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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
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CBSE/Aff./Circular/2026/00575

Dated: 30.03.2026

Notice

To All the Heads & Managers of CBSE Affiliated Schools

Subject: Six month bridge course for in-service Primary teachers as per Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 11.08.2023- reg.

Sir/ Madam,

This is with reference to the subject cited above. The Letter No. 82-20/2025/NIOS/CBC/BRIDGE/Corr./04 dated 13.08.2025 issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is enclosed for appropriate action.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority of CBSE.


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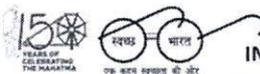
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17. The Commodore (Naval Education), Directorate of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block- V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066.
18. JS to Chairperson, CBSE.
19. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE.
20. All Regional Directors/ Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
21. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, CBSE
22. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE.
23. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Notification on the CBSE Affiliation Website
24. In-Charge, Library.
25. Record File.


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D.O. No. 82-20/2025/NIOS/CBC/BRIDGE/Corr./04

13th August, 2025

Dear Sir

Greetings from NIOS!

I am to refer to the Ministry of Education letter No. D.O. No. 3-15/2021-IS.1 dated 16.07.2025 addressed to all Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner (Education) of all States and Union Territories regarding 6 months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education wherein it is stated that the NCTE, via Gazette Notification dated 23.08.2010, prescribed minimum qualifications for appointment as teachers for Classes I to VIII and an amendment dated 28.06.2018 added further qualifications for eligibility to teach Classes I to V as under:

"Graduation with at least 50% marks and B.Ed."

Provided that who has acquired the qualification of B.Ed. from any NCTE recognized institution shall be considered for appointment as a Teacher in class I to V;

Provided that the person so appointed as a Teacher shall mandatory to undergo a Six Months Bridge Course in Elementary Education recognized by the NCTE, within Two Years of such appointment as Primary Teacher.

2. The NCTE's Notification dated 28.06.2018 was challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur, and it was set aside, vide order dated 25.11.2021. This decision was subsequently challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 11.08.2023 in the matter of *Devesh Sharma vs. Union of India & Ors.*, upheld the order of the High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur, thereby holding that candidates possessing a B.Ed. degree are not eligible for appointment as school teachers for Classes I to V.

3. In this context, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 08.04.2024 issued in MA Dy. No. 4303 of 2024, passed the order as under:

"As it appears that a large number of candidates with B.Ed. degree had already been appointed on the basis of eligibility criteria specified by the educational authorities, we do not think it to be equitable to effect their removal. We, accordingly, hold that the judgment delivered by this Bench on 11th August, 2023 shall have prospective operation. But prospective operation of this

judgment shall be only for those candidates who were appointed without any qualification or conditions imposed by any Court of Law to the effect that their appointment would be subject to final outcome of the case which might have had been instituted by them and such candidates were in regular employment without any disqualification and were appointed in pursuance of a notice of advertisement where B.Ed. was stipulated to be valid qualification. Services of only such candidates shall not be disturbed because of this judgment. We make it clear that this benefit is only for the candidates who were appointed prior to the date our judgment was delivered, on 11th August, 2023.

Mere selection of such candidates or their participation in the process will not entitle them for a benefit under our present order. Moreover, the candidates having B.Ed. qualification whose appointments we are protecting in this judgment, will have to undergo a bridge course and we direct the educational authorities to devise such course, which would be applicable for each state and union territory, within a period of one year from today. This course shall be only for those appointees who have been engaged with B.Ed. degree only in the subject-posts under conditions stipulated in the earlier part of this order. National Council for Teacher Education shall design such course under overall supervision of the Ministry of Education, Union of India. Upon formulation of such course, the same shall be publicly notified and a timeframe shall also be given within which the respective candidates shall participate therein. Failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within the timeframe to be given by the concerned educational authorities will invalidate the appointment of such candidate.

We also make it clear that the directions contained in this order shall not be confined to the applicant state only and shall cover all cases which may be pending in different judicial fora in any State or Union territory on the same point of law. The present application stands disposed of in the above terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of."

4. In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order, the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education has been designed and notified by the NCTE vide Public Notice dated 07.04.2025 and Corrigendum dated 10.04.2025, hosted on the official website of NCTE for information to all the stakeholders.

6. In line with the above directions, NIOS has submitted an application to the NRC, NCTE, for the recognition of the aforementioned course. Subsequently, NCTE granted recognition to NIOS through Order No. NRC/NCTE/441st Meeting (Volume-3) Sl. No. 34/2025/233333-233338 dated 02.07.2025, allowing NIOS to conduct the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL.

7. In view of the above, the following conditions are to be adhered by all stakeholders:

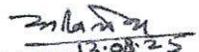
- i. This course will only be meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who

were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11.08.2023.

- ii. The teachers indicated at point (i) above may avail this one-time opportunity to complete the course as Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within time frame, as decided by the educational authorities, will invalidate their appointment.
 - iii. The participant teachers shall complete the course within one year of the commencement of course of NIOS.
 - iv. Qualifying the Bridge Course will be strictly meant for teachers indicated in point (i) above, to protect their existing employment only. This Bridge Course will not be valid for those teachers seeking subsequent employments as primary teachers.
8. Accordingly, NIOS will soon launch an online portal where all relevant information regarding the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education, will be made available.
9. In view of the above, it is requested that kindly provide details of primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11.08.2023 in the enclosed format to NIOS in mail address (bridgecourse@nios.ac.in).
10. I look forward to your cooperation and support in this important initiative.

Regards

Yours sincerely


12.08.23
(Akhilesh Mishra)

Encl: As above
Sh. Rahul Singh, IAS
Chairman, CBSE
CBSE Integrated Office Complex, Sector-23,
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List of variables required from State/UT for eligible in-service teachers for registration in NIOS BRIDGE course					
Sr. No.	Column Name	Mandatory	Data Type	Possible Values	Max Length
1	UDISE Code of the School	Yes	Character		11
2	Teacher's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
3	Mother's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
4	Father's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
5	Gender	Yes	Number	(Male=1, Female=2, Third Gender=3)	1
6	Date of Birth	Yes	Date	Format DD/MM/YYYY	10
7	Aadhaar Number (12 digits)	Yes	Number		12
8	Email Address (Valid and functional)	Yes	Character		75
9	Mobile Number (10 digits)	Yes	Number		10
10	Date of Appointment	Yes	Date	Format DD/MM/YYYY	10

Rest of the variables will be filled in by the Teacher on the NIOS registration portal. Supporting documents shall be uploaded by the teacher at the time of registration on the portal.