

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) held on 9th January 2013 at NSDA Office, New Delhi:

The first meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee was chaired by Mr S Ramadorai, Chairman NSDA. In his opening remarks, the Chairman stated that the objective is to ensure that transition into the NSQF happens as smoothly as possible, and no attempt would be made to re-invent things unless the same was necessary to achieve the outcomes that ensured employment and employability for the youth of the country. This principle would be adopted with all stakeholders, including regulatory bodies, sector skill councils, etc.

The list of participants is at Annexure 1.

After discussions, the following decisions were taken:

- 1. Developing/approving accreditation norms for non-statutory certification agencies** – As regards this function of the NSQC, it was agreed that in order to ensure smooth functioning and transition, the NSQC approves all non-statutory certification agencies such as CBSE, State Boards, NCVT, SCVT (in case there bodies were not statutory) etc that have already been approved under the previous dispensation, and which are already functioning. The non-statutory certification agencies being so approved by the NSQC would be required to transition to the NSQF framework within three years as laid down in the NSQF. For approval of new non-statutory certification agencies, the NSQC in its future meetings, would would decide the process of approving the same.
- 2. There was in-principle agreement that a few sectors would be chosen to start rolling out the NSQF** in order for mapping existing courses and qualifications, and aligning the same to the various NSQF levels, approving existing NOSs/QPs (if any) and determining mobility pathways across various levels within the sector.

It was agreed that since a detailed workshop is already planned between NSDA and NSDC to understand the details of how the SSCs have been formed and function, the first few sectors to be chosen for the implementation of the NSQF would be selected after these workshops are over. All members of the NSQC were invited to attend the NSDA-NSDC workshop.

3. Nominating State Skill Development Missions to the NSQC:

3.1. It was agreed that the three State Skill Development Mission nominees would be nominated as NSQC Members for a period of one year, by rotation.

3.2. The criteria for nominating three State Skill Development Mission representatives to the NSQC would be: one Member from a relatively socio-economically less advanced States, one from a relatively economically advanced State and one from a State from the North-Eastern Region or the hills.

3.3. It was decided that the three State Skill Development Mission nominees for the first year from NSQF notification would be from the States of:

3.3.1. Uttar Pradesh—representing a relatively socio-economically less advanced State,

3.3.2. Karnataka – representing a relatively economically advanced State, and,

3.3.3. Meghalaya – a State of the North Eastern Region

4. Secretariat for the NSQC

It was decided that the NSQC Secretariat to be created within the NSDA would be as lean an entity as possible. Mr Anant Prakash Pandey, PS to the Chairman and Ms Sharanya Chandran, Principal Consultant, were nominated as immediate members of the Secretariat. NSDC would be requested to also authorise its manpower working on these issues to be part of the NSQC secretariat during the transition phase. In addition, experts from the sectors to be taken up for implementation would be engaged, preferably through

contractual arrangements. A detail staffing plan would be presented in future NSQC meetings

5. Creating Public Awareness about the NSQF

The need for disseminating information regarding the NSQF to all stakeholders, especially the States, was reiterated. It was agreed that workshops and/or road shows would be conducted across all States for the purpose, and simultaneously, a workshop with various regulatory bodies and other stakeholders would also be conducted within the next three to four months.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

Annexure 1: List of Attendees:

1. Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman, National Skill Development Agency
2. Mr. J.P Rai, Director General, National Skill Development Agency
3. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, represented by Mr. Shikhar Agrawal, Director General Employment and Training/JS, Ministry of Labour and Employment
4. Secretary, Government of India, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development represented by Ms. Radha Chauhan, Joint Secretary
5. Member Secretary, Planning Commission, represented by Mr. Pawan Agarwal, Advisor (Higher Education), Planning Commission
6. Secretary, Government of India, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development represented by Dr. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, All India
7. Mr. Anant Prakash Pandey, Private Secretary to Chairman, National Skill Development Agency
8. Ms. Sharanya Chandran, Principal Consultant, National Skill Development Agency