

National Council for Teacher Education

- (Frequently Asked Questions on NOC from Affiliating Bodies to Apply for 2016-17 Session)

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
1.	Is this NOC different from the affiliation order?	<p>For the first time NCTE has introduced the requirement of the submission of NOC from the affiliating body alongwith the application seeking permission to offer a Teacher Education Programme.</p> <p>Till 2014 Regulations came into force, there had been a feeling among the affiliating bodies that the role of Universities/affiliating bodies had been undermined as they were not involved in the process of recognition of TEIs at any stage and that once NCTE grants recognition, the affiliating bodies were bound to give affiliation. NCTE felt that the views of the affiliating bodies need to be taken into account and has thus introduced the provision of NOC by affiliating bodies as an essential requirement to making an application for establishing a new TE institution and/or for a new programme or additional intake. As per the new regulations, before an institution applies to NCTE, they have to obtain NOC from the respective affiliating body. This NOC is different from the NOC sought from the State Government during the processing of applications later.</p> <p>This NOC issued by the affiliating bodies is an essential requirement for making an application as it is a provision made under Regulations 2014 issued in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 32 of the National Council for Teacher Act 1993.</p>
2.	How is this different from the NOC of State Government?	<p>The NOC issued by the State Government is based on the policy of the Government depending on various factors like the position of Demand and Supply, availability of TEIs in the location of the proposed institution, etc. When NCTE sends a letter to the State Government alongwith the copy of the application for the issuance of NOC, it specifies a period before which the State Government has to send its recommendations; and if the State Government does not respond within the stipulated time, NCTE proceeds further with the processing of the application. An application is submitted by the institution without NOC of the State Government and is subsequently forwarded by the NCTE to the concerned State Government/seeking its recommendations.</p> <p>The NOC from the affiliating university or any other affiliating body is to be submitted by the applicant along with the application. The affiliating body has to certify that the proposed institution is under their jurisdiction and it will be responsible for conducting the examination of students, if the NCTE grants permission for a particular course. It may refuse NOC if it has not prepared the curriculum and examination scheme for the course applied by an institution. If the application submitted by an institution is not accompanied by NOC of the affiliating body it will not be processed further by NCTE Regional Committee. However, the submission of NOC by an applicant institution does not automatically entitle it for recognition.</p>
3.	What are the norms to be followed for issuing NOC?	<p>The affiliating bodies may develop their own norms and procedures for the grant of NOC. Primarily they have to give their consent for the conduct of examination and for certification. Generally, the College Development Council, which deals with affiliation, may take it up, based on factors like credentials of the society/management, need for such TE programme/institute in that district or locality, university's capacity to handle affiliation, etc.</p>
4.	Should the State Government be asked to issue uniform norms to be followed for issuance of NOC to all affiliating bodies throughout the State?	<p>The affiliating bodies may bring this to the notice of their respective State Governments and impress upon them to establish a coordinating mechanism for having a uniform policy.</p>

5.	Is Department of Education the competent authority to issue NOC? Or, is it College Development Council of a university and such mechanism in a SCERT, the agency to issue NOC?	In the case of universities, the NOC has to be issued with the approval of Vice Chancellor by an officer/Authority authorized for this purpose (like Director, College Development Council). In the case of SCERTs/Boards, NOC shall be issued with the approval of Director/Chairman by an officer authorized for this purpose (may be in consultation with state education department).
6.	Why should University give NOC before application to NCTE? Rather, application can be forwarded to the State Government through Affiliating Bodies.	The NOC to be issued is primarily with regard to the jurisdiction, availability of the Programme, readiness and willingness to conduct examination, etc. The affiliating body may seek the approval of the State Government, if it so likes. The purpose of NOC by the State Government is based on different considerations which the state government will decide at a later stage when the application is processed.
7.	The recognition, affiliation and admission calendars are not in line. There are overlaps. Universities are starting affiliation process in the later part of the academic year by which time NCTE is issuing recognition for the next year.	There is no overlap in the recognition and affiliation calendar as per rule. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Maa Vaishnodevi case has already set date lines for recognition, affiliation and admission which is binding on all concerned i.e., the NCTE, the Universities and other affiliating bodies, and the institutions. Care must be taken to follow the date lines, as any deviation may amount to contempt of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
8.	Should Universities for issuance of NOC alter their affiliation norms as they are following old norms?	The affiliating bodies may modify their affiliation norms in the light of NCTE Regulations, 2014 and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Maa Vaishno Devi Case.
9.	Already there are a lot of problems with the existing B.Ed. colleges and this adds to existing problems. Issue of NOC is a complex procedure. It is time consuming. Till now there is no mechanism developed for this.	The Affiliating Bodies shall have to develop their own mechanisms and procedures for the issuance of NOC.
10.	Can Universities charge fee for issue of NOC?	The affiliating bodies may take decision in this regard in consultation with their respective State Governments. NCTE has not prescribed any fee for this purpose.
11.	What can the affiliating body do in case an institution deviates from the affiliating norms at a later date after obtaining NOC?	Such cases may be dealt by the affiliating bodies under their rules or refer the matter to NCTE.