## Ministry of Higher Education <br> Male' Maldives

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## Merit Point Scoring System for Post Graduate/Masters and PhD courses

A grade point average is calculated based on points given to individual scores on the transcript as specified below.

| Grade |  |  |  |  |  | Numeric <br> Grades | Pts |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Highest Grade | HD (High Distinction) | A | A+ | A- | 1st Class | Excellent | $100-80$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 2nd Highest <br> Grade | D (Distinction) | B | B+ | B- | Upper <br> 2nd Class | V.Good | $79-70$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 3rd Highest <br> Grade | C (Credit) | C | C+ | C- | 2nd Class <br> Lower | Good | $69-60$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 4th Highest <br> Grade | P (Pass) | D | D+ | D- | 3rd Class | Pass | $59-50$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

(If the university's marking scheme differs from the above classification, then the scores are determined according to the university's marking scheme mapped on to the closest possible grading mechanism specified above).

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated as below:
GPA $=$ Total score divided by number of subjects.
For example, a student has achieved 10HD, 5D and 5C.
Total marks $=(10 \times 6)+(5 \times 4)+(5 \times 2)=90$.
$\mathrm{GPA}=90 / 20=\underline{\mathbf{4 . 5}}$

## Merit Point Scoring System for Undergraduate/Bachelor's Degree courses

A grade point is given to individual scores on the transcript as specified below.
Points are given to O' level best six subjects (including SSC) and A' level best three subjects as follows (excluding HSC):

| Grade | O/L \& SSC | A/L \& HSC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{A}^{*}$ | 5 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | 4 | 5 |
| $\mathbf{B}$ | 3 | 4 |
| $\mathbf{C}$ | 2 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{D}$ |  | 2 |
| $\mathbf{E}$ |  | 1 |

## Merit Point Scoring System using Diplomas

Points are given to all grades obtained as above and the sum is divided by the number of subjects taken and then finally converted to a score out of 18 .

For example, a student gets $10 A^{*}, 5 \mathrm{~A}, 5 \mathrm{~B}$ and 10C. i.e. $(10 \mathrm{x} 6)+(5 \times 5)+(5 \times 4)+(10 \times 3)=135$. $135 / 30=4.5$.

This is then converted to a score out of 18: $4.5 / 6 \times 18=\underline{\mathbf{1 3 . 5}}$

* Note: When candidates come in to a tie situation, further points will be given to all subjects of O' Level (including SSC) and A' Level (including HSC).

