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## **Circular No:1524**

Sub: Common Minimum Pass Mark Percentage for all Subjects (Papers) of all Programmes and abolition of Minimum Pass Mark Percentage for Internals.

Ref: AC resolution in Agenda Item No: AC 2015-13-11

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A common minimum pass mark of 50% in each subject (paper) is usually adopted in all technical universities for all Programmes offered by them. However, the minimum pass mark percentages of various subjects (papers) in the Programmes offered by IMU are as below:

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	Total No. of subjects (papers)	Minimum Pass Mark % in various subjects (papers)					
			35	40	50	53	60	70
1.	B.Tech (NA&OE)	62	37	25				
2.	B.Tech (ME)	88			50			
3.	B.Sc (MS)	49			21	5	17	6
4.	B.Sc (NS)	76		22	18		30	6
5.	B.Sc(SBR)	33			33			
6.	DNS	21		11	10			
7.	DLP	15			12			3
7.	MBA (PSM, ITL)	24			24			
8.	M.Tech (NA&OE, D&HE)	21	12	9				
9.	PGDME	28			28			

It is seen that the minimum pass mark percentage in each subject varies widely from Programme to Programme, and even within a Programme, it varies widely from subject to subject. For example, the minimum pass mark percentage presently found in different Programmes are 35, 40, 50, 53, 60 and 70. In the case of B.Sc (Nautical Science), for example, 22 subjects (papers) have pass mark percentage of 40; 18 subjects have 50; 30 subjects have 60; and 6 subjects have 70. On the other hand, DNS has 11 subjects with pass mark percentage of 40; 10 with 50; while the DLP 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semesters have 50 and 70. B.Tech (Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering) and even the 2 M.Tech programmes have very low pass mark percentage of 35 for some subjects and 40 for others. B.Sc (Maritime Science) has a curious pass mark percentage of 53 for 5 subjects! This state of affairs is unsatisfactory.

While awarding marks for Internals is necessary to ensure that students are regular in attendance, take active part in class rooms, do assignments properly and in time, and study the subjects throughout the semester and don't do just 'crash studies' on the eve of the semester examinations, it may not be necessary to prescribe a minimum pass mark percentage for Internals. In practice, it is seen that this can lead to various types of exploitation of students and sometimes to corruption. There are complaints from students that award of Internal marks is often arbitrary and subjective. 'Repeating' all the components of the Internals (e.g. attendance, classroom participation etc.) is not possible; only some of the components (e.g. internal tests and assignments) can be repeated and even the monitoring is poor. It is in the students' interest to score as high marks in Internals as possible because it will enable them to score high marks overall and also reduce the pressure on them to secure high marks in the external examinations even for a pass.

For the above reasons, the Academic Council considered the proposal to have a Common Minimum Pass Mark Percentage for all Subjects (Papers) of all Programmes and to abolish the Minimum Pass Mark Percentage for Internals and resolved as follows:

“There will be no minimum pass mark for the Internals for all Programmes. This will apply **from the academic year 2015-16 onwards** to the new batches as well as the existing batches.

1. There will be a **common minimum pass mark of 50% overall** and **50% in the external examinations** for all Programmes. This will apply to the new batches of students admitted **from the academic year 2015-16 onwards**.
2. The common minimum pass mark of 50% overall and 50% in the external examinations will also apply to the **existing batches** from the December 2015-January 2016 end-semester examination onwards but **only in respect of those Programmes/ subjects where the minimum pass mark currently is more than 50%**.
3. In respect of those Programmes/subjects **where the minimum pass mark currently is less than 50%, the same will apply** until they complete the Programme(s).

However, the above will not apply to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semester examinations of the Distance Learning Programme (DLP) [relating to On-board Training] of DNS for which separate weightage will apply as prescribed in the Shipboard Structured Training Programme (SSTP).”

  
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1. All Campus Directors
2. All Affiliated Institutes