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## **CIRCULAR**

The following are the amendments in the Ph.D. Regulations 2020 regarding the Act of Plagiarism with effect from 04.02.2022. Supervisors and Research Scholars are hereby informed about the act of plagiarism and be cautious while submitting publications/synopsis/ thesis.

Clause	Existing	Revised
23	THE ACT OF PLAGIARISM	
23.1	In the case of scholars who have committed the act of plagiarism in the Synopsis/ Thesis/journal publication, he/she shall be called for enquiry at the Centre for Research and shall be advised to rectify the plagiarism and resubmit the documents with appropriate penalty. If the scholar fails to rectify the plagiarism in the documents, the Thesis/degree shall be forfeited and	In the case of scholars who have committed the act of plagiarism in the Synopsis/ Thesis/journal publication, he/she shall be called for enquiry at the Centre for Research and shall be advised to rectify the plagiarism and resubmit the documents with appropriate penalty as per the UGC Guidelines (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545_acade mic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf) given below:
23.2	his/her research registration shall be cancelled and also he/she shall be debarred to register for any other programme in the University.  For the abetment of above such action,	Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis:  Level 0: Similarities up to 10% - Minor
	the recognition of his/her Supervisor shall be withdrawn for a period of five years and he/she shall be debarred from guiding the scholars for any research programme in the University till such	Similarities, no penalty.  Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
23.3	lf any scholar has committed an act of self plagiarism in the publications and	Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% - Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
	ascertained by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, such work shall not be allowed in his/her	Level 3: Similarities above 60% - Such Scholar's registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

thesis and the scholar shall be fined upto Rs.50,000/- with a warning to the Supervisor. The Synopsis / Thesis of such scholar shall be accepted only based on a new publication in a referred journal (as applicable). If plagiarism is detected in the Publications / Thesis of any other scholar under the same supervisor, the recognition of his/her Supervisorship shall be withdrawn for a period of five years and he/she shall be debarred from guiding the scholars for any research programme in the University till such period.

The research work carried out by the scholar should be original and shall not have any similarities with previously published papers/thesis/text books etc. The university has the view of not imposing penalty in terms of money from the scholars.

If the plagiarism is observed in the later stage at any point of time, the Ph.D. Degree awarded to the scholar shall be withdrawn.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism-Such Scholar shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree/credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended and approved by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

Penalties in case of plagiarism in research publications:

Level 0: Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty.

Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%:

Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%:

Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.

Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil.Student/scholar for a period of two years.

Level 3: Similarities above 60%:

Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.

Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Student/scholar for a period of three years.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the

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punishment for the same shall be operative. In case level 3 offence is repeated then the disciplinary action including suspension/termination as per service rules shall be taken by the University.
Note 2: Penalty in case where the benefit or credit has already been obtained
If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended and approved by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

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