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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING

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(स्कूल शिक्षा और साक्षरता विभाग, मा.सं.वि.मं., भारत सरकार के अंतर्गत एक स्वायत्त संस्था)  
(An Autonomous Institution Under Deptt. of School Education and Literacy, M.H.R.D., Govt. of India)

F-27-10/2016/SSS/OBE/22

27 March, 2018

NOTIFICATION - 06/2018

The Open Basic Education (OBE) programme was initiated and implemented in June 1994 with the aim of providing the primary and upper primary education through alternative means of schooling to adult neo-literates who are not able to take advantage of the formal system of schooling. It is an equivalency programme and provides three tier education under OBE programme i.e A (Class I to III), Level B (Class I to V) and level C (Class I to VIII). In the year 2000, the programme was extended to cover children below 14 years age group with the help of Accredited Agencies (AAs).

NIOS provides alternative channel of learning for Elementary Education (I to VIII) to the marginalised groups who do not have any access to education. The Open Basic Education programme has been recognised by the Government of India as equivalent education to that of the formal school, for purposes of further education and employment vide MHRD Letter No. F3-11/2002-EGS.I dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2002. Different States have indicated interest in the programme for out of school children as well as for adolescents and neo literate adults.


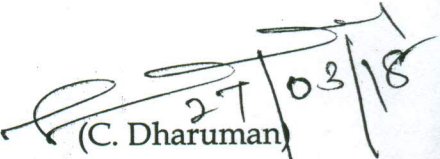
Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy vide its letter No. 1-3/2012-E.4 dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 has extended the continuance of the OBE Programme for another three years i.e. up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 subject to NIOS showing regular progress on mainstreaming children as per Section 4 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act.

Accordingly, NIOS is running OBE programme at the Elementary Level (I to VIII) and award certificates with the partner institutions at three levels i.e. A Level (Class I to III), B Level (Class I to V) and C Level (Class I to VIII) to provide education for marginalised groups of the society.

In pursuance of Government of India, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy Letter No. 1-3/2012-EE-4 dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (copy enclosed), necessary instructions be issued to all concerned that all institutions/schools affiliated (AIs/AVIs/AAs) to NIOS through their partner institutions, fulfilling the norms and standards specified in the Section 18 of RTE Act 2009 but not affiliated to any State Board be treated as schools under the RTE Act 2009.

In view of this, the schools accredited with NIOS for OBE programme i.e. A Level (Class I to III), B Level (Class I to V) and C Level (Class I to VIII) may be treated as schools under the RTE Act 2009.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

   
(C. Dharuman)  
Secretary

Copy to :

1. Heads of the Departments, NIOS
2. Regional Directors, Regional Centres, NIOS - with the directions to inform all AIs/AVIs/AAs of the region concerned. Regional Directors will also ensure that the respective AIs/AVIs/AAs fulfil the requirement to run the OBE Programme as per NIOS norms and guidelines issued by Govt. of India.
3. SAP, NIOS with the request to upload on NIOS website

F.No. 1-3/2012-EE-4  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
EE-4 Section

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New Delhi, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

To

Education Secretaries,  
All States/UTs.

**Subject: Recognition to the Primary and Middle level courses conducted by  
National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).**

Sir,

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is running Open Basic Education (OBE) at the elementary level and awards certificate with the partnering Institutions at three levels i.e. A level (equivalent to Classes I to III), B Level (equivalent to Class I to V) and C level (equivalent to Class I to VIII), to provide education at pre-degree level to those who for one or the other reason could not make use of the formal education system. This Department has extended the continuance of the OBE programme for another three years i.e. up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 subject to NIOS showing regular progress on mainstreaming children as per Section 4 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 vide our letter dated 28th March, 2017 (copy enclosed).

2. You may like to issue necessary instructions to all concerned that all institutions/schools affiliated to NIOS through their partner institutions, fulfilling the norms and standards specified in the Section 18 of RTE Act 2009 but not affiliated to any state board may be treated as schools under the RTE 2009.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (SE&L).

Yours faithfully,



(Anil Gairola)

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