

Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2015

- The AP Private Universities Act paves the way for Private Participants to enter the domain of Higher Education by establishing Green Field Universities in the state. It is a path breaking legislation in the Private Higher Education field within India.
- Through the AP Private Universities Act, any Sponsoring Body¹ interested in setting up a Private University in Andhra Pradesh may seek government approval by submitting an application containing, among other things, an outline of the purpose & vision of the proposed Private University, the proposal, and the project report.
- The Act, subject to certain conditions, provides for setting up of more than one campus, encourages using modern pedagogic concepts, and provides for permitting distance education programs. It also allows the Private Universities to apply for financial grants from Central and State governments for research projects or any other prescribed academic projects.
- An expert committee, consisting of eminent educationists/industrialists shall be constituted by the government consisting of eminent persons notified by the government to promote, facilitate and assist in establishment of new Private Universities in Andhra Pradesh. The procedure and timeframe for establishing a university is detailed in Section 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Act.
- The Act gives full autonomy, along with full disclosure and autonomy, to the University on starting various academic programme, the admissions process thereof, and on setting fees for the various programmes
- A regulatory authority shall be appointed by the Government for providing outcome oriented and light touch regulatory mechanism at state level for developing high quality higher education institutes.
- Once formed the regulatory authority will create a accreditation framework. The Accreditors will be independent and could be private/public entity

¹ Sponsoring Body includes a society “not for profit” registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001; or (ii) a public trust “not for profit” registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882; or (iii) any other society or trust “not for profit” registered as above and formed by consortia of academic institution(s), industry and/or educational societies; or (iv) any company registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013; or (v) any company other than the company mentioned in item (iv), with such limitations as specified by the Government from time to time.

Diagram 1. Application cycle

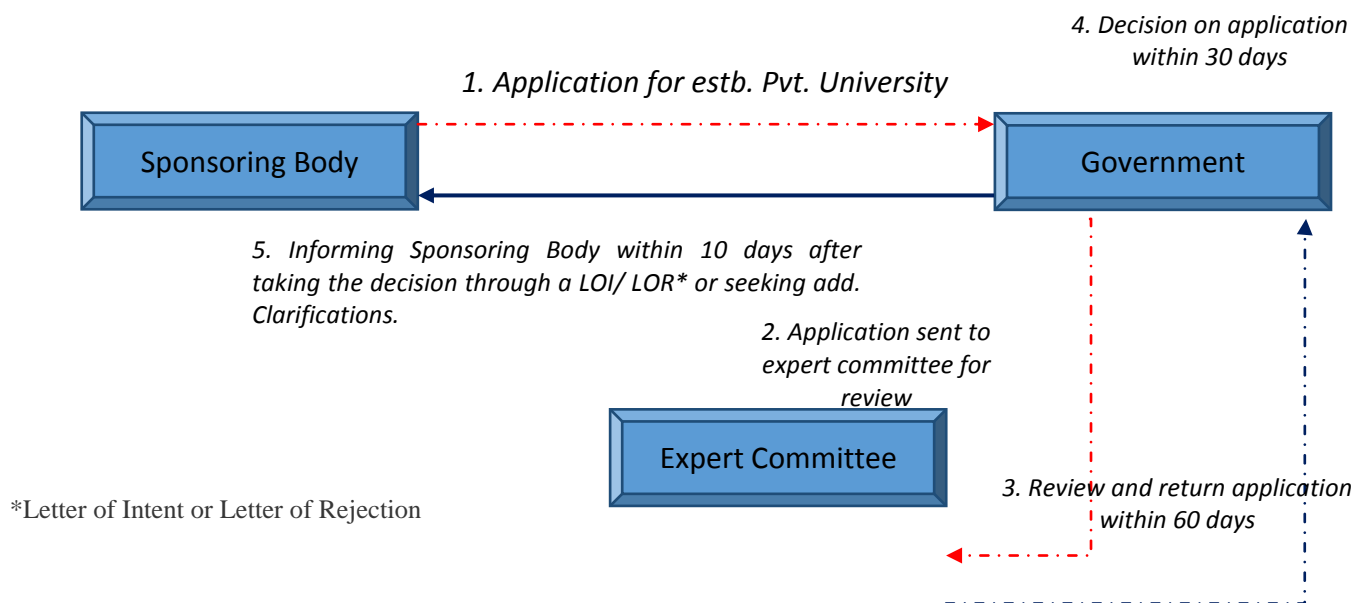


Diagram 2. Approval cycle

