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**Subject: CLARIFICATION REQUIRED REGARDING APPROVAL OF CURRICULA REGARDING TRADES AND COURSES PERTAINING TO TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET)**

With reference to PSDA letter No. DEA-II/1-1/2019(PSDA-GM) dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for clarification and advice on the above cited matter.

2. The matter of "Technical Training" comes under the Federal Legislative List Part-I entry 16 as reproduced below:

***"Federal agencies and institutes for the following purposes, that is to say, for research, for professional or technical training, or for the promotion of special studies"***

3. Accordingly, Parliament of Pakistan promulgated NAVTTC Act, 2011 (after 18<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment), and assented by President of Pakistan on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. The Act, 2011, NAVTTC is as an apex body for regulation, coordination, and policy direction for TVET Sector in Pakistan and matters ancillary thereto or connected therewith, which extends to whole of Pakistan. The para-wise reply / clarification to PSDA questions are given as under:

<b>Question-1:</b> Whether the provincial agency (PSDA) is mandated and authorized to develop, approve & notify "curricula" pertaining to Technical and Vocational Education and Training without seeking approval from NAVTTC as Section-7 of PSDA Act 2019 has given it mandate to validate the curricula?	<p>No, Development, approval and notifying standards and curricula is the mandate of NAVTTC as per section 6(d) of NAVTTC Act, 2011. Bare-reading of the functions of PSDA under section 7 of PSDA Act, 2019, it is mandated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) <b><u>implement national policies and standards</u></b> in relation to TVET;</li><li>(h) <b><u>encourage TVET institutes to develop syllabi and design courses</u></b> according to and in conformity with international standards and demands, and national and terrestrial requirements and standards;</li><li>(i) <b><u>validate conformity of the curricula with national standards and its relevance to specific level descriptors</u></b>;</li></ul> <p>As per function 7(i), PSDA may only validate the conformity of a curricula (developed by authorized agencies in Pakistan or international curricula adopted or developed by institutes in Punjab) in accordance with national / international standards.</p> <p>However, in order to give greater liberty, sharing responsibility, expertise, funding, and extend benefit to all provinces, NAVTTC has developed National Vocational Qualification Framework (NVQF). NVQF provides all TVET agencies including PSDA, TEVTAs, TVET Boards and other industrial / employer bodies to develop standards, curricula, syllabi and courses as per job market needs, provided that they follow the terms of reference and composition of NAVTTC Qualification Development Committees (QDCs), setup for the purposes of TVET qualification development and review.</p>
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<b>Continued...</b>	Therefore, PSDA and other authorized agencies may host and sponsor development of National Standards and Curricula, if considers necessary keeping in view the market requirements. However, those standards and curricula would be notified by NAVTTC as national standards and curricula, so as the other provinces may also be benefited.
<b>Question-2:</b> Whether NAVTTC has exclusive mandate to approve "Standards" pertaining to Technical and Vocational Education and Training as per constitution and NAVTTC?	<b>Yes</b> , in accordance with the Federal Legislative List, entry 16 of Part-I of constitution of Pakistan, the Parliament of Pakistan promulgated NAVTTC Act, 2011 with a function (Section 6(f)) to "develop National Occupational Skill Standards (NOSS), Curricula, and trade testing certification systems for all sectors in which TVET is imparted.
<b>Question-3:</b> Whether NAVTTC is mandated to approve & notify the curricula to be implemented in provincial jurisdiction as well?	<b>Yes</b> , NAVTTC Act, 2011 extends to whole of Pakistan. The regulations, policies, strategies, plans, projects, standards and curricula approved and notified by NAVTTC are implemented across the country and shall be followed by all provincial entities including PSDA, as envisaged under section 7(a) of PSDA Act, 2019.
<b>Question-4:</b> What is the legal status of curricula being approved and implemented by TEVTA or PVTC by themselves without validation or approval of NAVTTC or PSDA?	As such no function or power to provincial entities in Punjab and other provinces is provided as per any legal statute. However, PSDA may validate the conformity of standards and curricula (following the terms of reference of NAVTTC QDCs / NVQF), if such are prepared or implemented by any entity in the province.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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