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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

AND

Directorate General of Training (DGT)

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This "**Memorandum of Understanding**" hereinafter referred to as "MoU" is signed on this day of **16th October, 2025** between the following two parties:

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) an autonomous Institution, under Ministry of Education, Government of India, having its office at A-24-25, Institutional Area, Sector-62, NOIDA, UP - 201309, (hereinafter referred to as the first party) through its Secretary, which expression shall, mean and include successors in office).

AND

Directorate General of Training (DGT), under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) having its Head Office at Kaushal Bhawan, New Moti Bagh, New Delhi -110023 hereinafter referred to as the Second Party, through its DG (which expression shall mean and include successors in office).

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Whereas, NIOS and DGT agree to offer the skill courses through the distance learning mode and to attain the following objectives through this MoU:

- 1.1. Break the barriers between school education and skill development;
- 1.2. Open pathways for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) / National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) pass outs (from regular course of Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) for horizontal and vertical mobility;
- 1.3. Integrate the pathways between Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) towards school education certification.
- 1.4. Enhance employability of National Trade Certificate (NTC) under CTS / National Apprentice Certificate (NAC) under ATS .
- 1.5. Enable NTC/ NAC pass outs to move to appropriate academic courses/programs (Senior Secondary/Degree Courses);

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1.6. Accept subjects taught under CTS / ATS Scheme for academic equivalence under credit transfer; and

1.7. Enable NTC/NAC holders to earn Secondary/Senior secondary qualification.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NIOS

The responsibilities of NIOS under this MOU will be as under:

2.1 NIOS will accept credit transfer of :

a) **Four subjects** for:

i. two-year NTC

or

ii. 01-year NTC plus 01 Year NAC trades

or

b) **Three subjects** for one-year trades successfully completed by a trainee in any of the courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) of DGT pursued in an ITI/NSTI.

2.2 NIOS will offer:

a) **minimum one subject** for category 2.1.a above.

b) **minimum two subjects** for category 2.1.b above

to complete the requirement for Secondary/Senior Secondary certification: The subjects are as below:

(a) **Minimum One Language subject** from group A of NIOS for category 2.1.a above

or

(b) **Minimum One Language subject** from group A and one subject from any Group of subjects from NIOS for category 2.1.b above.

(c) In addition to above, one can take maximum of two additional subjects from any group offered by NIOS.

2.3 The learners will have to complete minimum five subjects for certification. The subject combination is as below:

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Sl. No	Group/ Level	Subject combination	Study hours
For 2-year NTC Trades			
1	(A) ITI/NSTI Trades/ courses	Maximum of Four subjects from a particular NSQF compliant trade of CTS. Marks of all Four to be transferred from CTS under Transfer of Credit (TOC).	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 960 Hours).
2	(B) Academic subject	Minimum one language subject from group A of NIOS. However, learners can take any two additional subjects from any group of subjects from NIOS.	Minimum 240 hours
For 1-year NTC Trades			
1	(A) ITI/NSTI Trades/ courses	Maximum Three subjects from a particular NSQF compliant trade of CTS. Marks of all three to be transferred from CTS under Transfer of Credit (TOC).	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 720 Hours).
2	(B) Academic subject	Any two academic subjects with minimum one language from group A offered and one subject from any Group of subjects offered by NIOS. However, learners can take any two additional subjects from any group of subjects from NIOS.	Minimum 240 hours X 2 = 480 Hours
For 01-year NTC Trades plus 01-year NAC certificate			
1	(A) CTS/ATS courses/ trades	Maximum Four subjects from CTS &/or ATS. Marks of all four to be transferred from CTS &/or ATS under Transfer of Credit (TOC).	Minimum 240 hours per subject (Total 960 Hours).

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2	(B) Academic subject	Minimum one language subject from group A of NIOS. However, learners can take any two additional subjects from any group of subjects from NIOS.	Minimum 240 hours
Note: The admission in NIOS will be done as per NIOS norms prescribed from time to time by NIOS. Accordingly, learners will have to pay admission and TOC fees as per NIOS norms			

- 2.4 Accredited willing ITIs affiliated by DGT/NSTI under DGT as its Study Centre's called Special Accredited Institutions for Academic and Skill Development (SAIASD) for training the learners admitted to the proposed program, as per NIOS norms;
- 2.5 Admit the willing learners studying in course of CTS/CTS plus ATS for this program. The learners joining two-year courses in ITI/NSTI under CTS / 01-year NTC plus 01 Year NAC after class VIII will be eligible to enroll simultaneously with NIOS for Secondary Course with one language subject being offered by NIOS. Similarly, learners joining two years course of ITI's under CTS of DGT or 01-year NTC plus 01 Year NAC, after class tenth will be eligible to enroll simultaneously in NIOS for Senior Secondary level with one language subject being offered by NIOS. The NIOS will accept Transfer of Credit for four subjects as mentioned in table above.
- 2.6 The learners joining one year courses in ITI/NSTI under CTS of DGT after class VIII will be eligible to enroll simultaneously with NIOS for Secondary Course with any two academic subjects with minimum one language from group A subjects and one subject from any Group of subjects offered by NIOS. Similarly, learners joining one-year course of ITI's/NSTI under CTS of DGT, after class tenth will be eligible to enroll simultaneously in NIOS for Senior Secondary level with any two academic subjects with minimum one language from group A subjects and one subject from any Group of subjects offered by NIOS. The NIOS will accept Transfer of Credit for three subjects as mentioned in the table above.
- 2.7 For students of one-year duration CTS trades with Class X seeking to acquire class XII certification; minimum 2 years gestation period from passing secondary examination year is required as eligibility for academic certification.

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- 2.8 The learners who have already completed one/two years NSQF compliant course from any ITI/NSTI under CTS or 01-year NTC plus 01 Year NAC may also enroll with NIOS for Secondary or Senior Secondary Certification as the case may be; subject to condition that the NSQF qualification is not older than 10 years from the date of registration to NIOS/admission.
- 2.9 Issue certificates to successful learners showing the marks of these one/two NIOS subjects and the Four/three ITI subjects in any ITI/NSTI under CTS of DGT accepted under credit transfer.
- 2.10 NIOS to facilitate provisions for learner's online registration, study Centre for class, examination Centre, declaration of results and certification as per NIOS Examination Bye-Laws.
- 2.11 Regional Offices, NIOS and Regional Directorate, DGT will work together to popularize this arrangement at the state level.
- 2.12 Methodology of 'Transfer of Credits' (ToC) and normalization of marks obtained under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)/ Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) will be taken from respective marksheet in following manner-

A. Methodology of Transfer of Credits (ToC) and normalization of marks for One year CTS Course

Table No. 2

CTS Subject Component	Subject-1	Subject -2	Subject -3
	Trade Theory	Trade Practical	Employability Skills
Maximum Marks of CTS	100	250	50
Normalized Maximum Marks*	100	100	100

**i.e. Subject wise Normalized Marks will be as follows-*

- Trade Theory- Marks obtained under CTS will be remain same*
- Trade Practical- Marks obtained under CTS will be divided by 2.5*
- Employability Skills- Marks obtained under CTS will be multiplied by 2*

B. Methodology of Transfer of Credits (ToC) and normalization of marks for Two year CTS Course

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Table No. 3

CTS Subject Component	Subject-1	Subject -2	Subject -3	Subject -4
	Trade Theory (Year 1)	Trade Practical (Year 1)	Trade Theory (Year 2)	Trade Practical (Year 2)
Maximum Marks of CTS	100	250	100	250
Normalized Maximum Marks*	100	100	100	100

* i.e. Subject wise Normalized Marks will be as follows-

- Trade Theory- Marks obtained under CTS will be remain same
- Trade Practical- Marks obtained under CTS will be divided by 2.5

C. Methodology of Transfer of Credits (ToC) and normalization of marks for One year CTS Course 'plus' One year ATS Course

Table No. 4

CTS Subject Component	Subject-1	Subject -2	Subject -3	Subject -4
	Trade Theory (CTS)	Trade Practical (CTS)	Employability Skills (CTS)	Trade Practical (ATS)
Maximum Marks of CTS/ATS	100	250	50	300
Normalized Maximum Marks*	100	100	100	100

*i.e. Subject wise Normalized Marks will be as follows-

- Trade Theory (CTS)- Marks obtained under CTS will remain same
- Trade Practical (CTS)- Marks obtained under CTS will be divided by 2.5
- Employability Skills (CTS)- Marks obtained under CTS will be multiplied by 2
- Trade Practical (ATS)- Marks obtained under ATS will be divided by 3

2.13 Sample Calculation

A. One-year CTS course:

Table No. 5

CTS Subject	Subject-1	Subject -2	Subject -3
	Trade Theory	Trade Practical	Employability Skills

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Component	Max. Marks	Obtained Marks	Max. Marks	Obtained Marks	Max. Marks	Obtained Marks
CTS Marks Obtained by trainees	100	60	250	200	50	30
Normalized Marks to be transferred for 10/12 th Certificate	100	60	250	80 (=200/2.5)	100	60 (=30x2)

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRAINING (DGT)

The responsibilities of DGT under this MOU will be to:

- 3.1 Notify the scheme through an Office Order;
- 3.2 Motivate the learners of ITIs/NSTI to simultaneously enroll with NIOS for Secondary/Senior Secondary level certification;
- 3.3 Make provision of Link at its official website for students to directly land at NIOS page for registration towards acquiring Secondary/Senior Secondary qualification.
- 3.4 Disseminate through RDSDEs to state Directorates for wider coverage.
- 3.5 Online availability of results of ITI/NSTI learners, for verification by NIOS for the purpose of ToC, as per provision available at DGT Portal.

4 DURATION, TERMINATION AND REVIEW OF THE MOU

- 4.1 Arrangements under the MOU will be operative for a period of five years (5 years) commencing from the date of expiry of the previous MOU. Further continuance would be subject to mutual consent of DGT and NIOS or institution of Credit Framework by regulatory Authority whichever is earlier. DGT and NIOS shall have the right to terminate the MOU at any time, with three months prior notice. However, the students already enrolled will be allowed to continue till they finish the course.
- 4.2 That the obligations of the parties have been outlined in this MOU. However, if during the operation of the MOU, circumstances arise that call for any alteration/ modification thereto, such alterations /modifications will be incorporated after mutual consent of both the parties.

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5 JOINT COORDINATION

The DGT and NIOS shall constitute a Joint Co-ordination Committee (JCC) having four members from each side to operationalize and implement this MOU as well as monitor its progress from time to time. The Director (Vocational), NIOS will co-chair the JCC, along with Director (CD), DGT/HQ. This committee will meet at least once in every quarter. The composition of JCC will be as follow-

Table No. 6

Sl. No.	DGT	NIOS
1.	Director (CD)	Director (Vocational)
2.	DD/AD (CD)	DD/AD (Vocational)
3.	Representative of IT-Section	Representative of IT-Section
4.	Representative of minimum One Regional Directorate*	Representative of minimum One Regional Offices*

* on rotation basis

6 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

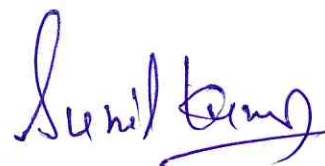
That in case of any dispute between first party and the second party arising out of or in relation to this MOU, the dispute shall be referred to Secretary MSDE & Chairperson NIOS for their joint decision which shall be final and binding on both the parties.

7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

NIOS is the owner of all the copyright and intellectual properties with regard to learning material(s) developed by NIOS. Similarly, DGT or a designated authority will have copy right over the learning materials developed by them.

8 AMENDMENT

No Amendment or change hereof, or addition hereto, shall be effective or binding on either of the parties hereto unless set in writing and executed by the respective, duly authorized representatives of each of the parties hereto.



9 FORCE MAJEURE

NIOS and DGT shall not be responsible for any failure to perform due to unforeseen circumstances or to causes beyond their reasonable control, including but not limited to act of nature, war, riot, embargoes, acts of civil or military authorities, fire, floods, accidents, terrorist activities, strikes or shortages of transportation, pandemic, facilities, fuel, energy, labor or materials. In the event of any such aspect being beyond the control of participating agencies. Appropriate strategies would be worked out to compensate the project activities/schedules accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We the NIOS and DGT have hereunto set and subscribed our hands on 16.10.2025 (date) accepting the terms and conditions in the above MOU at New Delhi.

For on behalf of NIOS


(Col. Shakeel Ahmad)
Secretary, NIOS
Sector-62, NOIDA, U.P.
Colonel Shakeel Ahmad
Secretary
Date **National Institute of Open Schooling**
Seal **Ministry of Education, Government of India**
A-24-25, Sector-62, Noida

In the presence of

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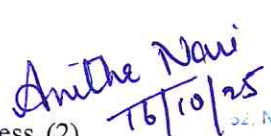
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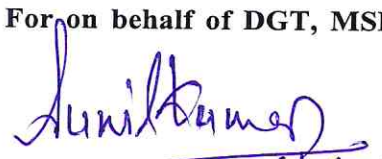
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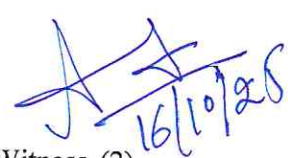

(Sunil Kumar Gupta) 16/10/25
Dy. Director General, DGT (HQ),
Kaushal Bhawan, New Moti Bagh,

सुनील कुमार गुप्ता
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Date **उप महाप्रदेशिक/ Dy. Director General**
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Seal **कोशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय**
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
भारत सरकार

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