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Sub: Equivalence of Grade 12 Senior Secondary Certificate Board Examination/Qualification/Courses conducted by South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia with corresponding Examination /Qualification /Courses conducted by Central/State School Boards of India for the purpose of admission in higher education institutions and employment in Central/State Government organizations/bodies

Sir,

This is with reference to your application dated 13th February, 2023 on the subject cited above, followed by a presentation made by your representative before AIU Expert Committee on 24th February, 2023. The matter was placed before the Equivalence Committee and Governing Council of AIU for consideration.

2. I am pleased to convey that the Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in its meeting held on 22nd March, 2023 has accepted the recommendations of Equivalence Committee of AIU and expert committee constituted for scrutinising the applications in accordance with the approved Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia meets the norms of the Govt approved SOP and that such equivalence may be granted.

3. Accordingly, the equivalence is accorded to Grade 10 and 12 Board examination qualifications of South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia conducted in India in physical mode classroom environment with corresponding Board Examination/ Qualification/Courses of National and State Boards of India. The equivalence will not be applicable for Open/distance courses/qualifications of the Board.

4. The equivalence is subject to the compliance of the various norms of the approved SOP and especially the following conditions: -

- (a) The schools/institutions affiliated to the Board in India shall be governed by the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act) and the rules framed thereunder.
- (b) The Board must follow the provisions of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

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- (c) The Board must follow the provisions of extant National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for School Education as amended from time to time.
- (d) The Teachers appointed in schools affiliated to the Board must possess qualifications as laid down by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) from time to time OR relevant equivalent Australian regulatory body.
- (e) The Board shall adopt Learning Outcome Based Assessment to help school to track progress of learning.
- (f) The Board shall maintain and update its website providing all vital information regarding the Board like office address, constitution of various bodies of the Board, examination byelaws/rules, affiliation/accreditation byelaws/rules, list of affiliated schools/ accreditation centres along with their UDISE code, income and expenditure statement etc.
- (g) The Board shall adhere to and ensure various acts & rules applicable on the schools for the safety of students and employees like school safety policy 2016, sexual harassment of women at the workplace, protection of children from sexual offenses act 2012 etc., or any other rule or act passed by appropriate government applicable on school boards/schools in India.
- (h) The Board shall not indulge in any of the commercial or unethical practices with regard to the prescription of curriculum, textbooks, reading materials, evaluation processes and other classroom practices.
- (i) If the Board introduces any other course/program in the Indian School, prior approval of AIU shall be required.
- (j) The Board shall continue to comply with AIU SOP in letter & spirit.

5. AIU may carry out a review of documents/ visits to check the compliance of the Board with the SOP at any time. The case related to non-adherence to the SOP norms by the South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia or its affiliated schools or unlawful act by the South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia/ Non-payment of Annual fee shall be dealt as per AIU rules.

6. The South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia is required to submit the acceptance to the above-mentioned conditions & submit the requisite annual fee for equivalence every year.

Yours sincerely,


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