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## Office Memorandum

Subject: Inclusion of Apprenticeship Component in the Final Year Degree, and Diploma Courses (Technical and General Streams) under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)-reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that for further propagating the apprenticeship program, it has been decided to extend the stipendiary coverage of NATS Scheme to final-year students enrolled in degree, and diploma programs that include Industrial training component as apprenticeship training under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS).

- 2. The Apprenticeship component of minimum 6 months to a maximum of 1 year integrated in the final year of Apprenticeship Embedded Technical as well as Non-technical Graduate, and Diploma courses can be covered under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme.
- 3. The said courses may be considered to be equivalent to the Sandwich course as defined in The Apprentices Act, 1961 and The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, both amended time to time. The apprentices of such courses shall be termed as "Graduate Apprentice (Sandwich course)", and "Technician Apprentice (Sandwich course)".
- 4. To cover the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree, and Diploma programs under NATS, a Memorandum of Understanding between Universities/HEIs and Regional Boards responsible for implementation of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme in the respective Region, will be required to be done.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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To

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