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NOTIFICATION


Subject: Equivalence of Qualification/Course/Examination conducted by School Education Boards of India to grade 10 and 12 Board examination qualifications, for the purpose of admission in higher education institutions and employment under Central/State Government-reg.

It has come to the notice of Government that difficulties are being faced by students in respect of equivalence of certificates issued by School Education Boards in India for the purposes of admissions in higher education institutions and employment in Central/State Government.

2. To address the above issue, Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, hereby entrusts the responsibility of granting equivalence to Secondary/Senior Secondary certificate awarded by Secondary/Senior Secondary School Examination Boards in India, with grade 10 and 12 Board examination qualifications (as maybe applicable), for the purpose of admission of its students to higher education institutions and for the purpose of Central/State Government employment in India, to Association of Indian Universities (AIU). This provision will be applicable to both Government and private Indian School Boards, that are set up by an Act of Parliament or state legislature, or by an Executive order of the central/state government or set up by central/state government bodies/institutions that have the mandate to do so, subject to the following conditions:

- a. AIU will appropriately enhance its capacity to undertake this task.
- b. AIU shall not seek any funds / grants from the Ministry of Education for this task.
- c. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be prepared for this purpose for all school boards in India in consultation with Department of School Education & Literacy and Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
- d. The SOP shall ensure inter alia that the applicant School Education Board is following the Right to Education (RTE) Act, extant National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and is National Education Policy (NEP-2020) compliant and that the teachers in schools affiliated to the Board possess qualifications as laid down by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE).

- e. The SOP shall also ensure that the due diligence process is rigorous and is based on the extant NCF, a clear-cut scheme/bye-laws of examinations and affiliation and follows all other extant laws/rules/regulations/processes applicable to School Boards while granting such equivalence.
- f. As one time measure, AIU shall constitute an expert committee comprising representatives from UGC, AICTE, NCERT, CBSE, NIOS and other members as deemed fit by AIU for drafting the SOP that shall be examined by the Department of School Education & Literacy and Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education prior to implementation.
3. Equivalence granted by AIU will be automatically considered as inter-se parity between the Boards in India, permitting smooth Inter-School Education Board migrations. The equivalence given by AIU to a School Education Boards shall be valid at all India level for the purpose of higher education and employment.
4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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