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NOTIFICATION NO. 16/2026

(Provisional Enrolment in the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education in pursuant to the court order)

Subject: Opening of the Registration Portal for Provisional Enrolment in the 6 (Six) Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education, in compliance with the directions issued by various Hon'ble High Courts — reg.

Reference:

- 1) Judgment dated 08.04.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A. Diary No. 4303/2024 in Civil Appeal No. 5068 of 2023 (Devesh Sharma Vs. Union of India &Ors.)
- 2) Recognition Order of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
- 3) Order dated 30.06.2026 and 20.07.2026 of the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur
- 4) Various other High Court Orders.

Background:

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide judgment dated 08.04.2024 passed in M.A. Diary No. 4303/2024 in Civil Appeal No. 5068 of 2023 (Devesh Sharma Vs. Union of India &Ors.), together with the applicable NCTE Recognition Order, laid down the framework governing eligibility for enrolment in the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education conducted by NIOS.

Subsequent to the aforesaid judgment, a number of teachers who consider themselves outside the ambit of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment and the NCTE Recognition Order approached various Hon'ble High Courts, including the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, by way of writ petitions. The court granted NIOS a further and final period of 15 days to open the portal,

In compliance with the aforesaid directions, and upon approval of the Competent Authority of NIOS, the registration portal is accordingly being opened, strictly for the limited category of teachers covered by subsisting interim orders of the Hon'ble High Court(s), on the terms and conditions set out in this Notification.

Notification:

The Competent Authority of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has accorded approval for opening the registration portal exclusively for such teachers who are covered by the aforesaid interim orders of the respective Hon'ble High Courts and who are eligible for provisional enrolment.

Accordingly, the registration portal **www.bridge.nios.ac.in** shall remain open from **30.07.2026 to 30.08.2026** (both days inclusive) for submission of online applications by such eligible teachers who hold a valid, subsisting order of a Hon'ble High Court permitting provisional enrolment.

Applications shall be accepted only in the online mode through the said portal. No offline, postal, or email applications shall be entertained.

Eligibility Criteria:

A teacher shall be eligible to seek provisional enrolment under this Notification only if all of the following conditions are cumulatively satisfied:

The applicant is a party (petitioner) to a writ petition pending before a Hon'ble High Court in which an interim order permitting provisional enrolment in the Bridge Course has been passed and subsists as on the date of application.

The applicant is not covered under, or does not fall within the ambit of, the judgment dated 08.04.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A. Diary No. 4303/2024 in Civil Appeal No. 5068 of 2023 (Devesh Sharma Vs. Union of India &Ors.).

The applicant is not covered under the NCTE Recognition Order to the extent it already governs regular enrolment.

The interim order relied upon has not been stayed, modified, vacated, or superseded by any subsequent order of the same Hon'ble High Court, another Hon'ble High Court, or the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Documents Required for Registration:

Applicants are advised to keep scanned legible copies of the following documents ready before commencing the online registration process, for upload on the portal as prompted:

- Recent passport size color photograph
(A clear and updated photograph required for identity verification)
- Signature of the applicant teacher
(Needed to authenticate and validate the submitted application)
- B. Ed. Marksheet / Certificate
(Required as proof of the applicant's professional teacher training.)
- Appointment Letter
(Official document confirming current employment status as a teacher)
- Self Declaration Certificate duly certified by the concerned School Principal
- Affidavit (As per the format) to be attested by Notary Public/Oath Commissioner
(Format to be downloaded from the Bridge Course Portal)
- Self-attested copy of the certified/authenticated order of the concerned Hon'ble High Court granting interim relief for provisional enrolment, along with the relevant writ petition.
- Valid mobile number and email ID for OTP verification and further correspondence.

Note: The above list is indicative. The final list of mandatory documents/fields shall be as displayed on the registration portal at the time of application, and applicants shall be guided by the instructions provided therein.

7. Procedure for Online Registration:

- Visit the Bridge Course Portal at www.bridge.nios.ac.in.
- Select the option for provisional enrolment pursuant to Hon'ble High Court orders, as indicated on the portal home page.
- Register using a valid mobile number and email ID, and complete OTP-based verification.
- Fill in the online application form with accurate personal, academic, and employment details.
- Upload the requisite documents, including the Affidavit (as per the format available on the portal), scanned copy of the Writ Petitions (where your name appears) and applicable Hon'ble High Court order, in the specified format and size.
- Review the filled application carefully, as no correction shall ordinarily be permitted after final submission.
- Pay the requisite Fees.
- Submit the application within the registration window, i.e., on or before 30.08.2026, and retain a copy/printout of the submitted application and the system-generated acknowledgement for future reference.

8. Terms and Conditions Governing Provisional Enrolment:

The benefit of this notification shall be available only to those teachers who are covered by the interim orders of the respective Hon'ble High Courts and who are not covered under the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 08.04.2024 passed in M.A. Diary No. 4303/2024 in Civil Appeal No. 5068 of 2023 (Devesh Sharma Vs. Union of India & Ors.).

The enrolment shall be purely provisional in nature. The applicant shall apply through the online mode only, and such enrolment shall not confer any vested or equitable right upon the candidate.

The provisional enrolment shall remain subject to the final outcome of the respective writ petition(s) and to any further orders that may be passed by the Hon'ble High Court(s), the Hon'ble Supreme Court, or any other competent court.

NIOS reserves the right to cancel, modify, or withdraw the provisional enrolment and any consequential benefit arising therefrom, in compliance with the final judicial orders and applicable statutory provisions, without any further notice.

Candidates shall not claim any equity or any right whatsoever on the basis of such provisional enrolment, and no representation made by any official or agency of NIOS shall be construed as a waiver of this condition.

In the event the writ petition of an applicant is dismissed, withdrawn, or the interim order is vacated at any stage, the provisional enrolment granted to such applicant shall automatically stand cancelled, without prejudice to NIOS's right to take further consequential action.

Furnishing of false, incorrect, or misleading information, or reliance upon a forged/fabricated court order, shall render the application liable to summary rejection/cancellation and may attract legal action as per law.

Important Instructions:

- Candidates are advised to apply well within the registration window and avoid last-minute submission, as no request for extension of the last date shall ordinarily be entertained.
- This Notification does not, by itself, amount to admission or confirmation of the Bridge Course; it only enables submission of an online application for provisional enrolment.
- Candidates already regularly enrolled, or covered under the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 08.04.2024, are not required to, and shall not, apply under this Notification.
- Any subsequent notification, corrigendum, or clarification issued by NIOS in relation to the Bridge Course shall be published on www.nios.ac.in and www.bridge.nios.ac.in and shall be binding on all applicants.

For detailed eligibility criteria, applicable terms and conditions, and the procedure for online enrolment, candidates are advised to visit the Bridge Course Portal at www.bridge.nios.ac.in. This Notification shall be read as part of, and subject to, the orders of the Hon'ble High Court(s) and the Hon'ble Supreme Court referred to herein.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary, NCTE.
2. Sh. Bhagwati Prasad Kalal, Director, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi.
4. The Chairman, CBSE, New Delhi.
5. The Chairman, Atomic Education Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
6. The Managing Director, Army Welfare Education Society, New Delhi.
7. All State Nodal Officers, with the request to disseminate this information to all concerned beneficiaries under their respective jurisdictions.
8. Heads of the Departments, NIOS.
9. The Director (Vocational), with a request for Advocacy & Publicity.
10. All Regional Directors, NIOS, for advocacy and wider publicity.
11. SA/P for uploading the Notification on the NIOS Website and the Bridge Course Portal.
12. PA to CMO, for kind information of the Chairman, NIOS.
13. Guard File.