
Recognition of NIOS Qualifications for Admission in AICTE Approved Institutions (Dated 29th Sept 2025)

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Dear Madam/Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Council that, some AICTE approved Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) have denied admission to students who have passed their examination through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), despite these students fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria.

In this regard, it is reiterated that:

- i. NIOS is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and is recognized at par with other national and state boards such as CBSE, CISCE, and State Boards of School Education.
- ii. NIOS certificates are valid for admission to all universities, engineering colleges, and professional institutions as per the norms of MoE, UGC, and AICTE.
- iii. Any discrimination against students holding valid NIOS qualifications is unjustified, violates National Policy directives, and adversely affects students' rights to Higher Education.

Accordingly, all AICTE approved HEI's are directed to ensure that students who have successfully passed through NIOS and meet the eligibility criteria are considered at par with students of other recognized boards for the purpose of admission to higher education programs.

All HEI's are kindly requested to comply with the above directions as per AICTE norms. Your cooperation in upholding the integrity, inclusiveness, and fairness of our education system is highly appreciated.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

PFA: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sfRF5n01QycmX8eFRIC9GLVRgDNt3eIC/view?usp=sharing>

Warm regards,
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