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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Amendment of Guidelines for Recognition & Regulation of Assessment Agencies

In partial modification of 'Guidelines for Recognition and Regulation of Assessment Agencies' launched by the Hon'ble Minister, MSDE on October 27, 2020 issued vide Office Order No. 22003/4/2020/NCVET dated 28-10-2020, the following amendments to the guidelines are made as per details given under:

Section 5: Eligibility Criteria for Recognition of Assessment Agencies

1. **Sub Clause (b) of Para 1- Legal Status** may be read as:

In case of a consortium, there should be a clearly identified lead partner who would be required to apply. If at point in time, the lead partner abdicates the consortium, the said entity would cease to be recognized. The upper limit of the number of organisations forming a consortium and applying as a single entity will be five.

2. **Sub Clause (a) of Para 2- Financial Viability** may be read as:

Entity should have the following minimum turnover, as per the category of states for which it is seeking recognition as an Assessment Agency, cumulatively over the last 3 financial years.

Recognition Sought For	Minimum Turnover
Category I States/UTs	Rs. 30 lakhs per state
Category II States/UTs	Rs. 70 lakhs per state
Pan India	Rs. 3 crore

3. Sub Clause (b) is added to Para 2- Financial Viability

In case an entity applies for recognition as an Assessment agency for more than 1 state, then the minimum turnover required shall be the summation of turnover for all the states applied, as per the category of state. However, the maximum turnover required for an Assessment Agency will be Rs 3 crore, irrespective of number of states applied for.

4. Sub Clause (c) is added to Para 2- Financial Viability

The above conditions may be relaxed in case of Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh) and North Eastern states of Category I, if there is shortage of adequate number of Assessment Agencies in the jurisdiction and the entity applying for recognition is unable to showcase prior experience and minimum financial viability with justifiable reasons supported by authentic documents. The NCVET Council shall exercise the power to examine such a case and take decision accordingly.

5. Sub Clause (d) is added to Para 2- Financial Viability

In case a recognised Assessment Agency intends to expand into additional geographical area post recognition, it shall showcase increase in the minimum turnover as specified in sub clause (a) of Financial Viability in addition to the sectoral and geographical credibility as mentioned in the Eligibility Criteria of the Guidelines for Recognition & Regulation of Assessment Agencies.

6. All other provisions as stated in **Para 2- Financial Viability** are applicable as stated in the Guidelines and will be read as sub clause (e), sub clause (f) and sub clause (g) respectively.

7. Sub Clause (b) of Para 3: Prior Experience may be read as:

Entity should have conducted assessments of the following number of candidates in the jurisdiction for which it is seeking the Assessment Agency recognition cumulatively in any 2 years of the last 3 years period.

Recognition Sought For	Assessments Conducted
Category I States/UTs	7,500
Category II States/UTs	15,000
Pan India	75,000

8. **Sub Clause (e)** is added to **Para 3- Prior Experience**


In case an Assessment Agency intends to expand into additional geographical areas, it shall ensure additional 50% assessments (in the recognized state) depending upon the category of state in which it aims to seek recognition in accordance with the provisions laid out in point 3(b).

9. **Sub Clause (iv)** under **Relaxation of Para 3- Prior Experience** may be read as:

Those operating in difficult terrains like LWE areas, North-Eastern states, Union Territories except Delhi and Chandigarh.

10. All other provisions as stated in **Para 3- Prior Experience** are applicable as stated in the Guidelines.

The issues with the approval of Chairperson, NCVET.


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