

NIOS–DGT INTEGRATED ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION SCHEME

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) FOR ITI LEARNERS

This FAQ document has been prepared to answer the most common questions that ITI/NSTI learners may have about the NIOS–DGT Integrated Academic Certification Scheme, based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between NIOS and DGT. This scheme allows ITI learners to simultaneously earn Secondary (Class 10) and Senior Secondary (Class 12) certification from NIOS.

SECTION A: ABOUT THE SCHEME

Q1 What is the NIOS–DGT Integrated Certification Scheme?

It is a scheme under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and the Directorate General of Training (DGT). The scheme allows ITI/NSTI learners enrolled under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) or Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) to simultaneously earn a NIOS Secondary (Class 10) or Senior Secondary (Class 12) certification.

Key highlight: You do NOT need to attend a separate school. Your ITI trade subjects are credited towards your NIOS qualification through a Transfer of Credit (ToC) mechanism, so you study only 1 or 2 new subjects from NIOS instead of the full 5.

Q2 What is the Transfer of Credit (ToC) and how does it help me?

Transfer of Credit (ToC) means that subjects you study in your ITI trade under CTS/ATS are accepted by NIOS as equivalent to academic subjects. Your ITI marks are transferred directly to NIOS as credit — you do not appear in those subjects again under NIOS.

Benefit by trade duration:

- ▶ 2-Year NTC learners: Up to 4 ITI trade subjects credited to NIOS (Total: 960 study hours via ToC)
- ▶ 1-Year NTC learners: Up to 3 ITI trade subjects credited to NIOS (Total: 720 study hours via ToC)
- ▶ 01-Year NTC + 01-Year NAC: Up to 4 subjects from CTS/ATS credited to NIOS

This means you only study 1 or 2 new academic subjects (language + optional) from NIOS instead of all 5.

i Note: The minimum 5-subject requirement for NIOS certification is met by combining ToC subjects (from ITI) + NIOS subjects (studied additionally). Both sets of marks appear on your NIOS certificate.

Q3 Which government bodies are involved in this scheme?

- ▶ National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) — an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. NIOS handles admission, study centres, examinations, and certification.
- ▶ Directorate General of Training (DGT) — under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). DGT manages ITIs, CTS trades, ATS, and the NCVT MIS portal.
- ▶ Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) — constituted with 3 members each from NIOS and DGT to operationalise and monitor the scheme. Meets at least twice a year.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

Q4 Who is eligible to apply for this scheme?

The scheme is open to the following learners studying in ITIs/NSTIs:

- ▶ Learners enrolled in 2-year NTC trades under CTS (after Class VIII or Class X)
- ▶ Learners enrolled in 1-year NTC trades under CTS (after Class VIII or Class X)
- ▶ Learners pursuing 01-year NTC + 01-year NAC under CTS + ATS combined
- ▶ Past ITI graduates who completed an NSQF-compliant course within the last 10 years

Q5 Can I enroll in NIOS while I am still studying in ITI?

Yes — simultaneous enrollment is a core and encouraged feature of this scheme. You do not need to wait until your ITI course is complete.

- ▶ 2-Year CTS learners (after Class VIII or X): Can immediately register with NIOS for Secondary or Sr. Secondary simultaneously
- ▶ 1-Year CTS learners (after Class VIII): Can enroll simultaneously for Secondary (Class 10)
- ▶ 1-Year CTS learners (after Class X) seeking Class 12: Can enroll, but a minimum 2-year gestation period from passing Class 10 is required before certification is issued

i Note: NIOS admission is governed by NIOS norms prescribed from time to time. Check www.nios.ac.in for current admission windows.

Q6 I completed my ITI 3 years ago. Can I still apply?

Yes. Learners who have already completed one or two-year NSQF-compliant courses from ITI/NSTI under CTS or 01-year NTC plus 01-year NAC can also enroll with NIOS — provided the NSQF qualification is not older than 10 years from the date of registration/admission to NIOS.

So if you completed ITI 3 years ago, you are fully eligible. If you completed ITI 9 years ago, you must enroll with NIOS within the next 1 year to remain eligible.

Q7 What if I am a 1-year ITI learner who wants Class 12 (Senior Secondary)?

For students of 1-year duration CTS trades who have Class X and seek Class XII certification: a minimum gestation period of 2 years from the year of passing the Secondary examination is required as an eligibility condition for academic certification at the Senior Secondary level.

This means:

- ▶ You can enroll with NIOS simultaneously during your ITI training
- ▶ You study your NIOS subjects during and after ITI
- ▶ The Class 12 certificate will be issued only after the 2-year gestation period has elapsed

SECTION C: SUBJECTS, STUDY & EXAMINATION

Q8 How many subjects do I need to study from NIOS?

The total requirement is 5 subjects for NIOS certification. Most are covered by ToC from ITI:

- ▶ 2-Year NTC / NTC+NAC learners: Study only 1 subject from NIOS (mandatory language from Group A). Optional: up to 2 additional subjects from any NIOS group.
- ▶ 1-Year NTC learners: Study 2 subjects from NIOS (1 mandatory language from Group A + 1 other subject). Optional: up to 2 additional subjects from any NIOS group.

i Note: At least one language subject from Group A of NIOS is mandatory for ALL learners, regardless of trade category.

Q9 What language subjects are available from NIOS Group A?

NIOS Group A includes a wide range of language subjects. You can choose the language that suits you best. Languages available include (but are not limited to):

- ▶ Hindi, English, Urdu, Sanskrit, Odia, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Nepali, and several others

Check the latest NIOS subject catalogue at www.nios.ac.in for the complete and current list of available language subjects.

Q10 Where will I study the NIOS subjects?

NIOS will accredit willing ITIs affiliated with DGT/NSTI as Special Accredited Institutions for Academic and Skill Development (SAIASD). These accredited ITIs serve as your official NIOS Study Centres.

At the SAIASD (your ITI):

- ▶ Academic sessions are conducted for NIOS language and other subjects

- ▶ Teachers/faculty provide academic support
- ▶ Study material (printed and online) is available through NIOS

You can also study through NIOS’s online study material, audio-visual content, and self-learning resources at home.

Q11 How many study hours are required per subject?

A minimum of 240 study hours per subject is required across all subjects — both ToC subjects (from ITI) and NIOS-enrolled academic subjects.

- ▶ 2-Year NTC: 4 ToC subjects × 240 hrs = 960 hrs (covered by ITI) + 1 NIOS subject × 240 hrs = Total 1,200 hrs minimum
- ▶ 1-Year NTC: 3 ToC subjects × 240 hrs = 720 hrs (covered by ITI) + 2 NIOS subjects × 240 hrs = 480 hrs = Total 1,200 hrs minimum
- ▶ NTC+NAC: 4 ToC subjects × 240 hrs = 960 hrs (covered by CTS/ATS) + 1 NIOS subject × 240 hrs = Total 1,200 hrs minimum

Q12 Do I need to appear in a separate Board examination like CBSE/state board students?

No. NIOS conducts its own examinations as per its Examination Bye-Laws, completely separate from CBSE and state board examinations.

- ▶ You appear only in NIOS examinations for the 1 or 2 academic subjects you enroll in
- ▶ NIOS offers both scheduled and on-demand examination options
- ▶ You do not follow the CBSE or state board exam calendar
- ▶ No daily school attendance record required for NIOS examination eligibility

Q13 How will NIOS verify my ITI marks for Transfer of Credit?

DGT is responsible for ensuring that results of ITI/NSTI learners are available online on the NCVT MIS (Management Information System) portal. NIOS verifies your ITI marks through this portal directly.

You do not need to separately submit physical ITI mark sheets for ToC processing in most cases. The online NCVT MIS data is used by NIOS for verification and credit transfer.

i Note: Ensure your ITI details are correctly recorded in the NCVT MIS portal. Contact your ITI or DGT/NCVT office if your results are not visible on the portal.

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION & RECOGNITION

Q14 Is the NIOS certificate recognised by colleges and for government jobs?

Yes. NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) is a national board under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Its Secondary and Senior Secondary certificates are recognised by:

- ▶ All universities and higher education institutions across India (as per UGC and AICTE norms)
- ▶ All State and Central Government departments for job applications requiring Class 10 or Class 12
- ▶ Government competitive examinations (SSC, Railways, State PSCs, etc.)
- ▶ Private sector employers across all industries
- ▶ Admission to Senior Secondary courses and Diploma/Degree programmes

Q15 What does the NIOS certificate look like? Will it show my ITI subjects?

NIOS will issue a single official certificate to successful learners showing:

- ▶ Marks of ITI trade subjects transferred via ToC (3 or 4 subjects as applicable)
- ▶ Marks of NIOS academic subjects appeared in examination (1 or 2 subjects)
- ▶ Overall pass/fail status as per NIOS norms

The certificate is an official NIOS Secondary or Senior Secondary certificate. It is fully recognised for all purposes and is equivalent to certificates issued by other national boards.

Q16 Can I pursue higher education (degree/diploma) after getting this NIOS certificate?

Yes. With the NIOS Secondary (Class 10) certificate, you can:

- ▶ Enroll in NIOS Senior Secondary (Class 12) programme (or apply for regular Class 12 elsewhere)
- ▶ Apply for polytechnic diploma programmes
- ▶ Apply for government jobs requiring Class 10 qualification

With the NIOS Senior Secondary (Class 12) certificate, you can:

- ▶ Apply for undergraduate Degree courses (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.Tech., etc.) at colleges/universities
- ▶ Appear in national entrance examinations (JEE, NEET, CUET, etc.) if you meet subject requirements
- ▶ Apply for government jobs requiring Class 12 qualification

SECTION E: ADMISSION, FEES & PROCESS

Q17 How do I apply? What is the step-by-step process?

Follow these steps to enroll in the scheme:

- ▶ Step 1: Visit www.nios.ac.in or use the registration link on DGT's official website (www.dgt.gov.in)
- ▶ Step 2: Select the programme — Secondary (Class 10) or Senior Secondary (Class 12)
- ▶ Step 3: Fill in personal and educational details, including your ITI trade name and institute
- ▶ Step 4: Select mandatory language subject from NIOS Group A + any optional additional NIOS subjects
- ▶ Step 5: Pay applicable admission and subject fees online via NIOS payment gateway
- ▶ Step 6: Collect NIOS study material (online or through your SAIASD/ITI study centre)
- ▶ Step 7: Attend academic sessions at your ITI (SAIASD) for NIOS subjects
- ▶ Step 8: Register and appear for NIOS examination when ready
- ▶ Step 9: Receive your NIOS certificate combining ToC marks + NIOS exam marks

i Note: Admission in NIOS is as per NIOS norms prescribed from time to time. Always check the current admission schedule and fee structure at www.nios.ac.in before applying.

Q18 Is there a fee to enroll under this scheme?

Admission and subject fees are applicable as per NIOS norms prescribed from time to time. Key points:

- ▶ Fees are significantly lower than mainstream schooling
- ▶ No separate fee is charged for the Transfer of Credit (ToC) process — it is part of the standard NIOS enrollment
- ▶ Fee waivers or concessions may be available for SC/ST, BPL, and other eligible categories as per NIOS policy

Visit www.nios.ac.in for the current fee structure and applicable concessions.

Q19 What is a SAIASD and how does it help me?

SAIASD stands for Special Accredited Institution for Academic and Skill Development. These are ITIs affiliated with DGT that have been accredited by NIOS to serve as official Study Centres for NIOS learners.

At your ITI's SAIASD, you get:

- ▶ Academic classes for NIOS language and other subjects
- ▶ Faculty support for NIOS academic subjects
- ▶ Access to NIOS study material and resources
- ▶ Coordination for examination registration and results

Not all ITIs are SAIASD yet. Check with your ITI Principal or visit www.nios.ac.in for the list of accredited SAIASD institutions near you.

Q20 Who oversees and monitors this scheme?

The scheme is governed by a Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) constituted under Clause 5 of the MoU:

- ▶ Composition: 3 members from NIOS (co-chaired by Director, Vocational Education Dept.) + 3 members from DGT (co-chaired by Director (CD), DGT/HQ)
- ▶ Meets at least twice a year to operationalise, monitor progress, and resolve implementation issues
- ▶ Any dispute between NIOS and DGT is referred to Secretary, MSDE and Chairperson, NIOS for joint decision

QUICK REFERENCE SUMMARY TABLE

Learner Category	ToC Subjects	NIOS Subjects (Min)	Total Hrs	NIOS Level
2-Year NTC Trades (CTS)	4 subjects	1 (Language, Group A)	Min. 1,200 hrs	Class 10 or Class 12
1-Year NTC Trades (CTS)	3 subjects	2 (Language + 1 other)	Min. 1,200 hrs	Class 10 or Class 12*
01-Yr NTC + 01-Yr NAC (CTS+ATS)	4 subjects	1 (Language, Group A)	Min. 1,200 hrs	Class 10 or Class 12
Past NSQF completers (within 10 yrs)	3 or 4 subjects	1 or 2 subjects	Min. 1,200 hrs	Class 10 or Class 12

**For 1-year CTS trades seeking Class 12: minimum 2-year gestation from passing Secondary (Class 10) examination required.*

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

Ministry of Education, Government of India
 A-24-25, Sector-62, NOIDA, UP – 201309
www.nios.ac.in
<https://sdmis.nios.ac.in>

Directorate General of Training (DGT)

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
 B2, Kaushal Bhawan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi – 110005
www.dgt.gov.in