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कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय (Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship)
प्रशिक्षण महानिदेशालय (Directorate General of Training)

04th Floor Kaushal Bhawan,
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Dated: 31.10.2025

Office Memorandum

Subject: Linking Vocational Qualification with School Education through NIOS-reg

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Ministry of Education, had made a provision for ITI trainees to obtain 10th/12th certification to promote vertical and horizontal mobility for ITI/NSTI trainees, and enhance employability by facilitating certification in both vocational and academic domains.

2. With the objective of providing academic equivalence to NSQF-compliant ITI qualifications, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NIOS has been renewed. A copy of the renewed MoU is available on the DGT website at <https://dgt.gov.in/en/mou-s>.

3. Under the provisions of the renewed MoU, learners will be required to complete a minimum of five (05) subjects for 10th/12th level certification through NIOS. The subject combinations are as follows:

i. **For 2-Year NTC Trades**

No.	Group/Level	Subject Combination	Study Hours
1	(A) ITI/NSTI Trades/Courses	Maximum of four subjects from a particular NSQF-compliant trade under CTS. Marks of all four subjects to be transferred under the Transfer of Credit (ToC) system.	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 960 hours)
2	(B) Academic Subject	Minimum one language subject from Group A of NIOS. Learners may additionally opt for two more subjects	Minimum 240 hours

		from any group offered by NIOS. (list of group-wise subject enclosed)	
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ii. **For 1-Year NTC Trades**

No.	Group/Level	Subject Combination	Study Hours
1	(A) ITI/NSTI Trades/Courses	Maximum of three subjects from a particular NSQF-compliant trade under CTS. Marks of all three subjects to be transferred under the ToC system.	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 720 hours)
2	(B) Academic Subject	Any two academic subjects, including at least one language from Group A and one from any other NIOS subject group. Learners may also opt for two additional subjects from any group.	Minimum 240 hours $\times 2 = 480$ hours

iii. **For 1-Year NTC Trade + 1-Year NAC Certificate**

No.	Group/Level	Subject Combination	Study Hours
1	(A) CTS/ATS Courses/Trades	Maximum of four subjects from CTS and/or ATS. Marks of all four subjects to be transferred under the ToC system.	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 960 hours)
2	(B) Academic Subject	Minimum one language subject from Group A of NIOS. Learners may also take up to two additional subjects from any NIOS group.	Minimum 240 hours

Note:

- Admission to NIOS shall be carried out strictly as per the norms and procedures prescribed by NIOS from time to time.
- Learners will be required to pay admission and ToC fees as per NIOS guidelines.
- NIOS will accredit willing ITIs/NSTIs affiliated with DGT as **Special Accredited Institutions for Academic and Skill Development (SAIASD)** for facilitating the implementation of this programme.
- For registration for the 10th /12th Certification through NIOS, willing candidates may visit the NIOS website at the link <https://nios.ac.in/iti> for further details and enrolment.

4.. To ensure effective implementation and wide publicity of the above arrangements, all State/UT Directorates dealing with ITIs, Apprenticeship Advisers, RDSDEs, CSTARI, and NIMI are requested to undertake the following actions so that trainees can effectively get the benefits of these provisions.

i. **Coordination with NIOS Centres:** A list of NIOS Study Centres in ITIs/NSTIs is enclosed for reference and necessary coordination regarding

learner enrolment, ToC verification, and academic support. List of these centres may be revised or expanded in the future, and the same shall be communicated to all stakeholders.

- ii. **Awareness Workshops:** RDSDEs shall organize State-level workshops jointly with NIOS Regional Centres to apprise ITIs/NSTIs and other stakeholders about the provisions and processes under the MoU.
- iii. **Awareness Sessions at CSTARI:** During ongoing training programmes for ITI Principals/Instructors, CSTARI shall organize a dedicated session in collaboration with NIOS Regional Office on enrolment, ToC mechanism, and certification benefits.
- iv. **Promotion through Apprenticeship Melas:** State/UT Directorates, Apprenticeship Advisers, and RDSDEs may include information sessions on this initiative during Apprenticeship Melas and outreach events.
- v. **Publicity and Reporting:** RDSDEs and State Directorates shall ensure wide publicity through institutional networks, websites, and social media platforms and furnish periodic reports on outreach activities undertaken.

5. This initiative marks a significant step towards integrating vocational and general education, fostering lifelong learning, and strengthening the national skilling ecosystem through flexible learning pathways.

Yours Sincerely,



(N.R. Aravindan)
Director, DGT

Encls: As above

To

- 1. All State/UT Directorates dealing Skill Development Programs /ITIs
- 2. All Central Regional Apprenticeship Advisers, State Apprenticeship Advisers, Joint Apprenticeship Advisers,
- 3. All Regional Directorates of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDEs)
- 4. Director, CSTARI, Kolkata
- 5. The Executive Director, NIMI Chennai
- 6. NSTIs Principal/ HoDs

Copy for information and necessary action:

- 1. The Secretary, NIOS