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The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to close down its dual degree integrated management courses from the academic year 2016-17, stating that these courses do not bear the stamp of approved programmes of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

"Offered with nomenclatures such as BM/BAM/MAM, these programmes were introduced from 2012-13 by the AICTE. The institutions who were running the dual degree courses are given an extension of approval for the five-year integrated MBA courses in lieu of five-year dual degree courses of MBA/MAM," an AICTE official said.

To safeguard the interests of candidates already enrolled for the dual degree courses in Management in the last four academic years, the regulatory body has suggested a few measures in line with the UGC notification.

"Accordingly, there would be an exit option at the end of three years for the students, who have joined the dual degree courses in 2015-16, and prior to that, by awarding a BBA degree instead of BM degree. The students who have completed four years, would be asked to complete one more year and will be awarded BBA/MBA degree after completion of five-years, as there is no exit option at the end of fourth year. Those who would be completing five-years under MBA/MAM dual degree course (s), may be awarded BBA/MBA degrees," AICTE has said.

Senior officials from Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) refused to comment on the move.