

Proposed Ordinance OA-23A relating to the Degree in Bachelor of Vocation (B. Voc.) based on the NEP 2020 and National Credit Framework 2023 (Effective from the academic year 2025-2026)				
OA-23A.1	Objectives			
	a. Provide for integrating and crediting vocational education, training, and skill learning in various dimensions of academics, skilling, and experiential learning including relevant experience and proficiency/ professional levels acquired, subject to assessment. b. The desired competency levels in terms of knowledge, skills, aptitude, responsibility, and learning outcomes expected after undergoing the course/ qualification while assigning a pre-defined NSQF/NCrF level to the same shall be specified. c. Each and every type of learning hour needs to be assessed to earn credit. d. Facilitate assigning of credit levels across vocational education/ skilling including that in higher education, based on the cumulative number of hours/ years of learning. e. Establish academic equivalence between vocational & general education while enabling mobility within & between them. f. Enable multi-disciplinarity, multiple entry-multiple exits (ME-ME), and progression pathways within and between higher education, technical education, vocational education, training & skilling, and the job markets. g. Recognize learning through close partnerships with industry and employers through internships, apprenticeships and on-the-job training across all sectors.			
OA-23A.2	Nomenclature of the Programme: The nomenclature of the course shall be UG Certificate/ UG Diploma /B. Voc. Degree /B. Voc. Degree Honours /B. Voc. Degree Honours with Research as per NSQF.			
OA-23A.3	Duration and NSQF Level of the Programme			
	The duration of the Programme shall be as given in the table below:			
	Nomenclature	Duration	NSQF level	Exit Option
	UG Certificate	Two Semesters	Level 4.5	With an additional 4 Credits Course
	UG Diploma	Four Semesters	Level 5	With an additional 4 Credits Course
	B. Voc. Degree	Six Semesters	Level 5.5	-
	B. Voc. Degree Honours/ B. Voc. Degree Honours with Research	Eight Semesters	Level 6	-

OA-23A.4	Eligibility:		
	Entry Level Acquired/ Admission	Qualification	Relevant Experience
	A. Level 4/ First Year of B.Voc	a. 12th-grade pass b. Completed 2nd year of 3-year diploma (after 10th) c. Pursuing 2nd year of 3-year regular Diploma (after 10th) d. 10th grade pass with two years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent. e. 8th pass plus 2-year NTC plus 1-Year NAC plus 1-Year CITS f. 10th-grade pass and pursuing continuous schooling (for 2-year program) g. 11th Grade Pass and pursuing continuous Schooling	No experience required
		h. 11th Grade Pass	1 year
		i. 10th Grade Pass	2 years
		j. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.5	1.5 years
		k. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.0	3 years
	B. Level 4.5/ Year 2 of B.Voc	a. Completed 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG b. Pursuing 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education c. Pursuing 3rd year of 3-year diploma after 10th and continuing education d. Completed 3-year diploma after 10 e. Completed 1st year of 2-year diploma after 12 th f. Pursuing 2nd year of 2-year diploma after 12 and continuing education g. 12th Grade pass with 1-year NTC/NAC h. 10th grade pass with 3 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	No experience required
		i. 12th Grade Pass	1 year
		j. 10th grade pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	1 year
		k. 8th Grade pass with 2-year NTC plus 1 year NAC plus 1-year CITS.	1 year
		l. 10th Grade pass	3 years
		m. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4	1.5 years

		n. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.5	3 years
	C. Level 5/ Year 3 of B.Voc	a. Completed 2nd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG	No Experience required
		b. Pursuing 2nd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education	
		c. Completed 2nd year of diploma (after 12th)	
		d. Pursuing 2nd year of 2-year diploma after 12th	
		e. 12th pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	No Experience required
		f. Completed 3-year diploma after 10 th	1 year
		g. 12th Grade pass with 1 year of NTC/NAC	
		h. Completed 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG	
		i. 12th Grade pass	2 years
		j. 10th Grade pass	4 years
		k. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4.5	1.5 years
		l. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4	3 year
	D. Level 5.5/ Year 4 of B.Voc.	a. Completed 3rd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG	No Experience required
		b. Pursuing 3rd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education	
		c. Completed 12th grade with 1-years of NTC plus 1-year NAC plus 1-year CITS	
		d. 12th Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent	
		e. Completed 2nd-year diploma after 12	1 year
		f. Completed 2nd year of 3-year UG	
		g. 12th Grade pass with 1-year NTC/ NAC	
		h. Completed 3-year diploma (after 10th)	2 year
		i. Completed 3-year diploma after 10th	2 year
		j. 12th Grade pass	3 year
		k. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5	1.5 year
		l. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4.5	3 years
	E. Level 6/ Year 4 of /B. Voc. Degree	a. Pursuing first year of 2-year PG program after completing 3-year UG degree	No Experience Required
		b. Pursuing 1-year PG diploma after 3-year UG degree	
		c. Completed 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG)	

	Honours /B. Voc. Degree Honours with Research	d. Pursuing 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) and continuing education				
		e. Completed 3-Year UG Degree	1 year			
		f. 12th Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS				
		g. Completed 2 years of diploma after 12th				
		h. 12th Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS	2 years			
		i. Completed 2 years of diploma after 12th				
		j. Completed 1st year of 2-year diploma after 12th Grade	3 years			
		k. 12th Grade pass	4 years			
		l. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5.5	1.5 years			
		m. Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5	3 years			
OA-23A.4.1	To be eligible for admission to B.Voc. (3 rd Year) / Semester V, s/he must clear all courses (General Education and Skill Component) of the previous Semesters I to IV.					
OA-23A.4.2	A student who obtains 75% and above or equivalent CGPA of the total marks obtained in the first Six Semesters shall be eligible to be admitted to the four-year Degree (Honours with Research) in the Seventh Semester.					
OA-23A.5	Admission					
	a. The minimum educational qualification for admission into B.Voc degree course will be as per eligibility mentioned at OA-23A.1.4 b. Preference will be given to students i. who have acquired NSQF certification Level 4 in the particular trade. ii. learners living in the local community. c. Reservation will be as per Goa State policy. d. There shall be no age bar for admission. e. The applicants seeking re-entry into the education and training for further advanced leanings in their field of expertise in particular trade will be given preference in admission over the new applicants. f. The accepting institution will have the flexibility to prescribe the modalities and process for admission which may include merit-based listing, an entrance test/ examination, or simply a first come-first serve basis. g. Student counseling will be an integral part of the admission process.					
OA-23A.6	Programme structure					
	a. The B.Voc. Programme shall comprise credits for Skill-based Courses and General Education as per the following table:					
	NSQF	Skill Component	General Education	Total Credits for Award	Duration	Exit Points / Awards

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	b. The General Education Component shall have 40 % of the total credits and the balance 60% of credits will be of Skill Component. c. Each Programme shall have General Education Courses as recommended by the Board of Studies (BoS) and approved by the Academic Council. d. Courses of each Programme shall be assigned Credits as recommended by the BoS and approved by the Academic Council and shall be notified in the Prospectus of the Institution offering the Programme(s). e. A notional learning hour may include classroom learning/ teaching, practical and laboratory/ innovation labs, class projects, assignments, tutorials; sports and games, yoga, performing arts, social work, NCC; examinations, class tests, quizzes, assessments; minor or major project work, field visits in skill education; internship, apprenticeship, on the job training (OJT); and experiential learning including relevant proficiency and professional levels acquired, etc. f. One credit of practical course shall be equivalent to 30 notional hours. g. One credit of theory shall be equivalent to 15 contact hours and 15 notional hours. h. A minimum of 40 credits (1200 Notional Hours) to be assigned for one Academic Year which corresponds to 20 credits (600 Notional Hours) per semester. i. One credit of internship/fieldwork/ self-learning shall be equivalent to 60 notional hours. j. The practical/hands-on portion of the skills component of the curriculum shall be transacted in face-to-face mode. The skill component of these programmes will conform to the QPs/NOSs and the general education component will conform to the University norms. k. The B.Voc. Degree programme is a full-time degree course. It should not be conducted as an add-on programme.																														
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	a. The Skill component of the course will be assessed and certified by the respective Sector Skill Councils. b. In case, there is no Sector Skill Council for a specific trade, the assessment may be done by an allied Sector Council or the Industry partner. The certifying bodies may comply with and obtain accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) set up under the Quality Council of India (QCI). Wherever the university/college may deem fit, it may issue a joint certificate for the course(s) with the respective Sector Skill Council(s). c. The Credits for the skill component shall be awarded in terms of NSQF level certification which will have 60% weightage of total credits of the course in the following manner. d. Skill component credit shall be designed preferably to a maximum of 4 credits per Course and accordingly, it should be assessed with justifiable duration.
OA-23A.7. B. 1.	For General Education Component:
	The Scheme of Examination shall be as follows:
	a. Evaluation shall be based on continuous assessment, in which Intra-Semester Assessment (ISA) and Semester End Assessment (SEA) will contribute to the final grade. ISA will consist of class tests, mid-Semester examination(s), homework assignments, and such other modes of evaluation, as determined by the faculty in charge of the courses of study. Progress towards achievement of learning outcomes will be assessed using the following: time-constrained examinations; closed-book and open book tests; problem-based assignments; practical assignment, laboratory reports; observation of practical skills; individual project reports (case-study reports); team project reports; oral presentations, including seminar presentation; viva voce; computerized adaptive assessment, surprise test, modular certifications, and any other modes of assessment. b. The evaluation for the Courses shall comprise ISA and the SEA; i. One Credit shall carry 25 marks. ii. In case of Two to Four Credit Practical/Theory/ Practical and Theory Course, the ISA shall carry 20% of the maximum marks allotted for the Course, and SEA shall carry 80% marks. A Course of Four Credits for a total of 100 marks, having only Theory, shall have ISA for 20 marks and SEA for 80 marks. iii. There shall be no ISA for the One Credit Practical Component of Four Credit Courses. A Four Credit Course (100 marks) comprising Theory (Three Credits) and Practical (One Credit) shall have ISAs only for the Theory Component (15 Marks), and SEA Theory Component (60 marks). The One Credit Practical Component has only SEA (25 marks). iv. There shall be no ISA for a one-credit practical Course. v. Courses of any other number of Credits shall have a proportionate marking system.

c. Intra-semester Assessment (ISA)

There shall be three ISAs in a given Semester for the theory Component of each Course of 2 Credits and above, of which a minimum of 50% shall be evidence-based. The two best scores shall be considered for the final ISA marks for papers of 2 Credits and above. For a course of one Credit, the best score out of two ISAs shall be considered. ISAs may be through a written test or any other alternative mode of evaluation, including assignments, presentations, oral or online tests, MCQs, open-book tests, and any other mode of assessment.

- i. There shall not be any averaging of ISA marks.
- ii. Generally, the ISA for a given Course shall be conducted by the teacher/s teaching that Course.
- iii. The ISA schedule shall be notified at the beginning of the Semester.
- iv. ISA marks shall be communicated to students within two weeks of the ISA.
- v. Ordinarily, ISA-I shall be completed by the end of the Fifth week after the commencement of the Semester and ISA-II by the end of the Tenth week of the Semester.
- vi. Students who fail to appear for an ISA due to a genuine reason shall be given another opportunity, to complete the ISA.
- vii. There shall be a Committee appointed to monitor the conduct of ISAs.
- viii. To be eligible to appear for the Semester End Assessment (SEA), a student shall be required to appear for a minimum of two ISAs in each Course.

d. Semester End Assessment (SEA)

- i. SEAs shall be conducted at the conclusion of every Semester, and shall cover the entire syllabus prescribed for the respective Course.
- ii. A student shall be considered to have successfully fulfilled the requirements of a Semester to be eligible to appear for the SEA provided the student has appeared for two ISAs in a Course, and fulfils the minimum attendance requirements as per the relevant Ordinance of the University. A student failing to fulfil these conditions shall have to repeat the course.
- iii. The detailed procedure for the conduct of SEA and subsequent assessment shall be as notified by the University.
- iv. The pattern of question paper(s) to be set for the SEA in a given course and the scheme of marking shall be decided by the respective BoS. For this purpose, the BoS shall frame specimen question paper(s) in the various courses concerned for the information of the students. Similarly, for practical examinations, the number of laboratory exercises, marks distribution for each exercise and other relevant details shall be decided by the respective BoS.

	v. To pass a Course a student shall have to obtain a minimum of 40% in ISA and SEA together. There is no separate passing for ISA and SEA. vi. The duration of SEA theory paper carrying up to 40 marks shall be 1 hour, and papers of above 40 and up to 80 marks shall be of 2 hours duration. vii. Supplementary exams shall be held at the end of the academic year immediately after SEA.
OA-23A.7. B. 2.	Practical Examination Conduct of Examination a. Examination(s) in Laboratory exercises shall be conducted for Courses with a practical component. Marks will be allotted as follows: Experiment (including Field Work) 60%, Journal/Record Book 20%, Oral Examination 20% or as recommended by the concerned Board of Studies. A student shall be permitted to appear for the practical examination only if s/he submits her/his journal duly certified by the teacher(s) teaching the Course and the concerned Head of the Department/Programme Director. b. To assess the student's performance in the assigned experiment, the examiner shall take into account the planning, procedure, techniques followed, readings/observations, results, and presentation. c. Students shall be required to submit the journal/record book before the practical examination. Examiner(s) shall take into account the regularity of the student in attending the Laboratory Course, the completeness of the exercises and presentation, and the format of the journal. For subjects having field work component, the student shall be required to submit the report of such field excursion(s) along with the journal(s) for assessment. The examiner(s) shall consider the report along with journal(s) while allotting marks. d. In the oral examination, the examiner(s) shall assess the knowledge of a student in the Course as well as during the experiment(s) performed. e. A student unable to appear for the practical examination on medical or other genuine grounds may be permitted to appear for a practical examination out of turn, irrespective of the timetable and the batch allotted to him/her, in the examination. This out-of-turn appearance may be in the same Institution or in a different Institution. Such permission shall be granted by the University if recommended by the respective Dean or Principal of the College. The student shall be required to remit the requisite fee for this out-of-turn examination
OA-23A.8	The College Examination Committee, College Unfair Means Inquiry Committee and College Grievance Committee shall be constituted and function as per OA-38
OA-23A.9	Grading shall be as per OA-16
OA-23A.10	Repeat Examinations for general component

	a. Supplementary exams shall be held at the end of the academic year after a period of two weeks from the date of declaration of results. b. There shall be no supplementary examination conducted for Semester V to VIII. c. In case a student fails in the SEA/SSEA, he/she shall have the option to repeat the course d. A student shall be required to successfully complete a Programme as per OA-17.
OA-23A.11	Entitlement Marks:
	a. Entitlement/Grace Marks shall be as per Ordinance OA-26. b. These Entitlement/Grace marks shall be applicable only to the General Education component at every semester.
OA-23A.12	Verification and Revaluation Verification and Revaluation shall be permitted only in case of Written Papers of general components as per the provisions of OA-5.15.
OA-23A.13	Award of UG Certificate/ UG Diploma /B. Voc. Degree /B. Voc. Degree Honours /B. Voc. Degree Honours with Research
	a. Award of UG Certificate/ UG Diploma /B. Voc. Degree /B. Voc. Degree Honours /B. Voc. Degree Honours with Research as the case may be, would depend on the acquisition of requisite credits as prescribed in the guidelines and not on the duration of the calendar time spent in pursuing the course. b. The certificate for the skilling component would be awarded by the Sector Skill Council in terms of NSQF level either singly or jointly with the institution concerned and the general education grades will be certified along with the skill component in terms of certificate/ diploma awarded by the institution. c. UGC guidelines on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), and Guidelines on Curricular Aspects, Assessment Criteria and Credit System in Skill based Vocational Courses may be referred for further illustration on computation of SGPA, CGPA etc. to confer the awards as above. d. Each of the awards shall specify within parenthesis, the Skill(s) specialization, such as: i. B.Voc. Honours with research (Renewable Energy Management) ii. B.Voc. Honours (Renewable Energy Management) iii. B. Voc. (Renewable Energy Management) iv. UG Diploma (Green House Technology) v. UG Certificate (Jewellery Designing) e. The students will have the option to exit with a UG Certificate, UG Diploma after acquiring a requisite number of credits along with an additional four credits. In the case of affiliated colleges, such students may be awarded UG Certificate, UG Diploma as the case may be by the concerned College after written authorization by the affiliating University.