

THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI.

CONVOCATION STATUTES 2012

ASSENT OF THE CHANCELLOR

**These statutes have received the assent of the Chancellor
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UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES**THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI.****LAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY.****THE CONVOCATION STATUTES OF THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai Act, 1987 (Tamil Nadu Act 37 of 1987) the Governing Council of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai, hereby repeals the Existing Convocation Statutes and makes the following Statutes:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(a) These statutes shall be called “THE CONVOCATION STATUTES OF THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI”.

(b) They shall come into force from the date of assent of the Chancellor.

CHAPTER I.

2. Definitions.—(a) “Designated Room” means a room adjoining the convocation hall, where the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Presidents of the faculties/Chairman, Board of Studies and members of the Governing Council shall assemble with the academic robes.

(b) “Designated Officer” means the Presidents of Faculties in their absence the Officers of this University to represent them, Officers of the Government of Tamil Nadu, members of the Governing Council, members of Senate, Deans/Principals of the affiliated colleges, who are nominated by the Governing Council/Vice-Chancellor to present the names of awardees for prizes and medals and candidates who are qualified to receive various degrees and diplomas, to the Chancellor at the podium.

(c) “Notified Date” means the date specified in the notification issued by this University calling for applications for admission to convocation.

(d) The words and phrases used in these statutes shall, unless expressly explained otherwise have the same meaning as they have with reference to the

Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai Act, 1987 (Tamil Nadu Act 37 of 1987), hereinafter called “the Act”.

CHAPTER II. HONORARY DEGREES (STATUTES).

The Governing Council may on the recommendation of not less than two-thirds present at the meeting of its members confer honorary degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) upon a person on the ground that he is by reason of eminent position and attachments or by virtue of his contribution to learning or eminent services to the cause of medical education or Health Services, a fit and proper person to receive such degree.

2. The scientists recommended for conferring Honorary Doctorate should be eminent scientists ordinarily above the age of ~~65~~ 60 years. The maximum number of scientists chosen for Honoris Cause is 3.

3. Honorary Degrees shall be conferred only at a Convocation and may be taken in person or in absentia.

4. The presentation of persons at the Convocation on whom Honorary Degrees are to be conferred shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor or in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor by a person nominated by the Governing Council.

CHAPTER III. CONVOCAATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES.

1. Statute Convocations.– Convocation, for the purpose of conferring degrees shall ordinarily be held at least twice in every year, in the month of January/July and at such other times as the Chancellor shall direct.

2. The persons on whom degrees like D.Sc., Ph.D., Medical, Dental, Indian Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Prize Winners and Medalists and also those who have successfully undergone courses of study in the University departments are to be conferred will alone be admitted at a Convocation In-Person. All other candidates who are declared to have qualified themselves to receive a degree shall be admitted to the respective degree at a convocation 'In-Absentia'. The graduate degrees in respect of the college candidates will be

sent to the Principals of the respective colleges, who will distribute the certificates."

3. Statute date of application.— (i) Candidates for all degrees including those who are to be admitted "IN-ABSENTIA" shall submit to the Registrar their applications for admission to their respective degrees in the prescribed forms with the prescribed fee on or before the notified date for the Convocation to be held in January/July or such other times. The names of all other candidates (viz). those who have not applied for convocation but are eligible to receive the degrees, except those who have specifically requested in writing as specified in sub-statute (2), will be listed out separately and appended to the "IN-ABSENTIA" list for admission in the Convocation immediately following their qualifying examination. The Degree of the candidates thus admitted to the convocation without their application, shall be issued to them as and when they apply for the same and on payment of prescribed fee for "IN-ABSENTIA".

(ii) Candidates who are eligible to receive their Degree in a Convocation "IN-PERSON" desire to receive the same "IN-PERSON" in the next convocation, will be permitted to do so, on their specific request to the Registrar in writing in this regard before the notified date of the convocation immediately following their qualifying examination.

(iii) If the candidates who have specifically requested for permission as per sub-statute (2), fail to apply for the convocation "IN-PERSON" in the next convocation, their names will be listed out and appended to the "IN-ABSENTIA" list of candidates and admitted in that convocation. The Degree of the candidates so admitted, shall be issued to them as and when they apply for the same and on payment of prescribed fee for "IN-ABSENTIA and made known through the official website of this University".

4. Statute fees and penalty for absence.—(a) The fee for admission to the degree, "IN-PERSON" and "IN-ABSENTIA" shall be as prescribed by the Governing Council for all the degrees.

(b) Any person who having sent in his/her name to the Registrar as a candidate for a degree at a Convocation "In-Person" fails to appear on that occasion shall be permitted to take the degree "In-Person" after collecting a payment of remitting the penal fee as prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time for issue of degree "In-Absentia".

5. Statute admission to Convocation a Second time for the same degree.—No candidate who has already proceeded to a Degree and has been awarded his Diploma shall be admitted to the same degree, a second time at a

convocation, notwithstanding that he may have qualified in an additional group or branch.

6. Statute assembly of Governing Council.—The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Presidents of the Faculties/Chairmen, Board of Studies and Members of the Governing Council shall wear the academic robes prescribed and assemble in the designated room at the appointed hour as prescribed in Chapter IV.

7. Extract of the Act [Section 8 (i)].—The Governor of Tamil Nadu, shall be the Chancellor of the University. He shall, by virtue of his office, be the head of the University and shall, when present, preside at the convocation of the University and confer degrees, diplomas or other academic distinctions upon persons entitled to receive them.

In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall preside and in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside, and in their absence, another member of the Governing Council nominated by the Chancellor shall preside.

8. Statute Governing Council meeting in presence of Chancellor to confer distinctions.—The Governing Council shall meet in the presence of the Chancellor and approve the award of degrees and distinctions to the candidates who have been certified by duly appointed examiners to be qualified to receive the same.

9. Statute Procession.—After approval, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Presidents of the faculties/Chairman, Board of Studies and members of the Governing Council shall proceed in procession to the hall in which the degrees are to be conferred.

10. Statute arrangement of seats.—The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar and his/her staff and those who will be presenting the awardees shall be accommodated on the dais. Seats shall be provided in the hall for the members of the authorities of the University.

11. Statute seating of candidates.—The candidates shall wear the gowns pertaining to their respective degrees and shall be seated opposite to the Chancellor as prescribed in Chapter IV.

12. On the procession entering the hall, the audience including the candidates shall rise and remain standing until the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Presidents of the faculties/Chairmen, Board of Studies and members of the Governing Council have taken their seats.

13. The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Presidents of the faculties/Chairman, Board of Studies and members of the Governing Council having taken their places, the Chancellor shall say :

This convocation of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University has been called to confer degrees upon the candidates who in the examinations recently held for the purpose have been certified to be worthy of the same. Let the candidates stand up as they are presented.

14. Award of degree (Honoris Causa).—The Vice-Chancellor shall read the citation. The dignitary on whom the Honorary degree is to be conferred shall rise up and receive the degree certificate from the Chancellor.

Convocation address.—Then the Chancellor shall say “I invite the Guest of Honour to address the candidates”. The Guest of Honour will deliver the Convocation address.

Presentation of degree—Recipients.—As soon as the Guest of Honour has resumed his seat the Chancellor shall say:

‘Let the candidates be now presented’.

The Designated Officer shall proceed to the podium and present the names of awardees for prizes and medals.

As their names are announced the candidates will come one by one to the stage and receive the awards from the Chancellor.

The designated officer shall proceed to the podium and say:

“Mr.Chancellor, I present unto you those candidates who have been qualified to receive the degree of Doctor of Science in the Faculty of...

Candidates receiving D.Sc, shall be presented next by the Designated Officer concerned.

He will read out the names of the candidates one by one as they come up on the stage and receive the certificate from the Chancellor.

The Designated Officer concerned will present the candidates qualified in the Super-Speciality, Post-Graduate & Under-Graduate Medical Degrees in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Designated officer concerned will present the candidates qualified in the Post-Graduate & Under-Graduate Dental Degrees in the faculty of Dentistry.

The Designated Officer concerned will present the candidates qualified to receive the Indian Medicine and Homeopathy degrees in Homeopathy, Siddha, Unani, Ayurveda and Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences.

The Designated officer concerned will present the candidates qualified in the Degrees in the Allied Health Sciences.

In the same manner the Designated Officer concerned shall present the candidates qualified in other degrees.

As the names of the candidates are read by the presenter the candidates shall go over to the stage and receive the certificates.

The Officer concerned will present the candidates for various degrees “In-Absentia”. He will say:

“Mr.Chancellor, I move that the candidates who could not be presented in person as per list annexed who have also been qualified to receive the various degrees in the Faculties of the Medical University be admitted to the respective degrees, “In-Absentia”.

Administration of Oath.—The Chancellor will say “Let all the candidates stand up and take the Pledge”. The Chancellor will read out the Pledge and the graduates in Medical, Dental, Indian Medicine & Allied Health Sciences shall repeat after him.

Pledge.—“We shall in thought, word and deed be ever honest in the discharge of our duties and uphold the dignity and integrity of our profession and the honour and name of our University and our Alma mater.

We swear to serve the sick and ailing patients under our care, and all those who need our services, to the best of our ability without any consideration of caste, creed or status”.

15. While the candidates remain standing, the Chancellor shall say—

“By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chancellor I admit those presented here and those presented in absentia to the D.Sc., Ph.D., & Higher Specialities, Post-graduate and Under-graduate degrees of the various faculties of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University for which they have been declared qualified in this University and in token thereof I authorise the admitted candidates to wear the robes ordained as the insignia of their qualifications”.

16. Statute Record of Degrees.—When all the candidates have been presented, the Registrar shall lay the record of the degrees that have been conferred before the Chancellor who shall sign the same.

17. Statute Dissolution of Convocation.— After the record has been signed the Chancellor the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Presidents of the faculties/Chairman, Board of Studies and members of the Governing Council shall rise up and the Chancellor say:

I dissolve this convocation.

18. Deleted.

19. Special Convocation.—(a) Special Convocation for conferment of Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) shall be held at any time as the Chancellor shall direct.

(b) Special Convocation for conferment of degrees, diplomas or other academic distinctions on persons who have been certified by duly appointed examiners to be qualified to receive the same, shall be held at any time on the recommendation of the Governing Council, when extraordinary circumstances warrant, and when the regular convocation could not be conducted on scheduled date in a year, as the Chancellor shall direct.

20. Nothing in the foregoing statutes, except statutes 6, 7, 10, 11, 14,15,16 and 17 of this Chapter, in so far as they are applicable shall apply in the case of Honorary Degrees.

Nothing in the foregoing statute, except Statutes 4 (a), 6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of this Chapter in so far as they are applicable shall apply in the case of Special Convocation mentioned in Statute 19 (b) of this Chapter.

CHAPTER IV.**ACADEMIC ROBE.**

The academic robes for the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, members of the Governing Council and Senate, the Registrar and the candidates for the degrees shall be as prescribed below :

CHANCELLOR.

Statute (1).—A purple colour velvet gown with full inner lining in superior sateen silk for body and sleeves fixed with gold zari lace of 2 ½ inches with fronts and round sleeves.

PRO-CHANCELLOR.

Statute (2).—A purple colour velvet gown with full inner lining in superior sateen silk for body and sleeves fixed with 2 inches gold zari lace for fronts and round sleeves.

VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Statute (3).—A white colour velvet gown with blue border with full inner lining in superior sateen silk for body and sleeves fixed with 1 ½ inch gold zari lace for fronts and round sleeves.

REGISTRAR.

Statute (4).—A white sateen gown with 4 inches blue colour silk facing for body and 2 inches facing for sleeves.

Members of Governing Council and senate and those presenting candidates to the Chancellor.

Statute (5).—A white sateen gown with 4 inches blue silk facing for body and 2 inches facing for sleeves with 5 box pleats.

GRADUATES.

Statute (6).—The men candidates should wear full suit or safari suit with their Academic Robes. The women candidates should wear sari and put up their hair with their Academic Robes.

D.Sc.,

Statute (7).—A white colour velvet gown with one broad border (4 inches) red stripe in the colour pertaining to the respective faculty.

Ph.D.

Statute (8).—A white colour sateen gown with one broad border (4 inches) red stripe in the colour pertaining to the respective faculty.

MEDICAL

D.M. AND M.Ch. (SUPER SPECIALITY).

Statute (9).—A white colour terricotton gown with three broad border stripes in red colour.

M.D. AND M.S.

Statute (10).—A white colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in red colour.

P.G. DIPLOMAS.

Statute (11).—A white colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in red colour.

Ph.D. in Medical Sciences

Statute (12).—A white colour sateen gown with one broad border (4 inches) red stripe in the colour pertaining to the respective faculty

M.B.B.S.

Statute (13).—A white colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in red colour.

DENTAL

M.D.S.

Statute (14).—A light blue colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in golden yellow colour.

Ph.D. in Dental Sciences

Statute (15).—A white colour sateen gown with one broad border (4 inches) red stripe in the colour pertaining to the respective faculty.

B.D.S.

Statute (16).—A light blue colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in golden yellow colour.

INDIAN MEDICINE AND HOMEOPATHY

M.D. (SIDDHA)/ M.D. (HOMEOPATHY)/ M.D (AYURVEDA)

Statute (17).—A light green colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in orange colour.

Ph.D. in Indian Medicine

Statute (18).—A white colour sateen gown with one broad border (4 inches) red stripe in the colour pertaining to the respective faculty.

B.S.M.S./ B.H.M.S./ B.A.M.S./ B.U.M.S./ B.N.Y.S.

Statute (19).—A light green colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in orange colour.

NURSING

Ph.D in Nursing

Statute (21).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

M.Sc (N)

Statute (20).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

B.Sc (N) & B.Sc (N) T.Nurses

Statute (22).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in dark blue colour.

PHARMACY**Ph.D in Pharmacy**

Statute (24).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

M.Pharmacy

Statute (23).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

B.Pharmacy

Statute (25).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in dark blue colour.

PHYSIOTHERAPY**MPT**

Statute (26).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

BPT

Statute (27).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in dark blue colour.

P.G. COURSES IN
ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

M.O.T, /M.Sc Epidemiology/ M.Sc Bio-Statistics/M.Sc (NON-CLINICAL)

Statute (28).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with two border stripes in dark blue colour.

UG. COURSES IN
ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

B.O.T. & B.M.R.Sc./B.Sc (MLT) etc.,

Statute (29).—A lavender colour terricotton gown with one border stripe in dark blue colour.

Statute (30).—The Academic Robes for the candidates receiving all other degrees and diplomas to be conferred by the University at the Convocation shall be as approved from time to time by the Governing Council.

HONORARY DEGREES.

Statute (31).— A light blue colour velvet gown with full inner lining in superior sateen silk for body and sleeves fixed with 1 ½” gold zari lace for fronts and round the sleeves.

PLACE : Chennai

DATE : 10.02.2012

Dr. MAYIL VAHANAN NATARAJAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR.