



Instructions to Raise General and Specific Absorptive Capacities in Educational Institutions

Article (1):

These instructions are called (Instructions to Raise General and Specific Absorptive Capacities in Educational Institutions) issued by the Commission's Council Resolution No. (431/22/2021), dated 06/09/2021, based on paragraphs (a, o) of Article (7) of the Higher Education Institutions Accreditation Commission Law No. (20) of 2007 and its amendments. These instructions shall be read along with the Instructions for Monitoring the Compliance of Higher Education Institutions with the Legislations Related to Higher Education and Accreditation Standards.

Article (2):

The following words, wherever mentioned, shall have the meanings assigned to them below, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- The Commission:** The Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions.
- The Council:** The Commission's Council.
- The President:** The President of the Council.
- Educational Institution:** An official or private higher education institution, whether it is a university, a university college, or an intermediate university college.
- Graduate studies program:** Higher Diploma or Masters or Ph.D.
- General absorptive capacity:** The maximum number of students specified for the educational institution by the Council.
- Specific absorptive capacity:** The maximum number of students specified for the specialization by the Council.



Article (3): The general absorptive capacity of the educational institution

1. The educational institution is generally accredited for the first time after fulfilling the necessary conditions with no more than (25%) of the maximum absorptive capacity stipulated in the licensing instructions issued by the Higher Education Council for establishing the educational institution. The general absorptive capacity shall be fixed after one year from the date of general accreditation done for the first time.
2. The educational institution may submit a request to raise the general absorptive capacity if the following conditions are met:
 - A. If the general capacity to be raised is fixed by the Council.
 - B. If all conditions needed to raise the absorptive capacity are met, so that there are no deficiencies related to the general accreditation standards in force, and that there are no violations.
 - C. If this raise does not result in exceeding the maximum limit of the general absorptive capacity mentioned in the licensing instructions issued by the Higher Education Council for establishing the educational institution.

Article (4): The specific absorptive capacity of the specialties

1. The specialty in the Intermediate Diploma Program shall be accredited for the first time with a specific capacity that does not exceed a maximum of (150) students.
2. The specialty in the bachelor's program shall be accredited for the first time with a special capacity that does not exceed a maximum of (200) students.
3. The specialty in the graduate studies program shall be accredited with the calculated absorptive capacity that the specialty needs, and that is according to the maximum limit stipulated in the instructions of the special accreditation for graduate programs.
4. The national program for the bachelor's degree or graduate studies shall be accredited with the specific absorptive capacity determined by the Council.



5. The educational institution may submit a request to raise the specialty's absorptive capacity if the following conditions are met:
 - A. If the specific capacity to be raised is fixed by the Council.
 - B. If all conditions needed to raise the capacity are met and there are no violations.
 - C. If this raise does not result in exceeding the maximum limit of the general absorptive capacity mentioned in the licensing instructions issued by the Higher Education Council for establishing the educational institution.
6. The specific absorptive capacity shall be fixed after completing all instructions of the special accreditation in force.

Article (5):

The educational institution, when submitting a request to raise general or specific absorptive capacity, shall be obliged to:

1. Effectively apply full remote e-learning, with its two types, synchronous and asynchronous, along with its components and models in academic courses, in accordance with the resolutions and legislation in force.
2. Apply blended learning in its two forms, face-to-face and remote e-learning, along with its components and models in academic courses, in accordance with the resolutions and legislation in force.

General Provisions

Article (6):

The request submitted for special accreditation or for raising the capacity of any educational institution, public or private, shall not be considered if the institution has penalties or financial penalties issued by the Council. In the event of repeating such violations, such requests shall not be considered until after passing at least one semester from the date of the elimination of the violations.

Article (7):

The Council shall decide on other matters with no articles related to them in these instructions.



Article (8):

These instructions supersede any previous provisions or decisions issued by the Council that contradict them.

Article (9):

These amended instructions were issued pursuant to Council Resolution No. (431/22/2021), dated 9/6/2021, and are effective from the date of their approval.