

Minutes of the Meeting of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training held on 21.7.20

A meeting of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) was held on July 21, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Shri Praveen Kumar, Chairman, NCVET. All members of the NCVET attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members and briefly explained the objective of the newly established regulatory body-the NCVET. Thereafter, Dr Vinita Aggarwal, Executive Member, NCVET, made a brief presentation on NCVET outlining- the current regulatory framework, the delegated regulatory system of NCVET and powers of NCVET, its structure, the funding and audit mechanism and the changes that it would bring to the skill architecture. She informed that NCVET would subsume NCVT & NSDA and, as per the notification, the infrastructure and resources of NSDA would be utilized for NCVET. Thereafter, she made a presentation on other items on the agenda.

2: Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken So Far

(i) The Council was informed that prior to constitution of this Council, based on the approval of the ACC, former Secretary Dr. K.P Krishnan had assumed charge as Chairman, NCVET & Ms. Vinita Agarwal, DG NSDA as Executive Member, on 04.11.2019. The Council noted the decisions taken by them in a meeting held on 11.11.2019.

(ii) Merger of National Council for Vocation Training (NCVT) with NCVET

The Council was informed that as per the NCVET notification, NCVT and NSDA are to be subsumed in NCVET. The Council took note that NCVT had been merged with NCVET vide Order dated-10.06.2020, wherein DGT was recognized as an Awarding and Assessment Body for long term & short-term trainings and Training of Trainers for qualifications created by DGT & approved by NSDA/NCVET.

(iii) Formulation of Awarding Body & Assessment Agency Guidelines

The Council noted the progress made in the formulation of guidelines for the recognition of Awarding Bodies (ABs) and Assessment Agencies (AAs). Executive Member (VA) informed that once the guidelines are finalized by NCVET, they will be placed in public domain as required by the notification.

Chairperson, NCVET suggested that the draft guidelines be shared with the members of the Council for comments and that one-to-one meetings may be held with them prior to placing the guidelines in the public domain. He further suggested that a transition clause may be included in the guidelines.

(iv) NCVET IT Portal

The Council was informed of the steps initiated to develop the technical platform for NCVET. Director, NULM expressed their interest in participating in the development of the portal. He also mentioned that there should be some mechanism for integration of their portal with the NCVET portal. Chairperson clarified that the NCVET portal would list out the processes as per the functions of NCVET and would not overlap with the functions of the Skill India Portal. He welcomed MoHUA to share their insights on developing the NCVET portal.

3. Agenda Item No.3: Format for Short term &Long-term Certificate

Executive Member (VA) apprised the Council that after multiple consultations, the format of certificates for short term &long-term training had been developed.

AS, MoRD (Non-Executive Member, NCVET) drew attention to the Supreme Court order placing restrictions on display of Aadhaar number. Although Aadhaar number had been masked in the certificate, Chairperson instructed that it may be specifically stated that only last 4 digits of the Aadhaar number be mentioned on the Certificate. He also suggested that a line may be added at the bottom of the certificate to indicate whether it was for short term or long-term training.

With the above changes, the Council adopted the sample formats.

4. Agenda Item No. 4: Mechanism for NSQF alignment

The Council discussed about the mechanism for approval of qualifications in the NCVET. The Council agreed that the existing National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) format for approval may continue in NCVET. However, there was discussion on the composition of NSQC and it was decided that the NSQC would be chaired by Secretary, MSDE with Chairman, NCVET as the Co-Chair. Some other changes were agreed to in the composition of NSQC vis-à-vis the existing one, which are reflected in the Statement at **Annexure-II**. The representatives from MoHUA requested that they may be included as a Member of the NSQC. However, it was felt by the members that this may not be necessary as MoHUA would be invited as the Line Ministry whenever qualifications relating to their sector are placed in the NSQC.

5. Agenda Item No. 5: NCVET Logo

Seven logo designs for NCVET were placed before the members. After detailed deliberation, three logos were shortlisted by the Council which are placed at **Annexure-III**. It was decided that the shortlisted logos may be submitted to Hon'ble Minister, SDE for selection of the NCVET logo.

6. Agenda Item No. 6: Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers

The Council was informed that the present delegation of administrative & financial arrangements in NSDA had been approved by the Department of Economic Affairs in March, 2014. The Council agreed that the same delegation of powers may continue in NCVET with delegation of powers of-Governing Body, NSDA to the Council, of Chairman, NSDA to Chairman, NCVET and of DG, NSDA to Executive Member (Admin), NCVET. Once approved by the Council, the proposal would be sent to MSDE for concurrence.

The Council approved the same. The Chairman advised that the details of delegation of administrative and financial powers may be circulated to the members, for comments, if any. A comparative Statement of delegation of powers in NSDA and as proposed in NCVET is placed at **Annexure-IV**.

7. Agenda Item No. 7: Continuity Provisions

For smooth transition of the current ecosystem to the NCVET ecosystem, following continuity provisions were approved by the Council:

- (i) All existing Awarding Bodies (recognised by notification or alignment of qualification/s to NSQF) & Assessment Agencies (recognised by respective ABs) will continue till the new NCVET Guidelines for recognition of ABs & AAs are implemented, or till the period of their approval, whichever is earlier.
- (ii) All Qualifications approved by NSQC will continue as per existing terms & conditions of approval.
- (iii) The existing ABs & AAs will be granted a transition period of maximum one-year post adoption of guidelines.
- (iv) Any other activity which NSDA may have permitted, for which NCVET has not issued any order, would continue till the period of approval, or till any other order of NCVET, whichever is earlier.

It was agreed that the Council would meet in the 3rd week of every month.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

1. Sh. Praveen Kumar, Chairperson, NCVET/Secretary MSDE
2. Smt. Vinita Aggarwal, Executive Member/DG, NSDA/ Sr. Adviser, MSDE
3. Smt. Sunita Sanghi, Executive Member, NCVET /Sr. Adviser, MSDE
4. Smt. Juthika Patankar, Nominated Member, NCVET /Addl. Secretary, MSDE
5. Smt Alka Upadhyaya, Non - Executive Member, NCVET /Addl. Secretary, MoRD
6. Smt Anuradha Prasad, Non - Executive Member, NCVET /Addl. Secretary, MoLE
7. Sh. Neeraj Kumar, Director, NULM, on behalf of Non-Executive Member, NCVET

In attendance

1. Smt. Sandhya Salwan, Director, NSDA/NCVET
2. Sh D. K Goel, Consultant (Admin & Fin.), NCVET
3. Smt. Shubhi Mathur, Consultant NCVET
4. Sh. Sumit Kumar, Consultant NCVET
5. Sh. Shuvadeep Ray, Consultant NCVET

Annexure-II

Existing Composition of NSQC	Approved Composition of NSQC
1. Chairman, NSDA- Chairperson	1. Secretary, MSDE- Chairperson Chairman, NCVET- Co- Chair
Members	Members
2. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment	2. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment
3. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MoHRD	3. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MoHRD
4. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoHRD	4. Secretary, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises
5. CEO, NITI Aayog	5. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
6-8 Mission Directors of 3 States (on rotation)	6. CEO, NITI Aayog
9. DG – NSDA: Member Secretary	7-9. Mission Directors of 3 States (on rotation for 1 year)
10. Additional Secretary, MSDE	10. Executive Member, NCVET
11. Senior Advisor, MSDE	11. Executive Member (NSQC), Member Secretary, NCVET
12. Director General, Directorate General of Training (DGT), MSDE	12. Director General, Directorate General of Training (DGT), MSDE
13. Joint Secretary, MSDE	13. Nominee of MSDE- Not below the rank of Joint Secretary
14. Joint Secretary, MSDE	14. CEO, NSDC
15. CEO, NSDC	15-17. Representatives of AICTE, UGC, CBSE
	18. Sectoral Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerned Submitting Body ▪ Concerned regulatory bodies with respect to qualification, if required ▪ Line Ministry, if required ▪ Head of Training Institutes (1 Govt. & 1 private) Representative of unorganized/informal sector (if required)
16. Sectoral Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerned Submitting Body ▪ Concerned Sector Skill Council ▪ Regulatory body like UGC/AICTE/CBSE etc. ▪ Head of Training Institutes (1 Govt. & 1 private) 	19. Special Invitees - Industry representative of any two associations on rotation basis for 1 year (Association of FICCI, CII, Assocham, Laghu Udyog Bharti etc.)



Annexure-IV

S.No	Item	Existing authority in NSDA	Proposed authority in NCVET	Limits of Authority in NCVET	Existing limits of Authority in NSDA
1.	Approve rules and bye-laws of Council and to amend, add vary or rescind them	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
2.	Appraisal of Schemes/projects submitted to NCVET for funding	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
		Governing Body			Upto Rs. 150 crores
3.	Approval of Schemes and Cost Estimates of proposals submitted to NCVET for funding	Government (DEA, MoF)	Government (M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship)	Full Powers	Full Powers
		General Body / Governing Body	NCVET Council	Upto Rs 150 crores	Upto Rs. 150 crores
		Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Upto Rs 50 crores	Upto Rs. 50 crores
4.	Deal with Immovable property belonging to or vested in NCVET	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
5.	Establish and/or procure Maintenance of pension, provident and other funds for benefit of the employees of NCVET or for purpose of activities of NCVET	General Body	NCVET Council	In consultation of Ministry of SDE	In consultation of Ministry of Expenditure
6.	Adopt the annual budget of Agency as approved by Governing Body	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
7.	Approve Committees proposed by Governing Body, necessary for discharge of functions of NCVET	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
8.	Review and approval of Budget Estimates for NCVET	Governing Body (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
9.	Receive grants, gifts, loans, subscriptions, donations and other financial contribution in cash and kind, either moveable or immoveable, from within the country and/ or abroad including UN agencies	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
10.	Creation of administrative, technical, and other posts under the Council	Government of India	Government of India	For all positions of DDG/equivalent to Joint Secretary and above	For all positions of DDG/equivalent to Joint Secretary and above

		Governing Body (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	NCVET Council (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	For all positions other than DDG/equivalent to Joint Secretary and above	For all positions other than DDG/equivalent to Joint Secretary and above
11.	Retain and employ professional or technical consultants, experts or any other such person in Agency, on payment to them of such honorarium or fee or remuneration	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers. Including in respect of appointment of professional and consultancy firms	Full powers, including in respect of appointment of professional and consultancy firms
		Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	To appoint individual consultants for periods of up to one year, in consultation with the Chairman	To appoint individual consultants for periods of up to one year, in consultation with the Chairman.
12.	Delegation of powers of NCVET Council to Executive Members	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
13.	Invest the funds of Council	Governing Body (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	NCVET Council (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	As per instructions on parking of funds/ investment of surplus funds issued by Ministry of Finance and Department of Public Enterprises from time to time	As per instructions on parking of funds/investment of surplus funds issued by Ministry of Finance and Department of Public Enterprises from time to time.
14.	Borrow funds on terms and conditions expedient	Governing Body (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	NCVET Council (by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting)	Full Powers	Full powers
15.	Prepare and maintain proper accounts of the Agency including a balance sheet in forms as may be required by law	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers (delegated)	Full powers (delegated)
16.	Re -appropriation of funds within Grant-in-Aid General	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full powers
17.	Undertake, promote, sponsor or subsidize the production and distribution of literature, films, such educational or promotional or other Instruction materials etc concerning skill	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
		Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Upto Rs 20 crores per annum, subject to budget availability	Upto Rs. 20 crores per annum, subject to budget availability
18.	Approving media and awareness plan	Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Full powers subject to adherence to DAVP Guidelines and availability of budget	Full powers subject to adherence to DAVP Guidelines and availability of budget
19.	Undertake, sponsor, co-ordinate or subsidize	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers

	experimental and/ or pilot programmes for the training and skill development of identified groups of beneficiaries	Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Upto Rs 20 crores per annum, subject to budget availability	Upto Rs 20 crores per annum, subject to budget availability
20.	To offer technical assistance to individuals or organizations in developing research projects or establishing Institutional or non-institutional programmes for skill development	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
		Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Upto Rs 10 crores per annum, subject to budget availability	Upto Rs 10 crores per annum, subject to budget availability
21.	Organize, co-ordinate or support financially or otherwise efforts for the assessment and documentation on all aspects of on skill development	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full powers
		Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Upto Rs 2 crores per annum, subject to budget availability	Upto Rs 2 crores per annum, subject to budget availability
		Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Upto Rs 1 crores per annum, subject to budget	Upto Rs 1 crores per annum, subject to budget
22.	To decide on organizing seminars, workshops, study circles, working group, fairs, exhibitions and conferences (domestic & international)	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
23.	To incur expenditure on item no 22 above (For domestic)	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
24.	To incur expenditure on item no 22 above (For international)	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
25.	To Institute prizes, awards, scholarship, fellowship and stipend scheme	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
26.	Contracts and tenders for procurement of goods and equipment i) For open or limited tender contracts above Rs 20 crores	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
	ii) For open or limited tender contracts upto Rs 20.00 crores	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
	iii) For open or limited tender contracts upto Rs 10.00 crores	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
	iv) For open or limited tender contracts upto Rs 5.00 crores	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
	v) For negotiated or single tender or proprietary contract upto Rs 1.0 crore	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
27.	RFPs for procurement of services and consultancy i) Above Rs 20.00 crores	General Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers
	ii) Upto Rs 20.00 crores	Governing Body	NCVET Council	Full Powers	Full Powers

	iii) Upto Rs 10.00 crores	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
	iv) Upto Rs 5.00 crores	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
	v) For single tender or proprietary contract upto Rs 1.0 crores	Chairman, NSDA	Chairman, NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
28.	Motor vehicles: i) Purchase of vehicles (on regular basis) including staff car and motor cycle.	Chairman	Chairman, NCVET	Full powers, subject to GOI rules in this regard	Full powers, subject to GOI rules in this regard
	ii) Hiring of vehicles on regular and need basis including staff car and motor cycles.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	iii) Replacement Purchase or hiring in lieu of regular (mature) condemned vehicles.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	iv) Maintenance, POL, upkeep and repairs of vehicle.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	v) Mature & premature condemnation of vehicle.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers (delegated) as per set of criteria and parameters approved by the NCVET Council	Full powers (delegated) as per set of criteria and parameters approved by the NCVET Council
29.	Reimbursement of taxi or other conveyance charges to any employee on NCVET.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	(a) The conveyance charges actually paid for local journey in Headquarters may be reimbursed to any employee subject maxim of Rs. 300/- in a him having spent that amount. (b) The Executive Member (Admin) or office authorized on could not be made available for the local journey performed by the officer.	(a) The conveyance charges actually paid for local journey in Headquarters may be reimbursed to any employee subject maxim of Rs. 300/- in a him having spent that amount. (b) The Executive Member (Admin) or office authorized on could not be made available for the local journey performed by the officer.
30.	Rent, Rate and Taxes	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
31.	Office expenses				
	i) Purchase/ indenting of stores including office furniture/ office equipment's, office stationery, visiting cards, letterheads etc.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers

	ii) Telephone Bills, DTH connection & charges, internet, broadband, etc charges	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	iii) Computer and laptops including hardware, software, peripherals, consumables.	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers on approved rates of Government e Marketplace (GeM)	Full powers on approved rates of Government e Marketplace (GeM)
	iv) Electricity, gas, water charges	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	v) Local purchase of rubber stamps and office seals	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	vi) Postage and private courier service charges	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	vii) Printing, binding and publication	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	viii) Hospitality	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
	ix) Printing of Publicity Material & Advertisement	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
32.	Minor Works	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
33.	Machinery and Equipment	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
34.	Sanction of Imprest/ Permanent Advance	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full Powers	Full Powers
35.	Rewards, Fees, Honorarium to NSDA employee	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Maximum upto Rs 3500 to each person per annum	Maximum upto Rs 3500 to each person per annum
36.	Appointing Auditors	General Body	NCVET Council	Full powers	Full powers
37.	Advance, Loan, HBA other advances, LTC etc	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Full powers	Full powers
38.	Contingency items not covered in above	Director General	Executive Member (Admin), NCVET	Upto Rs 10 Lakh per annum	Upto Rs 10 Lakh per annum