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Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(Department of School Education and Literacy)

Notification

New Delhi, the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2011

S.O. (E). 4 WHEREAS the National Council for Teacher Education (hereinafter referred to as the Council), in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (No. 35 of 2009), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), has, vide notification number F.No.61-03/20/2010/NCTE/(N&S), published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 dated the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII in a school referred to in clause (n) of section 2 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS, sub-section (2) of section 23 of the said Act provides that where a State does not have adequate institutions offering courses or training in teacher education, or teachers possessing minimum qualifications laid down under sub-section (1) of section 23 of the said Act are not available in sufficient numbers, the Central Government may, if it deems necessary, by notification, relax the minimum qualifications required for appointment as a teacher for such period, not exceeding five years, as may be specified in that notification;

AND WHEREAS, the State Government of Assam vide its letter dated the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 submitted a proposal to the Central Government for relaxation of the requirement of minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers laid down by the Council under sub-section (1) of section 23 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government perused the proposal of the State Government of Assam for relaxation of the requirement of minimum qualifications for appointment as teachers under sub-section (2) of section 23 of the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009), the Central Government hereby relaxes, in respect of the State of Assam, the minimum qualifications notified by the National Council for Teacher Education under sub-section (1) of section 23 of the said Act vide notification F. No. 61-03/20/2010/NCTE/(N&S), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 (the said notification); in so far as they relate to classes I to VIII, namely :-

- (a) 2-year Diploma in Elementary Education (by whatever name known) for appointment of a teacher in classes I to VIII; and
- (b) 1-Year Bachelors in Education for appointment of a teacher in classes VI to VIII.

2. The relaxation granted under this notification shall be valid for a period upto the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 subject to fulfilment of following conditions, namely:-

- (i) the State Government of Assam shall conduct the Teacher Eligibility Test as specified in the said notification of the Council in accordance with the Guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 issued by the Council and those persons who pass the Teacher Eligibility Test be considered for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII;
- (ii) the State Government and other school managements shall amend the recruitment rules to provide for the minimum qualifications required for appointment of teachers laid down by the said notification of the Council;
- (iii) the State Government shall in the matter of appointment give priority to those eligible candidates who possess the minimum qualifications specified in the said notification, and thereafter consider other candidates eligible with the relaxed qualifications under this notification;
- (iv) advertisement for appointment of teachers shall be given wide publicity, including outside the State;
- (v) the State Government and other school managements shall ensure that teachers employed or engaged by them who do not possess the minimum qualifications required for appointment of teachers laid down in the said notification of the Council shall acquire the minimum qualifications within the time limit specified under sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009;
- (vi) the State Government and other school managements shall ensure that teachers who are appointed with the relaxed qualification, acquire the minimum qualification specified in the said notification within a period of two years from the year of their appointment;
- (vii) the relaxation specified in this notification shall be one-time and no further relaxation under sub-section (2) of section 23 shall be granted to the State of Assam;
- (viii) the State Government shall ensure that the annual intake capacity for the two-year Diploma in Elementary Education course in the District Institutes of Education and Training in the State of Assam is utilised for preparing prospective elementary school teachers and not for imparting face-to-face Diploma in Elementary Education course to existing untrained teachers;

(ix) the State Government shall take steps to increase the institutional capacity for preparing persons with specified qualifications so as to ensure that only qualified persons are appointed as teachers in classes I to VIII after the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015; and

(x) the persons possessing the following qualifications shall also be eligible for appearing in the Teacher Eligibility Test conducted by the State Government of Assam in respect of teacher appointments made in the State upto the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, in accordance with sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph 5 of the Teacher Eligibility Test Guidelines issued by the Council vide its letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, namely :-

(a) Senior Secondary (or equivalent) with at least fifty per cent marks, for classes I to V;

(b) Graduation with at least fifty per cent marks, for classes VI to VIII.

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