

# National Institute of Open Schooling

## Introduction

 NIOS is an open school which encourages flexibility and freedom to learn.

 The Open Schooling courses of study of NIOS have the same standard and equivalence as the courses of study of other National/State level Boards of School Education

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- In the interest of learners, NIOS has introduced Online admission throughout the year to facilitate registering themselves with it.
  - Under this scheme learners have the options to
    - (a) register themselves On-line directly
    - (b) may visit their nearest Al (study centre)/ Facilitation Centre and take their help for On-line registration.
    - (c) may visit their nearby NIOS Regional Centre for on line-registration.

## Reasons to Make National Institute of Open Schooling Your Choice

#### 1. Freedom To Learn

With a motto to 'reach out and reach all', NIOS follows the principle of freedom to learn i.e.,

- -what to learn,
- -when to learn,
- -how to learn and
- -when to appear in the examination is decided by the student.

There is no restriction of time, place and pace of learning.

## 2. Flexibility

- The NIOS provides flexibility with respect to :
  - **Choice of Subjects:** You can choose subjects of your choice from the list keeping in view the passing criteria.
  - Admission: Can take admission Online under various streams or through Study Centres at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels.

#### Examination:

- Public Examinations are held twice a year.
- Nine examination chances are offered in five years.
- Student can take any examination during this period when you are well prepared and avail the facility of credit accumulation also.

#### • On Demand Examination:

• **Student** can also appear in the On-Demand Examination (ODES) of NIOS at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels at the Headquarter at NOIDA and All Regional Centres as and when they are ready for the examination after first public examination.

### 3. Transfer of Credits

 The NIOS acknowledges previous knowledge by allowing transfer of credits upto two subjects passed from some of the Boards of Examination / State Open Schools.

## 4. Recognised Quality Education

- The NIOS takes conscious steps to provide quality education.
- The Govt. of India has vested authority with NIOS to conduct Public Examinations and provide Secondary and Senior Secondary level certificates, which are equivalent to the certificates provided by any other Board.
- NIOS is one of the National Boards like CBSE and CISCE.

#### Features and Flexibilities in NIOS

- 1. Age Limit: There is no upper age limit for admission.
  - Minimum age for enrolment
    - 14 years for Secondary course and
    - 15 years for Senior Secondary course

#### 2. Choice in Medium of Instructions

- Secondary Hindi, English, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Gujarati,
   Malayalam and Oriya mediums
- Sr. Secondary Hindi, English, Urdu
- **3. Choice of Subjects**: One can choose subjects according to his/her interest, need and vision of career path offered as per the criteria given in the Scheme of Studies at Table-I in the prospectus.

- **4. Additional Subjects**: You can also select one or two additional subject(s) either at the time of admission or during the course of study, if you so desire or if it is required.
- **5. Combination of Academic and Vocational Courses** Provision has also been made for the learners to opt for one vocational education subject along with academic subjects.
- You have the freedom to choose your subjects, pace and place of learning.
- **6. Continuous Assessment**: During your course of study, you will know your progress through Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs).
- **7. Flexible Scheme of Admission:** You can access NIOS admission through On-line (Ni-On) under various streams directly or approach a near by Study Centre/Facilitation Centre.

#### 8. Flexible Scheme of Examination:

- Public examinations conducted by NIOS twice a year.
- **Nine** chances to appear in the public examinations over a period of **five** years to complete your courses.
- Can also choose any of the following for getting evaluated and certified:
  - - Public examination conducted by NIOS twice a year.
  - On Demand Examination System (ODES).
  - - Public examination in some subjects and ODES in other subjects.

#### 9. Credit Accumulation:

- Can choose to appear in anyone Vocational Courses offered or more subjects in any examination and earn credit which will be accumulated till all five subjects required for certification are successfully completed within a period of 5 years of
- registration.
- 10. Transfer of Credit: Can avail the facility of Transfer of Credit (TOC) to a maximum of two subjects passed from the selected Boards provided these subjects are also available in NIOS scheme
- 11. Validity of Admission: Your admission is valid for five years.
  - For Public Examination at Secondary and Senior Secondary level,
  - you may take nine or fewer chances to successfully complete the course during this period.
- The study material is now sent directly to each learner

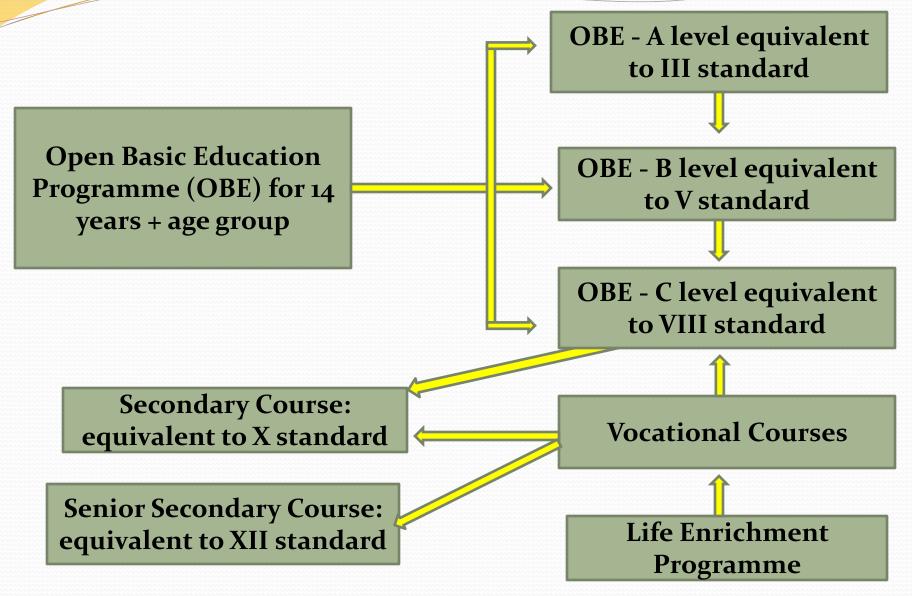
### **Examinations**

- NIOS conducts two public examinations in one academic year i.e.
  - in April-May and
  - in October-November.
- There is a facility of accumulation of credits.
- It is the On Demand Examination System (ODES) which gives an opportunity to the learner to appear in examination in a subject as and when he/she feels ready for it.

### Procedure

- From the year 2010-11, NIOS has introduced 100% Online admission in order to facilitate learners in registering themselves with it.
- Off-line admission quota has been dispensed with.
   Under this scheme learners have the options to
  - (a) register themselves One-line directly
  - (b) may visit their nearest AI (study centre)/Facilitation Centre and take their help for On-line registration.
  - (c) may visit their Regional Centre for on line-registration.

#### Programmes, Courses and Pathways



## Fee Structure for Online Admission of Stream 1

Course		General Category		Exempted Category*
		Male	Female	Differently Abled Persons Jail Inmates
Secondary Course (i) for 5 subjects (ii) for each additional	l subject	Rs. 1000 Rs. 150	Rs. 750 Rs. 150	Rs.550 Rs.150
Senior Secondary Cou (i) for 5 Subjects (ii) for each additiona		Rs. 1150 Rs. 180	Rs. 900 Rs. 180	Rs.625 Rs.180

Note: The admission fee does not include the examination fees. The examination fees must be paid separately within the specified dates

<sup>\*</sup>For claiming exemption, SC/ST, Ex-servicemen and differently abled persons should provide supporting documents

