



GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, QUETTA

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**ORDER**

No. PPIU/59-70(PM-2)/2017/157-71 The Government of Balochistan, Secondary Education Department (SED) is pleased to approve and introduce Non Formal Education (NFE) Assessment and Examination System, which is based on the customized, accelerated and equivalent curricula to provide concrete basis for certification, equivalence and quality enhancement of NFBE and Adult Literacy programmes in Balochistan. The NFBE programme provides opportunity to out-of-school children to complete primary education cycle or re-enter the formal school system under their right to education as enshrined in article 25-A. The Adult Literacy programme provides opportunity to adult illiterates, both men and women to learn basic literacy, numeracy and life/ income saving skills to beat poverty and live a quality life and connect to life-long learning under article 37(b) and the SDG-4.

**FEATURES OF THE NFE Assessment & Examination system:**

The NFE Assessment & Examination system denotes following key features:

1. The NFE Assessment & Examination system includes NFBE and adult literacy programmes
2. NFE Assessment & Examination system offers both internal and external assessment and examination services for both NFBE and adult literacy programmes
3. NFE Assessment & Examination system covers and extensive capacity building options for the staff of the literacy & NFE directorate to conduct internal assessment and use the same for internal decision making and improve the quality of inputs to both NFBE and adult literacy programmes
4. NFE Assessment & Examination system covers the external examination that BAEC will conduct jointly with the directorate of literacy & NFE and the directorate of schools as well as provincial TEVT authority for adult literacy (income saving/ generation programmes) in particular
5. NFE Assessment & Examination system will provide equivalent, legitimate and valid certificates for both NFBE and adult literacy programmes for recognition, mainstreaming into formal learning/ schooling and entry into advanced TEVT programmes under the phenomenon of life-long learning
6. Assessment findings will help to improve the teaching-learning process, teaching-learning tools and instructions, so that the directorate offers quality NFBE and adult literacy programmes to a diverse youth, adults and children in Balochistan province

**APPROVAL:**

Whereas the Balochistan Government has already approved and enforced the NFBE and Adult Literacy curricula in Balochistan and that the learning standards, benchmarks and SLOs are positively narrated in the curricula and that they act as pre-set criteria for assessment and examination;

Whereas the Secondary Education Department considers NFBE and Adult Literacy as supplementary and complimentary education/ learning programmes to shoulder the responsibilities of the formal education sector to enroll out-of-school children and provide literacy services for illiterate youth and adult population; it is essentially important to establish equivalency between Non-Formal and Formal

programmes which will take place under the lead role of the BAEC. The BAEC will implement the internal assessment through building capacity of the Directorate of literacy & NFE Balochistan, while external assessment & examination will be led and managed by the BAEC.

#### COMPLIANCE:

The BAEC will implement the NFE assessment and examination system as the per the concept note jointly with the Directorate of Literacy & Non-Formal Education to provide assessment and examination services for both NFBE and Adult Literacy Programmes.

The BAEC will build capacity of the Directorate of Literacy & NFE to conduct internal assessment following the rules and procedures given in the concept note. However, the external assessment and/ or examination for NFBE terminal stage (grade 5) and for Adult literacy programme, will be conducted by the BAEC, who will ensure necessary equivalence and certification arrangements simultaneously.

All Non-Formal Education Basic Education (NFBE) and Adult Literacy programmes managed by the public, private, UN/ INGOs/ NGOs/ CSOs sectors shall come under the scope of the NFE assessment & examination system and undergo both internal and external assessment/ examination to obtain legitimate and valid equivalent certificate for continuing education.

The BOC&EC will coordinate with the BAEC and regularly receive assessment and examination feedback to reflect upon and improve the curricula at times. Similarly, the PITE Balochistan will also refer to the assessment and examination findings and develop/ improve their teacher development manuals/ programmes accordingly. The BTBB will also refer to the assessment and examination guidelines and develop/ improve textbooks accordingly.

#### CONTINUOUS REVIEW

Secondary Education Department will hold review of the approved NFE assessment and examination system at regular intervals to update the NFE assessment & examination system with local, provincial, national and global priorities.

**Secretary**

**Secondary Education Department**

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