

This is an English translation of "bekendtgørelse om karakterskala ved uddannelser på Uddannelses- og Forskningsministeriets område (karakterskalabekendtgørelsen)". In any discrepancy between the translation and the Danish version is determined, the Danish text published in the Danish Official Gazette (Lovtidende) is valid.

Ministerial Order No. 1125 of 4 July 2022

## Ministerial Order on the Grading Scale for Study

### Programmes offered under Ministry of Higher Education and Science

Pursuant to Sections 22(1) and 30 of the Danish Act on Academy Profession and Professional Bachelor's Degree Programmes, cf. Consolidation Act No. 1343 of 10 December 2019, as amended by Act No. 363 of 9 March 2021 and Act No. 2622 of 28 March 2021, Sections 8(1) and 34(1) of the Danish Act on Universities, cf. Consolidation Act No. 778 of 7 August 2019, Sections 2(2) and (10) and 18(2) of the Act on Open Education (Adult Vocational Education and Training), cf. Consolidation Act No. 609 of 28 May 2019, Sections 19 and 30(2) of the Danish Act on Basic and Higher Vocational Education and Training (the Upper Secondary Education System) for Adults, cf. Consolidation Act No. 1038 of 30 August 2019, Section 15(1) and (2) of the Danish Act on Authorisation of Healthcare Professionals and of Professional Healthcare Activity, cf. Consolidation Act No. 731 of 8 July 2019, Section 34(2) and (4) of the Danish Act on Pharmacy Practice, cf. Consolidation Act No. 801 of 12 June 2018, and after consultation with the Minister for Health, the following Ministerial Order shall be adopted by delegation and by authorisation pursuant to Section 3(9) and (20), Section 7(12), (56) and (57), Section 8(21) and (29) of Order No. 979 of 24 June 2022 on the delegation of the powers of the Minister for Higher Education and Science to Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science:

## Chapter 1

### *The 7-point grading scale*

**Section 1.** The numerical assessment of an examination performance shall be based on the 7-point grading scale, cf. Appendix 1. The 7-point grading scale and the corresponding letter of the ECTS scale, as set out in Appendix 2, shall be used on diplomas and certificates.

**Section 2.** The grade 12 is given for an excellent performance displaying a high level of command of all aspects of the relevant material, with no or only a few minor weaknesses.

**Section 3.** The grade 10 is given for a very good performance displaying a high level of command of most aspects of the relevant material, with only minor weaknesses.

**Section 4.** The grade 7 is given for a good performance displaying good command of the relevant material, but also some weaknesses.

**Section 5.** The grade 4 is given for a fair performance displaying some command of the relevant material, but also some major weaknesses.

**Section 6.** The grade 02 is given for a performance meeting only the minimum requirements for acceptance.

**Section 7.** The grade 00 is given for a performance which does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance.

**Section 8.** The grade -3 is given for a performance which is unacceptable in all respects.

**Section 9.** The minimum pass grade is 02.

## Chapter 2

*Entry into force and transitional provisions*

**Section 10.** This ministerial order enters into force on 1 September 2022.

*Subsection 2.* Ministerial Order No. 114 of 3 February 2015 on the Grading Scale and Other Forms of Assessment in Study Programmes under Ministry of Higher Education and Science is repealed.

*Subsection 3.* Ministerial Order No. 548 of 29 April 2022 on the Grading Scale for Study Programmes under Ministry of Higher Education and Science is repealed.

**Section 11.** For students who have been awarded grades according to the Danish 13 grading scale and who have not completed and passed their study programme, Subsections 2-4 apply.

*Subsection 2.* On diplomas, exam certificates or leaving certificates issued on or subsequent to 1 September 2007, grades according to the Danish 13 grading scale are converted to the 7-point grading scale. Any grade point average shall be calculated in accordance with the grades obtained on the 7-point grading scale. For converted grades, the grades awarded on the Danish 13 grading scale must also be stated on the diploma or exam certificate.

*Subsection 3.* A partial grade awarded according to the Danish 13 grading scale must be converted to the 7-point grading scale if one or more partial grades have been awarded according to the 7-point grading scale, so that the final grade is awarded in accordance with the 7-point grading scale.

*Subsection 4.* Conversion must be based on the information in Appendix 3.

*Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science, 4 July 2022*

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## Appendix 1

### The 7-point grading scale

12	For the outstanding performance
10	For the excellent performance
7	For the good performance
4	For the fair performance
02	For the adequate performance
00	For the inadequate performance
-3	For the poor performance

## Appendix 2

### The 7-point grading scale and the corresponding letter of the ECTS scale and a description of the grades in the 7-point grading scale

The 7-point grading scale	The ECTS scale	A description of the individual marks in the 7-point scale
12	A	For an excellent performance displaying a high level of command of all aspects of the relevant material, with no or only a few minor weaknesses
10	B	For a very good performance displaying a high level of command of most aspects of the relevant material, with only minor weaknesses
7	C	For a good performance displaying good command of the relevant material but also some weaknesses
4	D	For a fair performance displaying some command of the relevant material but also some major weaknesses
02	E	For a performance meeting only the minimum requirements for acceptance
00	For example,	For a performance which does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance

-3	F	For a performance which is unacceptable in all aspects
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## Appendix 3

### Translation scale

Danish 13 grading scale	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	03	00
The 7-point grading scale	12	12	10	7	7	4	02	00	00	-3