

FAQs | AEDP MoU | DHE

1. What is AEDP?

Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma Programmes (AEDP) are curated such that students can pursue apprenticeship training as an integrated component of their degree/ diploma programme.

There is a need to bridge the gap between ‘what is taught in the classroom’ and ‘what is required by industry’. AEDP bridges this gap by incorporating industry skill requirements, and an apprenticeship component into the curriculum to provide training opportunities in various sectors, enhancing the employability of apprentices.

2. What is the purpose of the MoU between BOAT (WR) and DHE?

The MoU aims to establish coordination between the DHE and BOAT (WR) for the implementation of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma Programmes (AEDP) under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS). The MoU provides students with apprenticeship opportunities in various sectors and financial support, in the form of stipend, during their apprenticeship.

3. What are the eligibility criteria for HEIs to participate in AEDP?

Any Higher Educational Institution (HEI), which fulfils the following conditions, may offer AEDP:

- Having ranked in the University category of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in the latest NIRF rankings
- Or, having a valid grade/score by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
- Or, having a valid basic accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and complying with the criteria specified by the Commission from time to time.

4. What is NATS?

The National Apprenticeship Training Scheme is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Education which aims to bridge the employability gap by facilitating on-the-job training of fresh graduates, diploma holders and students of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes. The Government of India facilitates NATS for training fresh graduates in Engineering/ Technology, Diploma holders in Engineering/ Technology, and graduates in BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com.

The scheme provides 6 months to 1 year of Apprenticeship training in various sectors, along with a monthly stipend. The minimum prescribed stipend ranges from 7,000 to 9,000, depending on the student's educational background. Government of India shares 50% of the minimum stipend, under the Apprenticeship Act 1961.

The Apprentices Act, 1961 mandates every establishment with thirty or more employees to hire apprentices in the range of 2.5 – 15% of their total employee strength. The scheme is being implemented by four regional Boards of Apprenticeship / Practical Training (BOAT / BOPT) at Kanpur, Kolkata, Chennai, and Mumbai, which are autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Education.

5. What is BoAT (WR)?

The Board of Apprenticeship Training (Western Region) [BoAT (WR)] is an autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

It facilitates the implementation of NATS by providing apprenticeship training opportunities to graduates and diploma-holders in the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Union Territory of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

6. What are the benefits of AEDP under NATS?

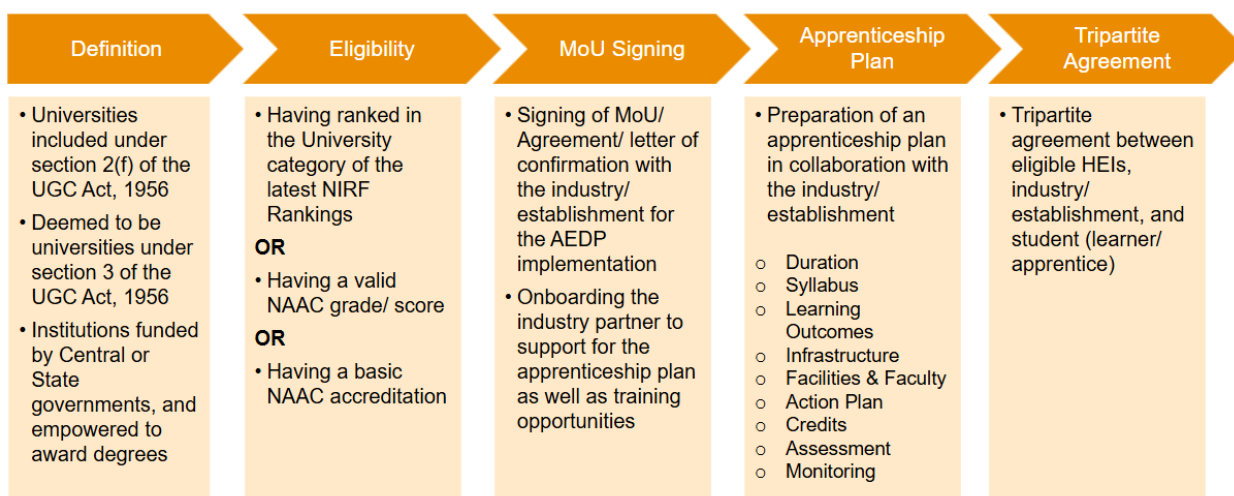
NATS will provide apprenticeship opportunities and stipend support for Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma Programme (AEDP) students, who are pursuing apprenticeships in the last semester/ year of their academic cycle. The Central Government share of stipend, up to 50% of the minimum prescribed rate, will be paid directly to the apprentices through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.

Category of AEDP students/ apprentices	Prescribed minimum amount of stipend	Government share of stipend
Graduate student in any stream	Rs. 8,000/ month	Rs. 4,000/ month
Diploma student in any stream	Rs. 7,000/ month	Rs 3,500/month

7. What is NATS 2.0 Portal?

The NATS 2.0 Portal (<https://nats.education.gov.in/>) is the national portal for NATS, facilitating registrations and information sharing. It provides a platform to connect institutes, establishments, and apprentices. It enables easy registration, application for apprenticeship opportunities in various sectors, and stipend disbursement through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.

8. What are the prerequisites for commencing the AEDP courses in HEIs?



9. What is the duration of the training component for AEDP courses?

As per the latest AEDP guidelines 2025, issued by UGC , duration of training component is as follows:

Sr. No.	Programmes	Permissible Apprenticeship Embedding	
		Minimum	Maximum
1	UG – 3 years	1 Semester	3 Semesters
2	UG – 4 years	2 Semesters	4 Semesters

NATS provides financial support to students for minimum 6 months and maximum of 1 year period of the final year students enrolled in Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma programmers of the Institution.

10. How can HEIs enroll students in NATS?

There are two ways to enroll students in NATS:

- HEIs can enroll students on the NATS 2.0 portal by directly visiting on this website (<https://nats.education.gov.in/>) and select AEDP student option.
- HEIs can take support from the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) for registering under the NATS.
