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ITM University, Gwalior – Administrative/Financial Approval Guidelines

- These guidelines apply to all purchases made via stores;
- These guidelines do not apply to construction dept. bills.

1. Administrative and Financial Approval Powers

Amount Range	Approval Authority
Up to ₹2,00,000	Deans
Up to ₹10,00,000	Registrar
Up to ₹20,00,000	Vice Chancellor

2. Administrative and Financial Approval Process

Step 1: Administrative Approval

 All procurement or expenditure proposals shall begin with Administrative Approval from the competent authority as per the table above, based on necessity and justification.

Step 2: Financial Estimate Submission

- Upon receiving administrative approval:
- A Financial Estimate shall be prepared by the Stores Department by contacting
 multiple vendors to obtain comparative quotations in alignment with quality and
 specification requirements.
- Alternatively, a tentative estimate may be submitted by the procuring department, which shall be verified and authenticated by the Stores Department before further processing.

Step 3: Review by Central Purchase Committee (CPC)

- For all purchases **exceeding ₹5,00,000**, the matter shall be compulsorily referred to the Central Purchase Committee (CPC).
- The CPC shall review the necessity, vendor selection process, pricing, and quality benchmarks.
- The CPC shall then submit its recommendation to the competent authority.

Step 4: Financial Approval

- Based on the financial estimate and/or CPC recommendation, financial approval shall be obtained from the designated authority as per financial limits.
- Only **after the financial approval** is formally recorded, the purchase process shall be initiated by the Stores Department.

Step 5: Purchase Execution

- The purchase shall be executed as per the approved proposal.
- Upon delivery, the department concerned must submit a Satisfactory Quality Report confirming that the goods/services meet the required specifications and standards.



Step 6: Final Payment

- The file shall then be submitted for Final Payment to the same authority who had granted administrative and/or financial approval.
- Before releasing payments the following documents should be ensured:
 - o Administrative approval,
 - o Financial approval,
 - Quality verification before releasing the final payment.

3. Special Provisions

3.1 Services (e.g., Catering, Transport, Car Rentals)

 After administrative approval, final payments for services shall only be made after financial approval has been recorded.

3.2 Consumables (e.g., Prizes, Gifts, Stationery)

 The same standard process of administrative approval, financial estimate and financial approval must be followed.

3.3 Events (e.g., Conferences, Workshops, Cultural Functions)

- Any amount released as advance or payment against sanctioned financial approvals shall not be adjusted unless:
 - A complete event report is submitted,
 - Along with itemized expenditure details, to the authority that granted administrative approval.

4. Central Purchase Committee (CPC) - Scope and Role

- The Central Purchase Committee (CPC) shall act as an internal regulatory and advisory body for all university purchases above ₹5,00,000.
- It shall ensure:
 - Transparency in procurement,
 - Value for money,
 - Fair and competitive vendor selection,
 - Verification of technical and quality standards,
 - Timely submission of its recommendation to the competent authority.

5. Payment Terms and Conditions for non-recurring items:

- Every Note Sheet, Order, and Purchase Order must include:
 - Payment terms (split advance/delivery/final),
 - Name of the payee/vendor,
 - Penalty clauses for delays or non-compliance.
 - Suggested Standard Payment Schedule:
 - 25–30% Advance at the time of order placement,
 - 40–45% on delivery of material/services,
 - 20–25% after satisfactory verification, testing, and installation report within 7– 10 days.
 - In monopoly vendor cases, Post-Dated Cheques (PDC) may be issued, but shall be released only after proper verification and installation reports.



6. Verification and Compliance

- Physical verification shall be performed by an independent staff member from the concerned department, following Stores Department check.
- Submission of a signed departmental report is mandatory for release of the final installment.
- Penalties stated in the Note Sheet or PO shall be strictly enforced in case of vendor delays.
- If there is a mismatch in quality or it is not satisfactory then 7-days return policy should be a part of PO.

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