

Commission approved Criteria (939th meeting of the Commission)

1. A subject benchmark panel should have a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 10 members.
 2. The above should include all senior professors of the subject.
 3. It should also include all professors of the subject.
 4. The panel must also include two eminent members from the subject community/industry nominated and selected by the subject academic community. Criteria for selection should be specified.
 5. Thus the number in a panel could vary from 10-20 depending on the subject.
 6. If the total of professors + senior professors is more than 18, these 18 members should be selected by the subject members themselves after deciding on a criteria for such selections
 7. If the number of senior professors+ professors is less than 10, Heads of Departments of the subject should be invited to the panel.
 8. If then the number exceeds 18 , these 18 members should be selected by the subject members themselves after deciding on a criteria for such selections
 9. There should be a chairman, secretary and editor in each final panel of 20 members
 10. All members of the SBM formulation panel to receive an appointment letter from the UGC.
- Under exceptional circumstances, where a minimum of eight (8) subject experts at the ranks of Senior Professor, Professor or Head of Departments are not available to be nominated within the university system, the Standing Committee may nominate the most competent and suitably qualified subject experts from related disciplines even if the composition of the Subject Benchmarking committee slightly deviates from the approved composition' **(1049.9.4 Commission decision)**