to the Governing body and other bodies wherever their nominees are to be included.

EXAMINATION SYSTEM

Q.1. What is the role of the office of the Controller of Examination?

Ans.: The Examination Committee is responsible for the smooth conduct of end semester examination, Mid-semester exams., etc. All matters involving the conduct of examinations, spot valuation, tabulations, preparation of Grade Cards etc. fall within the duties of the office of the Controller of Examination (COE). The detail exam. Procedure & promotion policy of a semester will be defined in Examination Rules & Regulations.

Q.2. Who will declare the results?

Ans.: MCKVIE will declare the result. After tabulation work wherein SGPA, CGPA and final grades are ready, the entire result will be reviewed by the Moderation Committee. Any unusual deviation or gross level discrepancies will be deliberated and removed. The entire result will be discussed in the Academic Council for its approval. The result will then be declared on the Institute notice boards as well as put on the website of the Institute. It will be sent to the University eventually.



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Q.3. Will there be any Revaluation or Re-Examination System?

Ans.: Yes. There will be a Revaluation system. There will be a makeup Examination after a reasonable preparation time after the End-Sem Examination for specific cases mentioned in the Rules and Regulations. In addition to this, there shall be a ‘**Summer/ Winter Term**’(compressed term) followed by the End-Sem Exam, to save the precious time of students.

Q.4. Who will keep the Student Academic Records, University or MCKVIE?

Ans.: It is the responsibility of the Controller of Examination (COE) of both MCKVIE & University to keep and preserve all the records.

Q.5. Can MCKVIE has its own Convocation?

Ans.: No. Since the University awards the degree the Convocation will be that of the University.

COURSES AND SYLLABUS

Q.1. How far syllabi can be and should be changed?

Ans.: Autonomy allows the freedom to change the syllabi as often as the Institution need.

Q.2. Can MCKVIE give a provisional degree certificate?

Ans.: Since the examination will be conducted by the Institute and the results will also be declared by MCKVIE, the Institute will send a list of successful candidates with their final grades and Grade Point Average including CGPA to MAKAUT. MCKVIE then entitled to give the provisional certificate with the prior permission by MAKAUT.

ADMISSION AND FEE STRUCTURE

Q.1. What is the eligibility for admission at MCKVIE?

Ans. Will be same as non-autonomous Institute under MAKAUT.

Q. 2. What will be the Fee structure for UG & PG courses?

Ans. Tuition Fee for UG courses will be as per the directives of the West Bengal State Govt. Tuition Fee. For M.Tech and MCA courses, Fee structure will be decided by the MCKVIE management from time to time. Details of all the fees can be found out from MCKVIE web-site.

ACDEMIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

Q.1. Who will check whether the academic standard is maintained / improved after Autonomy? How will it be checked?

Ans.: There is a built in mechanism in the Autonomous Institute for this purpose. With the approval of its Academic Council, MCKVIE will formulate an appropriate mechanism to evaluate its academic performance, improvement of standards, and assess the extent and degree of success in the utilization of autonomy. Self-evaluation will be made annually. UGC may conduct review of autonomous status at any time, as it deems fit. However, there will be an external evaluation during the sixth year, which will determine the continuance or revocation of autonomous status.

Q.2. Why Credit based Grade System?

Ans.: The credit based grade system is an accepted standard of academic performance the world over in all Universities. The acceptability of our graduates in the world market shall improve.

Q.3. What is the proportion of Internal and External Assessment as an Autonomous Institute?

Ans.: Presently, it is 30 % internal assessment and 70% End - Sem. exam. in Theory subjects. As the autonomy matures the continuous internal assessment component shall be increased at the cost of end semester assessment.