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दिनांक: *As digitally signed*

To,

1. All the State/UT Directorates dealing with Craftsman Training Scheme.
2. All the Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RDSDEs) and the Principals, NSTIs.

Subject: — Detailed Guidelines Regarding All India Trade Test (AITT)-July 2026 Mains examination for CTS trainees - reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the office order of even no dated 15 May 2025 wherein the schedule for All India Trade Test 2026 for Craftsmen Training Scheme (including Dual System of Training) has been announced for the following batches.

Si. No.	Session	Trainees Type
1.	2 nd year of 2-year course (2024-26)	Regular and Private
2.	1 st year of 2-year course (2025-27)	Regular and Private
3.	1- year and 6-months courses (Batch II) (2025-26)	Regular and Private

2. Hall Ticket (HT) eligibility:

The entry of attendance and Formative Assessment marks for all regular trainees on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) Portal (dgt.skillindiadigital.gov.in) has to be completed within the dates 20 May 2026 to 18 June 2026. ITI Principals should fill trainees' attendance, formative assessment and CBT and Practical examination fees on the SIDH within the stipulated time. The Eligibility criteria for appearing in the AITT 2026 mains examination is as below:

Sl. No.	Parameter	Eligibility Criteria for Appearing in Exam
1.	Attendance*	> = 80% **
2.	Formative Assessment Marks	> = 60%
3.	CBT and Practical Examination Fees	Paid

*Calculation of number of working days for attendance can be decided by States/UTs through their State Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Committee (SSDEC), based on date of start of session.

** For relaxation of attendance criteria by the Principal. ITI, refer to order no MSDE-19/01/2017-CD dated 05th July, 2017.

It may be noted that **it is mandatory to fill the attendance and Formative Assessment for all the trainees.** The submission of partial entries by the ITI creator will not be permitted on the SIDH portal.

3. Practical Examination:

- a. In accordance with order of even number dated 23 May 2025, 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
- b. 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 orderⁱ and examination shall be conducted as per schedule provided by the DGT vide letter of even number dated 15 May 2026.
- c. In case of NSTIs, with respect to trades not included in 3 (a) above, institute may adopt the practical examination question papers prepared by the respective State Directorate. However, for trades, running in NSTIs but not in any other ITI of the state, NSTIs have to prepare the practical examination question paper at the respective institute level.
- d. As per the order No. MSDE-18011/DGT/2017-TTC(Pt-III) dated 19.12.2019 all the ITIs are **self-centre** for conducting **Practical Examination**. However, concerned SSDEC/ State Directorate can decide any other practical examination centre.
- e. The process of uploading the practical marks by examiner on the SIDH has to be mandatorily completed within 48 hours, after the conclusion of the practical examination. It may be noted it is mandatory to enter exam attendance and practical examination marks (if trainee is present) for all trainees whose practical examination hall tickets were generated. The partial submission of practical marks will not be enabled on the examiner login page on the SIDH.

4. On the Job Training (OJT)/ Project Works Marks Entry:

All ITIs have to enter the On the Job Training (OJT)/ Project Works Marks for all eligible trainees on the SIDH Portal between 06 July 2026 to 03 August 2026. It may be noted that trainees' marksheets and certificate will not be issued unless the OJT/Project work marks are entered by the ITI.

5. Computer Based Test (CBT) Examination: -

- a. Fees amounting to Rs. 213 (two hundred thirteen only) for each trainee is to be deposited for CBT through online modeⁱⁱ. **No other mode of payment will be entertained**. It may be noted CBT fees can be deposited by the ITIs or by trainee herself through login on the SIDH.
- b. For **Government ITIs** having no facility of submitting CBT fees online through payment gateway on SIDH, fees can be collected from trainees and deposited in bulk directly to the NIMI bank account through any mode. The payment details and proof of such transactions must be uploaded by the Govt ITI on the SIDH platform for verification and approval by NIMI. If the ITI fails to upload the fee payment details within the stipulated time, no communication confirming the payment via email or any other mode will be entertained.

The NIMI Bank Account Details for depositing the CBT fees is provided below:

Name: NIMI CBT EXAMINATION,
A/c No. 570401010050228,
IFSC Code - UBIN0557048,
MICR Code - 600026040,
Bank - UNION BANK OF INDIA,
Branch & Address - CTI CAMPUS, GUINDY, CHENNAI – 600032

Any CBT fee payment made by a private ITI directly to the NIMI bank account will neither be considered as valid fee payment and nor be refunded.

c. **CBT Exam Centre Mapping:** The CBT exam centre mapping has to be completed by the State Directorate in liaison with the exam agency (M/s DEXIT) between 19 June 2026 to 01 Jul 2026. The CBT Exam centres are finalized after the **final approval** of the State Directorate only. Therefore, the State has to mandatorily confirm/ suggest changes to the exam centre mapping submitted by the DEXIT. As per guidelines, for Mains examination, the distance of CBT examination centre from the concerned institute must be less than 25 Km. If not possible, it should not be more than 50 Km and same shall be agreed to upon and approved by DGT.

d. **CBT Examination Pattern:** - The CBT examination will be of **two hours'** duration consisting of 75 questions with **150 marks** (2 marks each). The paper will contain questions from Trade Theory (TT), Workshop Science and Calculation (WSC), Engineering Drawing (ED) and Employability Skills (ES).

- i. **Engineering Trades (100 Marks for Trade Theory, and 50 marks for Employability Skills):** -
 - Trade Theory (including Workshop Science and Calculation & Engineering Drawing; TT- 38 Questions, WSC- 6 Questions, ED- 6 Questions)
 - Employability Skills (25 Questions, 50 Marks)
- ii. **Non-Engineering Trades (100 Marks for Trade Theory and 50 Marks for Employability Skills):** -
 - Trade Theory (50 Questions, 100 Marks)
 - Employability Skills (25 Questions, 50 Marks)

The minimum passing percentage for both Trade Theory and Employability Skills is 33%.

6. **Deputation of Observer and Flying Squad:** State Directorates and RDSDEs are required to deploy observers and flying squads in examination centers across the state for the Practical and CBT examinations to ensure these examinations are conducted in fair and transparent manner.

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ⁱ Point no b(ii) of DGT order No. DGT-35/4/I/Secy (MSDE)/2022 dated: 28th March, 2022.

ⁱⁱ Payment Gateway charges will be charged as applicable.