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**ADVISORY FOR COMPUTATION OF MARKS FOR INSTITUTIONS
OFFERING B.ARCH DEGREE COURSE**

To,

All Chief Secretaries & Director-Technical education of all state governments, Director Higher Technical Education, MHRD, Universities Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Controller of Examination, Heads of Architectural institutes and their Managements.

The onslaught of the pandemic is still unabated and we are facing unprecedented times. In view of the emergency like situation which has affected the normal course of academics, Council issues this advisory to clear confusion of computation methodology and arrive at a uniform process for assessment in all institutes offering B.Arch degree course, across India.

1. ASSESSMENT/JURIES/EXAMS: FOR ALL SEMESTERS (EXCEPT FINAL SEMESTER)

Most of the institutes and universities have either completed their internal assessment and we're waiting for the semester end examinations, as the case may be. However, due to this extraordinary situation due to COVID-19 the semester end examinations could not be conducted. In such a situation, the results have to be computed and declared so that students can move ahead without uncertainty. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and as a onetime measure, the Council is issuing the following advisory which has to be followed in probable situations which are likely to be there depending on the University or as the case may be:

A. OPTION 1:

Usually there are two components- Internal and external (University examination) and the passing is decided on combined or individual passing basis. The percentages amongst the two vary from 30-70 to 50-50.

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It is advised that since the external examination (University end) could not be conducted following should be the recommendatory method:

Internal assessment should be increased to 60%. The external examination component should be not more than 40%. The external component should be calculated on the basis of all previous semester aggregate score. For example, if marks of a 4th semester student are to be computed and his previous semester aggregate score is 76%, 70%, and 65% in the previous semesters his average score to be treated as external examination component would be 70.33%. This is applicable to those students who have failed in any subject in any previous semester as well. For example, a 4th semester student has not cleared one subject and has 30% marks in that particular subject and an aggregate of 45% in that semester and 55 and 60% aggregate marks in other two semesters, his aggregate to be considered for the external examination component would be 53.33%.

For the internal component the University/institute can have their own methodology to arrive at an evaluation which could consist of already conducted unit tests, faculty evaluation, assignments etc. and in consonance with Minimum standards of architectural education prescribed by the council.

B. OPTION 2:

University/Institute should encourage online assessment through assignments and juries for both Internal and external component and the students may be given an option to opt for either of the methods. For the viva-voce, juries, design and studio subject reviews, few online platforms are available and the institute is encouraged to select the most suitable one and are requested to buy an official version to address security concerns. These should be used keeping in mind the mandatory GOI protocols that have been issued.

GENERAL:

1. In the eventuality of the Option 2 not available or feasible, then Option 1 should be followed.
2. All Universities/institutes should send the methodology being followed in their respective formats supplied by the Council when asked for. This will be crucial in providing approval for subsequent registration of graduating students, with the council.

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3. Online access/facility: In case of Option 2, there may be a possibility of restricted access to the internet, reduced bandwidth or other technical problems, especially in rural and other areas. The Institutions are requested to keep this in mind and arrive at a mutually convenient and acceptable framework. However, providing of internet & communication service is not affected by lockdown and the students be given reasonable time to source the same. This should be incorporated on reasonable basis. The student could be given a choice to opt for any of the options. Both the options should be acceptable and assorted choice(s) in a semester should be acceptable. Meaning thereby that in one semester some students may opt for option 1 and some for option 2.

2. ASSESSMENT FOR FINAL SEMESTER:

In an advisory issued by the Council on 22.4.2020, the methodology was made clear and is reproduced here for ready reference:

“All the viva-voce, juries, thesis reviews and final jury should be done on-line and on time. Few online platforms are available and the institute is encouraged to select the most suitable one and are requested to buy an official version to address security concerns by the institutes. These should be used keeping in mind the mandatory GOI protocols that have been issued.

The scanned report/ portfolio/ thesis design/ thesis reports/concept notes in Acrobat (.pdf) may be uploaded on special online drives created by the institute, which may be downloaded and shared with the jury beforehand, for their perusal. This will take care of the submission time and presence.

The jury can meet on any of the platforms by connecting through the links provided to them, where the students can present their portfolio or design and interact with the jury. As a standard protocol time of starting the jury could be conveyed to the students beforehand. A minimum time of 30-40 minutes may be given to each student. The jury should be monitored by the respective incharge and internal juror. The time and duration of the jury should be recorded and conveyed to the student with his/her confirmation and also sent to the university along with assessment marks/report as confirmation of the jury completion. Institutes are encouraged to record the jury for internal purposes and pre-emptying any disputes.

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The mark sheet in excel or word format can be mailed to the jury before hand, which they can fill and mail back through their personal/ official mail. A meeting of the jury and thesis incharge/ internal jury member, for discussing the proceedings of the day or the entire jury process shall be facilitated and recorded. If possible the jury members should be encouraged to read out the marks, already sent by them and the whole process be recorded.

Honorarium to the jury members may be transferred through on-line banking."

Thesis/Dissertation is a very important step in learning to become an architect. Above methodology may be followed for end semester Thesis/Dissertation evaluation. There are few Universities wherein apart from Thesis/Dissertation, there are few theory subjects in the final semester. It is advised to follow the Option1/2 given herein above for the same. Also there are Universities where Thesis is not in the end semester. In such a situation option 1/2 may be followed.

UGC and other Competent Authorities have also issued similar guidelines on conduct of examinations. However, as per SC judgement in CA.No.364 of 2005 dated 8.11.2019, Council of Architecture is the final authority and sole regulator for architectural education in India.

There has been lot of confusion and delay in this process of computation of marks. For clarity and to avoid confusion amongst architectural institutes, Council is issuing this advisory which shall be an acceptable method of assessment.

All Universities and Institutions, Competent Authorities are advised to follow the above in letter and spirit, without compromising the quality of education and standards of our future architects and larger goal of architectural education in our country.

Needless to mention that all have to ensure utmost care and safety of the students, faculty and staff and follow all safety protocols issued by Competent Authorities from time to time.

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