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SUBJECT: COURSE LOAD PER SEMESTER

In pursuance to the policy guidelines for uniform semester system already circulated to Universities, it has been observed that few institutions do not follow the recommended credit hours per semester at different levels of qualification. At later stage, the graduates face unnecessary delay in the process of their degree attestation and degree equivalency. Keeping in view, the following recommendations regarding course load at different levels of National Qualifications Framework (NQF) are circulated again for implementation:

| NQF Levels | Qualifications | Course load/Semester |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Level – 05 | Associate Degree | 15-18 credit hours |
| Level – 06 | BS & equivalent | 15-18 credit hours |
| Level – 07 | MS/MPhil & equivalent | 09-12 credit hours |
| Level - 08 | PhD | 09-12 credit hours |

The summer and winter sessions shall only be offered for the deficiency/repetition courses or internship. Further information regarding semester guidelines are available at HEC website www.hec.gov.pk/site/sq

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