

1.1 National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) : Precise Information

Setting up of NIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started as a project on “Open Schooling” under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in 1978. Established in 1989 as the National Open School (NOS) by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). In 1990, the Govt. of India through a Gazette notification vested NOS with the authority to examine and certify learners registered with it up to Pre-Degree level Courses. Re-christened as the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in July 2002. 			Regional Centres Hyderabad , Pune, Kolkata (Bhubaneshwar as Sub centre), Guwahati, Chandigarh, Delhi, Allahabad (Dehradun as Sub Centre), Patna (Darbhanga as Sub Centre) Jaipur, Kochi, Bhopal																																				
Number of Study Centres	Academic (AIs) : 2074 Vocational (AVIs) : 1129 U.A.E & Nepal (AIs & AVIs) : 20+3=23 Open Basic Education (OBE) (AAs) : 341		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As on 30 June, 2008. The Study Centres are known as Accredited Institutions (AIs) for Academic Courses, Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVIs) for Vocational Education Courses and Accredited Agencies (AAs) for Open Basic Education (OBE) courses. 																																					
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Courses Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Basic Education (OBE) (A level, B level, C level equivalent to Class III, V, VIII respectively of formal Education) courses are offered through Accredited Agencies (AAs). Secondary – leading to Secondary School Certificate. Sr. Secondary – leading to Senior Secondary School Certificate. Open Vocational Education. Life Enrichment Programmes. 																																							

Highlights and flexibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom to choose subjects; continuous assessment through Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA). Facility of On Line Registration for Admission and Examination Credit accumulation facility; 9 chances in 5 Years to complete a course; Provision of Re-admission after 5 years. Learning support through Personal Contact Programme (PCP); Transfer of credits (up to 2 subject) from some other Boards. Media Programmes are telecast and broadcast. 																																
Study Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printed Self Instructional study materials supported by Audio-Video programmes. A half yearly Magazine "Open Learning" is also provided to the learners. 10 Million copies of Combined study materials were produced and distributed to the learners during the year 2007-08. 																																
Mediums of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hindi, English, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Gujarati and Malayalam mediums at Secondary stage. Hindi, English, Urdu mediums at Sr. Secondary stage. 																																
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National Consoritum for Open Schooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIOS provides Professional support to States to set up and develop State Open Schools particularly with Regional Mediums. The secretariat of NCOS is located in NIOS. State Open Schools (SOSs) have been set up in 14 states viz., Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi. 																																
ICTOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers Certificate and Diploma Courses for the functionaries involved in Open Schooling Programmes in its International Centre for Training in Open Schooling (ICTOS) 																																
OSAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIOS acts as the Secretariat of Open Schooling Association of Commonwealth (OSAC); publishes the half-yearly OSAC Journal of Open Schooling of International Standards. 																																
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