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Ministry of Public Administration,  
Provincial Councils & Home Affairs,  
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To: All Secretaries to Ministries,  
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,  
Secretaries of Governors of Provincial  
Councils,  
Heads of Departments  
Secretaries to Provincial Public  
Service Commissions, and  
Chairmen/Competent Authorities of  
Public Corporations,  
Government Owned Business Undertakings and  
Companies Owned by the Government.

### **Recognition of Degree Certificate**

Representations have been made that Appointing Authorities follow different procedures in recognizing Degree Certificates for the purpose of recruitment, and promotions. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has advised me on the necessity of issuing standard instructions in this connection.

02. The approving authorities shall act in this connection as given below:-

- (a) The Degrees of the same level awarded by different Universities including the Open University in Sri Lanka coming under the purview of the University Grants Commission shall be treated as equivalents.
- (b) Such Degree shall be treated as equivalent, irrespective of their being internal or external.

03. In view of the fact that the University system and the courses of studies offered by the Universities have been restructured giving greater choice to the students in selecting subjects of diverse disciplines, the Appointing Authorities are requested to consult the University Grants Commission in regard to the continued availability of the Educational Qualifications currently specified in the Schemes of Recruitment before advertising again and the feasibility of introducing new educational qualifications which are acceptable to them when formulating/ revising Schemes of Recruitment and before advertising such posts.

04. The Schemes of Recruitment should clearly set out the educational qualifications required for the post.

05. When calling for applications for posts, the Appointing Authorities should specifically state in the advertisement the educational qualifications set out in the approved Scheme of Recruitment. Where the Scheme of Recruitment does not specify a particular subject or specific subject combination for a degree level qualification the Appointing Authority should not restrict the selection of any particular certificate with a specific subject or specific combination of subjects.

06. Degrees obtained from Indian Universities and Higher Educational Institutions.

The Degrees awarded by the Indian Universities and Higher Educational Institutions shall be recognized if such institutions and their Degrees are listed in the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Year Book.

07. Degrees of other Universities

Recognition of Degrees awarded by Universities of Countries other than described above, depends on such Universities being listed in the above ACU Year Book and/ or the international Hand Book of Universities,

08. However, in the instance where a University is not listed in the above ACU Year Book/International Hand Book of Universities, recognition of Degrees awarded by these Universities shall be decided by the University Grants Commission.

Sgd: M.N.Junaid  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Public Administration  
Provincial Councils & Home Affairs.