



## **No weightage to board marks in JEE ranking from 2017: Education Ministry**

8 April 2016, New Delhi: An important industry update was announced Thursday that Class XII marks will not be a factor for determining rankings in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admissions to engineering undergraduate courses from next year. An official from HRD (Human Resource Development) Ministry said "After examining the Ashok Mishra committee's report and public feedback, MHRD has decided on a few changes in the JEE pattern for 2017. The present system of allotting 40 per cent weightage to Class XII marks for determining ranks in JEE shall be dispensed with." The official added "Class XII scores will be a crucial parameter only for determining the eligibility criteria for the exam. To qualify for appearing in exam, students need to have at least 75 percent marks or be in top 20 percentile in Class XII examination conducted by respective Boards. SC, ST students should have 65 per cent marks. All other JEE examination systems shall remain unchanged."

Commenting on the development Mr. Shailendra Maheshwari, Director – Academics at Career Point Limited, said, "This is a very positive development for students and the entire system. At present, 12th Class marks are given 40% weightage in calculating the ranks in the JEE Main, which is not a fair criterion in many aspects. We, at Career Point, also raised this issue at many forums. We welcome the change announced by the ministry. He further added that a standing committee's proposal of holding an engineering aptitude test was not given any decision by the ministry and a green signal to enhance intake from 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh candidates in the JEE -Advanced stage is also a positive update for the industry.

JEE (Main and Advanced) is the key engineering entrance exam in India for admissions into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), National Institute of Technology (NIT), Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) and Central government/state government funded institutes. Many private universities and colleges also give admissions in to their engineering courses on JEE score. More than 1.2 million students appeared in JEE-Main this year which was conducted on 3 April 2016.

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