Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Vocational Education?**

Vocational Education refers to the training and education provided to individuals to equip them with specific skills and knowledge required for a particular occupation or trade. It focuses on practical training and prepares individuals for employment in specific industries or sectors.

2. **What is the role of the Vocational Education in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)?**

NIOS offers a wide range of vocational courses through its Vocational Education Programmes. It aims to provide flexible and accessible vocational education to learners across the country and abroad as well. NIOS develops curriculum, conducts examinations, and awards certificates for vocational courses.

3. **What are the benefits of pursuing Vocational Education through NIOS?**

Some benefits of pursuing Vocational Education through NIOS include:

(i) **Flexibility:** NIOS offers flexible learning options, allowing learners to study at their own pace and convenience.

(ii) **Recognition:** NIOS has been awarded the recognition from NCVET (National Council for Vocational Education & Training) for assessment and certification under the Dual Category. NCVET certificate ensures better recognition, enhanced employability and acceptance in the market.

(iii) **Skill-based training:** The courses focus on practical skills; ensuring learners acquire hands-on expertise in their chosen field. Every vocational course has minimum contact hours for theory and practical. Training schedules have been developed in all the vocational courses and are available with the study...
centers to impart uniform standardized training along with uniform standardized learning outcomes.

(iv) Certification: Successful completion of NIOS Vocational Education courses leads to the award of NIOS certificate.

What types of Vocational Education courses are offered by NIOS?

NIOS offers a wide range of Vocational Education courses. You can get the detailed information in Vocational Prospectus available at NIOS website. NIOS provides vocational education across various sectors:

- Business & Commerce
- Computer and Information Technology
- Engineering & Technology
- Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
- Home Science and Hospitality
- Health & Paramedical Sciences
- Yoga & Naturopathy
- Miscellaneous courses (Early Childhood Care & Education, Fire Safety, Certificate in Library Science, etc)

Who can enroll in NIOS Vocational Education programmes?

Any learner, who is interested in pursuing a Vocational Education programme can register as per the entry requirements in terms of minimum qualifications, as given at Table I of Vocational Prospectus. Minimum age for admission varies from 11 years to 18 years depending upon the programme selected. There is no upper age limit for the Vocational Courses.

NIOS does not take any responsibility with regard to employment or the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

I am a student of 12th class. Can I take more than one vocational subject?

Integration of Vocational Courses with Academic subjects is a unique feature of NIOS. This unique feature helps you to combine Vocational courses with regular Academic subjects to earn a 10th/12th class certificate. This facility has bridged the gap between different streams of education. However, only one vocational subject can be taken by a learner in one academic cycle.
7. क्या व्यावसायिक शिक्षा पादक्रमों के लिए कोई विशेष सहायता का विकल्प उपलब्ध है?

जी हां, एनआईआईएस के योजनाबद्ध उम्मीदवारों और अनुपस्थित जाति/अनुपस्थित जाति, विद्यार्थी और भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को अग्रणी कि सिविलियों को शून्य में छुट प्रदान करता है। शून्य संचालन का विवरण एनआईआईएस के वेबसाइट पर अपलोड व्यावसायिक विवरणादेश के मुताबिक है।

8. मैं अपने स्थानीय क्षेत्र में एचवीआई खोजने में असमर्थ हूँ। मुझे क्या करना चाहिए?

यदि आपका अपने स्थानीय क्षेत्र में एचवीआई नहीं मिल रहा है, तो आप अप-पास के जिलों अथवा शहरों में एचवीआई खोजने पर विचार करें। आप-पास के क्षेत्रों में अपनी पसंद के विषयों का पता लगाएं और ऐसे पादक्रम में नामांकन करने पर विचार करें जो आपकी रचनाओं और लेखों के अनुसार हों।

9. मैं कब प्रवेश ले सकता/सकती हूँ? 

आप अपनी रूढ़ि और आवश्यकता के आधार पर पादक्रम चुन सकते हैं। व्यावसायिक पादक्रमों की सूची व्यावसायिक विवरणादेश की तालिका-1 पर दी गई है।

10. मैं कब प्रवेश ले सकता/सकती हूँ?

आप चर्चा भर और अन्वेषण प्रवेश ले सकते/सकती हैं।

11. मैं एनआईआईएस में व्यावसायिक पादक्रम के लिए कैसे आवेदन कर सकता/सकती हूँ?

एनआईआईएस में व्यावसायिक शिक्षा पादक्रम के लिए आवेदन करने हेतु आपको एनआईआईएस की कार्यालयी वेबसाइट www.nios.ac.in https://sdmis.nios.ac.in पर जाना होगा और वहां जल्दी अपनानि आवेदन प्रक्रिया का पालन करना होगा। इसमें अधिलाइन पंजीकरण, व्याख्या पादक्रम का चयन करना और शून्य का भुगतान करना शामिल है।

12. एनआईआईएस व्यावसायिक शिक्षा पादक्रमों की अवधि क्या है?

एनआईआईएस व्यावसायिक शिक्षा पादक्रमों की अवधि विभिन्न पादक्रम के आधार पर विभिन्न होती है। इसमें छह महीने और एक वर्ष के प्रभावण और डिप्लोमा पादक्रम से लेकर दो वर्ष के एडवांस प्रभावण और डिप्लोमा पादक्रम तक शामिल है।

Are there any financial assistance options available for vocational education courses?

Yes, NIOS provides relaxation of fees for female candidates and exempted categories such as SC/ST, Divyangs and Ex-servicemen. The details of fee structure are available in the vocational prospectus on the NIOS website.

I am unable to find an AVI in my local area. What should I do?

If you cannot find an AVI in your local area, consider expanding your search to nearby districts or cities. Explore your options in nearby areas and consider enrolling in a course that aligns with your interests and goals.

NIOS has recently delinked the requirement of home address and study centres in same state/district for taking admission in vocational courses. However, the learner should keep in mind that the examination for practicals will be held in the same AVI and theory examination will also be held in the same state/district as of AVI. No change of examination centre would be entertained under any circumstance.

9. How do I know which course to register for?

You can choose a course depending upon your interest and requirement. List of vocational courses is given on Table I of the Vocational Prospectus.

10. When can I take Admission?

You can take admission online throughout the year.

11. How can I apply for a Vocational Education course at NIOS?

To apply for a Vocational Education course at NIOS, you need to visit the official NIOS website www.nios.ac.in or https://sdmis.nios.ac.in and follow the online application process outlined there. It involves online registration, selecting the desired course and payment of fees.

12. What is the duration of NIOS Vocational Education courses?

The duration of NIOS Vocational Education courses varies depending on the specific course. It ranges from six months and one year Certificate and Diploma courses to two year Advanced Certificate and Diploma courses. The duration of all the vocational courses are
13. Where the practical training of vocational courses will be conducted?

The Accredited Vocational Institute (AVI)/Special Accredited Institute for Education of Divyangs (SAIED) will organize practical training and Personal Contact Programmes, which are compulsory to attend to appear in the public examination.

14. Where are the classes held for a vocational learner? Is it essential for the learner to visit the study centre?

The classes will be held at the study centre called as Accredited Vocational Institute (AVI). The AVI is responsible for taking up the classes including Theory & Practical. The theory examination shall be held at a different centre which shall be allocated before the final examination, however the practical examination shall be held in the AVI itself. It is advisable and essential to visit the study centre so that appropriate guidance is provided to you regarding your syllabus, examination pattern, hands on practical activities, important information regarding admission or examination, etc.

15. From where do a learner can obtain study material?

The learner’s AVI/SAIED will provide the study material.

16. Can I change my AVI centre and course after taking admission?

No, you will not be able to change your AVI center after admission. Therefore, choose your AVI and course carefully.

17. Are NIOS Vocational Education courses recognized by employers and industries?

Yes, NIOS is an autonomous institution under Ministry of Education, Govt of India. NIOS courses are developed with involvement of a team comprising of industry experts, academia, entrepreneurs, Sector Skill Council etc. A standardized market driven curriculum along with learning outcomes are developed resulting in development of the self learning material along with practical manual for the course. Multi media support for the learners are also developed. All measures are taken to ensure that it aligns with industry standards and requirements.

13. व्यावसायिक पादक्रमों का पार्यायिक प्रशिक्षण कहाँ आयोजित किया जाएगा?

प्रायोजित व्यावसायिक संस्थान (एसएसएई) / शिक्षकों की शिक्षा के लिए, विषयों मान्यता पाठ संस्थान (एसएसएसई) प्रारंभिक प्रशिक्षण और व्यवसायिक संस्करण कार्यक्रम आयोजित करेगा, जिसमें सार्वजनिक परीक्षा में बैठने वाले शिक्षकों को शामिल होना अनिवार्य है।

14. व्यावसायिक पादक्रमों के शिक्षाधीन के लिए कक्षाएँ कहाँ आयोजित की जाती हैं? क्या शिक्षाधीन के लिए अध्ययन क्षेत्र पर जाना अनिवार्य है?

अध्ययन क्षेत्र के लिए जाने वाले प्रायोजित व्यावसायिक संस्थानों (एसएसएई) में कक्षा प्रारंभिक की जाती हैं। एसएसएई संबंधित संस्थान के साथ-साथ प्रारंभिक कक्षा लेने के लिए भी उत्तरदायी होता है। संबंधित परीक्षा किसी अन्य कक्षा पर आयोजित की जाती है जो सार्वजनिक परीक्षा से पहले आयोजित किया जाता है, यद्यपि प्रारंभिक परीक्षा एसएसएई में ही आयोजित की जाएगी। आपको अध्ययन क्षेत्र पर अवरोध ही जाने की सलाह दी जाती है इससे आपको आपके पादक्रम, परीक्षा पैकेट, प्रारंभिक गतिविधियों, प्रवेश या परीक्षा के संबंध में महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी आदि के बारे में उपचार मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त होता है।

15. शिक्षाधीन अध्ययन समग्री कहाँ से प्राप्त कर सकता/सकती है?

शिक्षाधीन को अध्ययन समग्री उसका एसएसएई/एसएसएसई मदद करेगा।

16. परीक्षागत कदमों के बाद क्या मैं अपना एसएसएई और पादक्रम बदल सकता/सकती हूँ?

जी नहीं। प्रवेश की पुर्त्त के बाद अपने मैं एसएसएई पादक्रम नहीं बदल सकते। अतः अपने एसएसएई और पादक्रम में से चुने।

17. क्या एनआईएसएसई के व्यावसायिक शिक्षा पादक्रम नियोजकों और उद्योगों द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त है?

जी हाँ, एनआईएसएसई भारत सरकार के शिक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत एक स्वतंत्र संस्था है। एनआईएसएसई के पादक्रम में उद्योग, शिक्षकों, उद्योगों, क्षेत्र की राज्य परिसर आदि के लिए भारतीय से सूचित किए गए हैं। अधिकांश प्रतिफलों के साथ एक बाजार संवाहित मानकोत्तर पादक्रम तैयार किया गया है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप पादक्रम के लिए प्रारंभिक पुष्टिका के साथ-साथ स्व-शिक्षण सामग्री तैयार की गई है। शिक्षाधीनों के लिए मल्टीमीडिया सहायता भी विकसित की गई है। इसके उद्योगों के मानकों और आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप बनाने के लिए, सभी उद्योग सूचित किए जाते हैं।
18. Can I pursue Vocational Education courses alongside my regular studies or job?

Yes, one of the advantages of NIOS Vocational Education is its flexibility. You can pursue vocational courses alongside your regular studies or job. NIOS provides the convenience of self-paced learning, allowing you to manage your time effectively.

19. I am financially constrained but eager to pursue vocational education. What is the ideal opportunity?

NIOS offers fee concession to female learners and to the exempted category such as ex-serviceemen, divyangs, SC/ST. For the benefit of female learners belonging to weaker section and belonging to SC/ST, NIOS has established Mukta Kaushal Kendra (MKK) at 4 regions, which are skill labs equipped with the required infrastructure. The MKKs are established currently at Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Bankura (West Bengal), Koderma (Jharkhand) and Mehsana (Gujarat). The MKKs provide skill training free of cost to the target group. The list of courses available at these MKKs at present are available in the Vocational Prospectus.

20. Will I get the certificate mentioning Correspondence or Distance learning certificate?

No, NIOS Vocational Programmes are not Correspondence Courses. NIOS offers vocational courses through Open and Distance Learning mode. These courses have essential contact hours which needs to be covered at the study centers, which is mandatory for all learners to attend for undertaking both theory and practical training. Internal assessment is an integral part of the course and needs to be undertaken by all the learners.

21. When can I appear for the examination?

You may appear for examination (after paying the required examination fee) as per your convenience after completing the requisite study period. Examinations are conducted twice a year, in April–May and then in October–November. You can avail as many as nine dates as regularly informed and updated on the NIOS website.
22. When the learner has to register for examination?

For April-May examination: upto 15th January and for October-November examination: upto 15th July are the cut off dates. Please keep yourself updated by checking on the NIOS website.

23. Where are the practical examinations of vocational courses held?

The practical examinations are conducted in the respective AVI/SAIED of the learners.

24. Are NIOS healthcare and paramedical courses recognized by State councils?

NIOS is a recognized board under Ministry of Education, Government of India. The healthcare and paramedical courses offered by NIOS are designed in collaboration with academic and industry experts. However, recognition by State councils is depending upon the rules and regulations of particular State. The paramedical courses such as Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology and Diploma in Imaging Technology are offered in collaboration with Indian Medical Association (IMA). NIOS has a Memorandum of Understanding with IMA.

25. Can I pursue higher education after completing NIOS Vocational courses?

Yes, completing NIOS vocational courses can open up various opportunities for higher education and career advancement. You can apply for relevant higher education programs, such as Bachelor’s or Master’s degrees in relevant fields. Additionally, successful completion of the vocational courses can increase your knowledge and skills in the field. With the increased horizons and opportunities, you can make informed decisions about further education, specialization, or pursuing specific career paths that align with your interests and goals.

26. Does NIOS offer credit transfer facilities for pursuing higher studies after completing their courses?

NIOS does not provide direct credit transfer facilities for pursuing higher studies at other institutions. However, the knowledge and skills gained from completing NIOS courses can be advantageous when applying for higher education programs. NIOS provides Transfer of Credit (TOC) facility to ITI pass-out as well as pursuing learners so as to enable them to have vertical mobility.
27. मैं प्रवेश रिकार्ड में नाम, जन्मतिथि आदि को कैसे सही कर सकता/सकती हूँ?

प्रवेश रिकार्ड में सुधार नियमानुसार ही किया जायेगा। यदि, शिक्षार्थी के व्यक्तिगत विवरण, पता, फोटो आदि में कोई विस्मय है, तो उसे इ-सेवाओं के माध्यम से ठीक किया जा सकता है।

28. क्या में हिंदी में परीक्षा दे सकता/सकती हूँ?

आप स्वाक्षर को आवश्यक अनुशासनों में शामिल किया भी भारतीय भाषा में परीक्षा के सकते/सकती हैं। हालांकि, एनआईओएस का प्रारंभ की जाने वाली स्वाध्याय सामग्री हिंदी/अंग्रेजी अथवा कुछ पाठ्यक्रमों में उद्देश्य में भी होगी। अधिक विवरण के लिए विवरणिका देखें।

29. क्या में व्यासात्मक पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए जब चाहो तब परीक्षा में शामिल हो सकता/सकती हूँ?

जी नहीं। वर्तमान में व्यासात्मक पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए जब चाहो तब परीक्षा की कोई सुविधा नहीं है।

30. व्यासात्मक परीक्षाओं का परिणाम किसने दिनों के भीतर घोषित किया जाता है?

सामान्यतः, अधिकांश परीक्षाओं के परिणाम 8 से 10 सप्ताह बाद घोषित किये जाते हैं।

31. मैंने एनआईओएस को पाठ्यक्रम शूलक का पुलातन पहले ही ऑनलाइन भरा है, फिर भी भुगतान के दौरान यह उल्लिखित किया गया कि शेष शूलक का पुलातन एनआईओएस को करना होगा। यह भुगतान करें?

बैनर पाठ्यक्रम शूलक साझा मॉडल पर आधारित है, जिसमें शिक्षार्थियों के पाठ्यक्रम शूलक का एक हिस्सा एनआईओएस को दिया जाता है और दूसरा हिस्सा एनआईओएस में प्राप्त किया जाता है। एनआईओएस को अपने केंद्रों में कक्षाओं के संचालन के लिए अनुपात शूलक का पुलातन किया जाता है, इसलिए यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है कि शेष शूलक का भुगतान व्यासात्मक विवरणिका में उल्लिखित राशि के अनुसार एनआईओएस को किया जाए। स्व-अध्ययन सामग्री के लिए एनआईओएस को कोई आत्मसेवक शूलक का भुगतान की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

32. व्यासात्मक शिक्षा के बारे में अधिक जानकारी के लिए मैं एनआईओएस से कैसे संपर्क कर सकता/सकती हूँ?

एनआईओएस द्वारा प्रारंभ की जाने वाली व्यासात्मक शिक्षा के बारे में अधिक जानकारी के लिए आप एनआईओएस की वेबसाइट www.nios.ac.in पर जा सकते/सकती हैं अथवा हेल्पलाइन 1800 180 29. Can I appear in On-Demand Exam for Vocational courses?

No, presently there is no On-demand examination facility for Vocational courses.

30. Within how many days result of Vocational exams are declared?

Generally the results are declared 8 to 10 weeks after the last examination is over.

31. I have already paid the course fee online to NIOS, however it is mentioned during payment that the remaining fee has to be paid to the AVI. Why is that payment to be made?

Vocational programmes are based on fee sharing model wherein one share of the learners course fee is given to the AVI and one share is received at NIOS. The AVI is paid separate fees for the conduct of classes in their centre, so it is very important that the remaining fees be paid to the AVI as per the amount mentioned in the Vocational prospectus. There is no need to pay any additional amount to the AVI for the Self-Learning Materials.

32. How can I contact NIOS for more information about Vocational Education?

For more information about Vocational Education offered by NIOS, you can visit the NIOS website www.nios.ac.in or contact the helpline no. – 1800 180 29. Can I appear in On-Demand Exam for Vocational courses?

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33. **How can an Institution apply for accreditation to become the Accredited Vocational Institution (AVI) of NIOS?**

Any Institution willing to become the study centre of NIOS and is an Polytechnic/NGO/KVK/Vocational Training Institute/Affiliated schools can apply for accreditation with NIOS. The applicant institute can visit the NIOS website and select the link – e-accreditation and proceed further after going through the guidelines/norms etc which are essential for accreditation purposes. The applying institution should check for the infrastructure that is available with them as per the NIOS accreditation norms for that particular vocational course. Accreditation process at NIOS are completely online and offline applications are not entertained.

34. **What is the grievance mechanism provided to the learners?**

In case the issues and problems of the learner are not solved in the AVI, then the learner can write or visit the Regional Centre and or write to the Director Vocational Education at dirvoc@nios.ac.in or contact write mail to the Student Support Service Department at dirsss@nios.ac.in.

35. **What certificate will I get after passing a course?**

The Government of India has vested NIOS with the authority to examine and certify learners registered with it in vocational, technical and academic courses upto pre-degree level through Resolution No. F-5-24/90 dated 14th September 1990 published in Gazette of India dated 20 October 1990. A copy of the same is available at Appendix-C. They would be given NIOS Certificate/Diploma, as the case may be on successful completion of the course.