

File No. DGT-MIS011/1/2025-O/o DIR (TC) [77713]

भारत सरकार/Government of India

कौशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय/

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

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Date:15.09.2026

To

The Principal Secretaries of all the States/UTs
(Dealing with Craftsmen Training Scheme).

Subject: Revised closing date of admission for Craftsmen Training Scheme courses in all Government and Private Industrial Training Institutes, for the Session - 2026 - regarding.

Ref: - # DGT-MIS011/1/2026-O/o DIR (TC) [77713] dated 08.05.2026, 12.08.2026, 27.08.2026, 01.09.2026 & DGT-HC044/37/2022-O/o DIR (TC) (E- 55708) dated 27.07.2026 (copies enclosed).

Sir/Madam,

The Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), coordinates national vocational training programs conducted in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). While DGT sets standards and conducts trade testing, the day-to-day administration of ITIs is managed by State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

2. The DGT issues a Training Calendar for each session to all State/UT Directorates to facilitate the CTS admission process in Government and Private ITIs as per the prescribed schedule. For the 2026 session, the cut-off date for admissions in all Government and Private ITIs across the country was initially fixed as 08.08.2026. Subsequently, the cut-off date was extended to 14.08.2026 in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, vide OM No. DGT-HC044/37/2022-O/o DIR (TC) (E-55708) dated 27.07.2026. Thereafter, the admission cut-off date was further extended up to 19.08.2026, 31.08.2026 and 07.09.2026 based on requests.

3. After due consideration of the facts, the Competent Authority has decided to provide a final opportunity for CTS-2026 admissions in all Government and Private ITIs across the country, in view of natural calamities, including floods and landslides in several States, which have adversely affected the admission process and resulted in a comparatively low percentage of admissions, particularly in Private ITIs.

4. The extended CTS-2026 admission schedule is listed below:

S. No.	Activity	Revised dates	Responsibility
1.	Closing date of admission in all government and private ITIs across the country. <i>(With the condition that, State/ITI should ensure extra classes during holidays/Sundays to cover up syllabus for the trainees admitted during this extension period)</i>	22.09.2026 (Modified) <i>[All types of admissions including walk-in admissions/mop-up also to be completed on or before this date]</i>	Respective State/UT directorate/NSTI
2.	API Schedule-I [Free slot] Trainee data Upload by State/UT Directorate through API/Template. (By all the States/UTs & NSTIs) <i>Note: It is the responsibility of ITI & State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I.</i> <i>It is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Directorates to ensure migration of all trainees on or before 25.09.2026, including trainees admitted during the extended cut-off period up to 22.09.2026.</i>	09.09.2026 to 25.09.2026 [17 days] (No Change)	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.
3.	Last date to all ITIs to verify trainee's data uploaded by respective State/UT directorate and inform State/UT directorates for any pending records to be uploaded on SIDH. <i>Note:</i> - Any requests after this date will be treated as unauthorized admissions. - Each State/UT required to collect zero pendency from each ITI of their jurisdiction.	On or before 26.09.2026 (No Change)	Respective ITI
4.	API Schedule-II [Free slot] Trainee data Upload by State/UT Directorate through API/Template. (By all the States/UTs & NSTIs) <i>Note: It is the responsibility of ITI & State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I.</i>	28.09.2026 to 12.10.2026 [15 Days] (No Change)	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.

5.	API Schedule-III [With Fine Rs. 10/- per trainee] Trainee data Upload by State/UT Directorate through API/Template. (By all the States/UTs & NSTIs) <i>Note:</i> 1. <i>It is the responsibility of State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I.</i> <i>Payment option along with approval letter (not below the rank of Director) upload option will be available in respective ITI & State/UT login on SIDH. Approval letter template can be downloaded from SIDH.</i>	19.10.2026 to 02.11.2026 [15 Days] (No Change)	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.
6.	API Schedule-IV [With Fine Rs. 100/- per trainee] Trainee data Upload by State/UT Directorate through API/Template. (By all the States/UTs & NSTIs) <i>Note:</i> 1. <i>It is the responsibility of ITI & State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I.</i> <i>Payment option along with approval letter (not below the rank of Director) upload option will be available in respective State/UT login on SIDH. Approval letter template can be downloaded from SIDH.</i>	03.11.2026 to 17.11.2026 [15 Days] (No Change)	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.
7.	API Schedule-V [With Fine Rs. 1000/- per trainee] Trainee data Upload by State/UT Directorate through API/Template. (By all the States/UTs & NSTIs) <i>Note:</i> 1. <i>It is the responsibility of ITI & State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I.</i> <i>Payment option along with approval letter (not below the rank of Director) upload option will be available in respective State/UT login on SIDH. Approval letter template can be downloaded from SIDH.</i>	18.11.2026 to 31.12.2026 [44 Days] (No Change)	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.

8.	Any pending trainee records beyond 31.12.2026 shall be considered only upon submission of a formal request duly approved by the Principal Secretary of the concerned State/UT. Such requests shall be accompanied by a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- per trainee, and the upload facility may be enabled subject to the approval of the competent authority. <i>Note:</i> 1. It is the responsibility of ITI & State/UT directorate to correct errors if any noticed during trainee data upload and re-upload it by the specified cut-off date. Check list is provided in Annexure-I. <i>Payment option along with approval letter (not below the rank of State Principal Secretary) upload option will be available in respective State/UT login on SIDH. Approval letter template can be downloaded from SIDH.</i>	Beyond 31.12.2026 <i>Received requests shall be duly verified for genuineness, and only cases found to be genuine shall be submitted to the competent authority for consideration. Based on the decision of the competent authority, data migration may be permitted or rejected accordingly.</i>	State/UT Directorates, NSTIs.
9.	Trainee Verification schedule (ITIs login is provided with all the list of trainees admitted by them for completing trainee verification) <i>Note(s):</i> 1. Trainee verification will be carried out by respective ITI approver login on the SIDH portal. 2. ITIs are authorized to complete trainee verification through Aadhaar eKYC of a trainee. 3. Trainees without an Aadhaar number can also complete trainee verification through a "Nodal ITI" after being marked as a non-Aadhaar trainee by the ITI. 4. In case of any technical difficulties or problem in trainee verification may refer the escalation matrix.	28.09.2026 to 08.01.2026 [103 Days] (Modified)	Concern ITI
5.	All other guidelines and the remaining schedule prescribed in the CTS-2026 Training Calendar dated 08.05.2026 shall remain unchanged and shall be followed strictly.		

5. The State/UT Directorates are requested to continue the migration of already admitted trainees as per API Schedule. However, during the extended period, the State/UT Directorates shall ensure that no change is made in the ITI or Trade of trainees already uploaded/migrated. The extended period shall be utilized only for admitting new trainees and shall not be used for admitting trainees who were already allotted seats and attending training from 10.08.2026. Allowing such trainees to be admitted during the extended period may result in a shortage of prescribed training hours and would be contrary to the prescribed training norms. Accordingly, no requests for changing the ITI/Trade or regularising the admission of trainees already attending training from 10.08.2026 shall be entertained or considered. All State/UT Directorates shall ensure that the extended admission period is utilized **strictly for new admissions**.

6. The State/UT directorates can contact us at cts-admissions@dgt.gov.in for technical support during data migration. Please note that only emails sent to this email address will be considered.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Hindi version will be issued separately.


15/9/2026
(Satish Kumar)
Joint Director, TC

Enclosure:

As mentioned above.

Copy for kind information to: -

1. Sr PPS to Secretary, MSDE, New Delhi
2. Sr PPS to DG/AS, DGT, New Delhi
3. All DDGs of DGT

Copy for necessary action to: -

1. Directors, All State/UT directorates.
2. All RDSDEs.
3. Principals, NSTIs.
4. The Director, CFI, TT Cell, IT Cell and CD, DGT, New Delhi
5. NSDC - for technical support on SIDH portal.
6. Executive Director, NIMI, Chennai.

