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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 12th June, 2023

To,

The Directors,

Board of Apprenticeship/Practical Training,
Mumbai, Kolkata, Kanpur & Chennai

Subject: Relaxation in eligibility criteria for registering Degree/Diploma pass out as an apprentice under NATS, with in of 5 years from the date of passing of qualifying examination.

Dear Sirs,

You are aware that presently a candidate can join as Apprentice under National Apprenticeship Scheme (NATS) within 03 years from the date of passing the qualifying examination. This criterion was adopted based on a recommendation made by Central Apprenticeship Council in its 26th meeting held on 29/11/1995.

2. For providing the benefit of the Scheme to more students especially those from remote and backward areas, it has been decided to relax the eligibility criteria for registering Degree/Diploma pass-outs as an apprentice under NATS from 03 years to 05 years from the date of passing the qualifying examination and date of joining the apprenticeship training.

3. This will be applicable from the date of this letter. You are requested widely publicize the relaxation amongst all stakeholders.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Achint Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Copy to:

- i. **Shri Buddha Chandrasekhar**, Chief Coordinating Officer, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)- *For making suitable modification in the NATS Portal 2.0.*
- ii. **Shri Hari Kumar Janakiraman**, M/s Cognizant Technology Solutions Limited: *For incorporating the modification in existing NATS Portal 1.0.*

