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Dated: *As digitally signed*

CIRCULAR

Subject: Implementation of Centralized Practical Examination Question Papers for Top Seven (7) Trades in the Upcoming CTS Mains Examination (July-August 2026) for Sessions 2024-26 (2nd Year of two-year course), 2025-27 (1st Year of two-year course) and 2025-26 (one-year course and six months course (batch II)) for Regular and Private Trainees – regarding.

In continuation to circular issued on this subject vide circular of even number dated 25 May 2026, it is informed that centralized and uniform practical examination question papers will be shared by the DGT for the following seven (7) highest-enrollment CTS trades for the upcoming CTS AITT (Mains Examination - 2026):

- i. Electrician
- ii. Fitter
- iii. Electronics Mechanic
- iv. MMV (Mechanic Motor Vehicle)
- v. COPA (Computer Operator and Programming Assistant)
- vi. Welder
- vii. Mechanic Diesel

Note:

- a) *For all other remaining CTS trades, the respective State Directorates/UT Administrations shall continue to exercise their mandate to set practical examination question papers at state level, in accordance with the SSDEC order and examination shall be conducted as per schedule provided by the DGT vide letter of even number dated 15 May 2026.*
- b) *Separate practical question paper will be shared for each day of the examination scheduled from **06 July to 10 July 2026** by the DGT for the top 7 trades.*

2. In **partial modification** to the examination guidelines, roles & responsibilities for practical examination mentioned in the circular of even number dated 25 May 2026, the following is issued:

EXAMINATION GUIDELINES, ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OF TOP SEVEN TRADES

I. Responsibilities of the DGT

- **Sample Sets:** In order to appraise all concerned stakeholders regarding the pattern and standard of questions to be asked in the centralized examination, a sample set of the practical question paper along with its corresponding Bill of Materials (BoM) has been shared by the DGT with all States, UTs, and NSTIs via email well on 17 June 2026. Further, sample practical examination question paper for top seven trades have been made available on the Bharat Skills Portal (bharatskills.gov.in) also.
- **Bill of Materials (BoM):** The Bill of Materials (BoM) (i.e., the list of raw materials to be used during the practical examination) for all days' practical examination has been shared by the DGT with the States/UT Directorates and NSTIs on 22 June 2026.
- **Practical Question Papers:** The DGT will make the Practical exam Question Papers (QPs) (in **English language only**) available one day before each examination day in a password-protected file format. To ensure redundancy and smooth operational access, the QPs will be distributed through two channels concurrently:
 1. Transmitted via email to all State/UT Directorates and NSTIs, AND
 2. Made available directly via the respective exam centre (ITI approver) and state-level logins on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal.
- **Password of the QPs:** The DGT will share the password for the corresponding day's question paper on the day of examination, half an hour before the commencement of the examination.
- **The Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for distribution and access of Question Paper and Evaluation Criteria** through above two channels is provided at **Annexure I**.

II. Responsibilities of State & UT Directorates / Nodal ITIs

- State Directorates must further circulate the sample practical question papers to all ITIs under their jurisdiction so that trainees get acquainted with the pattern and standard of the question paper.
- Upon receipt of the Bill of Materials (BoM) through email, State Directorates must further circulate it immediately to all examination centres under their jurisdiction to ensure timely procurement of raw materials well before the exam.

III. Responsibilities of the Practical Examination Centres (ITIs / NSTIs)

- The exam centre should ensure the timely purchase of raw materials as per the Bill of Materials (BoM) received from the State Directorate well before the schedule of the exam. The exam centre shall ensure the complete readiness of the examination room, hall, workshops, and equipment well before the scheduled examination date.
- Examination centres must download the password-protected question paper file one day prior to each examination day, utilizing either their SIDH portal login or the email communication received from their respective State Directorate/Nodal ITI.

- In the event that any examination centre does not receive the practical question paper on the eve of the examination, or fails to receive the password half an hour before the scheduled start time, the concerned examination centre must immediately contact their designated Nodal ITI or the State Directorate to prevent any delay in the conduct of the examination.
- Facilities for the multiplication (creating copies) of the Practical exam question papers must be available in-house within the exam centre or ITI. Photocopying of the question paper from outside of the exam centre or the movement of the question paper outside the exam centre premises before the completion of the exam is strictly prohibited.
- The concerned exam centre must ensure that a unit, trade, and exam-wise attendance sheet of trainees appearing for the examination is prepared before the day of the examination. The same must include trainee Permanent Registration Numbers (PRNs) as per the SIDH portal and should be provided directly to the Examiner for the concerned unit.
- Examiner will evaluate the practical job as per the evaluation criteria that will be provided along-with the Question Paper.

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परीक्षा नियंत्रक / निदेशक, डीजीटी / **Controller of Examination / Director, DGT**

Encls: As above

To

1. All the Directors/Commissioners of the States/UTs (Dealing with Craftsmen Training Scheme)
2. All the Regional Directors, RDSDE & Principals, NSTIs

Copy for information to:

1. Sr PPS to the Director General (Training), DGT, New Delhi.
2. DDG(Hqrs.), DDG(East), DDG(South), DGT
3. Executive Director, NIMI, Chennai.
4. DEXIT Global Limited.
5. SIDH Team, NSDC

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Annexure I**SoP for Distribution of Centralized AITT-CTS 2026 Practical Examination Question Paper**

1. The Practical Examination Question Paper (QP), along with the corresponding Evaluation Criteria and Bill of Materials (BoM), will be generated in PDF format through the automated Question Paper authoring application from Question Bank developed by NIMI.
 2. The Question Paper will be created through the authoring system based on predefined examination rules, parameters, and randomization logic configured for each trade and batch.
 3. The system-generated Question Paper for each day shall be unique and shall not include questions used in previous days.
 4. The generated PDF files will be encrypted and password protected prior to distribution.
 5. The DGT will make the Practical exam Question Papers (QPs) (in **English language only**) available one day before each examination day in a password-protected file format. To ensure redundancy and smooth operational access, the QPs will be distributed through two channels concurrently:
 - i. **Channel 1:** Transmitted via email to all State/UT Directorates and NSTIs, AND
 - ii. **Channel 2:** Made available directly via the respective exam centre (ITI approver) and state-level logins on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal
- i. **Channel 1: Via Email to States and NSTIs**
- a) The encrypted PDF Question Papers will be transmitted to the designated email IDs of the State / UT Directorates and NSTIs through a licensed and secure third-party file-sharing platform Progress ShareFile Secure Platform.
 - b) Emails will be received by state and NSTIs from email id mail@sf-notifications.com
 - c) To access and download the encrypted PDF Question Papers the following process has to be followed:
Click on View Encrypted Message-----Enter Name & Company Name-----
---- Create Password-----Click Phone number-----Enter Phone number
and click continue-----Enter OTP
 - d) During second time logging, only email and password has to be entered.
 - e) The system-generated password required for decrypting the Question Paper PDF will be communicated separately to the authroised recipients' email IDs and mobile numbers.
 - f) The password communication shall be triggered automatically at a predetermined time, which will be one hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the examination.
 - g) The date wise delivery schedule for sample question paper, bill of material and question paper is defined in below table:

Table 1: Items Deliverable Schedule

S No.	Date	Task	Deliverables	Count of QPs
1	17-Jun-26	Mock Test	11 Sample QPs along with Evaluation Criteria and BOMs to 36 State/UT Directorates delivered via Progress Share	11
2	22-Jun-26	29 BOMs	29 BOMs to 36 State/UT Directorates delivered via Progress Share	-
3	05-Jul-26	Day-1 QPs	To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-1 exam via Progress ShareFile by 10 AM	7
4	06-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-2 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password*" via email & text message by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-2 exam via Progress ShareFile by 10 AM	7
5	07-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-3 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" via email & text message by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-3 exam via Progress ShareFile by 10 AM	7
6	08-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-4 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" via email & text message by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-4 exam via Progress ShareFile by 10 AM	4
7	09-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-5 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" via email & text message by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-5 exam via Progress ShareFile by 10 AM	4
8	10-Jul-26	Password	To deliver the exam day "Password" via email & text message by 8:30 AM	

* A single password for each day for all PDF files will be shared.

- ii. Channel 2: Made available directly via the respective exam centre (ITI approver) and state-level logins on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal
- a) As a concurrent step, the encrypted PDF Question Papers, evaluation criteria and passwords will be made available directly on the respective exam centre (ITI approver) and state-level logins on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal.
 - b) The PDFs will be made available only in the approver login of the ITIs mapped as practical examination centres. Other ITIs, which are not mapped as practical examination centre, will not be able to access the question papers and evaluation criteria in their logins.
 - c) The menu for downloading the documents will be available at the bottom in the ITI Approver login on the SIDH portal by the name “Practical Examination Question Paper”.
 - d) On clicking the “Practical Examination Question Paper” menu, OTP sent on ITI approver mobile number has to be entered.
 - e) The documents will be made available in day wise folders.
 - f) The encrypted practical examination question papers and evaluation criteria for all 7 trades will be made available in the corresponding day’s folder one day before the examination.
 - g) The passwords for decrypting the practical examination question papers and evaluation criteria will be provided on the examination day one hour before the examination (i.e. 8:30 AM) in the corresponding day’s folder.
 - h) The date wise delivery schedule for question paper and evaluation criteria in the exam centre login is defined as below:

iii. Table 2: Items Deliverable Schedule

S No.	Date	Task	Deliverables	Count of QPs
1	29-Jun-26	Mock Test	To Deliver the 11 Sample QPs along with Evaluation Criteria and BOMs to in Exam Centre Approver login in Mock Folder	11
2	05-Jul-26	Day-1 QPs	To deliver QPs for Day-1 exam in 06 Jul Folder in Exam Centre Approver login by 10 AM	7
3	06-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-2 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 06 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-2 exam 07 Jul Folder in Exam Centre Approver login by 10 AM	7
4	07-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-3 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 07 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-2 exam 08 Jul Folder in Exam Centre Approver login by 10 AM	7
5	08-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-4 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 08 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver QPs to States and NSTIs for Day-2 exam 09 Jul Folder in Exam Centre Approver login by 10 AM	4
6	09-Jul-26	1) Password & 2) Day-5 QPs	1) To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 09 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM 2) To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 10 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM	4
7	10-Jul-26	Password	To deliver the exam day "Password" in the 10 Jul Folder by 8:30 AM	

* A single password for each day for all PDF files will be shared.