

BANGLA, ENGLISH EXAMS Dakhil marks equalised with SSC

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Students appearing at Dakhil exams from next year will sit for the same marks in the subjects of Bangla and English as those of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) candidates.

Previously exams of each of the subjects consisted of 100 marks for Dakhil students and 200 marks for SSC students. Now the exams would be out of 200 for all.

The decision came at a meeting of the education ministry on upgrading madrasa curriculum at the ministry's conference room yesterday attended by people involved with madrasa education and Alim and Ulemas.

The attendees and madrasa students hailed the decision which they say will help remove the barriers faced by madrasa students appearing for university admission.

The admission requirements in several universities including Dhaka University are fixed in line with SSC and HSC grading.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said the modernisation process of madrasa education, in line with the national education policy, has been initiated with the "historic" decision.

Dakhil-level students will now be sitting for a total of 1,300 marks, he said.

"The decision was taken unanimously" paving the way for parity at Dakhil and SSC level, he said, adding that in the near future the same would be done for Alim candidates.

AMM Samsul Alam Chowdhury, joint-secretary of Jamitul Modarresin, the country's largest platform of madrasa teachers, said, "We are glad at the decision as it would remove the barriers faced by madrasa students during university admission, specially at Dhaka University."

Education Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Madrasa Education Board Chairman Abdun Nur, Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Khatib Prof Maulana Muhammad Salahuddin and principals and teachers of different madrasas were present.