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To,
All GMs / DGMs/ AGMs & HR Officials,
(Establishments participating in skill development activities under NATS)

Sub: - Skilling of Graduate or equivalent in General Streams such as B. A., B.Sc. & B.Com. under NATS.

Dear Sir / Madam,

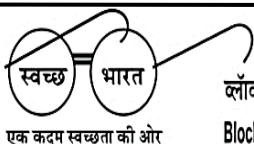
At the outset I would like to convey my Warm Greetings for a HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2022 to all of you and feel very pleased on account of your continued support and valuable contribution to the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), a flagship program of Government of India.

It is very heartening to see that your contribution to the skill development in the recent past at different level has been very committed and focused. It is your dedication and commitments that during the year 2020-21 more than 1.25 lakhs of Engineering Graduates have been benefitted under NATS throughout the country. It is also worthwhile to mention here that many more organizations are likely to join in near future which is expected to scale up the current skilling activities further.

Although, BOPT (ER) has been implementing the provisions of "The Apprentices Act, 1961" as amended time to time for Engineering Graduates and Diploma Engineers since last 50 years, now, BOPT (ER) has been entrusted with additional responsibility of implementing the same Act for training of Graduates in General Streams such as B.A., B.Com., B.Sc. etc. i.e. Non-Engineering Graduates. The Apprentices (Amendment) Act 2014 under Section 2(j) and the Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules 2015 under Rule 2(5A) governs the training of Non-Engineering Graduates.

I am writing this letter referring to the communication received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India regarding expansion of the current activity of Apprenticeship Training under NATS for Graduate or equivalent in general Streams such as B. A, B.Sc. & B. Com. Since the Ministry has entrusted BOPT(ER) with the responsibility of implementing apprenticeship training for general stream graduates which comes under the purview of The Apprentices (Amendment) Act 2014, your unstinted support by contributing to skill development for graduates in general streams also will enable to bridge the gap between educational qualification and practical (hands-on) experience and the candidates will be most benefitted in acquiring better career opportunities similar to Engineering Graduates.

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Since it is new area of implementation, this Board is in process of facilitating registration, contract creation, claim bill reimbursement, Certificate of Proficiency generation etc. in its existing NATS portal which is likely to be completed shortly. Till then, the process may be followed manually for which the detailed information is available on www.bopter.gov.in (https://www.bopter.gov.in/non_engg_apprenticeship.html#).

In this regard, you are requested to kindly note the following points: -

- 1) The Contract of Apprenticeship (COA) for all the Graduate Apprentices (general streams such as B. A, B.Sc. & B. Com) engaged by you in your establishment in this financial year 2021-22, i.e., the apprentices joined your organization **on or after 01st April 2021**, may please be forwarded to this office as per the prescribed format.
- 2) The period of the apprenticeship training for Graduate Apprentices (general streams such as B. A, B.Sc. & B. Com) shall be a minimum of six months to a maximum of three years period. However, the reimbursement of stipend to the industry shall be restricted to a maximum of twelve months.
- 3) The establishments may pay monthly stipend to the Graduate Apprentices (general streams such as B. A, B.Sc. & B. Com) greater than or equal to the prescribed amount as fixed by Government of India. The 50% Central Govt. share of stipend on minimum prescribed rate, will be released by this Board **with effect from 20th December 2021 onwards**. The 50% share of stipend paid to the apprentices by your organization before 20.12.2021 will not be reimbursed by this Board.

We hope that with your continued support by engaging Graduates from General Stream such as B.A., B.Com., B.Sc. etc. as you have been providing for Engineering graduates, we will be able to develop skill among the Graduates or equivalent in general streams also as desired by Ministry of Education. This is expected to create a pool of trained human resource for the growth of establishments / industries like yours.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
Director



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