



## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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Vice Chancellors of Universities  
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### GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING EMERITUS STATUS TO PROFESSORS

The University Grants Commission, at its 822<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011, having considered the fact that Universities are inclined to adopt various schemes for granting of Emeritus Professorships to academics, decided to issue the following set of guidelines to be followed by Universities for granting Emeritus Professorships to academics who may deem worthy of election to such title.

#### PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR

##### 1. Election

*The Senate of the University on the recommendation of the Faculty concerned may award the title of Emeritus Professor for an academic member who may deem worthy of election to such title.*

*The following guidelines are prescribed as evaluation criteria of nominations*

- (i) *A retired professor or a professor of a university, who has resigned from the university service,  
and*
  - (a) *has served the university for a period of not less than 25 years as a teacher of which at least 10 years as a professor,  
or*
  - (b) *has served the university for a period not less than 15 years as a Professor.  
or*
  - (c) *had made an outstanding contribution to knowledge and institutional and/or national development or served in a reputed international academic/research/development organization.*

##### 2. Status

*In so far as the printed order and the position in academic procession are concerned, Emeritus Professors rank senior to Professor, and junior to members of the Council.*

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3. Use of the Title and Privileges

*Emeritus Professors have the right to use the title in publications and official ceremonies, and shall be admitted to such staff amenities and privileges as the Council may, from time to time, decide.*

4. Restriction for the use of title

*A person may relinquish his honorary title of Emeritus Professorship if re-employment is offered by the University concerned.*

You are requested to follow the above scheme in future for granting emeritus status to professors in the Sri Lankan University system.



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Chairman

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