

# National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)

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The Union Cabinet has approved the merger of the existing regulatory institutions in the skills space – National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) into the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET).

## **Functions:**

NCVET will regulate the functioning of entities engaged in vocational education and training, both long-term and short-term and establish minimum standards for the functioning of such entities. The primary functions of NCVET will include:

- Recognition and regulation of awarding bodies, assessment bodies and skill related information providers.
- Approval of qualifications developed by awarding bodies and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs).
- Indirect regulation of vocational training institutes through awarding bodies and assessment agencies.
- Research and information dissemination.
- Grievance redressal.

## **Composition:**

The Council would be headed by a Chairperson and will have Executive and Non-Executive Members.

## **Benefits:**

- This institutional reform will lead to improvement in quality and market relevance of skill development programs lending credibility to vocational education and training encouraging greater private investment and employer participation in the skills space.
- This in turn will help achieve the twin objectives of enhancing aspirational value of vocational education and of increasing skilled manpower furthering the Prime Minister's agenda of making India the skill capital of the world.
- Being a regulator of India's skill ecosystem, NCVET will have a positive impact on each individual who is a part of vocational education and training in the country. The idea of skill-based education will be seen in a more inspirational manner which would further encourage students to apply for skill-based educational courses.
- This is also expected to facilitate the ease of doing business by providing a steady supply of skilled workforce to the industry and services.

## **Need:**

A need was felt for an overarching regulatory authority which could tend to all aspects of short-term and long-term skill-based training. In view of this, NCVET is envisaged as an institution which will perform the regulatory functions so far vested in NCVT and NSDA. Regulatory functions currently being carried out by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) through the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) will also be housed in the NCVET.

## **Facts for Prelims:**

The National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. It coordinates and harmonizes the skill development efforts of the

Indian government and the private sector to achieve the skilling targets of the 12th Plan document and beyond.

The NSDA's role is also to anchor the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) and facilitate the setting up of professional certifying bodies in addition to the existing ones.

**To be looked in UPSC Paper 2 Topic:** Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.