

FAQ regarding D. El. Ed. Course of NIOS for Training of Untrained In-Service Teachers

BACKGROUND:

Section 23(1) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 prescribes that-

‘Any person possessing such minimum qualifications, as laid down by an academic authority, authorized by the Central Government, by notification, shall be eligible for appointment as a teacher’.

The proviso to Section 23(2) of the RTE Act reads as under:

Provided that a teacher who, at the commencement of this Act, does not possess minimum qualifications as laid down under sub-section(1), shall acquire such minimum qualifications within a period of five years.

"Provided further that every teacher appointed or in position as on the 31st March, 2015, who does not possess minimum qualifications as laid down under sub-section (1), shall acquire such minimum qualifications within a period of four years from the date of commencement of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2017."

As per the NCTE Gazette Notification dated 23rd August, 2010 it is stated that:

The following categories of Teachers appointed for Classes I to VIII prior to date of this Notification need not acquire the minimum qualifications specified in Para (1) of the gazette notification:

- (a) A teacher appointed on or after the 3rd September, 2001 i.e., the date on which the NCTE (Determination of Minimum Qualifications for Recruitment of Teachers in Schools) Regulations, 2001 (as amended from time to time) came into force, in accordance with that Regulation.
Provided that a teacher of class I to V possessing B.Ed. qualification, or a teacher possessing B.Ed. (Special Education) or D.Ed. (Special Education) qualification shall undergo an NCTE recognized 6-month special programme on elementary education.
- (b) A teacher of class I to V with B.Ed. qualification who has completed a 6-month Special Basic Teacher Course (Special BTC) approved by the NCTE;
- (c) A teacher appointed before the 3rd September, 2001, in accordance with the prevalent Recruitment Rules.’

The Minimum qualifications FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS as laid down by NCTE in its notification dated 23rd August, 2010 are as under:

LEVEL	MINIMUM ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
<p><u>I Elementary</u> a. Primary</p> <p>b. Upper Primary (Middle school section)</p>	<p>i. Senior Secondary School certificate or Intermediate or its equivalent with 50 % marks; <u>AND</u></p> <p>ii. 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education or 4 year Bachelor of Elementary Education or 2 year Diploma in Education (Special Education)</p> <p>i. Graduate and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education OR</p> <p>ii. Graduate with atleast 50% marks and 1 year Bachelor in Education/Special Education OR</p> <p>iii. Senior Secondary School certificate or Intermediate or its equivalent with 50% marks and 4 year Bachelor in Elementary Education (B.El.Ed)/4 year BA/B.Sc.Ed</p>

Disclaimer: - The answers to queries are not applicable in such cases where Honorable Courts have given directions to the state/s. The states are bound to follow court's orders.

S. No.	Query	Remarks
1	Is D. El. Ed. Course mandatory for a Teacher who possesses B.Ed. degree and is teaching at Elementary level (6 th to 8 th class).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and must have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level (Class 6th to 8th) should have Graduation with D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with B.Ed. iii. For Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed. and want to teach at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) a 6-months bridge course recognized by NCTE is under consideration. Therefore, all such Teachers must also register on NIOS portal by 15th September, 2017. iv. At present, there is no Bridge Course recognized by NCTE in the country. v. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible in Class 12th.
2	Is there any programme for providing training to only Graduate teachers and what is the time deadline for getting this training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If a teacher is a plain Graduate, then, he/she is required to acquire professional qualification, that is, D. El. Ed, for teaching at elementary level (Class 6th to 8th). ii. The NIOS is offering an Eighteen Month D. El. Ed. Programme through ODL for in-service untrained elementary teachers of recognized government/government aided/private schools. The last date for registration is 15th September 2017.

3	<p>a) Has MHRD decided to give approval to B.Ed. qualification to be a teacher in primary Schools in Utrakhand till March, 2019,</p> <p>b) Is B.Ed. Candidate eligible for applying in primary schools till March, 2019?</p>	<p>i. MHRD has not given any such approval till March 2019</p> <p>ii. Candidates recruited earlier with B. Ed qualification MUST undergo 6 months Bridge Course recognized by NCTE. Please see answer (1) above in this regard.</p> <p>iii. No new recruitments of unqualified teachers can take place.</p> <p>iv. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) must have passed class 12th with 50% marks and must have D.El.Ed.</p>
4	<p>Whether this D.El.Ed. programme is mandatory?</p>	<p>D.El.Ed. is mandatory for all in-service Teachers at primary level and for Graduate only teachers at upper primary level. This is in accordance with the necessary qualifications mandated by NCTE under the RTE Act, 2009. Please see answer (1) above.</p>
a	<p>Is a teacher of class I-V possessing B.Ed. qualification, or a teacher with B.Ed. (Special education) or D.Ed. (Special Education), required to undergo an NCTE Recognised 6 months Special Programme in Elementary Education.</p> <p>The state of Arunachal Pradesh does not have the facilities of NCTE recognised 6-month special programme on elementary education.</p>	<p>i. Teachers with B.Ed. qualification are required to undergo NCTE recognized 6 months Special Programme in Elementary Education to teach in classes I-V. They must register accordingly on NIOS Portal. The course will be conducted by NIOS.</p> <p>ii. Separate instructions will follow for 6 months bridge course.</p>
b	<p>For a Teacher of class I to V with B.Ed. who has completed a 6-month Special Teacher Course approved by NCTE, is</p>	<p>There is no need to repeat the 6-month Special Bridge Programme in case the Teacher has completed the said Course, as long as the Course was recognized by NCTE. However, if the said Course was/is not recognized by the NCTE, then the Teacher MUST register on the NIOS portal for the Bridge Course. Please</p>

	the Bridge Course required to be completed again?	also see para (1) (iii) in this regard.
5	For Science graduate teachers (I -VIII School) having less than 50% in Higher Secondary exams and not having completed D.El.Ed. training, is it necessary to again appear in Higher Secondary exam and obtain 50% marks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Yes, a teacher belonging to general category is required to have minimum 50% marks in Higher Secondary Exam to be Eligible for admission in D.El.Ed Course. ii. All such teachers are required to concurrently register themselves for Higher Secondary Exam and D.El.Ed Course through NIOS.
6	Whether, an elementary teacher with B. Ed. who is also TET qualified, needs to join this D.El.Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) must have passed class 12th with 50% marks and must have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level (Class 6th to 8th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with B.Ed. iii. Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed and wants to teach at Primary level may undergo a 6 months bridge course recognized by NCTE iv. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible.
7	Can a teacher teaching in a private school take admission in D. El Ed. Course?	Yes, all untrained teachers of recognized Govt./Govt. aided/unaided Private Schools can take admission in this online D. El Ed. Course.

8	In a Private unaided School without UDISE number, if the Principal does not do the needful to help untrained teachers enrol in D. El. Ed Programme, what can be done?	In such cases, the concerned State may refer to Section 18 of RTE Act which provides for withdrawing recognition of any school which does not fulfil norms and standards as prescribed. The Private Unaided Schools may be addressed in view of the above mentioned Section of the RTE Act in order to ensure that all untrained teachers teaching in these schools register themselves at NIOS Portal.
9	Whether Guest Teachers can take admission in D. El Ed. Course?	All in –service untrained elementary teachers teaching in Schools as defined under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 and recruited as per RTE Act 2009 can take admission in D. El Ed. Course
10	Whether Teacher of Madarasas can enrolled for D. El Ed. Course?	All In –service untrained elementary teachers teaching in Schools as defined under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 and recruited as per RTE Act 2009 can take admission in D. El Ed. Course
11	Whether, teachers who are teaching “Bhoti” language, or third language in classes VI-VIII in Arunachal Pradesh, need to take admission for D. El Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level(Class 6th to 8th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with B.Ed. iii. Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed and want to teach at Primary level may undergo a 6- months bridge course recognized by NCTE. iv. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible.

12	<p>Teachers with Secondary Pass (10th class) and Teachers with Secondary Fail are working as School Teachers. How will they get admission in D.El.Ed Course?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level (Class 6th to 8th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with B.Ed. iii. Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed. and want to teach at Primary level may undergo a 6-months bridge course recognized by NCTE. iv. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible. v. Teachers can concurrently register themselves for Higher Secondary Exam and D.El.Ed. Course through NIOS. vi. There is no provision on NIOS portal for 10th failed candidates.
13	<p>If the teachers obtain admission in Sr. Secondary in NIOS right now, then how will they register themselves for D.El.Ed.programme on NIOS Portal, where last date of admission for both, Higher Secondary and D.El.Ed, is 15th Sept, 2017?</p>	<p>Special provision has been made as a one-time measure only for teachers to concurrently register themselves for Higher Secondary Exam and D.El.Ed. Course through NIOS.</p>

14	Are Government Urdu teachers working at Elementary Level eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	All untrained teachers teaching in Schools as defined under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 and recruited as per RTE Act 2009 can take admission in D. El. Ed. Course.
15	Are teachers having Graduate/PG degree but having less than 50% /45% marks in 12 th class eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 10+2 with 50% marks (general Category) and 45% marks (reserved category) is mandatory qualification for D. El. Ed. Course. ii. All such in-service teachers who have less than 50 % or /45% marks at 10+2 are required to register themselves concurrently for class 12th (improving) and for D. El. Ed. Course at NIOS portal.
16	Are Graduate Teachers who are working at Upper Primary level (6 to 8) eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level(Class 6th to 8th) should have passed class 12th with 50 % marks and should have D.El.Ed or Graduation with D.El.Ed or Graduation with B.Ed. iii. Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed and wants to teach at Primary level may undergo a 6 months bridge course recognized by NCTE iv. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible. v. Teachers can concurrently register themselves for Higher Secondary Exam and D.El.Ed Course through NIOS.
17	Are Physical Education Teachers working in Govt/ Govt aided/Private unaided recognised schools eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If they are appointed as Physical Education Teachers, they are required to have B.P.Ed only. ii. But if they are teaching elementary classes they need to take up D.El.Ed course and should have passed class 12th with 50 % marks. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible.

18	Are Teachers working in unrecognised schools eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	Untrained in-service elementary teachers working in schools covered under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 only are eligible for D. El. Ed. Course offered by NIOS.
19	Are Computer Teachers working at Govt/ Govt aided/Private unaided recognised schools eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teachers who are teaching at Primary level (Class 1st to 5th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed. ii. Teachers who are teaching at Upper Primary level (Class 6th to 8th) should have passed class 12th with 50% marks and should have D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with D.El.Ed, or should have Graduation with B.Ed. iii. Teachers who are graduates with B.Ed. and wants to teach at Primary level may undergo a 6 months Bridge Course recognized by NCTE iv. For SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates, a relaxation of 5 % marks is admissible. v. Teachers can concurrently register themselves for Higher Secondary Exam and D.El.Ed. Course through NIOS.
20	Are Teachers working in voluntary schools eligible for this D. El. Ed. Course?	Untrained in-service elementary teachers working in schools covered under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 only are eligible for D. El. Ed. Course offered by NIOS.

21	Are Shastri and Drawing teachers who are working at in Govt/ Govt aided/Private unaided recognised schools eligible for D. El. Ed. Course?	All untrained in-service elementary teachers teaching in Schools as defined under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 and recruited as per RTE Act 2009 can take admission in D. El Ed. Course
22	Are ShikshaMitra/Para teachers/Part-time teachers /Teachers working on contract basis eligible for D. El. Ed. Course or not	All untrained teachers teaching in Schools as prescribed under Section 2(n) of the RTE Act 2009 and recruited as per RTE Act 2009 can take admission in D. El Ed. Course.
23	Is two years of teaching experience in a Government or Government recognized Primary/Elementary School mandatory for admission to D.El.Ed. (ODL mode) programme conducted by NIOS.	All untrained teachers appointed till 10th August, 2017(which is the date of gazette notification of amendment in RTE Act 2009) can apply for this D.El.Ed. programme.
24	Whether a teacher appointed before the 3 rd September, 2001, in accordance with the prevalent Recruitment Rules is required to undergo this D.El.Ed (ODL mode). Programme	As per the para 4 (c) of the NCTE notification dated 23rd August, 2010 with respect to the determination of qualifications of Teachers to be appointed in Schools, this notification is not applicable to a Teacher appointed before the 3rd September 2001 in accordance with the prevalent recruitment rules. Further, NCTE had taken out no notification prior to 3rd September 2001 regarding determination of qualification of Teachers to be appointed in Schools. So the prevalent recruitment rules of the respective State Govt. will be applicable in such cases. It is reiterated that the said teachers should have been recruited as per the extant states government policy.
25	Whether this online D.El.Ed. course conducted by NIOS through SWAYAM and SWAYAMPBHA is recognized by NCTE.	Yes, this course has been recognised by NCTE.