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To

The Course Coordinators,
Teacher Training Institutions,
RCI approved Courses (D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(ID), D.E.C.S.E.(ID), D.V.R.(ID))

Sub: **Change of Nomenclature of Mental Retardation to Intellectual Disability as per RPwD Act, 2016 – Reg.**

- Ref: 1. RCI Letter vide File No.: 25-5/NBER(NIEPMD)/RCI/2016/3060 dated 13 March, 2021
2. RCI Circular vide File No.: 3-1/MR/11-RCI dated 24 July, 2019

Sir/Mam,

With reference to the subjects mentioned above, the Rehabilitation Council of India decided that the term “Mental Retardation” used in the syllabus of RCI’s approved diploma, degree and masters level programmes to be replaced with Intellectual Disability with immediate effect.

It has directed NBER to inform all Teacher Training Institutions conducting any programmes in the field of Mental Retardation to make necessary changes accordingly. It has also been advised to incorporate Intellectual Disability in the place of Mental Retardation in all Statement of Marks and Certificate of Diploma Level Courses being issued with immediate effect.

Sd/-
Director, NIEPMD