NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Amendment / addition to Board Rules to incorporate transparency in evaluations.

Ref: Board Meeting dated. 23rd August 2011

Principals meeting involving all eight affiliated institutions was held on 28th June 2011 and 5th July 2011 to discuss about the need of transparency in evaluation process in the light of provision under Right to Information Act 2005. It was agreed that BTE needs to demonstrate the fairness of the evaluation system to remove any doubt in the minds of examinees on the correctness of evaluation. At the same time BTE as an examining body has certain limitations such as (1) The identity of examiners / moderators / scrutinizers and any person associated with examination is confidential to avoid undesired impact on the functioning of Board and (2) It is not practicable to offer inspection of answer books beyond fixed schedule considering the large quantity of answer books in each examination. 3) Board should be sensitive to the public interest of maintaining fixed time frame for finalization of result, declaration of relative ranking etc.

Considering all aspects, the Rule 14 of approved rules for semester pattern is modified as below to add the facility of issue of photocopies for inspection, verification in presence and revaluation of answerbooks. The amendment to rules is approved in the Board Meeting held on 23rd August 2011. The rules are applicable to all diploma courses affiliated to Board of Technical Education, Goa state with immediate effect.

Rule 14A: General Verification of Marks by Board Office:

i) Any candidate may apply to the Secretary for general verification of marks in any theory subject.
ii) Such application must be made by the candidate through the Principal of the Institute within seven days from the date of declaration of result and must be accompanied by the prescribed non-refundable fee. No application form/fees shall be accepted by the Board directly.

iii) The verification will be restricted to checking whether all the answers have been assessed and that there has been no mistake in the totalising of marks for each question in that subject and transferring of marks at any stage.

iv) In case any unassessed part is identified during verification, the unassessed portion shall be assessed and additional marks obtained, if any, shall be taken into consideration.

v) In case the candidate's mark is changed on verification, result shall be redeclared and fresh marksheet issued.

Rule 14B: Issue of Photocopies of answerbooks for inspection:

i) Any candidates may apply for photocopies of his/her own answerbook (in Theory Papers) for perusal only along with prescribed non-refundable fees within seven days from the date of declaration of result.

ii) The photocopies of answer books masking examiner’s/moderator’s name & signature will be made available at the Board Office on dates & time as notified. In case the candidate does not report for inspection as per schedule, it will be deemed that the candidate is no more interested to inspect his answerbook.

iii) The candidate must prove his identity by means of identity card containing photograph & signature for issue of photocopies

iv) Inspection of photocopies shall be done in isolation under the supervision of a Board official, and any comments, discussion, arguments or other observation oral or written is strictly prohibited during the inspection of photocopies. Any act of indiscipline during inspection shall be treated as malpractice liable for appropriate penalty as decided by Special Committee.
v) Normally no person other than the candidate shall be allowed to see the photocopy. However one of parents, guardian or sibling may be allowed with candidate, if specifically applied for, and identity is proved.

vi) Photocopies are issued for perusal only and shall be returned within one hour along with a declaration that photocopies have been received, inspected to the candidate's satisfaction, and the photocopy of paper returned.

vii) Any application received after the schedule date prescribed, or applications by anybody other than the candidate, or applications, without the prescribed fee will be summarily rejected.

Rule 14 C: Verification of marks in presence of candidate:
i) Any candidate may avail the facility of verification of marks in theory papers in his/her presence, provided he/she doesn't apply for revaluation in the same subject.

ii) Application for verification in presence shall be submitted within 21 days from the date of declaration of result along with prescribed non-refundable fees.

iii) The facility of verification of marks in presence of candidate shall be made available at the Board Office on dates & times notified. In case the candidate does not report for verification, it will be deemed that he is no more interested in the facility.

iv) Photocopies of the answerbooks masking examiners/moderators name & signature will be made available for verification in presence and changes, if any, shall be transferred to the original by the verifier.

v) The verification of marks in presence shall involve the same checks as described in Rule 14A.

vi) Any discussion or argument beyond the scope of verification will not be permitted. Any act of indiscipline during verification shall be treated as Malpractice liable for appropriate penalty as decided by special committee.
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iii) If any unassessed part is identified during verification, the same shall be assessed later and the additional marks obtained, if any, shall be taken into consideration. No further verification is permissible.

viii) The verification report shall be signed both by candidate and verifier.

ix) In case the candidates mark is changed on verification, the result shall be redeclared and fresh marksheet issued.

Rule 14D: Revaluation of Answerbooks.

i) Any candidate may apply for revaluation of answer book in theory paper alongwith prescribed non-refundable fees within 21 days from the date of declaration of result, provided he/she doesn’t apply for verification in the same subject.

ii) Revaluation shall be done by two examiners and the average total mark of two assessments will be considered.

iii) The marks obtained during revaluation shall be awarded in case of upward change, and downward revision will be considered as no change.

iv) In case the candidate’s mark is changed on revaluation, the result shall be redeclared and fresh marksheet issued.

v) Revaluation will be final and further arguments, correspondence, request for verification etc shall not be permitted.

The schedule for submitting application and the approved fees shall be notified separately.

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