

**No. F 3-11/2002-EGS-I**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of Elementary Education & Literacy**

New Delhi-110001  
11th December 2002

**To**  
**Education Secretaries,**  
**All States/UTs**

**Subject: According recognition to the Examinations at Primary and Middle level Courses conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (formerly National Open School (NOS)).**

**Sir,**

The National Institute of Open Schooling (N.I.O.S.) (formerly National Open School (NOS) is an autonomous organization set up the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 1989 as per the Resolution issued vide No. F 6-2/89-Sch. III dated 21.11. 1989 to provide education upto pre-degree level to those who for one or the other reason could not make use of the formal education system. N.I.O.S. has also been vested with the authority to conduct and certify examinations for Secondary and Senior Secondary levels by the Government of India as per the resolution issued vide No. F 5-24/90-Sch. III dated 14.9.1990 (copy enclosed).

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has also intimated the Registrars of all Indian Universities vide their Notification No. EV /11 (354)91/ dated 25.7.1991 (copy enclosed) of its decision to grant equivalence to N.I.O.S. courses with those of other examinations of recognized Boards for purposes of admission to higher courses of study at Indian Universities.

As you would be aware, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) also runs Open Basic Education Programmes through Distance Education Mode (Open Learning System) at the Elementary stage and awards Joint Certificate with the partnering NGOs at three levels- A level (equivalent to class III or class II of the Southern States where elementary stage is only till class VII), B level (equivalent to class V /IV) and C level (equivalent to class VIII/VII). This is applicable to their programme of equivalency under distance education programme where similar certificates are provided at the same level of competency and equivalency.

You may like to issue necessary instructions to all concerned to consider certificates issued by N.I.O.S. jointly with partnering NGOs for the above levels as equivalent to concerned stage of education in matters of admissions and employment etc. Formal communication/Notification regarding grant of recognition to the examination conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling may issued and the same widely circulated to all concerned.

For further details / clarifications in the matter, the Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling may be contacted at N.I.O.S., B-31 B, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 or visit their Website at <http://www.nios.ac.in>.

Yours faithfully,

**(Amit Kaushik)**  
**Director**  
Tel No. 23382604

**Copy for forwarded for information to :-**

1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India.
2. All the Officers / Sections in the Deptt. of Elementary Education and Literacy and Department of Secondary and Higher Education.
3. Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling, B-31 B, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 with reference to his letter No. NIOS/CMOI1-1/02/2607 dated the 10th October 2002

**(Amit Kaushik)**  
**Director**

**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(Department of Education)**

**New Delhi, the 14th September 1990**

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject: Vesting of authority in the National Open School Society for holding certain examinations through distance and open learning system at the school stage and for certification thereof.**

No. F5.24/90 Sch.3 -The Government of India had setup the National Open School Society. an autonomous and registered body on 23rd November. 1989 to cater to the educational needs of school dropouts, working adults, housewives and socially disadvantaged sections, through distance education at the school stage. The Society runs the management of the National Open School which, through distance and open learning system, has been offering courses, preparing students for the Secondary and Senior Secondary School Examinations and also offers Bridge (Preparatory) Courses

It has now been decided that in pursuance of Section 3 (ii) of the Memorandum of Association of the National Open School Society, the Society shall conduct the above examinations at the school stage of education upto predegree level, whether academic, technical or vocational, which are developed either by the National Open School itself or in collaboration with other agencies, subject to the approval of the Society's Executive Board or as it may be called upon to conduct by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education. The Society shall also be the certifying authority for such courses and programmes and do such acts ancillary to these objects as may be necessary. The Central Board of Secondary Education which was the certifying and examining authority on behalf of the National Open School Society, will cease to be so with effect from the date of issue of this Notification in the Gazette of India.

**ORDER**

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be sent to all State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, all Ministries Departments of the Government of India, University Grants Commission. Prime Minister's Office, National Council of Educational Research and Training. Council of Boards of Secondary Education, Association of Indian Universities, Central Board of Secondary Education, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations and the State Boards of Education.

Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

D.M.DE. REBELLO  
Jt. Secy.

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**ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES  
AIU HOUSE, 16 KOTLA MARG, NEW DELHI - 110002**

NO.EV 11/(354)/91/  
25 July, 1991

**The Secretary  
National Institute of Open Schooling  
Community Centre, Delhi - 110052**

**Re : National Open School-Equivalence of Senior Secondary Certificate Examination**

**Dear Sir.**

We have noted that Govt. of India have set up the National Open School on 23 November, 1989. The 'NOS' offers courses preparing students for the Secondary and Senior Secondary School Examinations, apart from other courses. The Govt. of India, through a Resolution, vide No. F5/23/90 dated 14 September 1990, vested the National Open School with authority to examine and certify its students.

The Association of Indian Universities, at their recent meeting has granted equivalence of the courses of NOS with those of other examinations of recognized boards for purposes of admission to higher studies at Indian Universities. The matter has been brought to the notice of all Universities in the country for their appropriate action.

Kindly write to us in case of any difficulty by the students; we would approach the Universities accordingly.

Thanking you,

**Yours faithfully.**

**(K. C. Kalra)**

भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान परिषद्  
Board of Governors in Super-session of  
MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

No. MCI-34(1)/(UG)(Gen.)/2012-Med./129570

Dated : 14.09.12

Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj,  
Director (Student Support Services),  
National Institute Of Open Schooling,  
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Sector – 62, Noida – 201 309,  
District: Gautam Budha Natgar (UP)

**Ref.: Letter No. Director (SSS)/PA/MCI/2012/37, dated 28.05.2012.**

**Subject: Clarification regarding Equivalence of NIOS certificates – regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer above captioned letters on the subject noted above.

In this connection, this is to inform that the matter with regard to acceptance of NIOS certificates for evaluating eligibility of students seeking admission in MBBS course has been considered by the Board of Governors at its meeting held on 13.08.2012. The Board of Governors decided as under:-

*“The Board of Governors considered the agenda note and noted the contents of the letter received from the Director, National Institute of Open Schooling dated 28.05.2012 and thereafter decided that since the regulations do not specify as to qualification granted by particular Board will be recognized, therefore, if the requirement of Graduate Medical Education regulations regarding eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS course are fulfilled by the students appearing in 10+2 examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling they may be considered eligible for admission to MBBS course.”*

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(Prof. Sanjay Shrivastava)  
Secretary