



BOARD OF OPEN SCHOOLING & SKILL EDUCATION



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LEARNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES : AT A GLANCE

- Do not fill up the Online Application Form for Admission without reading the instructions.
- Do not leave any column blank in the Online Application Form for Admission.
- Do not submit Application Form for Admission without uploading the supporting documents. Please note that admission fee is to be sent online only.
- Do not get influenced by unauthorized agencies that falsely guarantee success of learners. Do not forget to submit original Marksheet while applying for Transfer of Credit (TOC).
- Do not miss the Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs) in each subject which AIs (Study Centres) have to provide on compulsory basis.
- Do submit your Assignment Response Sheets i.e. Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) timely to your study centre.
- Please note that Examination Fee is also required to be paid online only.
- Learner is required to provide valid E-mail ID and the mobile number for SMS alerts.



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MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Sikkim Legislative Assembly has enacted the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim Act 2020.

The Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim is a Public Private Partnership Initiative of the Regional Education Development Council, New Delhi and the Government of Sikkim. The BOSSE will cater to the varied academic needs of the divergent disadvantaged groups of students up to pre degree level including Secondary, Senior Secondary and Skills and Vocational education. The initiative is laudable as it is in accord with the National Education Policy 2020 which lays great focus on imparting quality and affordable education so that our students are able to meet the aspirational needs of the 21st century. Various structural and policy changes envisaged in the NEP aim at sealing up the provision and quality of vocational education. Some of these include the development of a National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and a National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF), strengthening school education boards for carrying out assessments of vocational courses, setting up of Skill Labs in schools in a hub and spoke model, emphasizing the professional development of vocational teachers through common National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) and offering of vocational courses through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, among others. Government has accorded the highest priority to skill development so that the young people become employable and successful entrepreneurs. The thrust of Government policies is not only skill up and educate our youth but also to make them job providing entrepreneurs, the robust engine of our growth story. I am of the considered view that practical utility of academic knowledge is quite necessary and institutions must give priority to skill development. I am optimistic that the BOSSE would concentrate on the concept of 'Skill India' and 'Start-Up India'.

I am glad the BOSSE is launching a 'Prospectus' on this occasion. I am sure it would be immensely educative and beneficial to the children of disadvantaged groups. I congratulate the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim, the Secretary, the faculty and the office bearers and wish them every success in their laudable endeavours:

(Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')



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MESSAGE

It's a matter of huge satisfaction for me personally that Sikkim Legislative Assembly took a historic step of enacting the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim Act, 2020. This Board is being set up in public private partnership mode between Regional Education Development Council, Delhi and Government of Sikkim. The Board is designed to provide the much needed requirement of those students who have not been able to complete their school education due to some reason and enable them to acquire a formal school Certificate along with skill training to fulfill their aspiration. I am very happy to note that this innovative step of Government of Sikkim is completely in sync with the National Education Policy, 2020 which lays great emphasis on quality vocational education. The new policy envisages strengthening of Vocational education in a big way by way of professional training of its teachers, setting up of quality labs in schools, promotion of State specific arts and crafts and empowering students with quality vocational education for their bright and meaningful future. The public private partnership model shall ensure that the Board is able to establish linkages with industry and other relevant organizations in a flexible manner for imparting quality and affordable vocational school education to all such students who for some reasons could not complete it through regular schooling. I sincerely hope that the Board will be able to fulfill the aspirations of our young students and enable them to bridge the gap for their school education along with the skill education. Indeed, the Board should successfully transform our students from job seekers to job providers.

I am pleased to note that BOOSE is bringing out its prospectus containing all such details for the benefit of our aspiring students. I am confident that this document shall be immensely useful in guiding and mentoring our young students. I also take this opportunity of complimenting the Regional Education Development Council, New Delhi for having taken this initiative and partnering with Government of Sikkim for this unique initiative.

(G.P. Upadhyaya)



Chairperson's Message

Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim BOSSE, ushers in an ecosystem of opening opportunities for availing Secondary and Senior Secondary Level Education for all those who, for reasons of employment or inaccessibility may have been unable to continue their education. The added dimensions of skills and vocational learning with learner flexibility and credit transfer in consonance with the New Education Policy, make this initiative a specially attractive development.

I am sure this initiative of the Government of Sikkim to enable the strengthening of open schooling and skills education will encourage many aspiring learners at the secondary and senior secondary levels to pursue and realize their dreams of being equipped with employable and vocational skills.

Prof. Madhulika Kaushik
Chairperson
BOSSE





BOSSE

PATHWAYS to HIGHER STUDIES

BOSSE – Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim is an Open School Board to cater to the varied academic needs of divergent groups of students up to pre degree level. It will include Secondary and Senior Secondary level students and impart them Skills & Vocational education. The Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim Act 2020 was passed on 21-09-2020 by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly under Act No. 14 of 2020.

With the aim of strengthening the school education across the country, Government of Sikkim authorized BOSSE through Gazette notification (Act No. 14 of 2020) to impart education at Secondary, Sr. Secondary and Skill & Vocational education through different modes of education. Some of the salient features of BOSSE are Flexible education, combination of academic and vocational subjects, digital support through SWAYAM platform, transfer of credits for a maximum of two subjects passed from other boards and 100 plus vocational courses.

The Government of Sikkim, through its Gazette notification no. 14/LD/2020 dated 07-10-2020, has vested the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim with authority to conduct and certify the examination for Secondary / Sr. Secondary and Skill & Vocational education. As per M.H.R.D., Government of India O.M dated 7 Sep 2012, the certificates awarded by BOSSE for Secondary / Sr. Secondary and Skill & Vocational examination will be valid for higher studies and government jobs, since this is recognized by State Government of Sikkim.





VISION & MISSION

VISION

To universalise school education and impart vocational skills for strengthening the social fabric of democracy and enhance the GER.

MISSION

- To empower underprivileged sections of society who drop out of their school by enrolling them with BOSSE to complete their school education.
- To deliver education at school level through the online mode.
- To promote open school system at the national and international levels.
- To provide a wide variety of skill development programmes to achieve excellence in open schooling education.
- To provide Industry based learning and hands-on experiences.





OPEN SCHOOLING SYSTEM

With Universal & Flexible Access To
Quality Schooling Education and
Skill Development.

The Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim is one of the open school boards of India that offers school education along with skill and vocational education through varied modes of learning.

BOSSE offers a wide spectrum of programmes across subjects and a long list of skill programmes that allow the learners to choose as per their interest and career plans.

BOSSE provides learner support through modern pedagogy and updated study material to enable its learners to get the highest quality school education. The study kits can be obtained from BOSSE at affordable fees and in different regional languages.

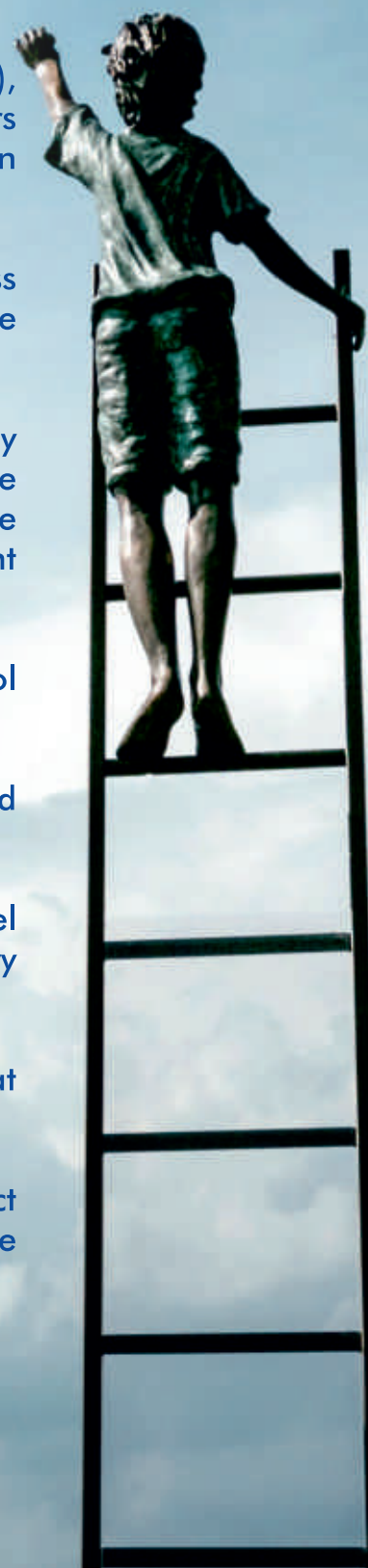
BOSSE strives to achieve excellence in imparting school education to reach the unreached.

BOSSE assists its learners with 24*7 online support and imparts education through e-learning.

BOSSE will provide school education up to pre-degree level while using most modern techniques of multimedia delivery and through different electronic media.

BOSSE will provide subject resource kits to all its learners at the time of admission.

The learners enrolling with BOSSE will be provided contact classes throughout the academic session at their respective Accredited Institutes (AI).





SALIENT FEATURES

- **Freedom to Learn** – Reaching the Unreached is one of the foremost features of BOSSE that works on the principle of freedom to learn without restrictions of time, place and pace of learning.
- **Transfer of Credits** – BOSSE allows transfer of credits of upto two subjects (One language and one other subject) completed successfully from any of the recognized International, National, State Board of Examinations and approved Open Schools.
- **Acknowledged School Education** – BOSSE aims at providing universal school education along with skill and vocational education for strengthening the social fabric of democracy through the provision of quality education. The Government of Sikkim has vested the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education Sikkim with authority to conduct and certify the examination. The certificates provided by BOSSE are equivalent to certificates that are provided by any other Board of School Education and also set pathways for further studies. Successful alumni's of BOSSE can apply to any of the recognized national and international higher education institutes for further studies.
- **Flexibility** – BOSSE provides immense flexibility through its different modes of open schooling programmes in respect of admissions, choice of subjects and examination for its learners and allows them to study as per their convenience and requirement.

FREEDOM TO LEARN WITH FLEXIBILITY

- Complete freedom to choose subjects. Admission is open round the year for Secondary and Sr. Secondary classes for all streams of study.
- Age Limit: There is no upper age limit for admission. However, the minimum age for enrolment is 14 years for Secondary school programmes and 16 years for Senior Secondary school programmes.
- Choice in medium of instruction: Initially the programmes will be available in Hindi and English only. Regional languages will be added later depending on availability of students opting for a given medium.



ADMISSION OPEN 24*7

The admission to Secondary and Sr. Secondary programmes will be open round the year in two blocks:

BLOCK-1
From
1st DEC – 31ST DEC
2020
Examination
June-July
2021.

BLOCK-2
From
1st JAN – 31ST MARCH
2021
Examination
Sep-Oct
2021.

Candidates, who fail to pass in any year, can appear in the subsequent examinations conducted every six months. The candidates can take admission online directly in BOSSE. The benefits of transfer of credits can be availed by enrolling candidates.

TARGET GROUPS

- Minority community/ rural people/ urban poor/ female underprivileged sections of society, unemployed and partly employed / school dropouts.



CHOICE IN THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS:

SECONDARY STATE:

Hindi and English

SR. SECONDARY STAGE:

Hindi and English

BOSSE - Eligibility Criteria for Admission in Secondary and Senior Secondary:

Entry Requirement	Cut Off Dates	Secondary Courses	Sr. Secondary Courses
Block 1	31/12/2020	14 years as on 31st-August-2020.	16 years as on 31st-August-2020.
Block 2	1/1/2021 to 31/3/2021	14 years as on 31st-January-2021.	16 years as on 31st-January-2021.
a) Essential Supporting Documents for Date of Birth.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or District Office of the Registrar of Birth and Deaths for those born on or after 26.01.1989 OR • Passport issued by Govt. of India OR • Original Transfer of Certificate/ School Leaving Certificate showing applicant's date of Birth, issued by the school last attended by the applicants. In case of Govt. Schools, the Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate should be signed by the principal while in the case of Private Schools, it should also be countersigned by the competent education authority of the State/ or District Education Officer OR • Aadhaar Card issued by the concerned Agency of Govt. of India. <p>Note : Date of birth once given in the Admission Form shall not be changed. Please check and state the correct date of birth in the Admission Form.</p>	<p>The Certification of Matriculation/ Secondary Examination having a record of the Date of Birth.</p> <p>(No other proof of age will be accepted for Sr. Secondary Admission.)</p>
b) Minimum Education Qualifications		Certificate of Class VIII pass, or Self Certificate	Certificate of Secondary Examination passed from a recognized Board of Secondary Education.

A learner can choose 5 to 7 subjects of his/her choice from the list available on the website of BOSSE. However, he/she must opt at least one language subject.



SUBJECT CHOICE:

The details of subjects in Secondary / Sr. Secondary programmes are available on the website of BOSSE. Candidates can change their subject after taking admission and appearing in at least one examination on payment of fee of Rs. 500/-per subject for Secondary programme and Rs.500/- per subject for Senior Secondary programme.

Note: Although there is no restriction on choosing the subjects by the learner yet he/she should keep in mind the norms of the Universities or Boards if he/she intent to take admission for higher studies. BOSSE will not be responsible if any candidate has passed with a subject combination which is not as per the norms of any University of higher education.

The examination pertaining to science, commerce and arts streams can be held on the same day. In case a candidate has opted any odd combination he /she has to take up that examination in next public examination at his/her own cost.



FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADMISSION:

At the time of admission a learner is required to pay a consolidated fee as under.

Detail	Secondary courses	Sr. Secondary courses Arts & Commerce
Registration Fees	Rs.1000/- (For Five Years)	Rs.1000/- (For Five Years)
Programme Fees For 5 Subjects	Rs. 6000	Rs. 7000
For each additional subject	Rs. 1200	Rs. 1400
Internal assessment and Practical fee Per subject. (For Science Subjects Only).	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 600/-
Examination fee (Per subjects)	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 300/-
Additional Fees For Practical Exam	Rs. 180 per subject	Rs.180 per subject

Other Fee Structure

Cost of information Brochure(Prospectus) along with the Application Form from the Office of BOSSE	250
Re –evaluation of answer script per paper.	500
Fee for change in examination centre	500
Re Totalling fee per Subject/course	500
Duplicate Marks Card	500
Consolidated Marks Card	500
Migration Certificate	400
Genuineny Certificate/Verification for private companies & individual learners.	500 per doc.
Transcription / Verification for foreign Institutions / Universities.	5000

Note :

The admission fee does not include the examination fees. The examination fees must be paid separately with in the specified dates.

50% fee concession is admissible to the candidates from bonafide domicile of Sikkim on programme fee.

BOSSE at its sole discretion can offer scholarship to the meritorious learners.

Scheme of Subjects for Academic Programmes

Table 1

Secondary Level – Group A

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	101	HINDI
02	102	ENGLISH

Secondary Level – Group B

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	131	Mathematics*
02	132	Science & Technology*
03	133	Social Science
04	134	Economics
05	135	Business Studies
06	136	Home Science*

- Choose Five subjects with either one or two languages from Group A and the remaining subjects from Group B.
- Two additional subjects can be taken from either of the two groups with additional fees as per BOSSE norms.
- Subjects with asterisk* have theory as well as practical work.



Table 2 :

Senior Secondary Level – Group A

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	401	Hindi
02	402	English

Senior Secondary Level – Group B

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	416	Mathematics*
02	417	Home Science*
03	418	Geography*
04	419	Economics
05	420	Business Studies

Senior Secondary Level – Group C

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	431	Physics*
02	432	History

Senior Secondary Level – Group D

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	446	Chemistry*
02	447	Political Science

Senior Secondary Level – Group E

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	461	Biology*
02	462	Accountancy
03	463	Introduction To Law

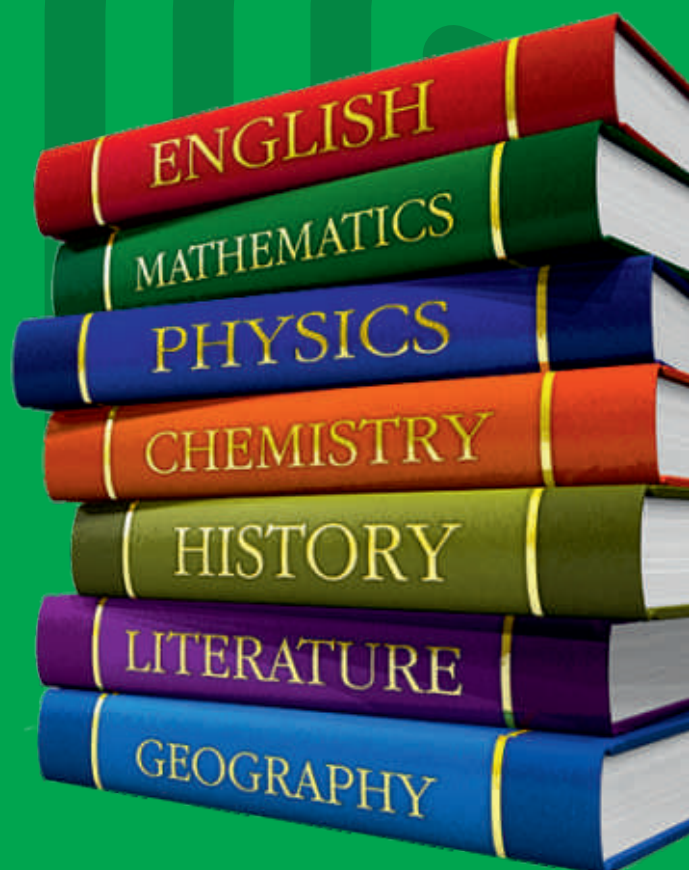
Senior Secondary Level – Group F

SN	CODE	SUBJECT
01	476	Computer Science*
02	477	Sociology
03	478	Tourism

Five subjects with either one or two languages from Group A and the remaining from Group B, C, D, E, F. (Only one subject from each group C, D, E and F) to be specified by the student.

Two additional subjects can be taken from any group (Only one subject from each group C, D, E and F) with additional fees as specified earlier.

Subjects with asterisk* have theory as well as practical work.



Combination of Vocational with Academic Subjects

Table 3: List of Vocational Education Courses offered by BOSSE in combination with Academic courses.

Secondary Level

SL. NO	CODE	SUBJECTS
1	601	Laundry Services
2	602	Beauty & Wellness
3	603	Tour & Travel

Senior Secondary Level

SL. NO	CODE	SUBJECTS
1	701	House Keeping
2	702	Hotel Front Office Operation



Facility of Transfer of Credit:

Ex-Secondary / Sr. Secondary students of all recognized Boards of School Education who have passed in at least one subject, but have not completed the programme, may seek admission in the respective course(s) at BOSSE and avail facility of open school and skill education programme.

The learner has option to get the credit transfer up to a maximum of two subjects offered by BOSSE. A candidate can opt one language and one other subject.

Transfer of credits facility is admissible only on submission of original marks sheet of previous Board.

For transfer of credits for subjects passed from other Boards, a learner will have to pay a sum of Rs. 1000/- per subject as credit transfer fee to BOSSE at the time of admission.

The facility of TOC will be permissible under the following conditions.

The learner who has not qualified his / her course from any recognized School Boards but has passed at least one subject may avail the BOSSE's TOC facility upto maximum of two subjects. In this case, learner is required to get his / her TOC data verified from the concerned Board and he/she required to submit the same verified result/TOC data along with Admission Application Form at the time of admission under TOC.

The subjects which are available in BOSSE Scheme of Studies and BOSSE Scheme of Examination; learners will apply TOC to those subjects only. And for practical subjects TOC is allowed only when learner has passed in theory and practical separately.

The learner will have to pay requisite fee for Transfer of Credit for the number of subjects in which TOC is required.

The learner will have the option to get the credit transferred up to a maximum of two subjects from the Parent Board, provided these subjects are passed with at least 33% marks in the last five years (i.e., passed during 2016 or later).

While applying for Transfer of Credit (TOC), the learner is required to send original parent board failed marksheet within 10 days of online admission to the BOSSE Office along with a copy of the Acknowledge Receipt/Copy of the Online Admission Form. In case of delay in submission i.e. submission after 10 days, a late fee of Rs. 500/- per subject of TOC will be charged through e-service.

Table: Fee Structure for Dual Enrolment/ Part Admission

Course	Registration Fees	Programme Fee	Exam Fee
Secondary	Rs. 500	Rs. 1500 Per Subject/-	Subject as applicable
Senior Secondary	Rs. 500	Rs. 1800 Per Subject/-	Subject as applicable

Dual Enrolment and Part Admission:

BOSSE also provides the facility of dual enrolment or part admission to the candidates already studying in some regular course or already passed out candidates of Secondary/Sr. Secondary studies.

A learner can take admission under this scheme in maximum of 4 Subjects and will be issued only mark sheet.

The admission of a learner will be cancelled:

- The admission form is incomplete,
- The fee is not paid in full,
- The supporting documents are not complete,
- False documents have been submitted,
- Required educational qualifications are not met,
- Minimum age criterion is not satisfied,
- Incorrect information is given or suppressed any information,
- The Secondary examination is not passed from a recognize board.

Note: - Admission once cancelled will not be re-considered.



Recognized Quality Education:

BOSSE takes conscious steps to provide quality education. The Government of Sikkim has vested authority with the BOSSE to conduct Public Examinations and provide Secondary and Senior Secondary level certificates, which are equivalent to the certificates provided by Boards such as NIOS, CBSE, ICSE as well as other State Open Schools and State Level Board. On getting certificate for successful completion from BOSSE; candidates can apply to any reputed higher institution across the world.

Internal Assessment / Student Assignments:

Internal Assessment / Student Assignments are important tools for continuous and comprehensive assessment of learners during their studies. The learners admitted in BOSSE programmes will be assessed through these tools.

The internal assessment shall carry 20% weightage in each subject.

There will be one student assignment in each subject and the details about the same will be available on the BOSSE website.

The learners will have to submit this assignment within the prescribed schedule at their respective Accredited Institute or directly to the Head Office of BOSSE.

The BOSSE may ask for field assignments as a part of project under Internal Assessment.

1	Candidates appearing in June Examination	by 31st March
2	Candidates appearing in October examination	by 31st July

As such, non-submission of assignment by the learner will neither debar him/her from appearing in examination nor declaration of result. But, you will lose marks of assignment and therefore awarded marks out of 80 in the term-end examination.

Curriculum, Syllabus and Study Materials:

Modern pedagogy, updated study material and detailed syllabi are the hallmark of BOSSE. The Board of Open Schooling And Skill Education, Sikkim is vested with the authority to impart school education up to pre-degree level, conduct examinations and award certificates based on its curriculum.

The entire Study material in all the subjects of Secondary and Sr. Secondary is available on the website of BOSSE. The learners can download the study material or can study online.

The learners can also purchase printed study material from the Head Office, BOSSE on payment of nominal charges.

BOSSE has made special arrangement for coaching its learners round the academic session through its Accredited Institutes, which have been setup in reputed schools in all the states and have all required infrastructure like a regular schools. BOSSE will also provide online support to its learners. In addition to this, Audio and Video CDs will also be made available.

BOSSE will produce special programmes using most modern techniques for its learners and teach its learners through multi-media support system as well as through the web portal of BOSSE.



Accredited Institute of BOSSE:

Although BOSSE will impart education through e-learning and multi-media techniques, yet Accredited Institute (AI) near the residence of learners in all parts of the country and abroad will be identified by BOSSE for face to face contact in already functional reputed schools affiliated with State Boards or CBSE. In Addition to this, BOSSE has also set up information centres as well as resource centres to provide support to the learners.

The detailed Accreditation Norms as well as Accreditation Procedure are available on the website of BOSSE, i.e. www.bosse.ac.in



Public Examination:

BOSSE will conduct examination twice a year in the months of April-May and October-Nov at Specified Examination Centres and notified at the time of issuance of date sheet.

The examination will normally be held at the Accredited Institute fixed by BOSSE.

- ✓ A candidate will get nine chances to clear the examination after taking admission and complete all academic requirements.
- ✓ Credit accumulation facility will be practiced for subjects successfully completed by the learners.
- ✓ For appearing in examinations, a candidate has to register after filling up an examination form and pay prescribed examination fee.

Very Important: Although the question papers will be provided in only English or Hindi, language in any of scheduled language of India can be used for answering (with due prior information to BOSSE at the time of filling of examination form).

On Demand Examination:

BOSSE will offer on Demand Examination facility shortly to learners at different examination /facilitation centres as and when you are ready to take examination after first examination.

Passing Criteria:

In order to pass an exam conducted by the BOSSE, a learner will have to obtain at least 33% marks.

For Secondary classes, a learner who obtained 33% marks in theory and practical together will be declared pass.

For Sr. Secondary level, a learner has to pass both in theory and practical examinations separately with 33% separately.

Result Declaration and Award of Certificate:

The result for Secondary and Sr. Secondary courses will be declared within 6 to 8 weeks of the last examination held.

All candidates taking examination will be issued marks sheet, which will show all subjects in which he/she appeared as well as earlier achievement, if any, and a qualifying certificate.

Counselling

BOSSE is authorized to open its Accredited Institutions that help the learners in having pre & post admission counselling in respect of documents required for admission / scheme of examination / availability of study kit / choice of subjects / transfer of credits and other features of BOSSE.

All these types of counselling services are free of cost that learner can avail in 24*7 mode. Learners may visit www.bosse.ac.in and can have detailed information.

In case of any query related to admission dates, examination centers, examination evaluation, result declaration or other queries, BOSSE help desk is always available to assist the learners in all possible ways.

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