

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO. 06/2024

No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07.

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Vice-Chancellors of Universities Rectors of Campuses Directors of Institutes

## EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF COURSE OF STUDY MENTIONED IN BONDS AND AGREEMENTS DUE TO THE DELAYS OCCURRED WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

University Grants Commission has been reported that the completion of the postgraduate qualifications by the staff members, who have already signed Bonds and Agreements, has been delayed due to the difficulties encountered with COVID-19 pandemic.

- 2. Having considered the above, the University Grants Commission at its 1119<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.02.2024 decided that the Council of the respective University/Higher Educational Institute may consider to extend the period of course of study mentioned in Bonds and Agreements of academic staff members up to a maximum of 2 years based on the submission of appropriate documents and justifications to prove the delay of completing of postgraduate qualifications occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- 03. However, in case of Lecturer (Probationary) post holders such extension of the period of course of study mentioned in the Bonds and Agreements shall not exceed the maximum 08 years of probationary period.
- 04. Please take action accordingly, and bring this to the notice of the relevant parties concerned.

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Chairman

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