

Extract of HEC Research Journal and Publication Policies

The following information were extracted from the letters/notifications issued by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad and documents available on HEC website up to June 30, 2020. For details of each policy/guideline, please visit the HEC website.

Note: From July 01, 2020, revised research journal and publication policies shall be applicable.

1) Journal Category Accepted for Appointments, Promotions and Award of Ph.D. degree

For Sciences disciplines:

TTS appointment/promotion:	W category only
BPS appointments:	Y & above category
Publication of PhD research work:	W and X categories + ISI Master List Journals are acceptable.

For Social Sciences disciplines:

TTS appointment/promotion:	X & above category (w.e.f. July 01, 2018)
BPS appointments:	Y & above category
Publication of PhD research work:	W, X and Y categories + ISI Master List Journals are acceptable.

Note: Z category journals are acceptable only for Pakistani languages (e.g. Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, Balochi, Brahvi, Saraiki & Persian etc.)

2) Criteria for recognition of International Science Journals [December 07, 2011]

The international Science Journals having an impact factor and listed in Journal Citation Report (JCR) are considered as HEC Recognized Journals.

3) Criteria for recognition of International Journals of Social Sciences

International Journal having ISI impact factor, enlisted in Journal Citation Report (JCR) would only be considered as HEC recognized International Journals. The old category system for International journals stand void w.e.f. January 01, 2012.

Status of research papers published in international journals till December 31, 2011 would be decided as per previous criteria on international journals.

4) Discontinuation of Relaxation for Acceptance of Research Papers Published in Various Pakistani Journals Before May 31, 2005 Approved by BASR

[Notification No. DD-III/QA/HEC/Journals/ 2015/143, dated: March 12, 2015]

The relaxation granted for recognition of papers published in Pakistani research journals before May 31, 2005 other than HEC recognized journals has been discontinued w.e.f. June 30, 2015 and no benefits such as appointment in BPS is admissible after this cut-off date.

5) HEC Policy regarding “Papers Accepted for Publication”

[No. DG/QA/HEC/Gen/2010/774, dated: October 15, 2010]

With effect from July 01, 2012, it is necessary to have a paper published for consideration in meeting the minimum eligibility conditions for appointment of faculty members at the Associate Professor and Professor level.

Note: Online publication is considered as published paper.

6) Publications in National Journals during the three years Prior to the date of Recognition

[No. 1-3/AD/HEC/Gen/2011/1185, dated: March 31, 2011]

The national journals are recognized by HEC on the basis of previous three years quality publications. Therefore, the publications in recognized journals during the three years prior to the date of recognition of the journal will also be accepted as publication in a journal recognized by the HEC.

7) Publications in Lambert Academic Publishing

[No. DD/SS&H/CDSSHP/Lambert/2015, dated: February 03, 2015]

All kind of publications in Lambert Academic Publishing would not be considered for grant of equivalency with research publications by Higher Education Commission Pakistan.

8) List of Fake Websites of International Social Sciences Journals

Publication on the fake websites of the following journals would not be considered as HEC Recognized Publications.

- 1) Wulfenia (ISSN: 1561-882X)
- 2) Archives Des Sciences (ISSN: 1661-464X)
- 3) La Pensee (ISSN: 0031-4773)
- 4) AYER (ISSN: 1134-2277)

9) Revised Research Journal and Publication Policies

[No. 2(22)/R&D/SS&H/HEC/2019/337, dated: November 05, 2019]

Minimum criteria for accreditation of research journals in W, X and Y category has been changed. The approved revised criteria shall be applicable from July 01, 2020.

10) HEC Journal Recognition System (HJRS)

[No. 15-54/A&C/2019/HEC/1465, dated: March 03, 2020]

An IT based online HEC Journal Recognition System for accreditation of research journals has been launched. HJRS has been implemented w.e.f. July 01, 2020. W, X and Y categories of HJRS are determined on the basis of relative JPI score of a Journal. Therefore, with the implementation of revised publication policy, the categories of certain journals have changed. All publications before July 01, 2020 will be dealt as per previous HEC policy in vogue.