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The journal should be regularly published.

The old journals published regularly should meet the following criteria in order to prove the regularity.

1.	Annual publication	It should have published 5 issues in the last 5 years
2.	Six monthly publication	It should have published 6 issues in the last 3 years
3.	Quarterly publication	It should have published 8 issues in the last 2 years
4.	Monthly publication	It should have published 24 issues in the last 2 years

The New journals published should meet the following criteria in order to prove the regularity

1.	Annual publication	It should have published 2 issues in the last 2 years
2.	Six monthly publication	It should have published 4 issues in the last 2 years
3.	Quarterly publication	It should have published 8 issues in the last 2 years
4.	Monthly publication	It should have published 12 issues in the last one years

The universities / organizations interested to have their journals recognized by HEC must send the copies of the issues mentioned in the last columns of the above table to HEC Library on gratis. In case a journal started publishing recently it should have completed at least two years publication to meet the criteria.

2. The journal should have diverse Editorial Board / Advisory Board.

- a. The credentials of the Board members should be taken into consideration.
- b. Fifty percent of the Board members should be from the outside.

3. It should be 'Peer Reviewed'.

- a. The policy of blind review should be followed.
- b. Peer reviewed: at least by two reviewers (including one international reviewer [i.e. from Industrially/ Academically advanced country in the respective discipline.]

4. It should be abstracted / indexed internationally.

'Abstracting and Indexing Services' as posted on HEC website <http://www.hec.gov.pk/>

5. The journal published in any language other than English should publish abstract of each paper in English.

6. References should be provided according to the international standard as per policy of the journal.

The meeting phrased the following definition of the 'HEC Recognized Journal / Journal of International repute'.

A journal published regularly, having diverse editorial / advisory board, peer reviewed by at least two reviewers (including one international) and abstracted / indexed internationally.