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The Editor
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Dear Sir,

The attention of the Council has been invited towards the Article/ News report published in your esteemed newspaper Mumbai Edition under the title "Architecture admissions will not consider Class 12 Marks". The Article is purportedly written/ reported by your correspondent Ms. Shreya Bhandary.

In this regard, it is clarified that as per the COA Regulations of 1983, the Institutions shall not give weightage of more than 50% for marks obtained in Aptitude Test for admission to B.Arch. Course. It may therefore be noted that the same rule is being followed for NATA 2017 and with regard to 10+2 score there is no change in the rule.

The actual admissions in B.Arch. Course are offered by the competent authority of the respective State Government/ University/ Institution as per the said rule, and subject to fulfillment of other requirements as specified by the concerned counseling and admission authority of the State Govt./ University/ Institution.

This is to further clarify that the NATA 2017 brochure does not contain any information contrary to the aforesaid rule.

In view of the above, you are requested to publish the above clarifications and statutory norms of the Council of Architecture, in public interest, in your esteemed National Daily so that the confusion created by the story/ article published in the Newspaper can be rectified and correct information is presented to esteemed readers of your newspaper and the aspiring candidates.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Architecture admissions will not consider Class 12 marks

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MUMBAI: Students preparing for the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2017 were in for a surprise as the recently-released brochure for the exam states that it will not take Class 12 marks into consideration during admissions.

Queries sent to the Council of Architecture reveal that while a score of 50% in Mathematics in Class 12 makes one eligible to appear for the exam, only the NATA score will be considered during admissions to the five-year course.

NATA will be held on April 16, almost a month earlier than usual. In 2016, the exam was held in May.

Students were also surprised to see changes in the NATA paper pattern. The 200-mark paper will now include a 60-mark section on Mathematics.

"Until last year, only general arithmetic questions were asked.

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No specific topics were covered and definitely not for 60 marks. Introducing such changes just months before the test is unfair to students, especially since most Class 12 students are busy preparing for their preliminary examinations now," said Subhash Joshi, trustee with a city-based coaching institute.

This move comes months after the HRD ministry made it clear that no weightage would be given to Class 12 marks while determining the rankings in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)—for admissions to undergraduate engineering institutes — from 2017.

"We are under a lot of stress as we are preparing for the HSC exams. Now, I will have to go back to my Class 11 Mathematics in

order to clear NATA. Our preparation time for the entrance test has also been reduced since the exam will be held in April and we have HSC exams till the last week of March," said Anila D'mello, a Class 12 student staying in Vile Parle.

She added that until the first week of December, students were under the impression that the rules would remain similar to last year's as no mention of any changes were made.

While coaching centres across the city are now making changes to their preparation modules for architecture aspirants, students and parents are upset with the decision.

"When decisions about entrance examinations for professional courses come from the Centre, we assume that there will be some thought put into them. The least they could have done was given students at least a year to prepare for the test," said Mehernosh Patel, parent of an architecture aspirant.