

### **3. Norms and Procedure for Accreditation**

#### **3.1 Who can apply for Accreditation?**

1. Following types of institutions/ schools, who have a sense of commitment and desire to contribute towards developing a learning society, can apply to become an Accredited Institution of NIOS, provided they satisfy the criteria laid down for accreditation:

- a) The Institution/school must be affiliated to a recognized State Board of School Education/CBSE/CISCE for Secondary/Senior Secondary level, or
- b) An NGO/ Registered Society of national repute, engaged in the education of the specially abled children and in philanthropic activities getting grant from the Government. The institute should have recognition and accreditation with the Rehabilitation Council of India for running training programme and allied services in their perspective areas of disability and objectives of the institution, or institutions which are covered under the PwD Act, 1995 having PwD Certificate from the concerned state Government.

2. The eligible institution/school may submit the application for the following:-

- a) New Accreditation up to Secondary or Senior Secondary level or both,
- b) Up-gradation to Senior Secondary level, applicable in case of already accredited Institutions,
- c) Increase in number of seats, applicable in case of already accredited institutions
- d) Additional mediums of instruction, applicable in case of already accredited institutions

#### **3.2 Criteria for Accreditation**

a) Affiliated to a Recognized Board: The institution/school should be affiliated to a recognized State Board of School Education/CBSE/CISCE for Secondary/Senior Secondary level, for which accreditation is required.

or

Recognition with the Rehabilitation Council of India or Institutes Covered under PwD Act 1995: A Non Government Organisation (NGO)/Registered Society of national repute, engaged in the education of the specially able children and in philanthropic activities, and getting a grant from the Government. The institute must have recognition either with the Rehabilitation Council of India for running special courses or Institution which are covered under PwD Act 1995 having PwD Certificate from the concerned state Government for running Special Courses.

