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Notification

This is for information to all the Heads of Institutions, teachers, instructors, students, guardians and other stakeholders that West Bengal State Council of Technical and Vocational Education and Skill Development is going to introduce Semester System for Class XI from Academic Session 2024-25 and for Class XII from Academic Session 2025-26 in line with the State Education Policy 2023.

Salient features of the Semester System are given hereunder:-

1. Course of Study:

The Higher Secondary (Vocational) will consist of four parts, i.e. Semester I, Semester II Semester III and Semester IV.

Class XI has been redesigned as Semester I and Semester II, and Class XII has been redesigned as Semester III and Semester IV.

2. Academic Session:

The academic session of Semester I and Semester III will start from the month of May and will continue till the month of October as per Government holiday schedule of the respective year. Subsequently, Semester II and Semester IV will start in the month of November and will continue till the month of April as per Government holiday schedule of the respective year.

3. Admission

- a) A student, who has passed the Madhyamik Pariksha or equivalent public examination, may be admitted into Semester I within mid of May every year so that the class of Semester I could commence immediately post publication of results.
- b) A student, who has got admitted and registered in Semester I will be eligible for promotion to Semester II within the 30th October every year so that the Class of Semester II can be started from the 1st week of November every year.
- c) A student, who has passed Semester I and Semester II of Class XI, can be admitted into Semester III within the 30th of April every year so that the Class of Semester III can be started from the 1st week of May.
- d) A student, who has got admitted and enrolled in Semester III will be eligible for promotion to Semester IV within the 31st of October every year so that the Class of Semester IV can be started from the 1st week of November every year.

- e) Here, the eligibility to appear for admission in the next superior Semester requires a minimum percentage of attendance in the previous Semester and clearance of all dues as fixed by the Council.

4. Registration

- a) No student shall be allowed to appear in any Semester unless he/she is registered with the Council in Semester I as per the notification of the Council.
- b) A valid candidate, who has been admitted into Semester I of a recognized Institution, should apply for registration with the Council within the 30th of June of the year of admission and/or as per the notification of the Council, through the concerned Head of the Institution through online portal along with the requisite registration fees and all other necessary fees as may be determined by the Council from time to time.

5. Examinations of Semester I and Semester II of Class XI

- a) Semester I Examination of Class XI will be conducted in September-October or as per the notification issued by the Council. Subsequently, Semester II Examination of Class XI will be conducted within the month of March-April every year and will continue on the same cycle until further notification.
- b) Examination of Semester I will be based on Multiple Choice Questions (hereinafter referred as MCQ) and Semester II will be based on Short Answer Type Question (hereinafter referred as SAQ) and Descriptive Question (hereinafter referred as DQ) / Long Answer Type Question (LAQ).
- c) The Practical and Project Examinations within the completion of Semester II will be held in a consolidated manner on annual basis based upon guidelines and timelines provided by the Council.
- d) Semester I and Semester II examination will be conducted by the institute. Institute will take necessary measures for evaluation of Answer scripts, Practical & Project Examination and will publish the results of the students accordingly.
- e) The result of Semester I and Semester II, Project and Practical have to be uploaded by the Institutions in Council's Portal within a specified time period as per the norms and notification issued by Council.
- f) A student will be declared passed in Class XI, if he/she attains the passing criteria as declared by Council in Semester I and Semester II independently.
- g) The students who will not be able to pass in Semester I will be allowed to re-appear in the backlog subjects (supplementary subjects) during Semester II examination in the same session as per schedule of the Council (Herein this examination is named as Supplementary Examination of Class XI). Detail guideline will be issued by Council in due course of time.
- h) The students who will not be able to pass in any of the subjects of Semester II and the backlog subject(s) (if any) of Semester I in the Supplementary Examination, should repeat the Semester I and Semester II afresh in next academic session.

6. Enrolment

A registered and bonafide student who has passed both Semester I and Semester II including practical/project papers separately by attaining the minimum passing criteria as per Council

norms, shall only be eligible to enrol himself/herself for both the subsequent semesters (i.e. Semester III and Semester IV) within the 30th of June or as per notification issued by the Council.

7. Examinations of Semester III and Semester IV of Class XII (Higher Secondary - Vocational)

- a) Semester III Examination of Class XII will be conducted within the month of September or as per notification, issued by the Council. Subsequently, Semester IV Examination of Class XII will be conducted within the month of April every year or as per the notification of the Council and will continue on the same cycle until further notification.
- b) The examinations of Semester III and Semester IV will be conducted by the Council.
- c) Semester III will be based on MCQ and Semester IV will be based on SAQ and DQ / LAQ.
- d) The question papers are to be set and supplied by the Council.
- e) The Practical and Project Examinations within the completion of Semester IV will be held in a consolidated manner on annual basis by the Council.
- f) A student will be declared passed in Class XII, if he/she obtains minimum passing criteria as per Council norms in Semester III and Semester IV independently.
- g) The Result of Higher Secondary (Vocational) Examination of the students will be declared as per the marks obtained in Class XII i.e. in Semester III, Semester IV and in practical/project. Mark Sheet and Pass Certificate will be issued accordingly.
- h) Every candidate should have to pass in all the Semesters (i.e. Semester I, Semester II, Semester III and Semester IV) including practical and project within five years from the year of registration (including the year of registration), otherwise his/her registration will be cancelled.

8. Supplementary Examination

(a) Supplementary Examination of Class XI

- (i) A student who will not be able to clear any of the subject(s) in Semester I, will be allowed to appear for a Supplementary Examination along with Semester II in the same academic year.
- (ii) After appearing this Supplementary Examination as mentioned in (i), if the student is still not be able to clear any of the subject(s) of Semester I and /or if the student is having any backlog papers in Semester II, then he/she needs to appear all the subjects of Semester I and Semester II in the next academic year like a fresh candidate. In that case he/she gets the same opportunity like a freshly admitted candidate in Class XI.
- (iii) This arrangement will continue till the student will be able to clear all the papers of Semester I and Semester II of Class XI, but with the condition that the student needs to pass the H.S. (Vocational) Examination within a maximum period of five years from the year of registration (including the year of registration) failing which his/her registration will be cancelled.
- (iv) This Supplementary Examination will be conducted by the concerned Institutions.

(b) Supplementary Examination of Class XII

- (i) A student who will not be able to clear any of the subject(s) in Semester III will be allowed to appear for a Supplementary Examination along with Semester IV in the same academic year.

- (ii) After appearing this Supplementary Examination as mentioned in (i), if the student is still not be able to clear any subject(s), he/she has to appear those subject(s) with Semester III in the next academic year.
- (iii) After appearing Semester III Examination in the next academic year as mentioned in (ii), if the student is still not be able to clear any subject(s), he/she has to appear the Supplementary Examination for those subject(s) with Semester IV in the same academic year.
- (iv) The cycle will continue and the students will get the opportunity to clear their backlog papers within a maximum period of five years from the year of registration (including the year of registration) failing which his/her registration will be cancelled.
- (v) This Supplementary Examination will be conducted by the Council.
- (vi) The students who will not be able to clear any of the subject(s) of Semester IV, will have to clear their corresponding backlog paper(s) in the next academic year along with the Semester IV Examination.
- (vii) This will continue (as mentioned in (vi) till the students will clear all the backlog papers or till the validity of registration period whichever is earlier.

9. Schedule of Examination:

- (a) The schedule / timelines of examination for all semesters including theory, practical and project shall be prepared and notified by the Council.
- (b) The Council will decide the Centres and Venues for Semester III and Semester IV Examinations. However, Semester I and Semester II will be conducted at Home venue i.e. at the own institution.
- (c) The Council may, if it considers necessary, can change the centre / venue for examination of Semester III and Semester IV with prior notice to all concerned.

10. Semester wise breakup of marks and duration of examinations:

Subjects	Theory marks per subject in Semester I & Semester III each	Duration of Semester I & Semester III examinations each	Theory marks per subject in Semester II & Semester IV each	Duration of Semester II & Semester IV examinations each	Project / Practical marks in consolidated manner on annual basis for class XI and Class XII each
Project based subjects with marks breakup of Theory – 80, Project - 20	40	01 hour 15 minutes	40	02 hours	20
Practical based subjects with marks breakup of Theory – 70, Practical - 30	30	45 minutes	40	02 hours	30
Practical / Project based subjects with marks breakup of Theory – 50, Practical / Project - 50	20	45 minutes	30	1 hour 15 minutes	
Practical based subjects with marks breakup of	Group A 17.5 Group B 17.5 (Examination will be	01 hour 15 minutes for each Group	Group A 17.5 Group B 17.5 (Examination will be	02 hour for each Group	Group A 15, Group B 15

Subjects	Theory marks per subject in Semester I & Semester III each	Duration of Semester I & Semester III examinations each	Theory marks per subject in Semester II & Semester IV each	Duration of Semester II & Semester IV examinations each	Project / Practical marks in consolidated manner on annual basis for class XI and Class XII each
Theory – 70 (Group A 35, Group B 35), Practical – 30 (Group A 15, Group B 15)	conducted out of 35 for each group) *		conducted out of 35 for each group) *		
Practical & Project based subjects with marks breakup of Theory – 50 (Group A 25, Group B 25) Practical – 25, Project - 25	Group A 12.5 Group B 12.5 (Examination will be conducted out of 25 for each group) **	45 minutes	Group A 12.5 Group B 12.5 (Examination will be conducted out of 25 for each group) **	01 hour 15 minutes	50
Practical & Project based subjects with marks breakup of Theory – 30, Practical – 50, Project - 20	15 (Examination will be conducted out of 30) ***	45 minutes	15 (Examination will be conducted out of 30) ***	01 hour 15 minutes	Practical– 50 Project - 20

* Examination will be conducted out of total 70 (Group A and Group B together) and that will be converted into total 35 marks by dividing by 2. This marks will then be taken into account as final marks.

** Examination will be conducted out of total 50 (Group A and Group B together) and that will be converted into total 25 marks by dividing by 2. This marks will then be taken into account as final marks.

*** Examination will be conducted out of 30 and that will be converted into total 15 marks by dividing by 2. This marks will then be taken into account as final marks.

11. Provision for unsuccessful / absent students of Class XI Examination, 2024

All the students who are unsuccessful / have not appeared in Class XI examination till the Academic Session 2023-2024, must continue Class XI examination with newly introduced Semester System from the Academic Session 2024-2025.

12. Discretionary Power of the Chairperson, WBSCTVESD

Any litigation related to this notification, if arises, the Council reserves the power to give the final explanation and if necessary, change or/and modify the notification.

All concerned are further informed that Council will arrange nodal wise online / offline Sensitization Programme for the Head of Institution and teachers for updation and betterment of the process.



Chief Administrative Officer

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