SARAS 6.0:

SCHOOL AFFILIATION RE-ENGINEERED AUTOMATION SYSTEM (SARAS)

- An Integrated Affiliation
System

FOREWORD

The National Education Policy 2020 recommends a 'light but tight' regulatory framework to ensure integrity, transparency, and resource efficiency of the educational system through audit and public disclosure while encouraging innovation and out-of-the-box ideas through autonomy, good governance, and empowerment (NEP 2020, pg.5).

The Affiliation process of CBSE has been reengineered in consonance with the National Education Policy 2020. In tune to the mandate of the National Education Policy 2020, CBSE has taken proactive measures to ensure that the new affiliation process is transparent, completely online, more accountable, and reduces compliance burden facilitating ease-of-doing-business by time-bound disposal of affiliation process. This Manual outlines the process for CBSE affiliation. It documents the process flow/work flow charts, clearly distinctive parts/ stages of affiliation process, all formats to be used for this process, an experiential video and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

This is the sixth version of SARAS which was introduced in 2021. It has many new features aimed at making the affiliation process, objective, time bound, transparent and hassle free for the schools.

This Manual will also be of immense help to the schools/ individuals so that the process of affiliation becomes a smooth and swift experience for them. It may also be noted that on the question of interpretation of any point of this manual, the provisions as mentioned in the CBSE Affiliation Bye-laws shall prevail and the decision of the Board shall be final.

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CBSE Affiliation: An Overview

Every school seeking fresh affiliation/up-gradation to higher levels/ switchover from other Boards etc. are to be guided by the CBSE Affiliation Bye-laws. Affiliation Bye Laws have been developed:

- 1) To formulate the parameters for transparent and unbiased Decision
- 2) To ensure certain standards in the schools being affiliated
- 3) To define the framework within which the activities of the schools would be conducted
- 4) To ensure the spirit of value- based education, fairness and in conformity with the Rules.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is an examination conducting body under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. CBSE grants affiliation to the schools for conduct of Class X and XII Examination. CBSE is the only Board in India that has a pan India and international presence.

The Affiliation Bye-laws 2018 are available on the link given below:-

https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ui/assets/affiliation_bye_laws/Affiliation-Bye-Laws-English.pdf

The Affiliation Bye-laws (Branch School) 2025 are available on the link given below:-

https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular05 2025638760794636638304.pdf

Important

- ❖ It has come to the notice that some of the schools, whose applications are under process for various reasons with the Affiliation Branch of CBSE, are being approached by alleged Consultants/Agents not only on the pretext of helping the schools in getting the replies prepared for shortcomings/deficiencies communicated to the schools by CBSE but also for getting the approval of affiliation expedited by using their claimed personal influence with CBSE officials for some consideration.
- ❖ The Board has neither appointed/authorised any agency/advisors to offer Affiliation- related services nor does the Board encourage such unethical practices. The Board also requests to all the stakeholders and general public to not to act on the basis of such false claims made by any unauthorised elements and visit Board's affiliation website at link: http://saras.cbse.gov.in/ or refer CBSE affiliation byelaws/SARAS Manual for information and activities of the Affiliation (Circular No. 08/2021 dated 10.05.2021 and Circular No. 06/2022 dated 09.06.2022).
- ❖ The Board has developed highly transparent and robust system of affiliation, where the schools are able to see the status of their application online. Whatever information these consultants/agents are claiming in support of their averments, is totally unauthorised.
- ❖ The school is solely responsible for the documents /video uploaded and information submitted at the time of submitting application. In case of, any fraudulent or fabricated document(s) /video uploaded by the school, the application will be rejected and action as deemed fit will be initiated against the school as per clause 10.1.16 of the Affiliation Bye-laws of the Board.
- ❖ The affiliation of the school shall be withdrawn in case if shortcomings in the essential requirements for affiliation laid down in the affiliation bye-laws are detected at any stage as per clause 12.2.4 of the Affiliation Bye-laws- 2018 of the Board.

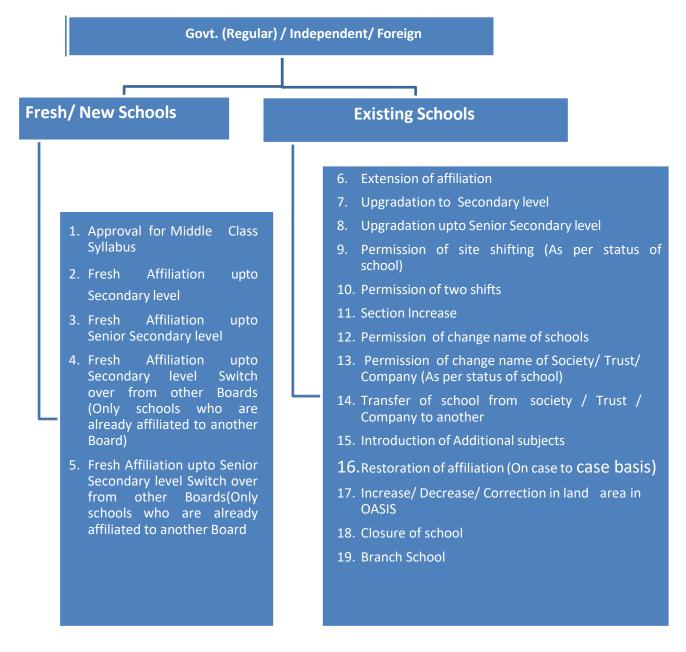
SECTION 1

AFFILIATION:

- **✓ SYSTEMS**
- **✓ PROCESSES' FLOW**
- **✓ DOCUMENTATION**

1.1 This user manual endeavors to facilitate the schools to understand the process, the documents required to be uploaded and other compliances to be done before applying for affiliation.

The applicants are classified as follows:-



1.2 Fresh Affiliation for Middle, Secondary and Senior Secondary Level

Components of Affiliation Application Form

KYC

- A. Pre-registration of school
- B. Initial Payment of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand only) which shall be adjusted in total final payment made by the school in case if Part A is accepted.

PART-A

- A. Filling of Part A Details
 - Name of the school
 - U Dise No. (compulsory)
 - Mandatory Disclosure link
 - Information regarding Trust, Society, NOC, Recognition, land details and safety certificates
- B. Create and upload Mandatory Public Disclosures as per Appendix IX Circular No. dated 03/2021 dated 05.03.2021 and refer to Circular No. 09/2021 dated 21-05-2021 on the school website.
- C. Uploading of Mandatory documents (*Please refer to S.no. 1.3 for details*)
 - <u>Create and upload Mandatory Public Disclosures as per Circular No. 09/2021 dated 21-</u> 05- 2021 on the school website.
 - No Objection Certificate
 - o Recognition Certificate
 - Land Certificate
 - o Fire Safety Certificate
 - Building plan by Architect (Optional)
 - Building Safety Certificate
 - Certificate of Registration of Society/Trust/Company
 - o Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Condition Certificate
 - Water sample test report from Public Health Engineer Department
 - o System Generated Self-certification

Note:-

- Circular regarding Amendments in Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 w.r.t. permit school to apply for affiliation with or without NOC. (https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular04 2025638757507350885363.pdf)
- Circular for amendment in land certificate and building safety certificate: https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular13 2024638594305779917755.pdf

PART-B

- A. All other details to be filled by schools and payment of Balance Fee
 - Basic Details
 - Year Of Establishment Of School
 - Whether School Is Running Morning/ Evening/ Double Shift?
 - Currently Running Classes From
 - Whether Offered Vocational/Skill Subjects

- Classes where skill subjects are offered
- Photograph (Geo tagged photo of school building) and Small Video of the school (maximum size 4 mb)
- Faculty Detail
- Student Detail
- O Academic Detail
- Chairman and SMC Detail
- School Website Information
- Infrastructure details
 - SoPs for the Laboratories and Library & Sports https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular11 2022.pdf
 - Guidelines for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) provisions for existing Schools and Schools seeking affiliation with the Board Accessibility code (https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular11 2024638588111217016767.pdf)
 - Implementation of Digital Infrastructure in CBSE Schools (https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular10 2023.pdf)

PART-C

A. **School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) -** For details please see https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular14 2023.pdf

Note: Every school applying for affiliation under any category is required to run preprimary sections for students of age group 3-6 in the form of Bal Vatika 1,2 & 3 as per_Circular No. 12/2023 dated 24.03.2023

- 1.3 The school should possess the following mandatory documents required for Fresh Affiliation for Independent Schools:-
 - 1. No Objection Certificate from the State Education Department to seek affiliation with CBSE (please refer to Circular No: 04/2025 Date of 20 Feb 2025) Amendments in Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 w.e.t. permit school to apply for affiliation with or without NOC).
 - **2. Recognition Certificate** with its validity as on date, issued by concerned State Education Department as per extant rules and provisions contained in RTE Act-2009.
 - 3. Land Certificate STRICTLY as per the Annexure-B. The certificate should have been issued not more than 1 year before the date of application. The Competent Authority to issue the land certificate is - DM/ADM/SDM / Tehsildar/ Naib – Tehsildar/ Registrar/ Sub-Registrar or any other equivalent authority competent to issue such certificate. The Schools running on the land allotted by Urban Land Development Authorities like DDA, HUDA, MMRDA, GMDA, TDA, BDA, GNIDA, Noida Authority, Land owning PSUS, SEZ, Industrial Development Authorities/Corporations, Project/Companies such as Power, Steel and Cement, ATOMIC Energy, SAIL, BHEL etc., may submit the letter or certificate from the concerned agency in lieu of the Land Certificate (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024) issued by the revenue authorities. The land certificate must be as per format prescribed and no other format will be acceptable. Non submission of the certificate in the prescribed format may lead to rejection of the application.
 - 4. Fire Safety Certificate is to be issued by the Govt. Fire Safety Department/ Authorised Officer of the Local Bodies such as Municipal Corporation as per prescribed norms with validity (validity as on date of final submission of application) in the name of school only. Fire Safety Certificate.
 - 5. Building Safety Certificate as per the Annexure-D of the SARAS Manual is to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government works department, however, with regard to schools running in the areas/regions where Engineers have been empaneled by the concerned urban local body/planning authority/concerned department, Building Safety Certificate issued by such empaneled Structural Safety Engineer of the

region where the school is situated along with the copy of the license issued by the concerned Government authority may be submitted. (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024.). The Building Safety Certificate must include details of all the buildings Blocks in the school campus and the number of floors in such building blocks in the school.

- 6. **Building plan by Architect (Optional)**
- 7. Certificate of registration of Society OR Certificate of incorporation of Company OR Copy of the registered trust deed running the school, issued by a competent Government authority.
- 8. Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Condition Certificate Please refer Annexure-C of SARAS Manual for proforma of safe drinking water and sanitary condition certificate which has to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government Public Health Department(PHED)/ Authorised Officer of the Local Body (Municipality) accompanied by a water test report of the school from a PHED Lab.
- 9. **System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory

Note:-

- 1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D**.
- 2. The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B**. Please refer Circular no. 13/2024

1.4 Government schools, seeking Affiliation of the Board should submit the following mandatory documents:-

- Establishment letter issued by the appropriate authority i.e Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan/ Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti/ Directorate of Education/Education Department / or authorized signatory
- 2. **Approval letter** issued by appropriate Govt. authority
- 3. **Fire Safety Certificate** is to be issued by the Govt. Fire Safety Department/ Authorised Officer of the Local Bodies such as Municipal Corporation as per prescribed norms with validity (validity as on date of final submission of application) in the name of school only. Letter/Certificate/opinion regarding installation or possession of Fire Safety equipments/ extinguisher shall not be treated as a Fire Safety Certificate.
- Building Safety Certificate as per the Annexure-D of the SARAS Manual is 4. to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government works department, however, with regard to schools running in the areas/regions where Engineers have been empaneled by concerned urban local body/planning authority/concerned department, Building Safety Certificate issued by such empaneled Structural Safety Engineer of the region where the school is situated along with the copy of the license issued by the concerned Government authority may be submitted. (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024.). The Building Safety Certificate must include details of all the buildings Blocks in the school campus and the number of floors in such building blocks in the school.
- 5. Building plan by Architect (Optional)
- 6. Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Condition Certificate Please refer Annexure-C of SARAS Manual for proforma of safe drinking water and sanitary condition certificate which has to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government Public Health Department(PHED) / Authorised Officer of the Local Body (Municipality) accompanied by a water test report of the school from a PHED Lab.
- 7. **System generated self- certificate** signed by the Principal of the school

System generated certificate signed by competent authority running the school i.e Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan / Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti/

Directorate of Education/ Education Department/ authorized signatory

Note:-

1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D**.

1.5 Foreign schools, seeking affiliation with the Board should submit the following mandatory documents:-

- NOC/letter to this effect issued by High Commission/ Consulate/ Embassy of India
- 2. **License / Permission** for running the school issued by the concerned Govt. of the foreign country
- 3. **System generated self- certificate** signed by Principal and Manager of the school

Or

System generated certificate signed by High Commission/ Consulate/ Embassy of India.

- 4. Building plan by Architect (Optional)
- 5. The application for foreign/ international school will remain open throughout the year (Please refer Circular No : 17/2024 Date of (19 Nov 2024).

1.6 FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS THE PROCESS FLOW OF THE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE: —

Independent (Non Govt./ Non Foreign Schools)

- Step: 1 Complete Registration and KYC
- > Step: 2 Deposit KYC payment Rs. 10,000/-
- Step: 3 Complete Part A
- > Step: 4 Upload Mandatory Documents
- ➤ Step: 5-A If Mandatory documents are not found as prescribed in S.no. 1.3, the application will be rejected without further review and the fee deposited shall be forfeited. The school may apply afresh during the next affiliation window, as and when announced by the Board.
- ➤ **Step: 5-B** If Mandatory documents are found as prescribed in S.no. 1.3, the same shall be communicated to the school on the progress panel.
- Step: 6 Complete Part B and deposit balance payment within 15 days.
- > Step: 7 Click on "Formation of IC" within 15 days after making payment. If the school does not create IC within 15 days, the application will be rejected.
- ➤ Step: 8 Fix the date of Inspection within stipulated time and get the school inspected
- ➤ Step :9 After the inspection report submitted by the IC members, SCHOOL FEEDBACK form to be filled through Progress Panel
- ➤ Step: 10 View IC report and then submit SCHOOL COMMENTS ON INSPECTION REPORT through Progress Panel
- > Step: 11 Scrutiny of the application and IC report by the Board.
- ➤ **Step: 11-A** If the school is found fit for grant of affiliation, approval shall be communicated to the school on Progress Panel.
- > Step: 11-B Grant letter shall be issued to the school.
- > Step: 11-C School shall fill part C (School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework and SQAAF
- ➤ **Step: 11-D** If the school is not found fit for affiliation, rejection letter along with reasons of rejection shall be sent to the school.
- ➤ **Step: 11-E** The school may apply for review of the Board's decision to reject, within 15 days by clicking on FORM RC.
- ➤ **Step: 11-F** Review committee shall conduct a virtual inspection of the school on a mutually decided date and seek clarifications from the school on reasons for rejection.
- > Step: 11-G Scrutiny of the RC report and clarifications by the Board.

- > Step: 11-H If after review, the school is found fit for affiliation, steps 11-A to 11-C shall follow.
- > Step: 11-I If after review, the school is not found fit for affiliation a final rejection letter shall be sent to the school.

No representation by the school against the final rejection letter shall be entertained. The school may apply afresh after removing all the deficiencies pointed out in the previously applied application, in the next affiliation window, as and when announced by the Board.

1.7 PROCESS FLOW OF FRESH APPLICATIONS - Govt. and Foreign Schools

- > Step: 1 Complete Registration and KYC
- > Step: 2 Deposit KYC payment Rs. 10,000/-
- > Step: 3 Complete Part A
- > Step: 4 Upload Mandatory Documents
- ➤ Step: 5 A If Mandatory documents are not found as prescribed in Sl.No.1.4, the application will be rejected without further review and the fee deposited shall be forfeited. The school may apply afresh during the next affiliation window, as and when announced by the Board.
- > Step: 5 B If Mandatory documents are found as prescribed in Sl.No.1.4, then Complete Part B and submit payment within 15 days.
- ➤ **Step: 6** If application is found as per Boards norms, then Grant of affiliation is communicated and Part C and School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) shall be completed by the school.
- > Step: 7 If application is not found as per Boards norms, then rejection is communicated, the school may apply in the next window.

- 1.8 The Existing schools i.e. schools affiliated with the Board applying for Upgradation, Restoration of affiliation and permission for Site Shifting should submit the following mandatory documents:-
- 1. No Objection Certificate from the State Education Department to seek affiliation with CBSE which was submitted at the time of initial application in case of up-gradation and permission of site shifting cases. In case of restoration, the schools may refer to Circular No: 04/2025 Date of 20 Feb 2025
- 2. **Recognition Certificate** with its validity as on date, issued by concerned State Education Department as per extant rules and provisions contained in RTE Act-2009.
- Land Certificate STRICTLY as per the Annexure-B. The certificate should 3. have been issued not more than 1 year before the date of application. The Competent Authority to issue the land certificate is - DM/ADM/SDM / Tehsildar/ Naib - Tehsildar/ Registrar/ Sub-Registrar or any other equivalent authority competent to issue such certificate. The Schools running on the land allotted by Urban Land Development Authorities like DDA, HUDA, MMRDA, GMDA, TDA, BDA, GNIDA, Noida Authority, Land owning PSUS, SEZ, Industrial Development Authorities/Corporations, Project/Companies such as Power, Steel and Cement, ATOMIC Energy, SAIL, BHEL etc., may submit the letter or certificate from the concerned agency in lieu of the Land Certificate (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024) issued by the revenue authorities. The land certificate must be as per format prescribed and no other format will be acceptable. Non submission of the certificate in the prescribed format may lead to rejection of the application.
- 4. Fire Safety Certificate to be issued by the Govt. Fire Safety Department/
 Authorised Officer of the Local Bodies such as Municipal Corporation with
 validity (validity as on date of final submission of application) in the name
 of school only. Letter/Certificate/opinion regarding installation or
 possession of Fire Safety equipments/ extinguisher shall not be treated as
 a Fire Safety Certificate.
- **5. Building Safety Certificate** as per the **Annexure-D** of the SARAS Manual is to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government works department, however, with regard to schools running in

the areas/regions where Engineers have been empaneled by the concerned urban local body/planning authority/concerned department, Building Safety Certificate issued by such empaneled Structural Safety Engineer of the region where the school is situated along with the copy of the license issued by the concerned Government authority may be submitted. (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024.). The Building Safety Certificate must include details of all the buildings Blocks in the school campus and the number of floors in such building blocks in the school.

- 6. Certificate of registration of Society OR Certificate of incorporation of Company OR Copy of the registered trust deed running the school, issued by a competent Government authority.
- 7. **Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Condition Certificate** Please refer **Annexure-C** of SARAS Manual for proforma of safe drinking water and sanitary condition certificate which has to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government Public Health Department (PHED) / Authorised Officer of the Local Body (Municipality) accompanied by a water test report of the school from a PHED Lab.
- 8. **System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory
- 9. Last Affiliation Grant letter issued by the Board.
- 10. Permission of site shifting from the concerned State/UTs Education Department. (In case of "Permission of site shifting")
- 11. Disaffiliation Letter issued by CBSE (In case of "Restoration of affiliation")

Note:-

- 1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C** and **D**.
- 2. The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B**.

- 1.9 For existing schools, which apply for extension of affiliation the following mandatory documents should be submitted:-
 - 1. Land Certificate STRICTLY as per the Annexure-B. The certificate should have been issued not more than 1 year before the date of application. The Competent Authority to issue the land certificate is DM/ADM/SDM / Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar/ Registrar/ Sub-Registrar or any other equivalent authority competent to issue such certificate. The Schools running on the land allotted by Urban Land Development Authorities like DDA, HUDA, MMRDA, GMDA, TDA, BDA, GNIDA, Noida Authority, Land owning PSUS, SEZ, Industrial Development Authorities/Corporations, Project/Companies such as Power, Steel and Cement, ATOMIC Energy, SAIL, BHEL etc., may submit the letter or certificate from the concerned agency in lieu of the Land Certificate (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024) issued by the revenue authorities. The land certificate must be as per format prescribed and no other format will be acceptable. Non submission of the certificate in the prescribed format may lead to rejection of the application.
 - 2. Valid Fire Safety Certificate to be issued by the Govt. Fire Safety Department/ Authorised Officer of the Local Bodies such as Municipal Corporation in the name of school only. Letter/Certificate/Opinion-regarding-installation-or-possession-of-Fire-Safety-equipments/extinguisher-shall-not-be-treated-as-a-Fire-Safety-Certificate.
 - 3. Building Safety Certificate as per the Annexure-D of the SARAS Manual is to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government works department, however, with regard to schools running in the areas/regions where Engineers have been empaneled by the concerned urban local body/planning authority/concerned department, Building Safety Certificate issued by such empaneled Structural Safety Engineer of the region where the school is situated along with the copy of the license issued by the concerned Government authority may be submitted. (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024.). The Building Safety Certificate must include details of all the buildings Blocks in the school.
 - 4. Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Condition Certificate Please refer Annexure-C of SARAS Manual for proforma of safe drinking water and

sanitary condition certificate which has to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the PHED / Authorised Officer of the Local Body (Municipality) accompanied by a water test report of the school from a PHED Laboratory.

- **5. System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory
- 6. Last Affiliation Grant letter issued by the Board.

Note:-

- 1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D**.
- 2. The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B.**
- 3. Extension of Affiliation to existing schools shall be granted online subject to submission of mandatory documents mentioned above. However 3% of such schools as selected by the Board shall be considered for Extension, following a virtual inspection of the school and scrutiny by the Board. In such cases the steps/ the flow as mentioned in 1.11 shall follow.

1.10

- 1.10.1 For existing schools, applying for permission of two shifts and section increase the following mandatory documents shall be submitted:-
 - 1. Land Certificate STRICTLY as per the Annexure-B. The certificate should have been issued not more than 1 year before the date of application. The Competent Authority to issue the land certificate is DM/ADM/SDM / Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar/ Registrar/ Sub-Registrar or any other equivalent authority competent to issue such certificate. The Schools running on the land allotted by Urban Land Development Authorities like DDA, HUDA, MMRDA, GMDA, TDA, BDA, GNIDA, Noida Authority, Land owning PSUS, SEZ, Industrial Development Authorities/Corporations, Project/Companies such as Power, Steel and Cement, ATOMIC Energy, SAIL, BHEL etc., may submit the letter or certificate from the concerned agency in lieu of the Land Certificate (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024) issued by the revenue authorities. The land certificate must be as per format prescribed and no other format will be acceptable. Non submission of the certificate in the prescribed format may lead to rejection of the application.
 - 2. Fire Safety Certificate to be issued by the Govt. Fire Safety Department/ Authorised Officer of the Local Bodies such as Municipal Corporation as per prescribed norms with validity (validity as on date of final submission of application) in the name of school only. Letter/Certificate/opinion regarding installation or possession of Fire Safety equipments/ extinguisher shall not be treated as a Fire Safety Certificate.
 - 3. Building Safety Certificate as per the Annexure-D of the SARAS Manual is to be issued by an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer of the Government works department, however, with regard to schools running in the areas/regions where Engineers have been empaneled by the concerned urban local body/planning authority/concerned department, Building Safety Certificate issued by such empaneled Structural Safety Engineer of the region where the school is situated along with the copy of the license issued by the concerned Government authority may be submitted. (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024.). The Building Safety Certificate must include details of all

the buildings Blocks in the school campus and the number of floors in such building blocks in the school.

- 4. **System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory
- 5. **Additional rooms** details

The number of additional rooms and area of each room shall comprise of minimum size of 500 sq.ft.

(Room size of each Independent class room (section) should be mentioned)

- 6. **Additional teachers'** details
- 7. Permission from State/ UT Government along with the number of classes upto which the school may run in Second Shift (Required in case of application for "Permission of running two shifts")
- 8. Previous grant letter of the Board.

Note:-

- 1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D**.
- 2. The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B**.

1.10.2 For Existing Schools, applying for Permission of change name of schools/ Society/Trust/Company the following documents shall be submitted:-

- 1. Permission from State / UT Government
- 2. Registration certificate of trust (complete back to back registered trust deed)/society/company , whichever applicable.
- 3. Copy of resolution passed by the Society/Trust/Company running the school (Clause 15.5.1).
- 4. Copy of affidavit to the effect that old name will not be used any more. (Clause 15.5.3)
- 5. **System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory

1.10.3 For Transfer of school from the society / Trust / Company to another

- 1. Permission from State Govt.
- 2. **System Generated Self- certification** signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory

Note:-

- It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D.**
- The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B**.

1.10.4 Existing Schools applying for Introduction of Additional subjects shall submit the following documents

(only for existing schools upto senior secondary level)

- Details of additional rooms for senior secondary classes. The number of additional rooms and area of each room shall comprise of minimum size of 500 sq.ft. (Room size of each Independent class room (section) should be mentioned)
- 2. The infrastructure details of Physics, Chemistry, Biology Labs in case if the school have applied for Science subject. (GPS enabled Photos & Videos).
- 3. Schools seeking approval for non-science subjects should update the data in OASIS Portal and offer the subject as per norms of the Board
- 4. System Generated Self- certification signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory.

1.10.5 For Existing Schools applying for Increase/ Decrease/Correction in land area in OASIS, the following documents shall be submitted :For Increase/ Decrease/Correction in land area in OASIS (Correction of land area means if there is any wrong entry/ typographical error in the OASIS data and there is no change in the land documents)

- 1. Old Land Certificate
- 2. **New Land Certificate** <u>STRICTLY</u> as per the Annexure-B. The certificate should have been issued not more than 1 year before the date of application. The Competent Authority to issue the land

certificate is - DM/ADM/SDM / Tehsildar/ Naib - Tehsildar/ Registrar/ Sub-Registrar or any other equivalent authority competent to issue such certificate. The Schools running on the land allotted by Urban Land Development Authorities like DDA, HUDA, MMRDA, GMDA, TDA, BDA, GNIDA, Noida Authority, Land owning PSUS, SEZ, Industrial Development Authorities/Corporations, Project/Companies such as Power, Steel and Cement, ATOMIC Energy, SAIL, BHEL etc., may submit the letter or certificate from the concerned agency in lieu of the Land Certificate (Please refer circular no. 13/2024 dated 16.08.2024) issued by the revenue authorities. The land certificate must be as per format prescribed and no other format will be acceptable. Non submission of the certificate in the prescribed format may lead to rejection of the application.

- 3. **Video of the 6ft. concrete Boundary wall** in continuity enclosing the entire school with aerial view
- 1.10.6 For Existing Schools applying for Closure of School, the following documents shall be submitted:-
 - 1. Society resolution for closure of school
 - 2. Affidavit as per Clause 15.10.5 of Affiliation Bye-Lays
 - 3. System Generated Self- certification signed by principal & Manager of the school and duly countersigned by the authorized signatory.

Note:-

- 1. It is advised that as far as possible, the certificates be submitted in the formats prescribed in **Annexures-C and D**.
- 2. The land certificate should be submitted strictly as per the prescribed format in **Annexure-B.**

1.11 Branch School

The school's, which are affiliated with the Board and are located in the areas/cities where relaxed land norms falling under land criteria as per clause 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of Affiliation Bye-laws are applicable on the land requirements for setting schools under Chapter 3 of Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 of the Board, may establish a Branch School under the same name and affiliation number and by the school management but with separate set of resources in terms of Physical and Academic Infrastructure, Teaching & Supporting Staff etc. as per the provisions laid down in Affiliation Bye-Laws-(Branch School)-2025 for running classes from Bal-Vatika to Class V. The Main School shall run the classes from VI to XII. (Please refer circular no. Circular No: 05/2025 Date of (22 Feb 2025).

1.12 PROCESS FLOW OF APPLICATIONS OF EXISTING SCHOOLS:

(Upgradation upto Secondary Level, Section Increase, Change in Name of School/ Name of Society, Transfer of school from one Society/Trust to another, Extension and Increase/Decrease/Correction in land area in OASIS)

- ➤ **Step: 1** Updation of OASIS and School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF).
- Step: 2 Complete Part A
- > Step: 3 Upload Mandatory Documents
- > Step :4 Part B and C are auto populated
- > Step:5 Payment of requisite fee
- > Step: 6A If application is not falling in the category of Inspection, then after Scrutiny/ automated mode/ Verification of the application, grant letter shall be sent to the school, if the case is found fit as per Board norms otherwise rejection letter will be issued.
- ➤ **Step: 6B** If applications is falling in the category of Inspection, then select IC within 15 days.
- > Step: 6B-1 Fix the date of Inspection within stipulated time and get the school inspected
- > Step: 7 After the inspection report submitted by the IC members, school feedback form to be filled through Progress Panel
- > Step:8 View IC report and then submit school comments on inspection report through Progress Panel
- > Step: 9 Scrutiny of application and IC report by the Board.
- > Step: 9A-1 If the case is found fit, as per Board norms, grant letter shall be communicated to the school.
- > Step: 9A-2 If the case is not found fit after scrutiny, the application in either category (requiring inspection) shall be rejected and rejection letter shall be communicated to the school with grounds of rejection.
- > Step: 9A-3 The school may apply for review of Board's decision of the rejected application, within 15 days on SARAS portal.
- > Step: 9A-4 The review committee shall conduct a virtual inspection of the

school and seek clarifications on grounds for rejection of application.

- > **Step: 9A-5** Scrutiny by the Board of RC report and clarifications given by the school.
- > Step: 9A-6 If after review, the case is found fit for approval, grant letter shall be communicated to the school.
- > Step: 9A-7 If after review the case is not found fit for approval, final rejection letter shall be communicated to the school.

No representation by the school against the final rejection letter shall be entertained. The school may apply afresh after removing all the deficiencies pointed out in the previously applied application, in the next affiliation window, as and when announced by the Board.

1.13 PROCESS FLOW OF APPLICATIONS OF EXISTING SCHOOL

(Upgradation upto Senior Secondary Level, Permission of Site Shifting, Two Shifts, Restoration, Introduction of Additional Subjects(Science))

- ➤ **Step: 1** Updation of OASIS and School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF).
- > Step: 2 Complete Part A
- > Step: 3 Upload Mandatory Documents
- > Step: 4 Part B and C are auto populated
- > Step :5 Payment of requisite fee
- > Step: 6 After payment, select IC within 15 days.
- ➤ **Step: 7** Fix the date of Inspection within stipulated time and get the school inspected
- > Step :8 After the inspection report submitted by the IC members, school feedback form to be filled through Progress Panel
- ➤ Step:9 View IC report and then submit school comments on inspection report through Progress Panel
- > Step: 10 Scrutiny by the Board of the application and Inspection report.
- ➤ **Step: 11** If the case is found fit for approval, grant letter will be communicated to the school.
- > Step: 12 If the case is not found fit for approval, rejection letter along with reasons for rejection shall be communicated to the school.
- > Step: 12-A The school may apply for review of Board's decision of the rejected application, within 15 days on SARAS portal.
- > Step: 12-B The review committee shall conduct a virtual inspection of the school and seek clarifications on reasons for rejection.
- > Step: 12-C Scrutiny of RC report by the Board and clarifications given by the school.
- > Step: 12-D If after review, the case is found fit for approval, grant letter will be communicated to the school.
- ➤ **Step: 12-E** If after review, the case is not found fit for approval, a final rejection letter will be communicated to the school.

No representation by the school against the final rejection letter shall be entertained. The school may apply afresh after removing all the deficiencies pointed out in the previously applied applications, in the next affiliation window, as and when announced by the Board.

Critical points to be noted with respect to processing of application:-



- Schools who fail to submit compliance in PART A within 15 days are subject to
 Auto Reject. A mail for the same shall be sent to the school and the details will
 be updated in the progress Panel of the school.
- Schools who fail to fill in PART B within 15 days are subject to Auto Reject. An
 email for the same shall be sent to the school and the details will be updated in
 the Progress Panel of the School.
- Schools who fail to create Inspection Committee within 15 days are subject to
 Auto Reject. An email for the same shall be sent to the school and the details will
 be updated in the Progress Panel of the School.
- In case if any one or both IC members fail to give consent within 48 hours, then
 the members will automatically change in the system. An email for the same
 shall be sent to the school and the details will be updated in the Progress Panel
 of the School.
- Schools who fail to submit compliance after IC within 15 days are subjected to
 Auto Reject. An email for the same shall be sent to the school and the details will
 be updated in the Progress Panel of the School.
- All schools applying for the fresh affiliation/switch over category will have to fill SQAAF at the time of filling Part C of the online affiliation form within 21 days of date of issue of grant letter.
- After School has been given "GRANT WITH CONDITION", school needs to submit compliance within 3 months. Failure to comply within the prescribed time shall invite financial penalty @ Rs. 50,000/- and shall debar the school from filling the registration and LOC of students class IX to class XII.
- If the schools fail to submit partial compliance within 90 days, a penalty of Rs.
 5,000 will be imposed to the school failing which the school shall debar from filling the registration and LOC of students class IX to class XII.

- The schools are advised to ensure submitting of compliance for the cases which
 are granted with conditions, within stipulated 03 months of time to avoid any
 penalty. This also applies for auto-grant extension cases.
- The schools are advised to check the status of updation of their payment, regularly.



The schools shall not fall into the trap of scrupulous persons posing as consultants/ intermediates giving fake promises to get affiliation. The Board does not authorize, promote or recognize any such entities.

- The schools are advised to regularly check the progress panel for communication from the Board such as deficiencies, grant/ reject letters / status of their application.
- The Independent Schools shall make the payment of applications in their respective category through Online mode viz Net Banking, UPI, Credit Card / Debit Card.

Important Points:-



The schools are requested to go through the SoPs issued by Board which are available in SARAS Portal.

- In case the applicant school has students' residence / hostel facility in the campus,
 such schools should ensure that they follow SoPs issued vide Circular No. Aff 24/2023 dt. 01.09.2023
- The residential schools shall have a separate entry and exit for residential areas
 of Students/ Staff/ Principal. The schools are required not to run the hostels in
 the academic blocks/ building. The hostels should be properly cordoned off from
 the main school building. The circular for Guidelines for Residential Schools may
 be referred at Circular No: 24/2023 Date of (01 Sep 2023).
- The schools are advised to establish / upgrade the labs in the light of SOPs issued by the Board.
- The schools are advised to establish / upgrade the provision for CwSN in the light of guidelines of CwSN issued by the Board and accessibility code for educational institutions notified vide Gazette notification dated 12th January, 2024.
- The schools are advised to appoint female teacher as a Head of Sexual Harassment Committee.
- The use of basement in school for any kind of academic or sports activities is not allowed.
- The boundary wall of the school shall be constructed with concrete and the height shall be a minimum of 6ft. The schools may refrain from using grills / mesh / small windows/gaps etc. upto the height of 6ft.
- Every school applying for affiliation under any category is required to run preprimary sections for students of age group 3-6 in the form of Bal Vatika 1,2 & 3 as per Circular No. 12/2023 dated 24.03.2023

SECTION 2

INSPECTIONS:

- ✓ PHYSICAL AND
- **✓ VIRTUAL**

2.1 Following are the mode of inspection for different categories of applications.

Application	% of Inspection	Mode of Inspection	
Middle class syllabus	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Fresh affiliation upto Secondary level/ Fresh Affiliation upto Secondary level Switch over from other Boards (Only schools who are already affiliated to another Board)	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Fresh affiliation upto Senior Secondary level/ Fresh Affiliation upto Senior Secondary level Switch over from other Boards (Only schools who are already affiliated to another Board)	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Up-gradation to Senior Secondary Level	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Permission of Site Shifting	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Permission of Two Shifts	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Restoration of Affiliation	Inspection 100% of applications	Physical	
Up-gradation to Secondary Level	100% application	Automated mode	
Extension of Affiliation	Inspection of at least 3% of total application recd. based on scores of School Report Cards.	Virtual	
	97% application	Automated mode	
Section increase	Inspection of at least 10% of total application received on case basis	Virtual	
Introduction of additional subjects in science stream i.e. Physics, Chemistry & Biology for Senior Secondary classes (In case, the school is already affiliated upto Senior Secondary Level without science subjects)	Inspection 100% of applications	Virtual	
Introduction of additional non science	update the data in OASIS portal		
subjects for Senior Secondary classes	as per norms of the Board		
Permission of change name of school/ society		Scrutiny	
Transfer of school from one society/trust to another society/ trust		Scrutiny	
Increase/ Decrease/ Correction in land area in OASIS	-	Scrutiny	
Closure of School		Scrutiny	
		Physical	

Note:- Schools which are due for extension (for whom the affiliation valid upto 31st March of the following year) or extension is long pending, need to apply for extension first, then only they will be allow to apply under any other category.

2.2 Inspection:

- The inspection of the applicant school shall be conducted by a Committee of one / two members (from affiliated schools of the Board) selected randomly. In extension / section increase applications inspection shall be conducted by single member through virtual mode.
- Click on "Formation of IC" within 15 days after making payment. If the school does not create IC within 15 days, the application will be rejected.
- After generating IC members by School, a text message shall be sent to both the IC members for information and to submit consent.
- The school can view the IC members' details on their progress panel only after the finalization of dates.
- The IC members appointed shall submit their consent within 48 hours through the message.
- After submitting consent, the School shall finalize any 5 dates for inspection of the School from the panel of 15 days, which shall go to the first member who shall finalise 3 dates out of them.
- These 3 dates shall go to the second committee member who shall finalize any one date out of these 3 dates.
- No member shall be the head of the committee and both shall be considered at par and share equal responsibility for conducting the inspection.
- All the details filled in the application form shall be verified during inspection. Any infrastructural detail, reported in the application but not covered in the video, may lead to rejection of the application on the ground of inadequate infrastructure.
- The inspection committee members are required to complete the inspection within the stipulated time. Non-compliance of the same without any valid reason will be viewed seriously by the Board.
- Detailed instructions on video graphing of the inspection may be seen at https://saras.cbse.gov.in/SARAS/Circulars/Circular11 2023.pdf

Duration of Videography of each area/aspect covered in the videography:

S.	Location /Activity to be covered	Recommended Time
No.		duration in Minutes
1.	 The name of the school prominently painted / displayed on the façade / entrance gate. Boundary wall of school on all sides with aerial view. Parking and other open area including assembly area Ramps at the entrance(s) of the school 	Upto 5 Minutes
2.	Playground with outdoor sports facilities	Upto 3 Minutes Wide angle coverage of video
3.	All Laboratories (Science subjects, Computer, Maths etc.) including stock register and practical files if any,	Upto 5 Minutes for all labs
4.	Library	Upto 2 Minutes
5.	Toilets/ separate CwSN toilets for boys and girls on every floor/ Ramps/ lift to access upper floor(s)	Upto 3 Minutes for boys and girls
6.	Drinking water Arrangement	Upto 2 Minutes
7.	Fire Safety Equipment	Up to 2 Minute
8.	Class Rooms: Occupied and Vacant	Upto 3 Minutes in total for each standard primary, Middle, secondary & Sr. secondary)

9.	Other Rooms such as indoor games facilities, auditorium, activity rooms wellness rooms etc.	Upto 02 Minutes
10.	Faculty interaction / class rooms interaction	Upto 3 Minutes
11.	Documents verification	Upto 5 Minutes

Important: No assembly / welcome ceremony will be held for IC members.

2.3 Salient features to be covered during physical inspection:-

Infrastructure Details to be covered in Inspection

- The name of the school is prominently painted / displayed on the façade / entrance gate. Flex boards or other temporary posters displaying the name of the school will not be acceptable.
- Concrete boundary wall of not less than 6 ft height, enclosing the school campus/site.

 Composite boundary walls which are partly concrete and partly grill/mesh/barbed wire below the height of 6 ft. shall not be acceptable. If fencing / grill is required then the same should be over and above 6 ft. of height.
- Ramps at the entrance(s) of the school. (Please refer circular no. Circular No : 11/2024 Date of (09 Aug 2024)
- Ramps/lifts for CWSN to access the upper floors of the school (in case of a multistoried school) (Please refer circular no. Circular No : 11/2024 Date of (09 Aug 2024)
- Appropriate laboratory infrastructure for composite science lab, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Computer lab (please refer to Sop / guidelines / accessibility code issued by the board)
- Composite Science Lab in Secondary & Senior Secondary both Schools (please refer to Sop / guidelines / accessibility code issued by the board)
- Well stocked library with adequate reading area for students and staff.
- Well-developed indoor and outdoor sports facilities
- Toilet facilities available in the school for boys and girls and urinal station in school toilets with proper partition.
- Separate toilets for CWSN, boys and girls. These should be provided on every floor (in case of multistoried schools) (please refer to Sop / guidelines / accessibility code issued by the board)
- Aerial view of school covering school campus, playground, Concrete boundary wall not less than 6 feet all around the school campus/site.
- Verification that no public road, canal or thorough-fare, HT line etc. is passing through the land in which school is located
- No other school / institution should be existing in the same premises.
- In the light of the SOPs issued by the Board with respect to the infrastructure such as Labs, Library, CWSN provisions etc., the IC members are required to go through the same and conduct inspection accordingly.

https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular11_2022.pdf
https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular05_2023.pdf
https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular10_2023.pdfAccessibility.code

2.4 Guidelines for Virtual Inspection (VIOS)

- Date of Inspection to be finalized mutually by the member(s) within stipulated time period (as the case may be)
- IC members to go through the video link given by schools prior to the Inspection.
- IC will prepare a questionnaire based on video and documents to be discussed during VIOS
- Detailed guidelines for VIOS may be seen at https://saras.cbse.gov.in/cbsedoc/Circular/Circular/SOP%20for%20Virtual%20Inspection.pdf

2.5 The critical points which shall be verified by Inspection Committee in Virtual Inspection:-

Infrastructure Details to be covered in Inspection

- The name of the school is prominently painted / displayed on the façade / entrance gate. Flex boards or other temporary posters displaying the name of the school will not be acceptable.
- Concrete boundary wall of not less than 6 ft height, enclosing the school campus/site. Composite boundary walls which are partly concrete and partly grill/mesh/barbed wire below the height of 6 ft. shall not be acceptable. If fencing / grill is required then the same should be over and above 6 ft. of height
- Ramps at the entrance(s) of the school (Please refer circular no. Circular No: 11/2024 Date of (09 Aug 2024).
- ➤ Ramps/lifts for CWSN to access the upper floors of the school(in case of a multistoried school) (Please refer circular no. Circular No: 11/2024 Date of (09 Aug 2024)
- Appropriate laboratory infrastructure for composite science lab, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Computer lab
- Composite Science Lab in Secondary & Senior Secondary both Schools
- Well stocked library with adequate reading area
- Well-developed indoor and outdoor sports facilities
- Toilet facilities available in the school for boys and girls and urinal station in school toilets with proper partition.

- ➤ Separate toilets for CWSN, boys and girls. These should be provided on every floor (in case of multistoried schools)
- Aerial view of school covering school campus, playground, Concrete boundary wall not less than 6 feet all around the school campus/site.
- ➤ Verification that no public road, canal or thorough-fare, HT line etc. is passing through the land in which school is located
- No other school / institution should be existing in the same premises.
- In the light of the SOPs issued by the Board with respect to the infrastructure such as Labs, Library, CWSN provisions etc., the IC members are required to go through the same and conduct inspection accordingly.

https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular11 2022.pdf https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular05 2023.pdf https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circulars/Circular10 2023.pdf

Document/data verification :-

- Inspection Committee members shall verify all information with original documents and submit report accordingly.
- They will check documentation maintained by the school in respect of statutory committees (POCSO and SMC), personal records of staff and salary payments.
- Inspection committee members shall interact with the Management and the Principal during Virtual Inspection.

Check List for Virtual Inspection:

- ✓ School Principal Availability of good quality Tab/ IPAD/ Laptop with high speed Wi-Fi internet connectivity. The school should also keep ready alternate backup arrangement of Internet such as extra dongle of different internet service provider (ISP). Scanner and laptop should also be available for scanning of any required documents.
- ✓ School should also make arrangement of a person with videography skills to ensure smooth and quality recording of video over **MICROSOFT TEAMS** Software using TABLET/IPAD.
- ✓ In order to ensure fairness and transparency in the process of affiliation, the entire process of inspection will be video- graphed.

2.6 Review of Application

The school is required to visit the progress panel of SARAS application through school log in for request of review against the decision of the Board within 15 days from the date of Rejection letter. The review inspection can be held in any mode decided by the Board i.e. Physical, Virtual and Documentary.

2.6.1 WORK FLOW:

Step: 1 Date for Review Committee shall be fixed and finalize in consultation with Review Committee members, Schools and the Coordinating Desk Officer shall create link for virtual meeting. After setting up meeting, Co-ordinating Desk Officer shall send invitation link through email to the Review Committee members and the School Authority on their registered mail-ids.

Step: 2 The meeting shall be conducted in virtual mode only through Microsoft team.

Step: 3 The school shall ensure availability of Tablet/ Laptop with **high speed wi-fi internet connectivity**. The school shall also keep ready alternate arrangement of Internet such as extra dongle of different internet serviceprovider (ISP). The school shall be ready with IT personnel for technical assistance, if any. The school shall make arrangement for professional videographer to ensure that all the deficiencies areas are covered.

Step: 4 The login credentials for appointment of Review Committee members in respect of review application shall be communicated to their official e- mail ID. On the Date and Time of virtual meeting the Review Committee members and the school authorities will join the meeting by clicking on the link sent on their registered email ID.

Step: 5 The Review Committee members shall submit their consent through the link provided in the e-mail.

Step: 6 Two representatives of the Applicant school as mentioned at S. No.

2.6.2 above, shall represent their case in respect of the deficiencies pointed out and placed supporting documents before the Review Committee.

Step: 7 The review committee shall seek clarification from the school on the grounds of rejection and verify through virtual inspection of schools and documents, whether the school has removed the deficiencies on ground on which the original application was rejected. The Review Committee shall give its clear recommendations for grant or rejection of the application as the case may be.

2.6.2 ARRANGEMENT BY SCHOOL:

- ✓ The school has to apply for review within 15 days from the date of rejection letter through their progress panel.
- ✓ The school applied for review of application for affiliation must keep all the relevant original documents ready for presenting before the Review Committee through virtual hearing.
- Two representative on behalf of the school (either Chairman/ Secretary of the Trust/ Society/ Company/Principal/ Director/ Trustee duly authorized by them) along with Self-attested Photo ID proof shall represent their case (after Not eligible for grant in the Scrutiny/Inspection) along with the compliance and supporting documents before the Review Committee.

2.6.3 Checklist for Review Committee: -

- ✓ School Authority Availability of Tablet/ Laptop with high speed wi-fi internet connectivity such as 4G Data Card/ Dongle. The school should also keep ready alternate arrangement of Internet such as extra dongle of different internet service provider (ISP).
- Review Committee members 1. Tablet/ Laptop with high speed internet connectivity. 2. IC members and school ensure to go through the Affiliation Bye Laws, 2018 & Affiliation Manual uploaded on SARAS portal and should be opened simultaneously at the time of inspection for ready reference. 3. Coordination should be maintained among Review committee members so that the recommendation of the case is unanimous.

✓ Important Note: Both School Authority and Review Committee members should ensure availability of above infrastructure in working condition day before the virtual meeting.

2.6.4 Guidelines for Review Committee:

- ✓ Review Committee members shall ensure tablet/ Laptop with high speed internet connectivity.
- ✓ The Review Committee members shall not refuse this duty and ensure their availability as per the timelines.
- ✓ The mandate of Review committee is to address only those deficiencies and points on which the application has been rejected
- ✓ The Review Committee must read the Affiliation Bye-Laws, SARAS Manual, latest circulars before conducting the Review Meeting. The Review Committee shall go through the reasons for rejections and familiarize with the latest /relevant circulars issued in this regard.
- ✓ The Review Committee shall maintain the decorum in the virtual meeting and refrain from passing any vague remarks during the meeting and must focus only on the compliance points submitted by the school.
- ✓ During the Review Committee proceeding, no other activity shall be carried on simultaneously.
- No member shall be the head of the committee and both shall be considered at par and share equal responsibility for conducting the review. None of the member shall be inactive during this meeting.
- ✓ The recommendation of the Review Committee should be clear for each and every rejection point communicated to the school in rejection letter. The Review committee should ensure that their remarks are not vague such as "Review committee is unable to verify the claims of the school" and "affiliation unit should physically verify".

SOP for Review of Affiliation Cases:

https://www.cbse.gov.in/cbsenew/documents//Circular_Aff_SOP_25042023.pdf

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	CATECORY OF	Applic	cation Fee (INR)		
S.No	CATEGORY OF AFFILIATION	General Affiliation	ı	Regular Affiliation	on
	RELATED APPLICATIONS	In India	Abroad	In India (Rs. 20,000 Appl. Fee + Rs. 25,000 Annual fee for 5 years @ 5,000/- Per Annum)	Abroad (Rs. 50,000 Appl. Fee + Rs. 50,000 Annual fee for 5 years @ 10,000/-Per Annum)
1	Approval for Middle Class Syllabus	50,000	2,00,000	45,000	1,00,000
2	Fresh Affiliation Up to Secondary Level	1,50,000	2,50,000	45,000	1,00,000
3	Upgradation to Secondary Level	1,00,000	2,00,000	45,000	1,00,000
4	Secondary Level Switch- over from other boards	1,50,000	2,50,000	45,000	1,00,000
5	Fresh Affiliation up to Senior Secondary Level	2,50,000	2,50,000	45,000	1,00,000
6	Upgradation to Senior Secondary Level	1,00,000	2,00,000	45,000	1,00,000
7	Senior Secondary Level Switch-over from other boards	2,50,000	2,50,000	45,000	1,00,000
8	Re-inspection	50,000	1,00,000		-
9	Periodical Inspection	50,000	1,00,000		
10	Surprise Inspection	50,000	1,00,000		-
11	Permission of two Shifts (As per Status of School)	1, 2 or 5 above	1, 2 or 5 above		-
12	Permission of site shifting (As per Status Of School)	1, 2 or 5 above	1, 2 or 5 above		

13	Permission of	75 % of 1, 2 or	75% of 1, 2 or		
13	name change of	5 above	5above		
	school/society	Jabove	Jabove		
	(As per status of				
	school)	77.000	== 000		
14	Permission for	75,000	75,000		
	Section increase				
	(Excluding re-				
	inspection fee)				
15	Transfer of school	4,00,000	4,00,000	10,000	20,000
	from one society				
	to another				
	(Excluding re-				
	inspection fee)				
	Introduction of	10,000	50,000	2,000	5,000
16	Additional	per subject	per subject	per subject	per subject
	inspection fee)		. ,		
17	Introduction of	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1	Additional	IVIL	IVIL	IVIL	IVIL
	Subject				
	(NON_SCIENCE)				
	SCHOOLS				
	SHOULD				
	UPDATE				
	THE SUBJECTS				
	IN <u>OASIS</u>				
	PORTAL				
18	Restoration of	3,00,000	3,00,000	20,000	50,000
	affiliation				
	(Excluding re-				
	inspection fee)				
19	Permission for	25,000	1,00,000	10,000	25,000
	Classes I - V				
20	Extension of	50,000	2,00,000	25,000	50,000
	Affiliation (For			(@ Rs.	(@ Rs.
	subsequent 5			5,000/-	10,000/-
	years)			per annum)	per annum)
21	Maximum late	1,00,000	1,00,000		
	for Extension of	,			
	Affiliation				
22	Increase/Decrease/	75,000	75,000		
	**Correction in	(In case of	(In case of		
	Land Area in	Increase /	Increase /		
	OASIS	Decrease)	Decrease)		
	2.13.3	10,000	10,000		
		(In case of	(In case of		
		Correction)	Correction)		
<u> </u>		Corrections	Correction)		

23	Branch School	50,000	2,00,000	45,000	1,00,000
24	Review of application after	50,000			
	rejection Post IC.				

^{*}As per clause 10.5.2 of Affiliation Bye-laws the fee deposited will not be refunded or adjusted irrespective of the grounds on which the application has been rejected even if the school has not been inspected.

^{**} Correction of land area means if there is any wrong entry/ typographical error in the OASIS data.



Circulars Reference Links

Circular No. with Date	Subjects	Link
	Affiliation Bye-laws	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Affil iation%20Bye-Laws/Affiliation-Bye- Laws-English.pdf
Circular No : 03/2021 Date of (05 Mar 2021)	Amendments in Affiliation Bye laws – 2018 (Format of Mandatory Public Disclosure-Appendix IX)	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular3.pdf
Circular No : 11/2022 Date of (04 Oct 2022)	Recommendation of infrastructure and facilities in the Laboratories and Library & Sports	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular11 2022.pdf
Circular No : 12/2022 Date of (14 Oct 2022)	Suggestive formats of essential documents required for application under various categories of affiliation with CBSE	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular12 2022.pdf
Circular No : 06/2023 Date of (14 Mar 2023)	Submission of the compliance(s) of condition mentioned in the conditional grant of affiliation / Upgradation / extension etc. under various categories in the SARAS	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/SARAS/Circulars/Circular06 2023.pdf
Circular No : 09/2023 Date of (24 Mar 2023)	Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Inspection Committee members - reg.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular09 2023.pdf
Circular No : 10/2023 Date of (24 Mar 2023)	Implementation of Digital Infrastructure in CBSE Schools	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular10 2023.pdf
Circular No : 11/2023 Date of (24 Mar 2023)	Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of Videography for Inspection Committee members - reg.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular11_2023.pdf
Circular No : 12/2023 Date of (24 Mar 2023)	Recommendations of National Curriculum Framework for Foundation Stage 2022 (NCF-FS 2022) in the schools affiliated to CBSE	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/SARAS/Circulars/Circular12_2023.pdf
Circular No : 14/2023 Date of (24 Mar 2023)	Mandatory Prior Self-Assessment against School Quality Assessment and Assurance (SQAA) Framework for acceptance of Applications for fresh affiliation/switch over/upgradation/extension for the Session 2024-25 and onwards on SARAS Portal	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/ Circulars/Circular14 2023.pdf
Circular No : 15/2023 Date of (24 Apr 2023)	Standard Operating Procedure for Review of Affiliation Cases	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/SARAS/Circulars/Circular15 2023.pdf

Circular No : 24/2023 Date of (01 Sep 2023)	Guidelines for Residential Schools-reg.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular24 202363829189554 2842523.pdf
Circular No : 25/2023 Date of (11 Sep 2023)	Clarification regarding number of permissible sections	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/SARAS/Cir culars/Circular25_20236383005048 49891955.pdf
Circular No : 02/2024 Date of (23 Jan 2024)	Minimum requirement of 40 computer system in Computer Science Lab in the school	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular02_202463841623251 8295383.pdf
Circular No : 03/2024 Date of (23 Jan 2024)	Updating of Online Affiliated School Information System (OASIS) data-reg.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular03_202463841623377 8608615.pdf
Circular No : 05/2024 Date of (04 Apr 2024)	To register in Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) + Portal for 2023-24	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular05 202463847933532 2809062.pdf
Circular No : 11/2024 Date of (09 Aug 2024)	Guidelines for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) provisions for existing Schools and Schools seeking affiliation with the Board.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular11_202463858811121 7016767.pdf
Circular No : 13/2024 Date of (16 Aug 2024)	Amendment of SARAS Manual 5.0 in r/o Clause 1.3	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular13_202463859430577 9917755.pdf
Circular No : 01/2025 Date of (08 Jan 2025)	Reminder for uploading of prescribed mandatory documents and staff details on school's website	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular01_202563871954152 6601578.pdf
Circular No : 03/2025 Date of (18 Feb 2025)	Amendments in Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 under Chapter 11 & 12.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular03_202563875576717 9279641.pdf
Circular No : 04/2025 Date of (20 Feb 2025)	Amendments in Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 w.r.t permit school to apply for affiliation with or without NOC.	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular04 202563875750735 0885363.pdf
Circular No : 05/2025 Date of (22 Feb 2025)	Affiliation Bye-Laws (Branch School)- 2025	https://saras.cbse.gov.in/saras/Circ ulars/Circular05 202563876079463 6638304.pdf

Note:-

For Safe Drinking water certificate, please refer Annexure-C of SARAS Manual

SECTION 4

SCREENSHOTS

OF

AFFILIATION APPLICATION FORM

Annexure- A

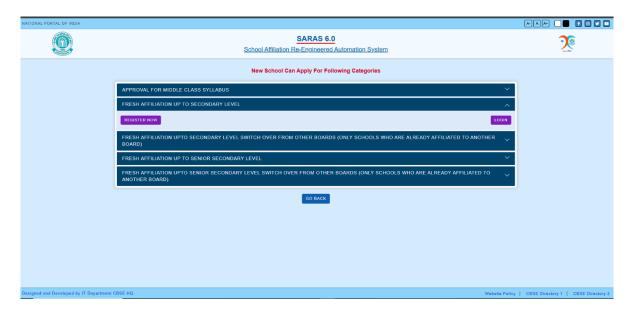
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LOGIN





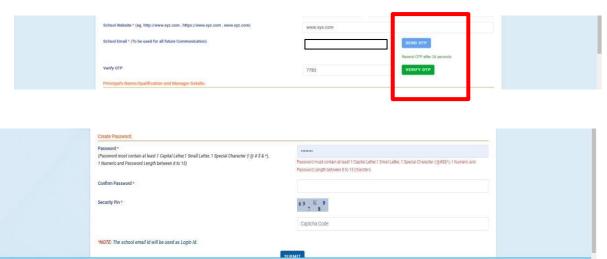
To apply for a new affiliation, go to Tile of Independent, PSU New School.



Select the categories from which you apply. If you want to apply for a new affiliation, click the Register New button. If you have already logged in and have a user ID and password, click the Login Button.



Enter an appropriate school email address so that the system can validate it by clicking the validate OTP Button.



Create a password, then type a security pin and click the Submit button.

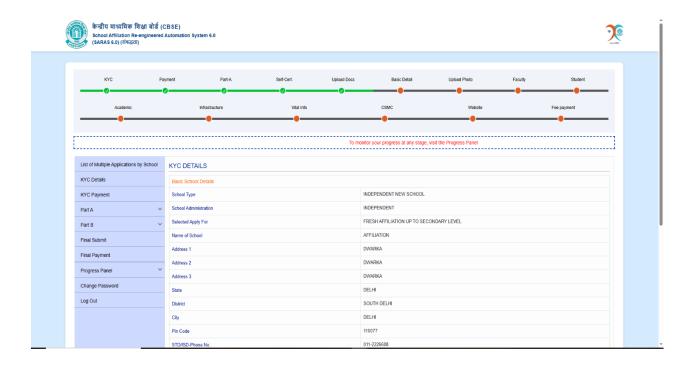


After completing the registration, click Login to begin filling out the form.



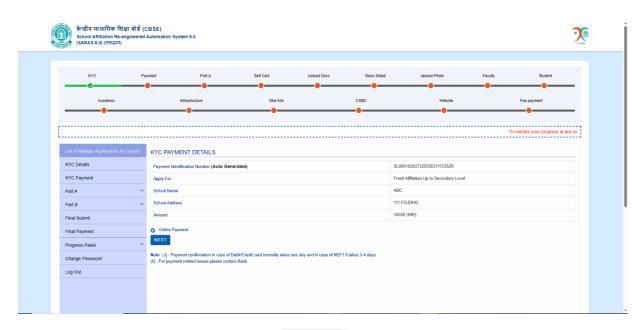
Enter your password or OTP to log in. Both options are accessible.

KYC DETAILS



The Progress page will display Pre Filled KYC data. The status and progress of the application being processed are shown in the Progress Panel. The Progress Panel will automatically turn green after the Application is finished. Click on Next Button.

KYC PAYMENT DETAILS

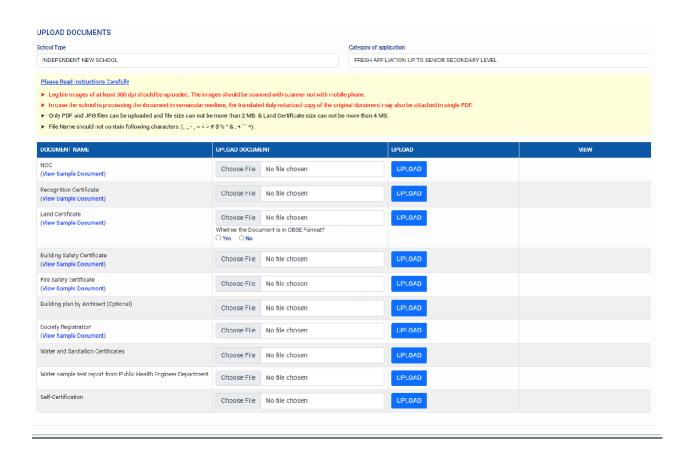


Complete the KYC Payment then click on

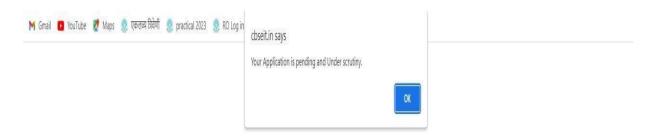
NEXT

button.

UPLOAD DOCUMENT



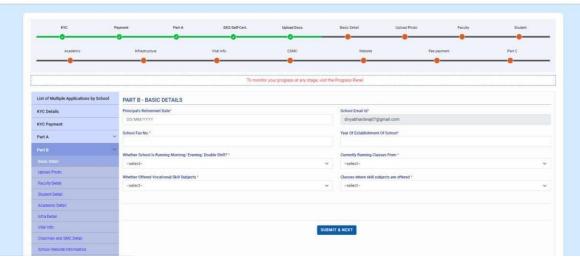
Select the document to upload and press the Upload button. Only for the Land document if it is not in the correct format, select No and specify reasons in the text box before clicking the upload button.



After completing Part A, the case will be reviewed. Only you can fill up PART -B after it has been scrutinized.

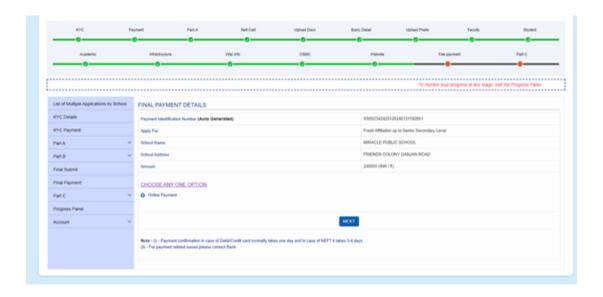
PART B

BASIC DETAILS

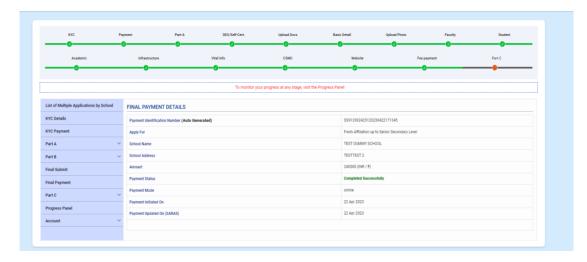


Complete PART B with basic information such as the principal's retirement date, the school's email address, whether the school operates on a morning, evening, or double shift, and so on. Click on submit and Next button.

FINAL PAYMENT DETAILS



Submit the fee for a fresh registration.



Once the final payment has been made, you can view the Registration number

from Progress Panel.



Scrutiny of an application will be done by Affiliation Unit. After the scrutiny I/C member can be formed.

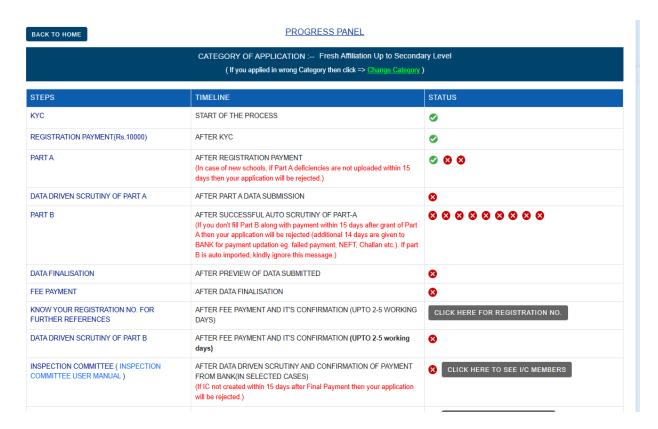
INSPECTION COMMITTEE

The school must click on <u>the Progress Panel icon "CLICK HERE TO SEE I/C MEMBERS"</u> to view who has been appointed to the Inspection Committee.

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INSPECTION COMMITTEE (INSPECTION COMMITTEE USER MANUAL)	AFTER DATA DRIVEN SCRUTINY AND CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT FROM BANK(IN SELECTED CASES) (If IC not created within 15 days after Final Payment then your application will be rejected.)	CLICK HERE TO SEE I/C MEMBERS
INSPECTION DATE	AFTER I/C (If IC created and Inspection date not selected within 48 hours then your application will be rejected.)	CLICK HERE TO SEE I/C DATE

- ✓ Before showing Inspection committee members, the school must first confirm whether or not it is ready for inspection using the dialogue box. Upon confirmation, the list of Inspection Committee Members will be generated. Inspection committee members will give/submit their confirmation/consent through the text m.
- ✓ If any or both the Inspection committee members is not ready/refused for inspection then by clicking on the button "CLICK HERE TO CHANGE I/C MEMBERS", school can change/replace the IC members.
- ✓ The IC members appointed shall submit their consent within one week and thereafter fix the date on mutually agreed date within another week thereafter.
- ✓ After complete the Inspection of the school, IC member can submit their report. This report will be reviewed by the Competent Authority.
- ✓ If the school meets all of the standards, they will receive a Grant Letter; otherwise, complying with rejection, a review committee will be appointed from the Affiliation Unit to evaluate the school again.
- ✓ Before presenting the report, the Review Committee needs to verify all of the conditions for affiliation, and submit their report.

PROGRESS PANEL



Status of an application can be checked from Progress Panel.

SECTION 5

- ✓ Land certificate samples of Certificates submitted by CBSE affiliated schools
- ✓ Proforma for Safe Drinking water and Sanitary condition
- ✓ Proforma for Building Safety Certificate

Annexure B

CERTIFICATE OF LAND

File No.			Da	ite:
Certified th	at the land measuring	(Area of land in	Square meters)	i
owned by the	(Name of the owner)	by way of	(Sale Deed/	Conveyance
Deed/Gift Deed/A	llotment Letter etc.	(In case of all	otment of land,	if it is no
perpetual, periodic	city of allotment to be mention	ed from	to).
It is further	certified that owner of the lan	nd has leased the s	aid land to	(In case o
	nly) (Nam			
	anies Act, 2013) fully describe			
the following deta	ils for a period of	y	ears from	t
	*			
SL	Particulars		Details	
1. Plot No. (s) No.(s)/Khata	/ Survey No. (s)/Khasra No. (s auni No.(s)	s)/Khata		
2. Name of str State	reet/village, Sub Division, Dist	rict and		
situated in	THE SCHEDULED OF LANG ce and parcel of land measuri [Plot No. (s)/Survey No.(s) ab division, district and state) a	ng(are)/ Khasra No. (s)] a	ea of land in squ	
North				
800 (00)		:		
East	:			
West	:	0		
South		3		
DM/ ADM/ SDM/ LAND AUTHORITY	TEHSILDAR/ NAIB TEHSILDAR	R/ REGISTRAR/ SU	IB- REGISTRAR/E	QUIVALEN
		(Stamp and Sig	nature of the lan	d authority
			(Nam	e of Officer
			(Name	e of District
The filled up cost	ficate should be either in Hin	di or English If is	is issued in tra-	macular

^{*} The filled up certificate should be either in Hindi or English. If it is issued in vernacular language, translated notarized version in English be uploaded along with the original vernacular certificate as a single pdf.

Annexure C

PROFORMA FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER AND SANITARY CONDITION CERTIFICATE

(Name & Address of the Institution)	
To	Signature with Seal: Name : Designation : Name & Address of the Office / Department :
This certificate is valid till	
Central/ State/ U.T. Govt.	
hygienic sanitation condition in the school bui	ilding & the campus as per norms prescribed by the
facilities for the students and members of st	staff of the institution. School is also maintains the
	(Name of school) has safe drinking water
of	. (PHED Lab) certified that the
Water Test Report (Attached) bearing no	dated
(Name & Address of the school) on	(date of inspection) and on the basis of
inspected the	
(Name of Officers with designation) from	PHED
It is certified that an inspection team headed b	oy
No.	Dated:

Note: The certificate is to be issued by authorized officer / PHED Lab / local bodies

Annexure D

BUILDING SAFETY CERTIFICATE

lo. Dated:							
It is certified that the existing building						ne of the	
building or premises) at							
(add	dress) is ha	ving block(s)/	Floor(s) as pe	details below:			
Detail of Block(s) in	Block	Block	Block	Block	Block	Block	
school	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
No. of Floor(s) in the							
Block							
The building is owned/oc	cupied by					(name	
of the Institution) have co	omplied wit	th the Buildin	g safety requi	rements in acc	cordance with	National	
Building code Rules, and	verified by	the officers	concerned of		((Name of	
Department/ Govt.)	on	(d	ate of ins	pection) in	the prese	ence of	
				(name and	d addresses	of the	
Manager/Secretary or hi	s represen	tative) and t	hat the buildir	ng/premises is	fit for occup	cancy for	
running school with effect	from	fo	a period of		years in ac	cordance	
with rule and subject to co	ompliance o	of the specific	conditions as	appended.			
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
Issued on	at		by				
* Strike out whichever is	not applic	able. In case	of block is m	nore than six u	use separate	sheet for	
detail.							
			Signa	ture with Seal			
	Name :						
	Designation :						
			Name & Addre	ess of Departm	ent/ Office:		