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**Subject: Clarification of HEC Recognized Journals**

In continuation to HEC letter No: Misc/RJS/R&D/HEC/22/11 dated April 19, 2022 addressed to the Acting Registrar, COMSATS University Islamabad regarding clarification on publication requirements for faculty appointment, promotion and award of PhD research work under HJRS. It has been noticed that since the issuance of the said letter particularly clause (v), various stakeholders in the universities have been asking about the benefits associated with Y-Category journals.

2. The clarification provided in the letter has raised up the ambiguity of academia on the applicability of Y-Category journals. To address this, the validity of journals along with benefits of each category are given below for clarification and implementation.

**SCIENCE RESEARCH JOURNAL**

CATEGORIES	VALID FOR	VALIDITY PERIOD
<b>W</b>	i. TTS appointments ii. BPS appointment iii. Publication of PhD research work	<b>Accepted till to date</b>
<b>X</b>	i. BPS appointments ii. Publication of PhD research work	
<b>Y</b>	i. BPS appointment	

**SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH JOURNAL**

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CATEGORY	VALID FOR	VALIDITY PERIOD
	ii. TTS appointment	Valid till 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
	iii. Publication of PhD research work	Accepted till to date
Z	i. BPS appointments (including regional languages)	Valid till 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
	ii. Publication of PhD research work (including regional languages)	
	iii. BPS appointment for regional languages only	(1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 - 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020)
	iv. Publication of PhD research work for regional languages only	

**Note:**

- For publication of PhD research work JCR of ISI **OR** ISI Master list (international) were valid till June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Social Sciences and Sciences disciplines.
- The Z category journals had been abolished w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. However, benefits associated with Z category journals will remain intact as mentioned in the above-referred table.
- This letter supersedes the clause (v) of previously issued letter No: Misc/RJS/R&D/HEC/22/11 dated April 19, 2022.

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