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### **If examiners disagree ...**

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The rules on how a student's exam performance should be assessed if examiners disagree on the grade to be awarded can be found in ss. 11 and 12 in the grading scale order<sup>1</sup>:

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**11.** Where both an internal examiner and an external examiner are involved in the assessment, the grade to be awarded shall be agreed upon between them.

(2) If the internal examiner and the external examiner are not in agreement about the grade to be awarded, each examiner shall award a separate grade. The grade awarded for the examination shall then be the average of these grades rounded off to the nearest grade on the grading scale. If the average is half-way between two grades on the grading scale, the final grade shall be the nearest higher grade, if the external examiner has awarded the highest grade, or otherwise the nearest lower grade.

(3) In case of disagreement as to whether the assessment of the performance awarded should be "Pass" or "Fail", the external examiner's assessment shall be decisive.

**12.** If several internal examiners or external examiners take part in the assessment, the assessment shall be given following a discussion between them.

(2) If the internal examiners and the external examiners are not in agreement about the grade to be awarded, the group of internal examiners and the group of external examiners shall give a grade each. If agreement cannot be reached within the group of internal examiners or the group of external examiners, each internal examiner or each external examiner shall give a separate grade. The grade of each group is then the average of the grades awarded by the members of that group rounded off to the nearest grade on the grading scale. The grade shall be rounded up if the average is half-way between two grades. The final grade for the examination shall be the average of the grades awarded by the group of internal examiners and the group of external examiners. If the average is half-way between two grades, the final grade shall be the nearest higher grade if the group of external examiners has given the highest grade, or otherwise the nearest lower grade.

(3) If the internal examiners and the external examiners are not in agreement as to whether the assessment of the student's performance or proficiency should be

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<sup>1</sup> Ministerial Order no. 1601 of 17 December 2014 on the Grading Scale and Other Forms of Assessment of Educations within the Sphere of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (grading scale order)

"Pass" or "Fail", the assessment "Pass" shall be given if this is the assessment given by at least half of the assessors, including at least one external examiner.

***Internal examiner and external examiner***

The rules in s. 11 (2) apply:

- Each of the examiners awards a grade.
- The grade given is the average of the grades awarded by the two examiners rounded off to the nearest grade.
- If the average is half-way between two grades, the grade given by the external examiner decides if the grade is rounded up or down.

***Two internal assessors (examiner and co-examiner)***

The rules in s. 12 (2) apply:

- Each of the examiners awards a grade.
- The grade given is the average of the grades awarded by the two examiners rounded off to the nearest grade.
- If the grade is half-way between two grades, the final grade shall be the nearest higher grade.

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