The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)

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The scheme was launched in 2016 by the government of India to promote apprenticeship. Apprenticeship Training consists of Basic Training and On-the-Job Training/Practical Training at the workplace in the industry.

Objective

The main objective of the scheme is to promote apprenticeship training and to increase the engagement of apprentices.

Major Components of NAPS are:

- Sharing of 25% of the prescribed stipend, subject to a maximum of INR 1,500 per month per apprentice per month to the employer
- Sharing of cost of basic training with Basic Training Providers (BTP); up to INR 7,500 for 3 months/ 500 hours

Eligibility and Requirements for Employers

Employer validation through TIN and EPFO/ESIC/LIN/ any other identifier decided by Govt.

Aadhar linked bank account

Fields of apprenticeship training

Apprenticeship training can be provided to apprentices both in designated and optional trades.

- Designated trade: Designated trade means any trade or occupation as notified by the Government.
- Optional trade:

- PMKVY/MES Courses under PMKVY/MES with a duration of a minimum of 500 hrs. as basic training component and a one year practical content for an on-the-job component designed by SSC/NCVT will be declared as optional trades.
- Created by the employer -In a trade decided by the employer with a duration of a minimum of 500 hrs. as basic training component and a one year practical content for on-the-job component, designed by the employer

Why NAPS is required?

- To promote apprenticeship training
- To incentivize employers who wish to engage apprentices
- To increase the engagements of apprentices from present 2.4 lakh to 50 lakh cumulatively by 2020