Fee Regulatory Authority

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Admission and Fee Regulation) Act, 2015

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Fee Regulatory Authority

Date: 08 May, 2025

As per the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Admission and Fee Regulation) Act, 2015 (Mah. Act No. XXVIII of 2015) Section 11 (2)(d)(g), a meeting of the Fee Regulatory Authority was held on 08 May 2025at 11:00 a.m. at Room No. 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49, Kherwadi, Ali Yavar Jung Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400 051.

The following members were present/absent:

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Presence
1	Hon. Justice Vijaya L. Apte (Retd.), Chairperson, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present
2	Dr. Vishwanath Kale, Former Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent
3	Mr. Manoj Damodar Chaudhari, Senior Accountant, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present
4	Mr. Nitin Bapurao Chavan, Senior Accountant, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present
5	Mr. Ratnakar (Retd.) Phadate, Former Accountant, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present
6	Mr. Atul Damodar Dhars, Former Accountant, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent
7	Dr. Ajay Deepak Mishra, Educational Expert, Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present
8	Director, Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent
9	Director, Higher Education (M.S.), Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent
10	Director, Medical Education (M.S.), Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent

Signed

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11	Director, AYUSH (Govt. of Maharashtra)	
Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent	
12	Maharashtra State Council of Education Research and Training (MSCERT), Pune	
Secretary and Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Absent	
13	Mr. Dilip Sadarangani, IAS (Retd.)	
Former Commissioner & Secretary, State Common Entrance Cell & Special Executive Officer, Skill Development Mission		
Ex-Officio Member, Fee Regulatory Authority	Present	

Subject No. 1:

Approval of the minutes of the Fee Regulatory Authority meetings held on 19 and 30 April 2025. Discussion held.

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 and 30 April 2025 were presented and approved.

Subject No. 2:

Discussion on Fee Approval Proposals for the Academic Year 2025 –2026. Discussion held.

After verifying the documents submitted by the institutions in support of their proposals and after thorough scrutiny and review, the following institutions/colleges have been granted fee approvals as mentioned below:

Signed (Authority Signature)

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Note:

1. As per the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015
Clause 2 (g) defines "Fee" as:

The total amount which includes tuition fees, library fees, exam feesgymkhana fees computer usage feesinternet, laboratory fees development feesand other miscellaneous charges collected from students in the name of institutional services. This does not include hostel chargesmess chargestransport fees refundable deposits or charges collected for any other purpose not directly related to academics

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When private unaided professional educational institutions charge fees for professional courses, if any of the institutions have charged fees beyond what is approved by the committee or have charged fees in foreign currency or any such unapproved manner — these shall not be accepted. However, hostel fees, mess charges, exam fees, and student insurances feels not be included under this fee regulation.

- a) Clause 2 of this resolution (4): The word "Fees" here means the amount approved by the Committee under the Act, and any excess fees collected beyond this amount, in cash or kind, voluntarily or otherwise, by any person or institution, will be considered as "Capitation Fees."
- b) Clause 14 of this resolution (4): Every unauthorized institution must display the fee structure approved by the competent authority in Marathi and English on their notice board and website. If any of the institutions are linguistically minority institutions, they may display it in their respective language in addition to Marathi and English. Failure to do so will be considered a violation, and action will be taken against the institution.
- c) Clause 14 of this resolution (5): No institution shall demand any additional fee or material from the student during the academic year. If any such amount is collected, it will be deemed as "Capitation Fee" and considered a violation. Such an institution shall face legal action.
- d) Clause 14 of this resolution (6): Any fee approved by the competent authority is fixed. Even if the number of admitted students is less than expected, no additional fee or donation can be collected from existing students, and the quality of educational services provided shall not be compromised.
- e) Clause 20 of this resolution (1)(a)(b)(c)(d): If it is found that after receiving approval or recognition, the institution changes its name, structure, or shifts location without approval, appropriate action will be taken against the institution as per the governing authority.

Clause 20 of this resolution (6)If any educational institution or its management is found to be in violation of any clause under this regulation or is managing operations in a manner contrary to the rules, then the concerned principal, management, trustees, or administratowill be held responsible, and appropriate penal or administrative action will be initiated against them.

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For such projects, if any individual has been nominated by the management on behalf of the institution and is found responsible for misconduct, or if any irregularities or violations are discovered in their administration, such individuals will be held accountable. Action will be initiated against them, and a report will be sent to the education department.

However, if it is conclusively proven that the person is not guilty of the misconduct and the offense did not occur, then only will they be acquitted. Otherwise, if any such misconduct is proven, any institution under this clause will not be eligible for reimbursement of scholaships or fees under the Government of India PosMatric Scheme (GOI PMS)

- 3) If a student has been charged fees exceeding the amount approved by the Fee Regulatory Authority, the student or their parent may file a complaint before the authority. A complaint can be filed either physically or online through the fee regulatory portal If needed, assistance can also be sought from the authority for filing complaints.
- 3a) If institutions that are not approved by the authority charge more than the prescribed fees, then such institutions must refund the excess amount to the students. The institution must submit an application for reconsideration to the authority within 15 working days from the date of such order with proper explanation and documentation.
- 4) For reconsideration applications a non-refundable fee of₹50,000/- must be paid along with the application. If the fee is not paid, the application will be rejected.

All institutions mentioned above must submit a certified copy of their notice board publication and website publication of approved fee structures. They must also submit a detailed "Headwise Receipt" regarding the collected fees.

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Subject No. 3.2:

Regarding consideration of the proposal received on 26/04/2025 from Tatyasaheb Kore Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kolhapur.

Decision Taken:

The following were present:

- 1. Dr. M.M. Pise, Chairman
- 2. Dr. K.M. Patil, Chairman
- 3. Dr. V.B. Karjinni, S.I.O.

The following was resolved:

"The officers have been instructed to prepare the required income and expenditure datan Excel sheet format and submit it within a week."

"After analysis, the matter will be placed for hearing in the next meeting."

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Signed: (Signature)
Dilip Sarsekar, I.A.S.
Admission & Fee Regulatory Authority
State Common Entrance Test Cell
Ex-Officio Member Secretary
Fee Regulatory Authority, Maharashtra State