# BOARD OF OPEN SCHOOLING & SKILL EDUCATION

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# LEARNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES AT A GLANCE

- Do not fill up the Online Application Form for Admission without reading the instructions.
- Do not leave any column blank in the Online Application Form for Admission.
- Do not submit Application Form for Admission without uploading the supporting documents.
- Please note that admission fee is to be sent online only.
- Do not get influenced by unauthorized agencies that falsely guarantee success of learners.
- Do not forget to submit original Marksheet while applying for Transfer of Credit (TOC).
- Do not miss the Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs) in each subject which are conducted by AIs (Study Centres) on compulsory basis.
- Do submit your Assignment Response Sheets i.e. Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) timely to your study centre.
- Please note that Examination Fee is also required to be paid online only.
- You are required to provide valid E-mail ID and mobile number for SMS alerts.

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भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति

VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

# MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim is celebrating its first Foundation Day anniversary by organizing a national conference on the theme- "NEP 2020: Towards India-Centric Holistic Inclusive Quality School Education".

It is commendable that Sikkim has established BOSSE, the first of its kind school education board in the country that lays equal emphasis on skill training along with academic education. To accelerate India's growth and development, it is important to bridge the skill gap in the youth in tune with new & emerging market demands. I am happy that the Board is also offering programs in regional languages to make education inclusive and accessible for all.

The New Education Policy is a transformative document to reorient our education system towards 21st century needs. It gives much needed emphasis on vocational education and lays a roadmap for accessible, affordable and universal education.

I appreciate that BOSSE, in the spirit of NEP-2020, endeavours to provide holistic education to students so that they may grow up to become responsible global citizens and proactive partners in the development process of the nation.

I extend my warm greetings and congratulations to the management and staff of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim on its Foundation Day and wish the event a grand success.

**(M. Venkaiah Naidu)**

**New Delhi**
**21st October, 2021.**

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अध्यक्ष, लोक सभा
SPEAKER, LOK SABHA
INDIA

# MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim is organizing a National Conference on theme "NEP 2020: Towards India-Centric Holistic Inclusive Quality School Education" on the occasion of its first Foundation Day Anniversary.

Education is the foundation of overall human development and sustainable growth of the nation. Skill-based education is an effective and purpose-driven means to enhance the potential of youth and groom them technically in their chosen field.

I am sure that the deliberation at the Conference will not only lead to the synergy between New Education Policy and Skill Development but also provide a common platform to all stakeholders in Education to express their views on the theme.

I convey my best wishes to the organizers and participants and wish the Conference a grand success.

(Om Birla)

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GOVERNOR
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21.10.2021

# MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim, is organizing a National Conference on the theme "NEP 2020: Towards India-centric Holistic Inclusive Quality School Education" on the occasion of the First Foundation Day Anniversary Celebrations of BOSSE, Sikkim.

I am happy to learn that the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), which was established under a State Act, is a first of its kind School Education Board in the country, that gives skill education an important place along with academic education.

I wish the First Foundation Day Anniversary Celebrations of the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, all success.

21/10

(Biswa Bhusan Harichandan)

**LT GEN GURMIT SINGH**
**PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)**
**GOVERNOR UTTARAKHAND**

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# Message

I am glad to know that Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE) Sikkim is going to celebrate its First Foundation Day Anniversary.

It is indeed a good initiative by BOSSE to take an important step towards enhancement and improvement of opportunities for students to attain universalization of school and vocational education in the State of Sikkim. Skill education should be as important as Academic Education.

I sincerely hope the Students who are studying from BOSSE will prove themselves to be well-rounded professionals and good citizens of the Country.

I wish success for the event.

Gurmit

**Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)**

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रमेश पोखरियाल 'निशंक'
Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

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शिक्षा मंत्री
भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

## MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Sikkim Legislative Assembly has enacted the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim Act 2020.

The Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim is a Public Private Partnership Initiative of the Regional Education Development Council, New Delhi and the Government of Sikkim. The BOSSE will cater to the varied academic needs of the divergent disadvantaged groups of students up to pre degree level including Secondary, Senior Secondary and Skills and Vocational education. The initiative is laudable as it is in accord with the National Education Policy 2020 which lays great focus on imparting quality and affordable education so that our students are able to meet the aspirational needs of the 21st century. Various structural and policy changes envisaged in the NEP aim at scaling up the provision and quality of vocational education. Some of these include the development of a National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and a National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF), strengthening school education boards for carrying out assessments of vocational courses, setting up of Skill Labs in schools in a hub and spoke model, emphasizing the professional development of vocational teachers through common National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) and offering of vocational courses through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, among others. Government has accorded the highest priority to skill development so that the young people become employable and successful entrepreneurs. The thrust of Government policies is not only skill up and educate our youth but also to make them job providing entrepreneurs, the robust engine of our growth story. I am of the considered view that practical utility of academic knowledge is quite necessary and institutions must give priority to skill development. I am optimistic that the BOSSE would concentrate on the concept of 'Skill India' and 'Start-Up India'.

I am glad the BOSSE is launching a 'Prospectus' on this occasion. I am sure it would be immensely educative and beneficial to the children of disadvantaged groups. I congratulate the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim, the Secretary, the faculty and the office bearers and wish them every success in their laudable endeavours.

**(Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

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## MESSAGE

It's a matter of huge satisfaction for me personally that Sikkim Legislative Assembly took a historic step of enacting the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim Act, 2020. This Board is being set up in public private partnership mode between Regional Education Development Council, Delhi and Government of Sikkim. The Board is designed to provide the much needed requirement of those students who have not been able to complete their school education due to some reason and enable them to acquire a formal school Certificate along with skill training to fulfill their aspiration. I am very happy to note that this innovative step of Government of Sikkim is completely in sync with the National Education Policy, 2020 which lays great emphasis on quality vocational education. The new policy envisages strengthening of Vocational education in a big way by way of professional training of its teachers, setting up of quality labs in schools, promotion of State specific arts and crafts and empowering students with quality vocational education for their bright and meaningful future. The public private partnership model shall ensure that the Board is able to establish linkages with industry and other relevant organizations in a flexible manner for imparting quality and affordable vocational school education to all such students who for some reasons could not complete it through regular schooling. I sincerely hope that the Board will be able to fulfill the aspirations of our young students and enable them to bridge the gap for their school education along with the skill education. Indeed, the Board should successfully transform our students from job seekers to job providers.

I am pleased to note that BOSSE is bringing out its prospectus containing all such details for the benefit of our aspiring students. I am confident that this document shall be immensely useful in guiding and mentoring our young students. I also take this opportunity of complimenting the Regional Education Development Council, New Delhi for having taken this initiative and partnering with Government of Sikkim for this unique initiative.

(G.P. Upadhyaya)

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# Chairperson's Message

Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim BOSSE, ushers in an ecosystem of opening opportunities for availing Secondary and Senior Secondary Level Education for all those who, for reasons of employment or inaccessibility may have been unable to continue their education. The added dimensions of skills and vocational learning with learner flexibility and credit transfer in consonance with the New Education Policy, make this initiative a specially attractive development.

I am sure this initiative of the Government of Sikkim to enable the strengthening of open schooling and skills education will encourage many aspiring learners at the secondary and senior secondary levels to pursue and realize their dreams of being equipped with employable and vocational skills.

Prof. Madhulika Kaushik
Chairperson
BOSSE

# Vice-Chairperson's Message

BOSSE has been established for serving the under privileged sections of society, by making available opportunities to them for completing their education through the Open Learning System. I am fortunate that now I have got the opportunity to serve the aspiring youth through BOSSE. Armed with my long experience in the field of Education as well as Open Schooling, it is my resolve to steer BOSSE towards becoming one of the prominent Boards of School Education and Open School in the country. I am sanguine that BOSSE will be able to fulfill its Vision: "to contribute to the universalisation of school education, by providing inclusive flexible, quality school education for life and livelihood, imparting vocational skills along with academic education for sustainable development of nation and society".

Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal
Vice-Chairperson
BOSSE

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# PATHWAYS to HIGHER STUDIES

BOSSE (Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education), Sikkim is an Open School Board to cater to the varied academic needs of divergent groups of students up to pre degree level. It offers Secondary and Senior Secondary Courses for all students, imparting Skills & Vocational education, along with academic education. The Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim Act 2020 was passed on 21-09-2020 by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly under Act No. 14 of 2020.

With the aim of strengthening school education across the country, the Government of Sikkim, through Gazette notification (Act No. 14/LD of 2020) has authorized BOSSE:

- To impart education at the Secondary, Sr. Secondary level with Skill & Vocational education; and
- To conduct examinations and certify/issue certificates at Secondary, and Sr. Secondary level as well as for Skill & Vocational education.

**Some of the salient features of BOSSE are:**

- Flexible Education, with no restriction on choice of subjects and 9 chances to pass and earn the certificate;
- Combination of Academic and Vocational Subjects;
- Digital Support through SWAYAM Platform;
- Transfer of Credits passed from other Boards; and
- Stand Alone Vocational Courses.

**As per M.H.R.D, Government of India O.M dated 7-Sep-2012, the certificates awarded by BOSSE for Secondary/Sr. Secondary as well as Skill & Vocational Courses will be valid for higher studies and government jobs, since this is recognized by State Govt. of Sikkim.**

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# VISION & MISSION

## VISION

To contribute to the universalisation of school education, by providing inclusive flexible, quality school education for life and livelihood, imparting vocational skills along with academic education for sustainable development of nation and society.

## MISSION

- To promote open schooling system at the national and international levels and achieve excellence therein, by providing inclusive, flexible, quality education for all.
- To empower the underprivileged sections of society, particularly school drop outs by providing them with a second chance to complete their education.
- Reaching the Unreached and bringing good education to their doorsteps.
- To provide Industry based learning through a wide variety of skill development programmes

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# OPEN SCHOOLING SYSTEM

## (Universal & Flexible Access To Quality Schooling Education and Skill Development).

The Board of Open Schooling And Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim is one of the Open School Boards of India that offers school education along with skill and vocational education through varied modes of learning. Learners can learn on their own, at their own place and pace, as it suits them. BOSSE provides school education up to pre-degree level while using most modern techniques of multimedia delivery and different electronic media. It provides school education up to pre-degree level while using most modern techniques of multimedia delivery and different electronic media.

BOSSE strives to achieve excellence in imparting school education, by reaching the unreached. It offers a wide spectrum of subjects to choose from, with a long list of Skill/Vocational subjects that allow the learners to choose as per their interest, ability and career plans.

BOSSE provides learner support through modern pedagogy and updated quality study materials to enable its learners to get the highest quality school education. BOSSE will provide subject resource kits to all its learners at the time of admission.

PCP (Personal Contact Programme) is conducted for learners in all subjects at at their respective Study Centres, also called Accredited Institutions (AI) during the academic session on weekends and holidays.

# SALIENT FEATURES

- **Recognised/Equivalent/Quality School Education –** BOSSE aims at providing quality school education along with skill and vocational education for strengthening the social fabric of democracy and contribute towards universalisation of school education. The Government of Sikkim has vested the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim with the authority to conduct examinations as well as issue its own certificates. The certificates provided by BOSSE are equivalent to certificates that are provided by any other Board of School Education and also set pathways for further studies. Successful alumni of BOSSE can apply to any of the recognized national and international higher education institutes for further studies.

- **Inclusive Education –** Reaching the Unreached is one of the foremost features of BOSSE, which ensures inclusivity. The aim is to take education to the doorsteps of all, irrespective of socio-economic background.

- **Transfer of Credits –** The BOSSE acknowledges previous knowledge and allows transfer of credits of up to four subjects completed successfully from any of the recognized International, National, State Boards of School Education as well as open schools.

- **Freedom to Learn and Flexibility –** BOSSE works on the principle of freedom to lean and flexibility without restrictions of time, place and pace of learning, as well as choice of subjects.

# FREEDOM TO LEARN WITH FLEXIBILITY

- **Admission:** Admission is open round the year for Secondary and Sr. Secondary classes, as well as for stand alone Vocational Courses. The learner's admission is valid for a period of five years.

- **Part Admission:** Under this scheme, the learner may take admission in one or more subjects but not more than four subjects. On passing, the learner will be issued only the Marksheet, and no certificate.

- **Age Limit:** There is no upper age limit for admission. However, the minimum age for enrolment is 14 years for Secondary level programmes and 16 years for Senior Secondary school programmes.

- **Complete freedom to choose subjects:** There is no restriction on choice of subjects at Secondary and Senior Secondary level, except that they are required to opt for at least one language and at least one vocational subject. However, the learner should choose his/her subjects carefully keeping in view his/her plans for higher studies and requirements of the concerned Board, College, University, etc. as well as for the requirements of future employers for specific jobs.

- **Combination of Academic and Vocational Education Courses**: In order to make the BOSSE courses more meaningful, a number of Vocational Education Courses are also offered in combination with academic subjects at the Secondary and the Senior Secondary levels. In order to make learners capable of earning their livelihood, they are required to compulsorily take one vocational subject along with academic subjects.

- **Continuous Assessment:** During the course of study, internal assessment of learners' progress is done through Assignments and Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs). The learners are required to submit the Assignments at their Study Centres to the concerned Subject Tutors, who will assess the Assignments and send the Marks to BOSSE.

- **Choice in medium of instruction:** Initially the programmes will be available in Hindi and English only. Regional languages will be added later depending on availability of students opting for a given medium.

- **Learning Support:** Learning Support is provided through quality self learning study materials in multimedia, including print. Tutorial Assistance is provided by tutors at study centres that are situated in recognized schools.

- **Flexibility in Examinations:** Examinations will be held twice a year in April-May and September-October. A learner can avail 9 chances in 5 years to pass all the subjects and qualify for the certificate. Learners have to appear for all the subjects opted for in the first chance. Thereafter, they can appear for one subject or more in subsequent chances. However, learners are advised to try and pass all the subjects at one go or avail minimum number of chances.

- **Credit Accumulation:** The learner has the option to appear in one or more subjects in an examination and earn credit/s which will be accumulated till all five subjects required for certification are successfully completed within a period of 5 years of registration.

# ADMISSION OPEN 24*7

The admission to Secondary and Sr. Secondary Programmes will be open round the year in two blocks:

**BLOCK-1**
From
1ST MAR – 31ST AUG

Examination in April-May of next year

**BLOCK-2**
From
1ST SEP – 28/29th FEB

Examinations in October-November of same year

Candidates, who fail to pass in any examination, can appear in the subsequent examinations conducted every six months. They can avail 9 chances in 5 years to pass all the 5 subjects and qualify for the certificate. The candidates can take admission online directly or go to the Study Centres for admission. The benefit of transfer of credits, if applicable, can be availed while enrolling by all candidates.

## TARGET GROUPS

- School Dropouts; Underprivileged Sections of Society, including Rural People/Urban Poor/Female Persons; Unemployed; Partly Employed; Minority Communities.

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# CHOICE IN THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

## SECONDARY STAGE

At present, Hindi and English; Nepali Medium is being planned.

## Sr. SECONDARY STAGE

At present, Hindi and English; Nepali Medium is being planned.

## Eligibility Criteria for Admission in Secondary and Senior Secondary

| Entry Requirement | Cut Off Date | Secondary Course | Sr. Secondary Course |
|---|---|---|---|
| Block 1<br><br>Block 2 | 31st August every year.<br><br>28th/29th Feb every year. | 14 years as on 31st-August<br><br>14 years as on 28th/29th February | 16 years as on 31st-August<br><br>16 years as on 28th/29th February |
| a) Essential Supporting Documents for Date of Birth. | | • Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or District Office of the Registrar of Birth and Death for those born on or after 26.01.1989<br>OR<br>• Passport issued by Govt. of India<br>OR<br>• Original Transfer of Certificate/ School Leaving Certificate showing applicant's date of Birth, issued by the school last attended by the applicants. In case of Govt. Schools, the Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate should be signed by the principal while in the case of Private Schools, it should also be countersigned by the competent education authority of the State/ or District Education Officer<br>OR<br>• Aadhaar Card issued by the concerned Agency of Govt. of India.<br>*Note: Date of birth once given in the Admission Form shall not be changed. Please check and state the correct date of birth in the Admission Form.* | The Certificate of Matriculation/ Secondary Examination having a record of the Date of Birth.<br><br>(No other proof of age will be accepted for Sr. Secondary Admission.) |
| b) Minimum Education Qualifications | | There is no minimum educational qualification for admission to Secondary Course. A School Leaving Certificate of any class can be attached with the Admission Form or A Self Certificate certifying that the applicant can read and write (Format of the certificate is given with the Application Form) | Secondary Examination passed from a recognized National / International / State Board of Secondary Education or Open School Board. Copy of certificate is to be attached with the Admission Form. |

A learner can choose 5 to 7 subjects of his/her choice from the list given in this Prospectus. However, he/she must opt for at least one language subject and one vocational subject.

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## CHANGE OF SUBJECT

The details of subjects in Secondary/Sr. Secondary programmes are available on the website of BOSSE. Candidates can change their subject/s after taking admission and appearing in at least one examination. The fee for change of subject/s is Rs.500/-per subject for Secondary as well as Senior Secondary programme.

**Note:** Although there is no restriction on choosing the subjects by the learner yet he/she should keep in mind the norms of the Universities or Boards if he/she intends to take admission for higher studies. BOSSE will not be responsible if any candidate has passed with a subject combination which is not as per the norms of any University Institutions of higher education.

As per the philosophy of Open Schooling, there are no streams like Science, Commerce or Arts. So any combination is allowed. However, it may be difficult for the date sheet of the examination to take care of all combinations. A candidate may have to take up the examination of some subject/s in the next public examination.

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# FEE STRUCTURE

| Detail | Secondary Course | Sr. Secondary Course |
|---|---|---|
| Registration Fees | Rs.1000/-<br>(For Five Years) | Rs.1000/-<br>(For Five Years) |
| Programme Fees For 5 Subjects<br>For each additional subject | Rs. 6000<br>Rs. 1200 | Rs. 7000<br>Rs. 1400 |
| Practical Fee per subject (for subjects with Practicals) | Rs. 300/- | Rs. 600/- |
| Examination fee (Per Subject) | Rs. 300/- | Rs. 300/- |
| Additional Fees For Practical Exam | Rs. 180 per subject | Rs.180 per subject |

# Other Fee Structure

| | |
|---|---|
| Cost of information Brochure (Prospectus) along with the Application Form from the Office of BOSSE | 250 |
| Re –evaluation of answer script per paper | 500 |
| Fee for change in examination centre | 500 |
| Re Totalling fee per Subject/Course | 500 |
| Duplicate Marks Card | 500 |
| Consolidated Marks Card | 500 |
| Migration Certificate | 400 |
| Verification of Certificate/Authenticity of Certificate for Domestic Institutions/ Employers/individuals learners | 500 per doc. |
| Transcription / Verification for foreign Institutions / Universities / Employers | 5000 |

**Note:**

The admission fee does not include the examination fees. The examination fees must be paid separately within the specified dates.

50% fee concession is admissible to the candidates with bonafide domicile of Sikkim on Programme Fee.

BOSSE at its sole discretion can offer scholarship to the meritorious learners.

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# CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

A learner has to compulsorily opt for 5 subjects, comprising:

- One Vocational Subject and Four Academic Subjects – 1/2 from Group A, 3/2 other Academic Subjects from Group B
- Learners will be allowed to opt for up to two additional subjects (Language, Academic or Vocational) by paying the requisite additional fee.
- Subjects with asterisk* have theory as well as practical work.

## Secondary Level – Group A (Language Subjects)

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 101 | Hindi |
| 2 | 102 | English |
| 3 | 103 | Urdu |
| 4 | 104 | Sanskrit |
| 5 | 105 | Bengali |
| 6 | 106 | Punjabi |
| 7 | 107 | Assamese |
| 8 | 108 | Nepali |
| 9 | 109 | Odia |
| 10 | 110 | Kannada |
| 11 | 111 | Malayalam |
| 12 | 112 | Tamil |
| 13 | 113 | Telugu |
| 14 | 114 | Gujarati |
| 15 | 115 | Marathi |

## Secondary Level – Group B (Non-Language Subjects)

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 201 | Mathematics |
| 2 | 202 | Science and Technology* |
| 3 | 203 | Social Science |
| 4 | 204 | Economics |
| 5 | 205 | Business Studies |
| 6 | 206 | Home Science* |
| 7 | 207 | Psychology* |
| 8 | 208 | Indian Culture & Heritage |
| 9 | 209 | Accountacy |

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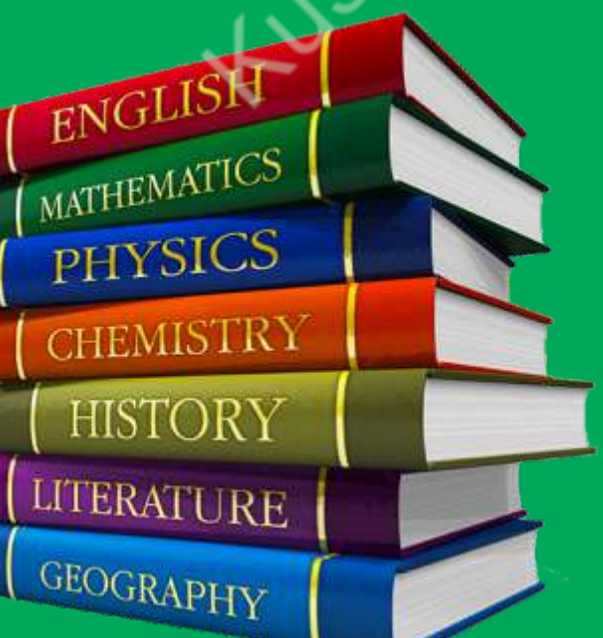
## Senior Secondary Level – Group A (Language Subjects)

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 301 | Hindi |
| 2 | 302 | English |
| 3 | 303 | Urdu |
| 4 | 304 | Sanskrit |
| 5 | 305 | Bengali |
| 6 | 306 | Odia |
| 7 | 307 | Punjabi |
| 8 | 308 | Kannada |
| 9 | 309 | Malayalam |
| 10 | 310 | Tamil |
| 11 | 311 | Telugu |
| 12 | 312 | Gujarati |
| 13 | 313 | Marathi |

A learner has to compulsorily opt for 5 subjects, comprising:

1Vocational Subject and 4 Academic Subjects – 1/2 language(s) from Group A and 3/2 other Academic Subjects from Group B

Learners will be allowed to opt for up to two additional subjects (Language, Non-Language Academic, or Vocational Subject/s).




## Senior Secondary Level – Group B (Non-Language Subjects)

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 401 | Mathematics |
| 2 | 402 | Home Science* |
| 3 | 403 | Psychology* |
| 4 | 404 | Geography* |
| 5 | 405 | Economics |
| 6 | 406 | Business Studies |
| 7 | 410 | Physics* |
| 8 | 412 | History |
| 9 | 413 | Environmental Science* |
| 10 | 415 | Chemistry* |
| 11 | 416 | Political Science |
| 12 | 418 | Biology* |
| 13 | 419 | Accountancy |
| 14 | 420 | Introduction to Law |
| 15 | 421 | Computer Science* |
| 16 | 422 | Sociology |
| 17 | 423 | Tourism |
| 18 | 424 | Physical Education and Yoga* |

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# List of Vocational Subjects

List of Vocational Education Courses offered by BOSSE in combination with Academic courses.

## Secondary Level

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 224 | Carpentry |
| 2 | 225 | Solar Energy Technician |
| 3 | 226 | Bio Gas Technician |
| 4 | 227 | Laundry Services |
| 5 | 228 | Bakery & Confectionery |
| 6 | 229 | Welding Technology |
| 7 | 230 | Data Entry Operations |
| 8 | 231 | Painting & Drawing |

## Sr. Secondary Level

| S. No. | CODE | SUBJECT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 435 | Secretarial Practice |
| 2 | 438 | Plant Protection |
| 3 | 439 | Furniture and Cabinet Making |
| 4 | 440 | Electro Plating |
| 5 | 441 | House Keeping |
| 6 | 442 | Catering Management |
| 7 | 443 | Food Processing |
| 8 | 445 | Hotel Front Office Operation |
| 9 | 446 | Poultry Farming |
| 10 | 447 | Soil and Fertilizer Management |
| 11 | 448 | Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables |
| 12 | 449 | Data Entry Operations |
| 13 | 450 | Painting & Drawing |
| 14 | 451 | Early Childhood Care & Education |
| 15 | 452 | Library and Information Science |
| 16 | 453 | Mass Communication |

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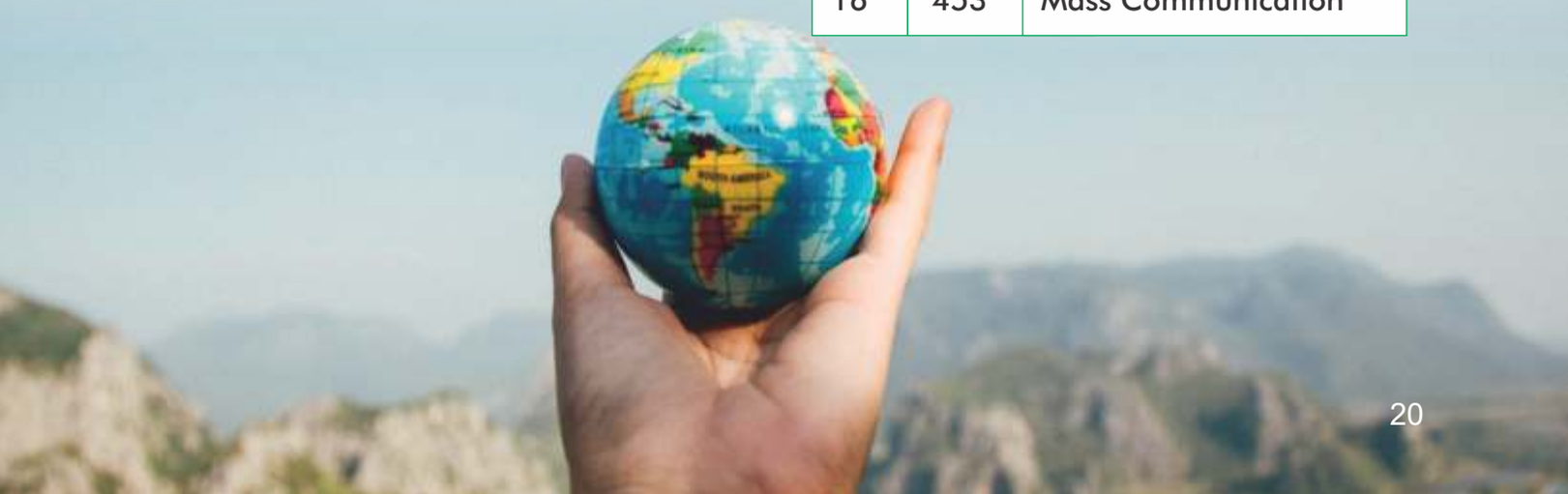

# Facility of TOC (Transfer of Credit)

Ex-Secondary/Sr. Secondary students of all recognized Boards of School Education who have passed in at least one subject, but have not completed the programme, may seek admission in the respective Course at BOSSE and avail facility of TOC.

A learner has the option to get the transfer of credit for up to a maximum of four subjects. However, in order to complete certification, a candidate has to complete 5 subjects as per the Scheme of Studies of BOSSE – he/she has to pass at least one language subject, one vocational subject and three other subjects.

For transfer of credits for subjects passed from other Boards, a learner will have to pay a sum of Rs. 1000/- per subject as credit transfer fee to BOSSE at the time of admission.

## The facility of TOC will be permissible under the following conditions:

- ✓ If a learner has appeared in the Secondary/Senior Secondary examination of any recognized State/National/International Board of School Education/Open School, but has failed to qualify for the certificate, though passing in at least one subject, he/she may avail BOSSE's TOC facility for up to four subjects. In this case, the learner is required to get his/her Marks Sheet/TOC data verified from the concerned Board and submit the verified Marks Sheet/TOC data along with the Admission Application Form:

- ✓ TOC is admissible for up to 4 subjects. The remaining subject/s has/have to be chosen from among the subjects available in BOSSE Scheme of Studies and BOSSE Scheme of Examinations. However, a learner will qualify for the certificate only if he/she passes 5 subjects, including minimum one Language Subject and minimum one Vocational Subject, as per the Scheme of Studies of BOSSE:

- ✓ The learner will have to pay requisite fee for Transfer of Credit for the number of subjects in which TOC is required:

- ✓ The learner will have the option to get the credits transferred for up to a maximum of four subjects from the Parent Board, provided these subjects are passed with at least 33% marks in the last five years (i.e., passed during 2016 or later):

- ✓ While applying for Transfer of Credit (TOC), the learner is required to submit the original Fail Marks Sheet within 10 days of online admission to the BOSSE Office, along with a copy of the Acknowledgement Receipt/Copy of the Online Admission Form. In case of delay in submission i.e. submission after 10 days, a late fee of Rs. 500/- per subject of TOC will be charged.

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## Fee Structure for Part Admission

| Course | Registration Fees | Programme Fee | Exam Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| Secondary | Rs. 500 | Rs. 1500 Per Subject/- | Subject as applicable |
| Senior Secondary | Rs. 500 | Rs. 1800 Per Subject/- | Subject as applicable |

## Part Admission

BOSSE also provides the facility of Part Admission to the candidates already studying in some regular course or already passed out candidates of Secondary/Sr. Secondary.

A learner can take admission in maximum of 4 Subjects under this scheme. However, no certificate will be issued to such candidates; only Mark Sheet will be issued.

## The admission of a learner will be cancelled if:

- The admission form is incomplete,
- The fee is not paid in full,
- The supporting documents are not complete,
- False documents have been submitted,
- Required educational qualifications are not met,
- Minimum age criterion is not satisfied,
- Incorrect information is given or suppressed any information,
- The Secondary examination is not passed from a recognize board.

**Note: -** Admission once cancelled will not be re-considered.

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# Recognized Quality Education

BOSSE takes conscious steps to provide quality education. The Government of Sikkim has vested authority in the BOSSE to conduct Public Examinations and issue Secondary and Senior Secondary level certificates, which are equivalent to the Certificates of NIOS, CBSE, CISCE and other Boards of School Education at State Level or International Level, as well as Open Schools. After getting a certificate from BOSSE, candidates can apply to any reputed higher education institution across the country/world for higher studies.

# Internal Assessment/Student Assignments

Internal Assessment/Student Assignments are important tools for continuous assessment or Formative Evaluation of learners during their studies. The learners admitted in BOSSE programmes will be assessed through these tools.

The internal assessment shall carry 20% weight age in each subject.

There will be one Student Assignment in each subject, which will be available on the BOSSE website.

The learners will have to submit this assignment within the prescribed schedule at their respective Accredited Institution/Study Centre or directly to the Headquarters of BOSSE.

The BOSSE may ask for field work as a part of project under Internal Assessment.

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| 1 | Candidates appearing in April Examination | by 31st January |
| 2 | Candidates appearing in October examination | by 31st July |

As such, non-submission of Assignments by the learner will neither debar him/her from appearing in the examination nor lead to withholding of result. But, he/she will lose marks of Assignment and therefore awarded marks out of 80 in the term-end examination, with Zero Marks in the Assignments.

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# Curriculum, Syllabus and Study Materials

Updated quality self learning study materials are the hallmark of BOSSE. The Board of Open Schooling And Skill Education, Sikkim is vested with the authority to impart school education, conduct examinations and award certificates based on its curriculum up to Pre-University level,.

The Study materials in all the subjects of Secondary and Sr. Secondary are available on the website of BOSSE. The learners can either download the study material or study online.

The learners can also purchase printed study materials from the Head Office, BOSSE on payment of nominal charges.

BOSSE has made special arrangements for coaching its learners round the academic session through its Accredited Institutions (also called Study Centres), which have been setup in reputed schools in all the states, having all required infrastructure. BOSSE also provides online support to its learners. In addition, Audio and Video CDs will also be made available.

BOSSE will produce special programmes using most modern techniques for its learners and teach its learners through multi-media support system as well as through the web portal of BOSSE.

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# Accredited Institutions of BOSSE

Accredited Institutions or Study Centres play an important role in the ODL (Open & Distance Learning) System. BOSSE has set up Accredited Institutions (AI) near the residence of learners in all parts of the country and abroad for face to face contact. These Study Centres are located in recognised reputed schools affiliated to different National/International/State School Education Boards. In Addition to this, BOSSE has also set up Information Centres as well as Resource Centres in Colleges/Universities to provide support to the learners. A List of present AIs/Study Centres is given in the Appendix.

The detailed Accreditation Norms as well as Accreditation Procedure are available on the website of BOSSE, i.e. **www.bosse.ac.in** for interested schools.

## Public Examinations

- ✓ BOSSE will conduct examinations twice a year in the months of April-May and October-November at specified Examination Centres, notified at the time of issuance of date sheet.
- ✓ The examinations will normally be held at the Accredited Institutions fixed by BOSSE.
- ✓ A candidate will get nine chances to clear the examination after taking admission and completing all academic requirements.
- ✓ Credit accumulation facility will be practiced for subjects successfully completed by the learners.
- ✓ For appearing in examinations, a candidate has to register after filling up an examination form and paying the prescribed examination fee.

**Very Important:** Although the question papers will be provided in only English or Hindi, language in any of scheduled language of India can be used for answering (with due prior information to BOSSE at the time of filling of examination form).

## On Demand Examination

BOSSE will offer On Demand Examination facility shortly to learners at different Examination/Facilitation Centres. Under this facility, the learners can appear for the examination of any subject, as and when they are ready to take the examination. However, this facility will be available only after a candidate has appeard once in a scheduled public Examination in April-May or October-November.

## Result Declaration and Award of Certificate

The result for secondary and Sr. Secondary programmes will be declared within 6 to 8 weeks of the last examination held.

All candidates taking examination will be issued a marks sheet(which will show the marks obtained in all subjects in which he/she has appeared as well as earlier achievement, if any), as well as a qualifying certificate, after he/she has passed in 5 subjects, including at least one language subject and one vocational subject.

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# Pass/Certification Criteria

| Course | Pass Criteria in Individual Subjects | Certification Criteria |
|---|---|---|
| Secondary (Class X) | A Minimum of 33% Marks separately in theory and practicals, wherever applicable. Theory includes marks in Internal Assessment with 20% weightage. | Pass in 5 subjects including at least one language and at least one vocational subject. |
| Senior Secondary (Class X) | A Minimum of 33% Marks separately in theory and practicals, wherever applicable. Theory includes marks in Internal Assessment with 20% weightage. | Pass in 5 subjects including at least one language and at least one vocational subject. |

**Note:**
For the purpose of certification at Senior Secondary level, a gap of two years from the year of passing the Secondary Examination is mandatory.

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## Counseling

BOSSE has opened AIs (Accredited Institutions) that help the learners to avail pre & post admission counseling in respect of documents required for admission/scheme of examination/availability of study kit/choice of subjects/transfer of credits and other features of BOSSE. This Counseling Service is free of cost. The AIs will put up on their Notice Boards, the days and timings for these services. Normally, the AIs function on weekends and holidays. These Counseling Services are free of cost that learners can avail in 24*7 mode.

Learners can also visit the BOSSE Website - **www.bosse.ac.in** - for detailed information. In case of any query related to admission dates, examination centers, result declaration or other queries, BOSSE help desk is always available to assist the learners in all possible ways. For admission related queries, learners may mail at: **admission@bosse.ac.in.**

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NOTIFICATION

The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received assent of the Governor on 21st day of September, 2020 is hereby published for general information :-

THE BOARD OF OPEN SCHOOLING AND SKILL EDUCATION, SIKKIM ACT, 2020

(ACT NO. 14 of 2020)

PREAMBLE

An Act to provide for establishment and incorporation of the State Board for Open School Education upto pre-degree level including Secondary, Senior Secondary, Skill and Vocational Education in the State of Sikkim and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

Whereas the crucial role of universal school education along with skill and vocational education for strengthening the social fabric of democracy through provision of equal opportunity to all has been accepted since inception of our republic. Over the years there has been significant spatial and numerical expansion of schools in the country, yet the goal of providing education to all continues to elude;

And Whereas the number of children, particularly children from disadvantaged groups, weaker sections and children from border and hilly areas, who drop out of school before completing school education, remains very large. Moreover, the quality of learning achievement is not always entirely satisfactory even in the case of children who complete elementary, secondary and senior secondary education;

And Whereas in order to enhance the infrastructural support to cater to the needs of growing number of students in the field of school education at secondary and senior secondary level in general and in the area of skill and vocation education in particular, it is felt necessary to involve public private participation and partnership to improve literacy, enhance and

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BOSSE has been established under the Act No. 14 of 2020 by Govt. of Sikkim.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)

NIOS has included BOSSE in the list of approved Boards.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, HARYANA

Board of School Education, Haryana has granted equivalency status to BOSSE.

भारतीय विश्वविद्यालय संघ

Association of Indian Universities

Registered/Speed Post

AIU has granted equivalency status to BOSSE and recognised BOSSE's certificates for further studies.

BOARD OF OPEN SCHOOLING & SKILL EDUCATION

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