



## Regulations for PhD Programme 2019

### Preamble:

Regulations for the award of PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) degree at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) are framed in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil/PhD Degrees and its subsequent amendments) Regulations 2016 notified in The Gazette of India [No. 278, Part III- Section 4] Extraordinary on July 05 2016.

The PhD programme at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) encourages scholars to pursue interdisciplinary research that integrates Indic wisdom with contemporary knowledge systems. As a 'de novo' institution, the programme aims to create original and cutting-edge research that highlights Indic wisdom traditions and their applications in the present context. Furthermore, CVV also encourages the scholar to pursue any other disciplinary or interdisciplinary research that investigates a national or human concern.

### 1. Terms and Definitions:

- “**University**” refers to Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV).
- “**PhD student**” means any person with an active enrolment in the PhD programme at CVV.
- “**Applicant**” or “**Candidate**” refers to any person desiring admission to the PhD programme at CVV.
- “**School**” or “**Department**” means the academic unit directing teaching and research in specific disciplines, established under the statutes of the University.
- “**Department/School Doctoral Committee**” means a doctoral committee constituted in a School/Department to scrutinise the application for registration, interview the candidates and make appropriate recommendations to the University regarding matters of research in subjects coming under their purview or in subjects that have been entrusted to them by the University. The members of the Doctoral Committee are the Head of the School (HoS) as chairperson and two senior Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professor as recommended by the HoS and approved by the Dean of Academics. The tenure of the doctoral committee will be three years.
- “**Fellowship**” means regular monetary assistance, awarded to a research scholar, and

includes, apart from the scholarships offered by the University, the National Merit Scholarship, and other assistance offered by approved funding agencies such as NCERT, CSIR, ICSSR and UGC.

- **“Laws of the University”** means the act, statutes, ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws of the University, as the case may be.
- **“UGC Regulations”** means the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil/PhD degrees and its subsequent amendments) Regulations 2016.
- **“Registration”** means registration for a PhD degree under these regulations.
- **“Research Scholar”** means any full-time or part-time student duly registered for a PhD degree of the University under these regulations.
- **“Research Supervisor”** or **“Research Guide”** means a teacher or an expert, approved as a qualified guide to supervise research.
- **“Research Advisory Committee (RAC)”** means a committee constituted by a School/Department to monitor the progress of research work of individual PhD students registered at the University.
- **“Adjudicators”** or **“Examiners”** means the experts appointed by the University for the evaluation of the theses.

### **Application and Commencement:**

1. These regulations may be called Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) Research Regulations.
2. These regulations shall be made applicable to candidates seeking registration for PhD Degree from 2020 admission onwards.
3. The laws of the University shall take precedence over these regulations in the matter of any dispute.

### **1. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the PhD Programme:**

- 1.1.** An applicant will be considered by the University to be eligible for registration for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on his/her making an application in the prescribed form provided he/she possesses the prerequisite qualifying degrees from a recognised institution or an equivalent qualification by virtue of an examination.
- 1.2.** Possession of the qualifying degree should not by itself be seen as a sufficient condition to confirm registration into the programme. Registration will be confirmed

only after the student fulfils the minimum credit requirement under an approved programme of studies.

- 1.3. In general, in order to be eligible for admission to the PhD programme, the applicant must possess a master's degree, or a professional degree declared equivalent to the master's degree from a corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever a grading system is followed). Any relaxation pertaining to the eligibility criteria will be as per clause 3.2 of the UGC Regulations 2016.

## **2. Mode of Admission**

- 2.1. Admissions shall be as per applications made available from March of every year. For all categories, admission will be granted based on the PhD admission test of CVV (CVV-PAT) followed by an interview, held normally once a year, during April, duly notified in advance. The two-stage admission process is as follows:

- Stage One: An online admission test (CVV-PAT) conducted in April every year.
- Stage Two: The list of eligible candidates for the interview will be notified on the CVV website after the conduct of the CVV-PAT and these applicants will appear for an interview on a pre-fixed day and time.

### **2.2. Exemptions to the Two-stage Process:**

- Students who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF/UGC-CSIR/NET /GATE/teacher fellowship holders or PhD holders from a recognised university (UGC approved)) shall be exempted from appearing for CVV-PAT.
- For overseas applicants, a time-bound online proctored entrance test shall be arranged subject to its feasibility in the host country. The interview may be held online with the help of video call services like Zoom, Skype, etc. subject to its feasibility in the host country.

### **2.3. Admission Registration:**

A candidate shall be recommended by the head of the School in which the candidate has sought admission to the research programme based on the following:

- Performance in the CVV-PAT and interview: As per rule 5.4.1 of the UGC Regulations, an applicant must score at least 50% in the entrance test to qualify for the interview.
- Availability of an approved research supervisor

Upon recommendation by the HoS, the Dean-Academics will issue an offer of provisional admission. After submission and verification of all eligibility documents

and payment of the prescribed fee by the due date, provisional admission will be officially confirmed to the candidate.

#### **2.4. Admission Categories:**

- i. **Full-time:** Full-time Research Scholars are those who will normally be available on campus on all working days excluding the days they go for data collection or other fieldwork as permitted by the supervising teacher. Full-time scholars must mark their attendance twice daily, once in the morning and one in the evening.
- ii. **Sponsored:** The applicant in this category is sponsored by a recognised R&D organisation, academic institution, government organisation or industry for doing research in the University on a full-time basis. The University does not provide any assistantship/fellowship to such a candidate.
- iii. **Quality Improvement Programme (Indian/International):** This category refers to a student selected under the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) of the AICTE/UGC or any other Indian/international organisation. The student works full-time in the PhD programme as per the rules and regulations of QIP.
- iv. **Part-time:** An applicant in this category is a professionally employed and/or qualified person, who pursues the PhD programme while continuing the duties of his/her service. The candidate while applying in this category should upload a no-objection certificate duly signed by the employer. The University does not provide any assistantship/fellowship to candidates in this category. Such a scholar is required to be present on campus for coursework, etc. as advised by the advisor or other university officials concerned.

Foreign candidates shall be registered for research only if they are on visas issued for research scholars/students and with the necessary clearance from the Government of India. Conversion of research from full-time to part-time shall be granted by the Dean-Academics on the recommendation of the Research Supervisor and the Head of the School.

### **3. Registration for Research**

All candidates admitted to the PhD programme of the University shall join the University School/Department on receipt of provisional registration orders issued by the office of Dean-Academics. The registration shall be confirmed on successful completion of coursework within the first two semesters (extendable by a year in the case of students who fail to clear the end-semester University examination of the coursework in the first chance).

### **4. Course Work**

Each student admitted to the PhD programme shall be required to undertake course

work in their first year at the University. The course work shall be organised by the University Departments for students registered at the various Schools/Departments strictly in accordance with the UGC's Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil/PhD Degree – 2016 and its subsequent revisions. The credit assigned to course work shall be a minimum of 08 credits and a maximum of 16 credits. The course work must include a minimum of 4 credits assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology (as per rule 7.2 of the UGC Regulations). Other courses will be developed following the rules, regulations, and procedures of CVV with all statutory compliance.

- The courses could be given as lecture courses or seminar courses.
- Based on the performance in each course, a student is awarded, at the end of the semester, a letter grade in each of the courses registered on a ten-point scale.
- Students must acquire a minimum CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) of six in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the thesis.
- A PhD candidate who fails to acquire the minimum CGPA of 6 can avail of another chance to improve his/her CGPA by repeating the end-semester university exams for the courses.

## **5. Allocation of Research Supervisor**

- 5.1.** Any regular full-time regular faculty of a particular subject shall be supervisors.
- 5.2.** The Departmental/School Doctoral Committee must ensure allotment of supervisors to PhD students within one month of admission, duly notifying the Controller of Examinations. The Departmental/School Doctoral Committee, besides constituting the RAC and identifying broad area/s of research, will also assess requests for change of supervisor, etc.
- 5.3.** In order to be assigned as Supervisors, Faculty:
  - a) must have more than three years of service for superannuation to be a supervisor.
  - b) must have more than one year of remaining service to be a co-supervisor.
  - c) must have a PhD or equivalent degree to be a supervisor.
  - d) must also fulfil the criterion of the required number of publications in the refereed journals of UGC, as mentioned in para 6.1 of UGC Regulations, 2016 to be eligible to be supervisors.
- 5.4.** Only full-time, regular Faculty/Scientists of the University/External Institutions may serve as Co-Supervisors, subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria stated in paras 6.1 and 6.5 of the UGC Regulations 2016.
- 5.5.** Superannuating faculty, after guiding a student for three years or more, may decide whether they wish to continue as supervisors. If such is not the case, the Dean/Head shall make alternate arrangements to allot a supervisor to the student under intimation to the School Doctoral Committee.

- 5.6. If a supervising faculty member proceeds on long leave/sabbatical/study leave/EoL or resigns, etc. then the Dean/Head shall make alternate arrangements under intimation to the School Board.
- 5.7. The maximum number of students who may be supervised at any given point of time by a Professor, an Associate Professor, and an Assistant Professor are as follows:
- Professors: 8 PhD
  - Associate Professor: 6 PhD
  - Assistant Professor: 4 PhD

## **6. Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**

A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall constantly monitor the progress of each research student. The RAC for PhD students shall consist of the Supervisor/s plus two members, with the Supervisor as Convener.

This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- Review the research proposal and finalise the topic of research.
- Guide the Research Scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- The RAC will meet every semester and send its recommendations for all candidates in terms of their work in progress.
- The RAC will also report cases of irregularity/unsatisfactory performance and absenteeism to the Controller of Examinations through the HoS/Dean.
- A RAC recommendation is essential for semester registration/extension.

## **7. Progress Report**

The Research Supervisor shall send half-yearly reports of the progress of the students working under them to the Dean-Academics through the HoS.

## **8. Periodical Review of Research Work**

The RAC shall periodically review the work of Research Scholars working in the Schools/Departments. Each PhD scholar shall be asked to make a 30-minutes to 1-hour presentation of his/her research progress once every six months. The half-yearly progress report shall be signed by the Research Supervisor and Head of the School/Department only after such presentations have been made.

## **9. Privileges of Research Scholars**

Candidates who have been registered as full-time research students in the University Schools/Departments, and who pay all the fees that are to be paid normally by the Research Scholars of the University, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the University students except those for which special fees are charged. However, they shall cease to enjoy the privileges of the full-time students at the University Schools/Departments if they convert their research to part-time.

## **10. Leave**

- 10.1.** A full-time Research Scholar shall be eligible to avail of not more than thirty days of leave with fellowship (if applicable) in a completed year, in addition to twenty days of casual leave.
- 10.2.** In exceptional cases, the Vice Chancellor may, on grounds which he may consider as sufficient and reasonable, grant two months leave as special leave for a full-time Research Scholar. This special leave shall be granted to a Research Scholar only twice during the entire period of research, provided this period of special leave is not counted for fellowship.
- 10.3.** A female Research Scholar shall be entitled to up to 240 days of maternity leave. A student in a Department who seeks to avail of maternity leave for 240 days shall be permitted to appear for the end-semester examinations in the second semester provided she has a minimum of 50% attendance and has cleared all internal assessment assignments. In all other cases, the candidates on maternity leave with a shortage of attendance shall attend the coursework with the next batch of students.
- 10.4.** Long leave can be granted to full-time Research Scholars for taking up foreign fellowships and other assignments for pursuing studies abroad on topics that are closely related to their areas of research.

## **11. Confirmation of the Research Topic/Change of the area of Research**

- 11.1.** A candidate's topic of research/title of the thesis shall be confirmed and approved by the RAC at the end of the first or second semester, that is, after the course work has been completed. The details of the confirmed topic of research shall be intimated to the office of the Dean-Academics by the University School/Department.
- 11.2.** The RAC shall not permit a change in the area of research after it has been confirmed at the end of the second semester. It may, however, consider and approve a candidate's request for a change in the title of the thesis which would

not entail any change in the area of research till the end of the second year (fourth semester).

## **12. Restriction on Employment**

A full-time Research Scholar shall not engage himself/herself in any other employment except in imparting instruction in an honorary capacity on a topic that forms the subject matter of his research in the institution where he is working.

## **13. Cancellation of Registration**

- 13.1.** The registration is liable for cancellation, if:
- 13.1.1. The scholar fails to complete the confirmation of provisional registration even beyond one year after his/her registration for the PhD programme. However, in exceptional cases, an extension of six months may be permitted based on the recommendations of the RAC and the Head of School, and as approved by Dean-Academics.
  - 13.1.2. The performance is not satisfactory as reported by the RAC.
  - 13.1.3. The scholar wishes to withdraw from the programme and requests to cancel his/her registration.
  - 13.1.4. An extension of time (beyond three years) is not granted.
  - 13.1.5. Fails to submit the thesis beyond six months from the date of approval of the synopsis by the RAC.
  - 13.1.6. The scholar fails to submit the revised thesis incorporating the suggestions of any examiner even beyond six months.
  - 13.1.7. Plagiarism, as per CVV regulations, is confirmed in the thesis.
  - 13.1.8. There is an attempt to influence examiners in the evaluation of the thesis.
  - 13.1.9. The rules and regulations of the PhD Programme are violated.
- 13.2.** In case of cancellation, the fees paid by the Research Scholar shall not be refunded.
- 13.3.** The Vice Chancellor may cancel the registration of any research student for unsatisfactory progress or conduct. The Vice Chancellor may also cancel the registration of full-time Research Scholars on the recommendations of the supervising teacher for their non-attendance at the centre of research beyond the prescribed time limit.



## **14. Discontinuance of Research**

- 14.1.** A candidate's leave or absence from the centre beyond the permitted period, or his failure to pay the fees for research or compliance of rules regarding submission of progress reports for two terms or his failure to seek the guidance of the supervising teacher for more than a year shall lead to his/her removal from the rolls.
- 14.2.** Research students thus removed from the rolls, if they want to continue their work, shall be required to re-register themselves by submitting an application with the proper recommendations of the RAC and pay all arrears of fees, the re-admission fee and the fine. In such cases, the Vice Chancellor, on the recommendations of the supervising teacher and with due justification, can condone the break of the research period if it is deemed to be deserved.
- 14.3.** Re-registration shall be granted only once and that too, within the maximum period of research permitted. The maximum period of research of such a candidate will be the same as in the case of others.

## **15. Deregistration and Re-registration**

Following the UGC Regulations, there is no provision to deregister from the PhD programme and re-register at a later date. The total duration of the programme shall be as per clauses 4.2-4.4 of the UGC Regulations.

## **16. Pre-PhD Presentation**

- 16.1.** On completion of research and the draft thesis, the Research Scholar shall make a pre-PhD presentation on the thesis in the University department concerned. This shall be open to all faculty members and research students whose feedback and comments may be considered by the Research Scholar for suitable incorporation into the draft thesis under the advice of the supervising teacher.
- 16.2.** The date for the pre-PhD presentation shall be fixed at the request of the Research Scholar by the supervising teacher in consultation with the Head of the Department of the institution concerned, and at least seven days' notice along with a ten-page outline of the thesis shall be made available to the faculty members and research students so as to make their participation in the presentation effective.
- 16.3.** The Dean-Academics shall invariably be invited to the presentation. The Head of the Department and the supervising teacher shall make a report on the presentation and forward it to the office of the Dean through the RAC.

## **17. Pre-PhD Publications**

As per UGC Regulations 9.4, a Research Scholar “must publish at least one (1) research paper in a refereed journal (indexed in Scopus/Thompson Reuters/Web of Science, etc) and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints” (or acceptance letter, in case the paper is scheduled for publication at a later date) through the supervising teacher to the office of the Dean-Academics.

## **18. Submission of the Synopsis:**

- 18.1.** On completion of the draft thesis and the pre-PhD presentation, three months before the date of submission of the proposed thesis for evaluation, the candidate shall submit through the supervising teacher twelve copies of the synopsis of the proposed thesis in about 1500 words together with the title of the thesis. The synopsis should be accompanied by the application seeking permission to submit the thesis for final evaluation with the fee prescribed for the purpose by the University paid.
- 18.2.** The application for adjudication of the thesis shall be accompanied by a letter from the supervising teacher, supported by recommendations of the Head of the School/Department.
- 18.3.** Apart from other certificates and documents, the following documents shall also accompany the application for the adjudication of the thesis:
  - a) Grade card/evidence for having qualified in the coursework
  - b) Certificate from the RAC regarding the pre-PhD presentation.
  - c) Copy of the research paper published in a refereed journal, or the letter of acceptance from a refereed journal, duly certified by the RAC.

## **19. Panel of Examiners:**

- 19.1.** A panel of examiners shall be prepared by the supervising teacher and forwarded to the Controller of Examinations and the RAC through the Head of the School/Department.
- 19.2.** The panel shall consist of the names of ten experts of five national and five international standing, known for their integrity and judgment and having not less than ten years of teaching/research experience in the subject concerned. The Research Advisory Committee shall be competent to add names to or delete names from the panel suggested by the supervising teacher.

- 19.3.** The experts shall be from outside the University jurisdiction and at least four shall be from outside Kerala, except in the case of subjects like Malayalam. The panel shall be approved by the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor will select two examiners (one from India and one from abroad) from the list approved by the Academic Council for evaluating the PhD thesis.

## **20. Submission of Thesis**

- 20.1.** After the completion of the prescribed minimum period of research, a candidate shall be eligible to submit his/her thesis. The candidate shall submit six copies of the thesis and a soft copy in PDF format thereof, together with the prescribed fee to the Controller of Examinations through the School/Department. The thesis shall be submitted within three months from the date of submission of the synopsis. In exceptional cases, where the prescribed fee is paid, the RAC may, based on the recommendations of the supervising teacher and Head of the Department, condone a delay of a period up to one year, provided that the candidate shall submit his/her thesis only during the currency of his/her registration or during the sanctioned period.
- 20.2.** The thesis shall be accompanied by a declaration by the candidate that the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award of any degree or diploma or other titles, and that it is their original work. The thesis shall also be accompanied by a plagiarism report from an approved plagiarism checking software, and a certificate from the supervising teacher to the effect that it is a record of bonafide work carried out by the candidate under his/her supervision.

## **21. Adjudication of Thesis**

- 21.1.** The thesis shall be adjudicated by a Board of three examiners appointed by the Vice Chancellor in consultation with the Dean-Academics and Controller of Examinations, from the panel of examiners submitted. One of the examiners shall be nominated as the chairperson of the Board.
- 21.2.** The Examiners shall submit a report on the merit of the work embodied in the thesis and state whether the thesis is recommended for the award of the PhD degree. The examiners should also indicate in which respect the thesis affords evidence of originality. The RAC shall accept the unanimous opinion of the Board of Examiners. If one of the examiners does not recommend the award of the degree, the thesis shall be referred to a fourth examiner and his/her report shall be accepted. If two examiners are not in favour of recommending the degree, the candidate shall be asked to resubmit the thesis within a period not less than six months.
- 21.3.** The candidate whose thesis is not recommended for the award of the PhD degree

shall be informed accordingly and shall be supplied with the comments made by the adjudicators. The candidate shall be permitted to resubmit a revised version of the thesis within a period of not less than six months from the date of which he/she has been informed of the results of the evaluation of the thesis.

- 21.4. The Board of Examiners once appointed to adjudicate the thesis will normally evaluate the revised thesis unless any of the examiners are not willing to continue on the Board. Substitutes shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor from the Panel of Examiners already approved by the Academic Council. However, it shall be possible for the RAC to appoint a fresh set of examiners to adjudicate the thesis for good and sufficient reasons. The revised thesis shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- 21.5. A candidate shall not be allowed to submit his/her thesis more than two times. However, the RAC may, on the specific recommendation of the Board of Examiners, permit the candidate to submit his/her thesis for the third time.
- 21.6. Normally adjudication shall be completed in six months. Under no circumstances shall the procedures be allowed to extend beyond a year. The appointment of an examiner who fails to give his/her report within five months shall be cancelled and he/she would be advised to send the thesis back. The thesis shall then be forwarded to a fresh examiner whose name has already been marked by the Vice Chancellor as a standby in the panel.

## **22. The Public Viva-voce and Open Defence of the Thesis**

- 22.1. The thesis recommended by the Board of Adjudicators for the award of PhD degree shall be defended by the Research Scholar at the public viva-voce and open defence before the Board specially constituted for the purpose. Invited scholars and enthusiasts interested in the subject shall also attend the open defence. The candidate and the supervising teacher shall be supplied in advance with copies of the comments made by the examiners on the thesis.
- 22.2. The constitution of the Board: A three-member board shall be constituted for the conduct of the open defence and viva-voce with the Chairperson and two other members.
  - 22.2.1. The Board shall be presided over by one of the external members of the adjudication board nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
  - 22.2.2. The Dean-Academics/Dean of Faculty concerned shall be the second member of the Board
  - 22.2.3. The supervising teacher shall be the third member of the Board.
- 22.3. The supervising teacher shall convene the open defence and viva-voce based on the direction of the Controller of Examinations. The Controller of Examinations shall inform the day, the date, time, and venue for the conduct of the open

defence and viva-voce.

- 22.4.** The mode of invitation of the participants and the conduct of the viva-voce: The Controller of Examinations shall arrange the open defence to be held in one of the University's Schools/Departments. After getting confirmation in this regard, the supervising teacher shall send invitations to at least 50 people from various institutions interested in the topic. While sending the invitations to the participants for the open defence viva, a one-page synopsis of the PhD thesis shall be sent to them along with the invitation. Likewise, a copy of the PhD thesis shall be kept in the library of the department concerned at least three days in advance for reference to those who are interested in the topic.
- 22.5.** Conduct of viva-voce and the proceedings
- The Chairman will conduct the proceedings. The Research Scholar shall present a summary of his/her thesis for a duration not less than 30 minutes and the Chairman will ask questions to him/her based on the comments in the adjudication reports. Subsequently, the participants in the public viva can ask relevant questions related to the topic. The Chairman can disallow questions, which according to him/her are not relevant to the topic.
- 22.6.** The supervising teacher can support or supplement the arguments of the Research Scholar in the Open Defence Viva.
- 22.7.** The Board of the Open Defence Viva shall judge the performance of the candidate in the Open Defence Viva and the recommendation declared at the end of the Open Defence. The Chairman shall subsequently submit a report containing the recommendations of the Board to the Controller of Examinations. In the report, it shall be mentioned whether the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy can be awarded or not. If the thesis required rewriting it shall also be mentioned clearly in the report.

## **23. Conferment of the Degree of PhD**

- 23.1.** The Controller of Examinations, on receipt of the report of the Chairman, recommending the conferment of the Degree of PhD to the research scholar, shall submit the same, along with the reports of the examiners, to the RAC.
- 23.2.** The RAC, if satisfied based on the reports of the examiners and the viva-voce that the candidate is adjudged worthy of being awarded the Degree of PhD, shall pass a resolution to that effect; and thereupon the candidate shall be admitted to the Degree of PhD.
- 23.3.** Following rule 13.2, "prior to the actual award of the degree, [CVV] shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC Regulations, 2016."

## **24. Depository with UGC**

Following the declaration of the award of PhD to the candidate, the University shall submit a softcopy of the thesis to the UGC within thirty days, for being posted in INFLIBNET, accessible to all institutions/Universities.

## **25. Transitory Provision**

These regulations will come into force for PhD registrations granted in and after the July 2019 session. Without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid regulations, the Vice Chancellor shall have the power, for a period of three years from the date of implementation of the regulation, to modify them to remove any difficulties that may arise while implementing these regulations.