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Engineering Accreditation Department (Curriculum & Development Section)

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**The Vice Chancellors/ Rectors/ Heads
of all HEIs Offering Engineering Programs in Pakistan**

Subject: Policy Guidelines regarding Maximum Semester Academic Load

Respected Sir/ Madam,

Reference to queries of HEIs for PEC guidance and instructions on maximum semester academic load after addition/ adoption of HEC recommended mandatory courses.

2. It is hereby informed that the Convener – PEC Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) has approved to adopt HEC Undergraduate Education Policy (2023) guidelines, that academic load in each semester will be in the normal range of 15-18 credit hours; however, HEIs may offer maximum of 21 credit hours per semester, according to program specific requirement.

3. This provision aims to accommodate newly added mandatory courses in the General Education/ Non - Engineering domains and will be considered for all undergraduate engineering curricula. The same will be depicted in PEC revised Manual of Accreditation and guidelines.

4. The decision is forwarded as policy guidelines and for implementation, please.

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Copy to:

- i. The Convener, PEC Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB).
- ii. The Director Academics-HEC, Islamabad.
- iii. The Registrar, DUET, Karachi.
- iv. PS to Chairman/ Registrar, PEC