

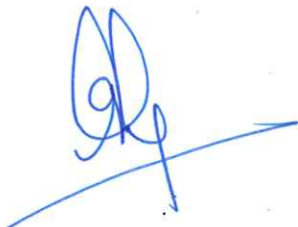
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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Amendment in AB agreement regarding onboarding of NCVET recognised Assessment Agencies (AAs) with Awarding Bodies (ABs) – Reg.

1. This has reference to section 8.3.2.2 of the agreement signed between Awarding Bodies (ABs) and NCVET. An awarding body has been empowered to on-board maximum of **12 Assessment Agencies (AAs)** and **minimum of 08 AAs (For PAN India jurisdiction)** and **05 AAs (For State/ UT jurisdiction)**, recognized by NCVET. These numbers were decided based on consultation and extensive analysis with the stakeholders in the ecosystem. To ensure that out of the total numbers of AAs on boarded by any AB, the maximum number of assessments assigned to any on-boarded AA shall **not exceed 25%** (twenty-five percent) and the minimum number of assessments to be assigned to any on-boarded AA shall not be **less than 8% (Eight percent)** of the total number of assessments assigned by the ABs in one financial year to enable the assessment agencies to get the fair chance of deal as per their performance.
2. NCVET has received a number of representations from various ABs and AAs to increase the number of assessment agencies to be on-boarded to address the following challenges:
 - a) The needs of the industries these days are of multi sectoral and cross sectoral skill sets, to cater to such requirements the qualifications are also to be developed accordingly. Therefore, ABs are finding it difficult to do assessments of the wide range of qualifications with the defined max. limit of 12 AAs.
 - b) AAs with state recognition are not on-boarded by ABs as with max. limit of 12, all the ABs are preferring to on-board AAs with PAN INDIA recognition only.



- c) In certain sectors like construction, logistics, IT etc., under various government schemes where the training/ assessment numbers are very large, the awarding bodies have been finding difficulties in completing the assessments with the existing AAs within the stipulated timing, thereby resulting in a long wait for conducting the assessments.
3. Taking the aforementioned points into considerations, the following amendments in the AB agreement have been approved by the competent authorities:
- a) AAs not having PAN INDIA recognition may be on-boarded by ABs over and above the defined maximum number of 12 for assessment in that specific geography and sector for which they have been approved.
 - b) In addition, if the number of assessments to be done by any AB exceeds or is likely to exceed 2,00,000 (Two Lakhs) in a financial year than for every 20,000 assessments beyond 2 lakhs, AB may on-board 01 additional approved AA. This will be applicable only for the period for which such demand has arisen.
4. However, for the above-mentioned paragraph 3.b), the concerned ABs will be required to take prior approval of NCVET by submitting detailed justification along with evidence of need.
5. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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Director, NCVET