

# Thiagarajar College, Madurai – 625 009

An Autonomous Institution, Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University  
Re-Accredited with 'A++' Grade by NAAC, Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in NIRF 2024

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## CIRCULAR

This is to inform all concerned that as per the Resolution passed in the 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Friday), the following guidelines regarding the maximum period for the completion of degree programmes will be applicable from the Academic Year 2025-2026, for students of the 2023-2026 batch onwards and batches prior to 2023-2026.

### **1. MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMES TO QUALIFY FOR A DEGREE (FOR 2023-2026 BATCH ONWARDS):**

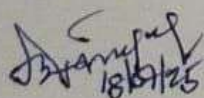
- ❖ A Student who, for any reason, is unable to complete the programme within the normal period (N) or the minimum duration prescribed for the programme, may be allowed two years beyond the normal period to clear the backlog to be qualified for the degree.
- ❖ **(Maximum Time Span = N + 2 years for completion of the programme.)**
- ❖ In exceptional cases, such as major accidents or childbirth, an additional one-year extension may be considered beyond the maximum time span.
- ❖ **(Extended Time Span = N + 2 +1 years for the completion of the programme).**
- ❖ Students who qualify during the extended period, shall not be eligible for ranking.
- ❖ This rule is applicable from the Academic Year 2025-2026, for the students of the 2023-2026 batch onwards.

### **2. MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMES TO QUALIFY FOR A DEGREE (FOR BATCHES PRIOR TO 2023-2026)**

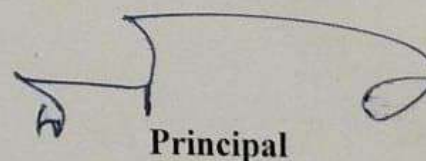
- ❖ A student who was admitted before June 2023 and is unable to complete the programme within the normal period or the prescribed minimum duration may be allowed an additional two academic years to complete the programme.
- ❖ That is, students admitted before June 2023 must complete their degree by the end of the 2026-2027 academic year, covering the academic year 2025-2026.
- ❖ Students who qualify during this extended period, shall not be eligible for ranking.

The above rules (points 1 and 2) are applicable to both Regular Students (RC Students) and Arrear Students, who have not completed their degree programme within the prescribed time.

In order to ensure that all affected students are informed of this important update, **HoDs are requested to share this circular in their respective departmental WhatsApp groups**, including both current and past-year students who have not yet completed their degree. This will ensure that all students are made aware of the revised timelines and the implications for degree completion.

  
18/7/25

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Principal