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Date: 19th June 2026**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Clarification regarding the Guidelines of the National Instructor Management System and extension of timelines for instructor registration and mapping for the Academic Session 2026–27 – reg.

This is with reference to the guidelines issued vide DGT Orders dated 16.01.2026 and 27.02.2026 pertaining to the National Instructor Management System (hereinafter referred to as “NIMS”), a centralized digital platform for the registration, verification, lifecycle management, and ITSU (ITI–Trade–Shift–Unit) mapping of instructors under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS).

2. Subsequently, clarifications to the NIMS Guidelines were issued vide DGT Addendum dated 09.04.2026, wherein Aadhaar-based e-KYC was made optional in compliance with the law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* [(2019) 1 SCC 1], pursuant to the proceedings in *W.P. (C) No. 4481/2026, titled ITI Club of India & Anr. v. Directorate General of Training*, filed before the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi. The aforesaid writ petition was disposed of on 10.04.2026, having become infructuous. Thereafter, the petitioner, *ITI Club of India*, preferred an appeal, being *LPA No. 427/2026*, against the order dated 10.04.2026. However, the said appeal was dismissed as withdrawn on 10.06.2026.

3. Apart from the above, *W.P. (C) No. 7940/2026, titled Federation of All India Private ITIs v. Directorate General of Training*, was also filed before the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi challenging the NIMS Guidelines. Vide interim order dated 29.05.2026, the Hon’ble Court directed that no coercive action shall be taken against ITIs that are unable to comply with the stipulated deadline of 30.06.2026. Similarly, the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala, in *W.P. (C) No. 16497/2026, The Kerala Private ITI Managers Association & Anr. v. Union of India & Ors.*, vide judgment dated 22.05.2026, directed DGT to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representations submitted by the petitioners. Moreover, DGT has also received multiple representations from various ITI associations raising similar concerns regarding the implementation of NIMS.

4. DGT has already issued comprehensive guidelines, a detailed operational procedure on the portal, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the implementation of the NIMS. However, DGT has decided

to issue the following clarifications to address the concerns raised by petitioners before the Hon'ble High Courts and other stakeholders –

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1.	Objective of NIMS The NIMS system first be fully implemented in all Government ITIs during the current year, and its implementation in Private ITIs may thereafter be undertaken from the subsequent academic session.	i. The core objective of NIMS is to create a verified national database of instructors by digitally capturing the details of instructors already engaged in training activities in ITIs to generate Instructor Permanent Registration Number (IPRN). ii. As a centralized platform for instructor registration, verification, lifecycle management, and ITSU (ITI–Trade–Shift–Unit) mapping, NIMS is equally applicable to both Government and Private ITIs, as both are engaged in imparting training under the CTS ecosystem.
2.	Aadhar Based E-KYC	Aadhaar-based e-KYC has been made optional for instructor registration and the generation of the Instructor Permanent Registration Number (IPRN) under NIMS vide DGT Addendum 09.04.2026.
3.	Deemed De-affiliation without following the Affiliation Norms 2025 or the SOP for De-affiliation That the institution shall be de-affiliated for non-registration of instructors by the prescribed cut-off date of 30.06.2026 without following the due process prescribed for de-affiliation.	i. As clarified in the DGT Addendum dated 09.04.2026, where an ITI does not map an instructor to a particular ITSU, it shall be presumed that the ITI does not intend to offer admissions against that ITSU due to the non-availability of a qualified instructor. ii. Such ITSUs shall not be de-affiliated solely on account of non-mapping of an instructor. However, admissions shall not be permitted against such ITSUs unless an instructor possessing a valid IPRN is duly mapped thereto. iii. The concerned ITSUs may be utilized for admissions in subsequent academic sessions upon mapping of a qualified instructor with a valid IPRN to the respective ITSU.
4.	Delegation of Power to the Principal of the Govt ITI The Nodal Officer of another ITI, has no authority to check and verify experience and qualification documents of any instructor/staff rather it is to be sent by State/DGT/ITI to concern board / University for the purpose of verification. The document verification will be done by the same hierarchy level leading to anomaly.	i. It is reiterated that verification of the documents and particulars of an instructor shall be carried out by the Principal of the Government ITI opted by the instructor for document verification. Such verification shall be undertaken through the NIMS Verifier role provided on the SIDH portal under the Authorized ITI (Government ITI Approver) login. ii. This document-verification requirement is applicable to all instructors registering on the NIMS portal, irrespective of whether they belong to Government ITIs or Private

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		ITIs. Mandatory verification is intended to ensure the authenticity, accuracy, and integrity of the data maintained in the system. iii. Instructors registered through Government ITIs are also required to undergo document verification through another Government ITI selected by them for this purpose. iv. The Principal of an Authorized ITI is neither empowered to authenticate, certify, or endorse certificates or documents issued by Boards, Universities, or other competent authorities, nor required to issue any appointment or offer letter to the instructor. v. The Principal's role is strictly limited to verifying the particulars entered on the portal against the original documents produced by the instructor. vi. There is no provision for an Authorized ITI to reject an application. Where discrepancies are noticed, the application may be returned to the instructor through ITI login for correction or re-submission of the requisite documents. If the deficiencies are not rectified within three verification cycles, the application shall be auto-rejected by the system. The instructor may thereafter submit a fresh application on the NIMS portal. vii. The assignment of the NIMS Verifier role to all Authorized Government ITIs is intended to establish a decentralized, efficient, and time-bound document-verification mechanism across the country, rather than restricting such verification to Nodal ITIs alone.
5.	Timelines for Generation of Instructor Permanent Registration Number (IPRN) The requirement of physical verification of original certificates of instructors by the Nodal ITI has been represented as causing practical difficulties for institutions and staff, particularly when most educational and technical certificates are now available through online verification portals and Digi-Locker.	i. The instructor shall be required to visit an Authorized ITI within 7 days from the date of submission of the application for verification. Before applying, it is advised to identify the nearby authorised ITI. ii. Since all certificates and identity documents are not available in digital format, applicants are required to produce the original documents for physical verification by the Principal of the authorized ITI. iii. The system provides up to three opportunities to rectify discrepancies and upload the correct certificates/documents, failing which the application will be automatically rejected by system.

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		iv. An applicant whose application is rejected shall be at liberty to submit a fresh application for generation of an IPRN.
6.	Insufficient Time for Replacement of Resigned Instructors within 30 days In case any staff member resigns, institutes are currently given only 30 days to appoint a new staff member. Finding qualified instructors within such a short time is often difficult.	i. The timeline of 30 days has been prescribed as a reasonable period to ensure that trainees do not suffer any disruption in their academic training due to the absence of an instructor. ii. Any eligible instructor, including contractual or guest faculty possessing the requisite qualifications, may be registered on the NIMS portal and mapped against the vacancy. iii. However, requests for extension of the prescribed timeline beyond 30 days may be submitted to DGT, and such requests shall be considered on a case-to-case basis, subject to the merits of each case.
7.	CITS mandatory for registering an instructor in NIMS	No. CITS certificate is not mandatory for registering an instructor on the NIMS portal.
8.	Experience and short-term qualifications mandatory for registering an instructor in NIMS	No. Experience and short-term qualifications are not mandatory for registering an instructor on the NIMS portal. However, ITIs must ensure compliance with the qualification norms and guidelines issued by DGT from time to time while engaging instructors.
9.	Extension of timelines for seat matrix generation beyond 30.06.2026	i. The seat matrix for the Academic Session 2026 on the SIDH Portal is dynamic and is automatically generated and revised based on the mapping of duly approved instructors possessing a valid IPRN against the respective ITSUs. ii. The seat matrix is made available in the respective ITI and State/UT logins on the SIDH Portal for conducting admissions for the Academic Session 2026. Accordingly, seats shall be reflected in the seat matrix only where a duly approved instructor with a valid IPRN is mapped to the concerned ITSU. Any change in instructor mapping or approval status shall be automatically reflected in the seat matrix as per the provisions of the system. iii. The timeline for instructor registration, approval, and ITSU mapping under NIMS was initially prescribed up to 16.05.2026 and subsequently extended up to 30.06.2026.

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		ii. Further, the national pool of registered instructors may be leveraged to facilitate employment and training-related opportunities under other schemes of the Ministry, including PMKVY, JSS, and PM-SETU, subject to the applicable guidelines of such schemes. iii. The pool of instructors may also be provided opportunities to engage in school/diploma/short-term training schemes of other Ministries, as per applicable guidelines. iv. Instructors registered on the NIMS portal will also be facilitated for consideration under the "National Teachers Award" as per applicable guidelines.

5. All the State/UT Directorates shall ensure that CTS-2026 admissions are allowed strictly as per the seat matrix generated **up to 20.07.2026**.

6. All other guidelines/instructions contained in DGT dated 16.01.2026 and 27.02.2026 and addendum 09.04.2026 shall remain unchanged.

7. This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

Enclosures: As above.

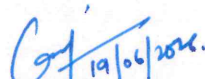


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