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Office Memorandum

Subject: NSQF alignment of the qualifications implemented in the States/UTs


The National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) was notified via Gazette notification no 8/6/2013 dated 27th December, 2013. Inter alia, NSQF is a competency-based framework that organizes all qualifications according to levels of knowledge, skills and aptitude. These levels are defined in terms of learning outcomes which the learner must possess regardless of whether they were acquired through formal, non-formal or informal learning. NSQF comprises of ten levels, each representing a different level of complexity, knowledge and autonomy required to demonstrate the competence commensurate for that level.

2. National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) *under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India*, is the nodal organization for anchoring and implementation of NSQF through the National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC). The NSQC is the apex body for approval of all qualifications for NSQF alignment and is headed by Chairman, NSDA. At present, Secretary to the Govt of India, MSDE, officiates as Chairman, NSDA.

3. NSQF notification incorporates an implementation schedule which, inter alia, lays down that after the third anniversary date of the notification of NSQF w.e.f 27th December, 2016, Government funding would not be available for any training/education programme/course which is not NSQF compliant. Government of India departments and the State Governments are encouraged to amend their recruitment rules as well as those of State Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) to define eligibility criteria for all positions in terms of NSQF levels. After 27th December 2018, it shall be mandatory for all training/educational programmes/courses to be NSQF-compliant and all the other training and educational institutions shall define eligibility criteria for admission to various courses in terms of NSQF levels.

4. To meet the above timelines, it is essential that State Governments and State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) play a pivotal role in alignment of such qualifications. State Government Departments which run their own courses in various skill training programme, are therefore, requested to prepare the qualification files and place them before NSQC for NSQF alignment. The detail of the process is available on NSDA website www.nstda.gov.in. For any clarification, your officers may contact NSDA at ddg.nstda@gov.in. NSDA would extend support to State Governments for alignment of the qualifications to NSQF levels.

5. It is, therefore, informed that State Governments may like to instruct for adherence to the timelines and expedite the process of NSQF alignment in their state.


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