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NOTICE

Subject: Inviting Public Comments and Stakeholder Feedback on the Draft DRONā Certification Scheme and Competence Standard for Teaching Professionals in Higher Education Institutions

RajKaruna (RK) Institutional Partners LLP (RKIP) invites comments, observations, and recommendations from stakeholders on the Draft **DRONā – Accreditation Framework for Teaching Professionals in Higher Education Institutions**, developed in accordance with the principles of **ISO/IEC 17024:2026 – Conformity Assessment – General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification of Persons**.

DRONā is a voluntary personnel certification scheme designed to assess, recognize, certify, and promote the professional competence of teaching professionals serving in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The Scheme aims to establish a nationally and internationally credible framework for evaluating professional competence in teaching, research, academic leadership, professional ethics, and digital readiness.

RKIP, as the Scheme Owner, seeks to promote consistency, transparency, impartiality, and credibility in personnel certification through approved Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCBs) operating in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024.

Objectives of the DRONā Certification Scheme

1. Establish competence requirements for teaching professionals in Higher Education Institutions.
2. Enable objective, impartial, and evidence-based assessment of professional competence.
3. Promote quality, excellence, and continuous professional development in higher education.
4. Strengthen stakeholder confidence in certified teaching professionals.
5. Support national and global best practices in personnel certification.
6. Align personnel certification activities with ISO/IEC 17024 requirements.

The following draft documents are available for public review in the website, www.rkip.in

- DRONā Certification Scheme Manual – [View & Download Here](#)
- DRONā Competence Standard for Teaching Professionals – [View & Download Here](#)

Stakeholders including faculty members, academic leaders, universities, colleges, regulatory bodies, accreditation agencies, industry representatives, employers, professional associations, researchers, students, and members of the public are invited to review the draft documents and provide their comments. All submissions will be treated confidentially and used solely for the purpose of improving the DRONā Certification Scheme.

Submission of Feedback

Comments and recommendations may be submitted to info@rkip.in

Last Date for Submission: 24.08.2026 at 11:59 PM IST

For any clarification regarding the public consultation process, stakeholders may contact:

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RKIP values the participation of all stakeholders and looks forward to receiving constructive feedback for strengthening the DRONā Certification Scheme.

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