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To Whom It May Concern

PRACTICAL/VACATION WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR BSc (MECHANICAL) DEGREE

As part of the degree programme, the Discipline of Mechanical Engineering requires that each student to undertake a minimum of 12 weeks practical work. An appreciation of a real working environment enables students to consider their studies in context.

Students must spend a part of each long vacation doing practical work. Vacation work is to be arranged and undertaken by students during the degree in fields relevant to Mechanical Engineering. The student must submit a report on the work conducted, to the University within six weeks of the conclusion of each vacation work period. A "Certificate of Progress", which states the dates worked, must accompany the report. The employer or a direct supervisor of the student must sign the certificate.

As to the type of practical work required, this will depend on the number of factors such as the level academic achievement of the student and the type of Industrial Organization the students are entering. The technical difficulty of the work given to a first year student would not be the same as that given to a final year student. Because of the range of acceptable practical work different organizations may offer, it is not possible to lay down exactly what the student must do.

Should any further information be required, please feel free to email me.

Yours sincerely,

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