


NOTICE

Dear Training Providers,

Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skill Ecosystem being managed through the **SMART (Skill Management & Accreditation of Training Centres)** portal aim to provide an umbrella framework to all the skilling activities being carried out within the country, thereby providing quality benchmarks in the concept, establishment and running of the various schemes.

It may also be noted that Accreditation and Affiliation of a TC does not guarantee target allocation under any Government funded skill development schemes including PMKVY. Each scheme may have its own target allocation process, according to which a TC may be allocated the targets. For example, under PMKVY, the target allocation is based on the grade and job roles demands as per the geographical location of the TC.

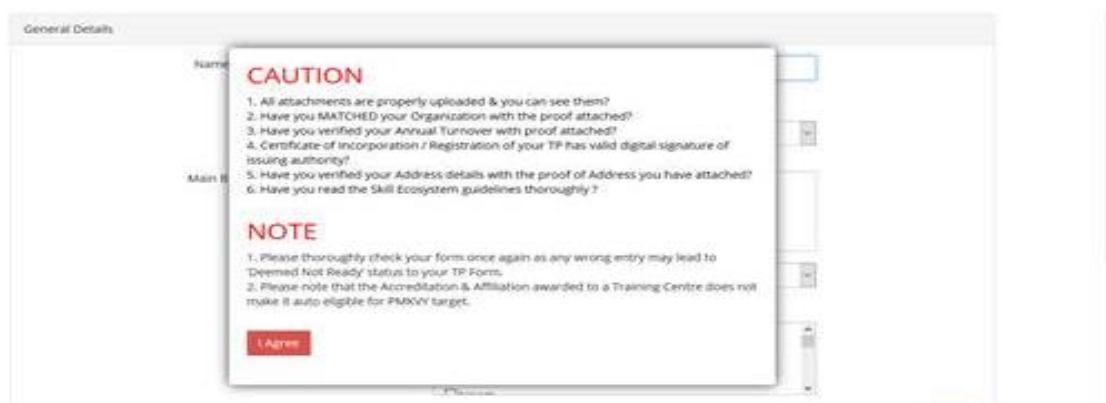
The same has been conveyed through the Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skill Ecosystem with reference to para 9(d) and para 9.2(c) of Chapter 1. Also, this is mentioned on the SMART website on the following page: https://smart.nsdindia.org/before_you_begin.aspx



The screenshot shows the SMART website interface. At the top, there are logos for SMART (Skill Management & Accreditation of Training Centres), the Government of India, N.S.D.-G (National Skill Development Corporation), and Skill India. A helpline number (1800-123-9626) and online support desk hours (08:00am - 08:00pm) are also displayed. The navigation menu includes Home, About SMART, Accreditation, Affiliation, Monitoring, Knowledge Bank, Tutorial, and FAQs. A search bar is present. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Register as Training Provider" and a sub-section titled "Before you Begin" with the following instructions:

1. Please note that the Accreditation & Affiliation awarded to a Training Centre does not make it auto eligible for PMKVY targets.
2. The information you feed in the TP Registration Form should be complete and correct in all respect. Post the submission of the Form, it will be reviewed by SMART Team. You will be given time to complete the deficiencies in the Form, if any. Please note that the payment made by you will NOT be Refunded.
3. Please ensure that you have uninterrupted Internet connection while you are filling this online application.
4. You will need to upload certain documents as proof of the data provided. Please ensure that the soft copies of the following documents are readily

In addition, another pop up message is displayed as a user proceeds with the application process on SMART as given below:



The screenshot shows a pop-up message with a "CAUTION" header and a "NOTE" section. The CAUTION section lists six items to check:

1. All attachments are properly uploaded & you can see them?
2. Have you MATCHED your Organization with the proof attached?
3. Have you verified your Annual Turnover with proof attached?
4. Certificate of Incorporation / Registration of your TP has valid digital signature of issuing authority?
5. Have you verified your Address details with the proof of Address you have attached?
6. Have you read the Skill Ecosystem guidelines thoroughly?

The NOTE section contains two items:

1. Please thoroughly check your forms once again as any wrong entry may lead to 'Deemed not Ready' status to your TP Form.
2. Please note that the Accreditation & Affiliation awarded to a Training Centre does not make it auto eligible for PMKVY target.

An "I Agree" button is visible at the bottom of the pop-up.

As mentioned above, accreditation and affiliation of the training centres with respective Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) should not be construed as equivalent to allocation of targets under any skill development scheme including PMKVY. Albeit, the affiliation is treated as a pre-requisite for such target allocations.

Further, the allocation of targets under PMKVY (2016-2020) is subject to various guidelines and conditions (which may be updated by the concerned authorities from time to time) including but not limited to the following:

- i. Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skills Ecosystem
- ii. PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020)
- iii. Ownership status and geographic location of a Training Centre
- iv. Sectors in which a training centre is desirous of imparting training

In order to ensure sector and geographical coverage as stated in Annexure 1: Target Allocation Methodology of PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020), an analysis has been conducted and it is observed that the skill trainings imparted are highly focused in certain states, districts, sectors or job roles. The top 3 states in terms of target allocation account for about 37% of the total target allocation and the top 5 sectors in terms of target allocation account for about 48% of the total target allocation. In larger public interest, it is important that training centres are distributed across the country such that training and employment opportunities are generated across geographies. In addition, a review is being conducted towards a demand driven model to ensure that trained workforce is not unemployed due to effect of uneven distribution of training being imparted in various sectors and geographies.

In addition, based on the monitoring visits, it has been observed that 46% of franchise centres are not in compliance with PMKVY (2016-2020) guidelines and the accreditation guidelines even though these centres were recommended during planned inspection; this may lead to poor quality of training; diluting the key objective of the scheme. Further, as per section 1.5 of Chapter 1 of PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020), first level of franchising is permitted under PMKVY but franchising arrangements would be discouraged and would be given lower priority and it is planned to gradually phase out franchisee arrangements.

In view of the above, a policy decision was taken that the target allocation under short term training of CSCM component of PMKVY (2016-2020) to the following categories of centres have been temporarily put on hold and might be revised based on further review and analysis. This temporary hold on target allocation is to analyse and understand the key issues/concerns/leakages currently present in the system which has resulted in the non-compliance of the accredited and affiliated centres. However, target allocation would continue in states and sectors other than the ones listed below:

- All the Franchise Centres
- Centres located in following states:
 - Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan
- Centres desirous of imparting training in following sectors:
 - Apparel, Electronics, IT-ITeS, BFSI and Telecom

Final decision on way forward for states /sectors etc. where target allocation is on hold is expected before the end of June 2017.