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Government of India
National Council for Vocational Education & Training
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

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Subject: Removal of the Age Criteria mentioned in the Qualifications and Age to be mentioned only in case of Legal Requirement and for Hazardous Jobs

1. The NSQF alignment and approval of qualification is a comprehensive process for evaluating various aspects of Qualification/MC/NOS and inter-alia includes minimum notional hours; minimum entry requirements; evidence of need; NSQF level in alignment with the level descriptors; progression pathways as well as age requirement in case of hazardous job/ legal requirements.
2. It is however observed that, even though the standard qualification file template refers to age as training age only in cases where there is a legal requirement, the Awarding Bodies (ABs) while submitting the qualification prescribe the age for all types of qualifications. Accordingly, the age being listed as part of the qualification becomes a necessary criterion for training in the said qualification/s and at times becomes an impediment in implementation of qualification under various schemes.
3. Accordingly, pursuant to the directions of the NSQC in its 43rd meeting held on 8th May 2025, it has been decided that the age criteria in all existing NSQF aligned and approved qualifications except those falling in below mentioned category, shall be deemed to have been removed:
 - i. Qualifications/Job-roles related to hazardous occupations.
 - ii. Qualifications mandating legal requirements.
 - iii. Qualification with specific/ special requirements.
4. Additionally, the NSQC directed all ABs to share the list of all existing qualifications where age is to be retained in accordance with abovementioned criteria.
5. In case no communication is received from the AB, by 5th June 2025, it shall be presumed that AB has no objection in withdrawal of age criteria from all of their respective qualifications.

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