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New Delhi – 110016
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Office Memorandum

Subject: Revision and simplification of CRE norms and guidelines

In view of the policy of 'Deregulation' and 'Ease of Doing Business', the following reforms and simplification of norms are to be implemented with regard to CRE norms and guidelines. This is intended to make CRE norms simple, to deregulate the existing norms and to encourage top-notch research and CRE programmes. Also, the changes are being made to ensure improvement in the quality of the training programmes.

Major points of the CRE norms and guidelines are:

1. Duration of CRE Programmes:

There will be offline CRE, Online CRE Programme and also through experiential Learning. The offline CRE programme may be conducted from one day to three days and the online programme from one hour to six hours. Minimum 50% of Offline programs must be focussed on experiential learning / hands on training / on job training.

2. No Processing Fee for CRE programmes

There will be no CRE processing fee for any Institute/University conducting the CRE programmes.

3. CRE Points, fees and programme conduct norms

- a. CRE points will only be considered for those who attended the CRE programme as participants/resource persons.
- b. A maximum of six CRE programmes (three online & three offline) may be conducted by the Institute/University (offering RCI-approved course) within a given financial year; however, this condition will not be applicable to Centres of Excellence. In that case, prior approval of RCI (on the CRE portal) will be required if they are exceeding more than 12 online CRE programs or more than 12 offline CRE programs in a financial year. Online CRE programme to be conducted in Hindi/Vernacular/English on the same topic (Morning and Evening) using only Webex platform provided by RCI.



- c. Professional Associations or the Special Schools with good credentials may collaborate with the 'Centres of Excellence' of RCI for conducting the CRE programme. The Centre of Excellence will be the organiser of these CRE programs.
- d. RCI itself may organise a number of online and offline CRE programs across the country.
- e. Resource person can deliver a maximum of three lectures in a three/two-day programme and a maximum of two lectures in a day programme. Suitable honorarium must be paid to resource persons and sign language interpreters on an hourly basis.
- f. Experienced professionals must be engaged as a resource person for CRE. However, in case of change, a maximum of 30% of the resource persons may be changed with justification and documentary evidence, and if found violating the rule, the CRE programme will be rejected.
- g. The online program will be evaluated by placing the questions on Slido. For each question one minute time will be given to answer, after that the question will disappear. For offline program the host institution will prepare a set of questions and will provide to participant after every session. The passing criteria will be minimum 60% for awarding CRE points.
- h. The Council may conduct surprise inspections of all/any CRE programme to monitor the standard of the programme.
- i. The CRE report must be submitted through the online CRE portal within two (2) days after completion of the CRE programme. If organizing institute fails to do this, the institute may submit CRE report through online CRE portal within four (4) days from the date of completion of CRE programme with a penalty fee of Rs. 5000/-. If it fails on both occasions, the CRE report will not be accepted, and the host institution will be debarred from conducting CRE programmes for two years and the CRE points of CRE coordinator will be reduced by 20 points.
- j. No hardcopy of CRE certificate will be issued by the host institutions, as it is causing confusion. Participants will be able to see their CRE points on their dashboard.
- k. CRE Programme shall be monitored by RCI and if found that CRE norms are not implemented, then the institute may be debarred for conducting CRE for the next 5 years and CRE points of CRE coordinator will be reduced by 20 points.
- l. If any participant blocks seat and neither pays fee nor cancels his/her application before 48 hours of starting of the course, a minus five (-5) CRE points will be given for spoiling one seat.
- m. 48 hours before the start of the CRE to the start of the course time, the organiser/course coordinator may delete the name of candidates who have registered but not paid the registration fee and to allow other candidates to register.
- n. Any complaints with regard to non-attending participants will be taken very seriously, both against the candidate as well as the Course Coordinator and the Organiser.

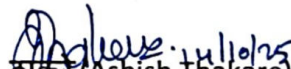
- o. RCI may conduct 1 to 2 hours training course online for various course coordinators so that they know how to conduct the CRE, fill the report, to send data and evaluate/ exam etc.
- p. Pre-CRR registered participants will get pre-CRE points if they attend the programme, which will be carried forward (maximum 20 points) when they finally get the CRR.

4. CRE Programmes at various levels (both Online and Offline)

Sl. No.	Maximum Participants	Eligible Institutions that can conduct CRE
i.	Local/Zonal level (Maximum 50 participants)	A registration fee of 500/-per day for offline CRE may be charged by the host institutions. Any other items like food, kit or accommodation may be provided at an extra cost, but these must remain optional. A registration fee of Rs. 50/- per hour for online CRE may be charged by the host institutions. This CRE programme is for institutions offering RCI approved course(s). For offline programmes the participants from local / nearby districts may be encouraged to participate.
ii.	State level (Maximum 200 participants)	For Sl. ii. iii. & iv.: <u>There will be no fee cap.</u> These CRE Programme to be conducted by Centre of Excellence as defined in the RCIs Office Memorandum 8-A/ Policy/ (Recog)/2009/RCI dated 14/10/2025 (copy attached)
iii.	National level (Maximum 400 participants)	
iv.	International level (Maximum 500 participants)	

Upcoming CRR Programs till 31st March 2026 already reflected on RCI calendar will stand.

This office order will supersede all the previous orders/circulars/public notices issued in this regard.


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