

PUDUCHERRY TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, PUDUCHERRY
PUDUCHERRY TECHNOLOGICAL ACT 2019
SECTION – 14

14.The Vice-Chancellor.—

- (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be a person of academic eminence, competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment, appointed as per the qualifications and norms as prescribed in the Statutes;
- (2) The Vice-Chancellors shall be appointed from among a panel of three names of persons recommended by a Search Committee referred to in sub-section (5) of this section and such a panel shall not contain the name of any member of the Search Committee;
- (3) The identification of a panel of names for the selection of Vice-Chancellor by a Search Committee shall be through a public notification in this regard or by nomination or by a talent search process or a combination thereof;
- (4) The members of the Search Committee shall be persons of eminence in the sphere of Engineering, Technology, Management and Advanced Sciences and shall not be connected in any manner with the University;
- (5) For the purpose of sub-section (2), the Search Committee shall consist of following members to recommend the names for the appointment as Vice-Chancellor, namely:—

(a) A nominee of the Chancellor, who shall be a person of eminence in the field of Engineering/Technology, not below the rank of Vice-Chancellor/ Professor -
Convener;

(b) A nominee of the Government - Member;

(c) A nominee of Board of the Governors - Member;

For the appointment of First Vice- Chancellor, Secretary to Government (Higher and Technical Education), Government of Puducherry shall be the member in place of the nominee of Board of the Governors.

(6) The process for preparing a panel of names shall begin atleast three months before the probable date of occurrence of the vacancy of the Vice-Chancellor;

(7) The Search Committee while preparing the panel, shall adopt a transparent, objective and competitive selection process by giving proper weightage to the academic excellence, exposure to higher education system, academic and administrative experience which must be reflected while including such persons in the panel;

(8) The Search Committee shall recommend unanimously a panel of not less than three names of suitable persons, in alphabetical order. The Search committee shall prepare a report on the suitability of each person included in the panel. In case, the Search Committee fails to make a unanimous recommendation as provided above, each member of the Search Committee may submit one name to the Chancellor. However, non-submission of panel of names by any member of the Search Committee shall not

invalidate the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor;

- (9) In case, none of the persons recommended by the Search Committee is willing to accept the appointment, or if none of the persons recommended is acceptable to the Chancellor, then, the Chancellor may constitute a new Search Committee for the purpose and call for a fresh panel of names of persons from such a new Committee;
- (10) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years, or till he attains the age of superannuation as specified by the University Grants Commission from time to time, whichever is earlier, with no provision for re-appointment/extension;
- (11) The First Vice-Chancellor may be given an extension for one more term subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.
- (12) The term of office of the Vice-Chancellor shall form part of the service period of the incumbent concerned making him/her eligible for all service – related benefits;
- (13) The amount of remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the norms/regulations of the University Grants Commission, in this regard;
- (14) The terms and conditions of service shall not be such that the Vice-Chancellor be deprived of his entitlement in the erstwhile substantive post;
- (15) The Vice-Chancellor may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chancellor, after giving three months' notice, resign from his office and shall cease to hold that office on the acceptance of the resignation by the Chancellor, or on the date of expiry

of the said notice period, whichever is earlier;

(16) It shall be competent for the Chancellor to accept the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor;

(17) The Vice-Chancellor stands disqualified to hold office and may be removed from the office, if, the Chancellor is of the opinion that,-

Before taking steps for the removal of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, under sub-clauses (c) and (d) as mentioned below, a reasonable opportunity to show cause shall be given to him.

(a) has become insane and stands so declared by the Competent Authority;

(b) has been convicted by Court of law for any offence involving moral turpitude;

(c) has become an undischarged insolvent and stands so declared by the Competent Authority; and

(d) has become physically unfit and incapable of discharging his official functions, due to protracted illness or physical disability.

(18) The Vice-Chancellor shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the Chancellor passed on the ground of willful omission or refusal to carry out the provisions of this Act, or abuse of the powers vested in him and after due inquiry ordered by the Government by such a person, who is or has been a Judge of a High Court or the Supreme Court, as may be appointed by the Chancellor, and in which the Vice-Chancellor shall have an opportunity of making his representation;

Provided, that where the enquiry is conducted by a person who is or has been a Judge of High Court or the Supreme Court, the report of such an inquiry shall be forwarded to the Government, and the Chancellor take a final decision after considering the enquiry report submitted in the matter;

(19) When the Vice-Chancellor is unable to exercise his powers, perform his functions and discharge his duties owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the senior most Professor in Engineering shall act as the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

(20) When the post of the Vice-Chancellor falls permanently vacant, either by resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the Chancellor by appointing another person as the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with this Act and the Vice-Chancellor so appointed shall hold office for a full term of five years;

(21) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations are strictly observed and that he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose.
