**INTERPRETATION**

This is a nonbinding translation of the Regulation. If any question regarding the meaning and interpretation of the present regulation arises, the Portuguese Version should prevail.

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**Regulation of the maximum number of credits to which a student can enroll in each academic year and semester**

**Article 1**

**Object**

The purpose of the present regulation is to establish the maximum number of credits (ECTS) to which each student can enroll in each academic year and semester, from the 2022/23 academic year, in the 1st and 2nd cycle courses taught at this Institute, complementing the regime established by Decree-Law no. 42/2005, of 22nd February, and Decree-Law no. 74/2006, of 24th March, both in their current wording.

**Article 2**

**General rule**

1 — In the academic year 2022/2023 and, as a rule, in subsequent academic years, the maximum credit limit (ECTS) to which a student can enroll in the academic year and in each of its two academic semesters is 72 (seventy and two) credits (ECTS) and 36 (thirty-six) credits (ECTS), respectively, with the exception of finalist students, for which this maximum limit cannot exceed 42 (forty-two) ECTS credits, applicable to the enrollment in what is estimated to be their last academic semester.

2 — Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous number, the President of IST, by order published at the end of the previous academic year, on the IST website and on Fenix, after hearing the Scientific and Pedagogical Councils, may set a maximum credit (ECTS) limit in which a student can enroll in that academic year and in each of its two academic semesters to complete the study cycle, different from the one now established.

**Article 3**

**Special cases**

1 — By order of the President of IST, with the possibility of delegation to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, a substantiated request submitted by the student before the start of the enrollment period for the conclusion of a study cycle can be authorized, taking into account the academic curriculum of the student and the reasons invoked by him, for the enrollment in a higher number of ECTS than that defined in the final part of no. 1 of the previous article or in the annual dispatch of the President of the IST, mentioned in the no. 2 of the previous article.