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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT &
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRAINING

D.O. No. DGT-NSTI025/1/2023-O/o DIR(CFIs) (66317)

Date: 28th April 2026.

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

The Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is responsible for running the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) through a network of National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Institutes for Training of Trainers (IToTs). The program builds a qualified instructor pool for the ITI ecosystem, focusing on technical proficiency and teaching methods to ensure the consistent development of a skilled workforce. The CITS is a one-year program and is available in 42 trades mapped to Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) trades.

2. It is to inform that the admission schedule for the CITS enrolment for the academic session 2026-27 has been released. The admissions will be based on the All-India Common Entrance Test (AICET), which will be conducted in a Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode across multiple centers nationwide. The Entrance Examination is scheduled for **31st May 2026**.

3. The aspirants, who possess a NTC (National Trade Certificate), NAC (National Apprenticeship Certificate), Diploma, or Degree qualification, are eligible for admission in CITS courses. Additionally, eligibility for CITS courses extends to students appearing for their final year examinations in 2026 across ITI (NTC), NAC, Diploma, and Degree levels. All eligible candidates can apply for admission online at the official website - www.nimionlineadmission.in - till **10th May 2026**. The details of the admission process are also available on this website.

4. Additionally, it is to inform that the minimum entry age under CITS, has been increased from 16 years to 18 years, effective from the forthcoming academic session.

5. Upon successful completion of the program, trainees will be awarded the National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) recognized by NCVET, Government of India.

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6. In view of the above, it is requested to disseminate this information to all concerned stakeholders and encourage eligible candidates to apply for the upcoming session 2026-27.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dilip Kumar

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**To
Principal Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary of States/ UTs
(Vocational Education & Skill Development Department)**

Enclosures:

1. Advertisement (English & Hindi)
2. Admissions schedule for CITS (Session 2026-27)
3. Provisional Admission to Appearing Candidates (Degree/ Diploma/ NTC/ NAC) under CITS Courses from Academic Session 2025-26.



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CITS प्रवेश सूचना - सत्र 2026-27

राष्ट्रीय कौशल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (एनएसटीआई) तथा प्रशिक्षक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (आईटीओटी) में शिल्प अनुदेशक प्रशिक्षण योजना (सीआईटीएस) के अंतर्गत शैक्षणिक सत्र 2026-27 के पाठ्यक्रमों में प्रवेश, अखिल भारतीय सामान्य प्रवेश परीक्षा (एआईसीईटी) के माध्यम से दिया जाएगा, जो दिनांक 31.05.2026 को निर्धारित की गई है। सीआईटीएस के विभिन्न ट्रेडों में प्रवेश हेतु पात्र अभ्यर्थियों से दिनांक 18.04.2026 से 10.05.2026 तक वेबसाइट www.nimionlineadmission.in के माध्यम से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जा रहे हैं। एआईसीईटी का आयोजन देशभर के विभिन्न केंद्रों पर कंप्यूटर आधारित परीक्षा (ऑनलाइन) के रूप में किया जाएगा।



आवेदन जमा करने
की अंतिम तिथि:
10.05.2026

अधिक जानकारी के लिए देखें: www.nimionlineadmission.in



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CITS ADMISSION NOTICE - SESSION 2026-27

Admission to courses under **Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS)** at National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Institute for Training of Trainers (IToTs) for the academic **session 2026-27** will be made through **All India Common Entrance Test (AICET)**, scheduled to be held on **31.05.2026**. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to CITS in various trades through the website www.nimionlineadmission.in from 18.04.2026 to 10.05.2026. The AICET will be conducted as a Computer-Based Test (online) at various centres across the country.



Last date to
submit the
applications
10.05.2026

For more details visit: www.nimionlineadmission.in

Tentative Admissions schedule for CITS (Session 2026-27)

Sl. No.	Action Items	Action Taken by	Time Line (2026)		No. of days
			Start Date	End Date	
1.	Release of Advertisement for CITS admissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To leading newspapers/ Employment News by DGT (Hindi/ English) On NIMI website By institutes (on various platforms including social media platforms facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), ITI clusters, Schools in villages, blocks, districts In regional newspaper by RDSDE/NSTI/ IToTs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGT NIMI RDSDEs NSTIs IToTs 	2 nd April 2026 onwards (Thursday)		
2.	Online registration of candidates	NIMI	18 th April 2026 (Saturday)	10 th May 2026 (Sunday)	23
3.	Downloading of Hall Tickets and Conducting of Online Mock Test	NIMI	21 st May 2026 (Thursday)	31 st May 2026 (Sunday)	11
4.	Conducting All India Common Entrance Test (AICET) Examination	NIMI, CFI (DGT)	31 st May 2026 (Sunday)		01
5.	Publications of Results of AICET	NIMI	10 th June 2026 (Wednesday)		01
6.	1 st Round of counselling (Choice filling)	NIMI, CFI (DGT)	15 th June 2026 (Monday)	18 th June 2026 (Thursday)	04
7.	Result of 1 st round of Counselling	NIMI	19 th June 2026 (Friday)		01
8.	Physical Document Verification in nearest NSTI/ RDSDE (as applicable) and correction of candidates' data	NSTI/ RDSDE	22 nd June 2026 (Monday)	25 th June 2026 (Thursday)	04
9.	Online Transfer Round	NIMI	27 th June 2026 (Saturday)		01
10.	Result of Online Transfer Round and merit list, vacancy generation for next round	NIMI	29 th June 2026 (Monday)		01
11.	2 nd Round of counselling (Choice filling)	NIMI, CFI (DGT)	30 th June 2026 (Tuesday)	3 rd July 2026 (Friday)	04

12.	Result of 2 nd round of Counselling	NIMI	04 th July 2026 (Saturday)		01
13.	Physical Document Verification in nearest NSTI/ RDSDE (as applicable) and correction of candidates' data	NSTI/ RDSDE	07 th July 2026 (Tuesday)	10 th July 2026 (Friday)	04
14.	Online Transfer Round	NIMI	11 th July 2026 (Saturday)		01
15.	Result of Online Transfer Round and merit list, vacancy generation for next round	NIMI	13 th July 2026 (Monday)		01
16.	3 rd Round of counselling (Choice filling)	NIMI, CFI (DGT)	15 th July 2026 (Wednesday)	18 th July 2026 (Saturday)	04
17.	Result of 3 rd round of Counselling	NIMI	20 th July 2026 (Monday)		01
18.	Physical Document Verification in nearest NSTI/ RDSDE (as applicable) and correction of candidates' data	NSTI/ RDSDE	22 nd July 2026 (Wednesday)	24 th July 2026 (Friday)	03
19.	Online Transfer Round	NIMI	25 th July 2026 (Saturday)		01
20.	Result of Online Transfer Round and merit list, vacancy generation for next round	NIMI	27 th July 2026 (Monday)		01
21.	Spot round/ walk-in admissions	NIMI, CFI(DGT), NSTI/IToT	03 rd August 2026 (Monday)	05 th August 2026 (Wednesday)	03
22.	Physical admission in the allotted Institutes for all candidates	NSTI and IToT	10 th August 2026 (Monday)	14 th August 2026 (Friday)	05
23.	Commencement of session	NSTIs/IToTs	17 th August 2026 (Monday)		
24.	Completion of academic session 2026-27	NSTIs/IToTs	31 st May 2027 (Tentative)		
25.	All India Trade Test (AITT) 2026-27	DGT	July 2027		

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Kaushal Bhawan, New Moti Bagh

New Delhi, 17.04.2025

Office Order

Subject: Provisional Admission to Appearing Candidates (Degree/ Diploma/ NTC/ NAC) under CITS Courses from Academic Session 2025-26– Reg.

In reference to admissions of students to Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) courses in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)/ Institute for Training of Trainers (IToTs), it has been decided to allow provisional admissions to candidates appearing for their final qualifying examinations (NTC/NAC/Diploma/Degree) from academic session 2025-26.

It had been observed that the announcement of NTC/ NAC/Diploma/Degree results often takes place after the commencement of the CITS admission process. This resulted in a year-long gap for otherwise eligible candidates, adversely impacting their career progression.

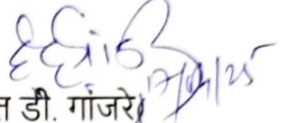
2. Thus, it has been decided to allow provisional admissions to candidates appearing for their final qualifying examinations (NTC/NAC/Diploma/Degree) from academic session 2025-26 with following provisions:

- a. Candidates must have attained the age of 16 years at the time of commencement of session, in accordance with the eligibility conditions laid down in the respective CITS syllabus.
- b. All appearing candidates shall be required to submit a duly signed undertaking at the time of admission clearly stating:
 - i. Their admission to the CITS course is provisional and is subject to their successful qualification in the required qualifying examination(s).
 - ii. In case they fail to qualify the said examination(s), they shall voluntarily vacate the seat immediately and their provisional admission shall stand cancelled without any further claim.

3. All are requested to give wide publicity and implement the above measures with immediate effect for the current and upcoming admission cycles or until further notice

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

भवदीय,


(हेमंत डी. गांजरे)
निदेशक, सीएफआई

Copy to: -

1. PSO to DG(T)/SS
2. PPS to DDG (South), DDG(East) and DDG, DGT Hq.
3. Regional Director, RDSDEs with a request to circulate the letter in the NSTIs/IToTs falling under their jurisdiction
4. Director IT/TT
5. Executive Director, NIMI
6. Director CD
7. Guard File


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