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Date:27.08.2026

To

The Principal Secretaries of all the States/UTs
(Dealing with Craftsmen Training Scheme).

Subject: Final extension of closing date of admission for Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) courses in all Government and Private Industrial Training Institutes, for the Session - 2026 - regarding.

Ref: - # DGT-MIS011/1/2026-O/o DIR (TC) [77713] dated 08.05.2026, 12.08.2026 & DGT-HC044/37/2022-O/o DIR (TC) (E- 55708) dated 27.07.2026 (copies enclosed).

Sir/Madam,

The Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), coordinates national vocational training programs conducted in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). While DGT sets standards and conducts trade testing, the day-to-day administration of ITIs is managed by State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

2. The Directorate General of Training (DGT) issues a Training Calendar for each session to all State/UT Directorates to facilitate the CTS admission process in Government and Private ITIs as per the prescribed schedule. For the 2026 session, the cut-off date for admissions in all Government and Private ITIs across the country was initially fixed as 08.08.2026. Subsequently, the cut-off date was extended to 14.08.2026 in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, vide OM No. DGT-HC044/37/2022-O/o DIR (TC) (E-55708) dated 27.07.2026. Thereafter, the admission cut-off date was further extended up to 19.08.2026 vide letter dated 12.08.2026.

3. This Directorate has received numerous representations from various State/UT Directorates, ITI Associations and ITIs seeking a further extension of the admission closing date for the current session. The representations cite natural calamities, including floods and landslides in several States, which have adversely affected the admission process and resulted in a comparatively low percentage of admissions, particularly in Private ITIs.

4. After due consideration of all representations received, the Competent Authority has approved a final extension of the closing date for CTS-2026 admissions in all Government and Private ITIs nationwide, as detailed below:

Activity	Revised dates	Responsibility
Closing date of admission in all government and private ITIs across the country. (With the condition that, State/ITI should ensure extra classes during holidays/Sundays to cover up syllabus for the trainees admitted during this extension period)	31.08.2026 (Modified) [All types of admissions including walk-in admissions also to be completed on or before this date]	Respective State/UT directorate/NSTI
The remaining schedule as mentioned in the CTS-2026 Training Calendar dated 08.05.2026 shall remain unchanged.		

5. The State/UT directorates can contact us at **cts-admissions@dgt.gov.in** for technical support during data migration. Please note that only emails sent to this email address will be considered.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Hindi version will be issued separately.

(Ketan Patel)
Director, TC

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1. Sr PPS to Secretary, MSDE, New Delhi
2. Sr PPS to DG/AS, DGT, New Delhi
3. All DDGs of DGT

Copy for necessary action to: -

1. Directors, All State/UT directorates.
2. All RDSDEs.
3. Principals, NSTIs.
4. The Director, CFI, TT Cell, IT Cell and CD, DGT, New Delhi
5. NSDC - for technical support on SIDH portal.
6. Executive Director, NIMI, Chennai.

(Raju Kannam)
Joint Director, TC

Enclosure:

As mentioned above.