

Skill Development Promotion Scheme

1. Preamble to the Policy

Government has approved and notified the Goa Start-up Policy 2017 with a vision to make Goa one of the most preferred start-up destinations of India. The objective of the policy is to make Goa an aspirational geographical and human resource base for Start-ups. The objective is to invite the best entrepreneurial minds and build a robust start-up eco-system in the State. The policy contains various incentives for Start-ups and to avail the benefits of these incentives, the Government has proposed many schemes under the policy.

2. Short title and commencement-

This scheme shall be called “Skill Development Promotion Scheme”.

3. Benefits under the scheme-

- 3.1. Retail educational institutes that impart programming and technical skills will be encouraged to establish learning centres in Goa. Institutes listed by the start-up promotion cell and providing courses at pre-fixed rates, will be provided following benefits:
 - 3.1.1. Internet subsidy (up to INR 5 lakh per year) for two years
 - 3.1.2. Power subsidy (up to INR 1 lakh per year) for two years
 - 3.1.3. 25% capital investments reimbursement up to INR 5.0 lakh (on all capital procurement for a period of two years)
 - 3.1.4. 10% salary cost subsidy up to INR 3 lakh for a period of two years
- 3.2. The maximum benefits aggregating all the benefits in this scheme should not exceed INR 10 lakh per year.
- 3.3. The benefits to this scheme can only be availed by up to 10 institutes per year offering courses under the technical areas/ sectors outlined in Annexure 2.
- 3.4. Under no circumstance shall the benefits under this scheme be considered an entitlement. The SPC shall reserve the sole right to accept or reject applications.
- 3.5. The eligibility and disbursement of incentives shall be reviewed at the end of each year based on the performance of the institute.

Provided that for the purpose of this scheme ‘capital procurement’ shall mean money spent on purchase of capital goods such as computer hardware, networking devices, and ICT for the institute.

Provided that for the purpose of this scheme ‘retail educational institute’ shall mean a learning center located in Goa listed by the SPC as such for the purpose of Goa Start-up Policy 2017.

4. Eligibility-

- 4.1. All the educational institutes listed by the Start-up Promotion Cell (SPC) having a valid Startup Cell Registration Number are eligible to apply for this scheme.
- 4.2. The applicant institute/offered course must have at least one established learning centre in Goa be recognized by an authorized Government body such as AICTE, UGC, NBA, etc. as applicable.
- 4.3. Preference will be given to institutes with tie-ups with OEMs.
- 4.4. The bank accounts of employees should be linked to Aadhaar.
- 4.5. The bank accounts of the Directors of the institute should be linked to Aadhaar.
- 4.6. Only expenditure incurred from one year before the notification of Goa Start-up Policy 2017, being within the validity of this policy and paid for digitally would be considered for reimbursement under this scheme. In case digital payments are not possible then it shall be up to the decision of SPC as per its due diligence to admit the expenditure.

5. Procedure for filing and disbursement of claims-

- 5.1. Educational institutes which desire to claim incentives under this scheme shall submit the application form to SPC along with requisite set of documents. The form and the documents are to be e-mailed or to be submitted on the web portal to the SPC.
- 5.2. Based on the evaluation of the SPC, the approved amount shall be disbursed.
- 5.3. The SPC shall be the competent authority to solely accept or reject any claims filed by the educational institutes. The decision of the SPC shall be final and binding.
- 5.4. The applicant can apply for this scheme at any time of the financial year but only within 6 months of incurring the relevant expenditure.
- 5.5. The applicant can take the benefit of this scheme only one time in whole of the policy period for a period of two consecutive years.
- 5.6. The applicant can avail the benefits of this scheme quarterly/ bi- annually/ annually.
- 5.7. The applications received by the SPC under this scheme shall be evaluated and approval or rejection shall be notified within 45 days from receipt of the application by the SPC. Once the application is approved by the SPC, the approved amount shall be disbursed within 60 days from the date of approval.

6. Documents required for claiming the incentive-

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1.	Aadhaar card of relevant employees*
2.	Contract of Employment of employees*
3.	Salary slips of concerned employees*
4.	Bank certification/ Bank account statement showing debit of salary*
5.	Copy of original bills from service providers/OEMs/Authorized vendors*
6.	Authorization letter from OEM for empanelment of vendor*
7.	Original Proof of Payment *
8.	The form and documents as mentioned in Annexure 1*