

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

RBE No. 75/2014.

No. E (NG)-II/2007/RR-1/38.

New Delhi, dated: 15/07/2014

The General Manager (P),  
All Zonal Railways/Production Units  
(As per standard mailing list)

**Sub:** Acceptance of certificates/qualifications awarded by various Boards of School Education in India for the purpose of employment on the railways.

**Ref:** Letter No. E(NG)II/89/RR-1/17 dated 25/2/1991 (RBE No. 38/1991), E(NG)II/2001/RR-1/48 dated 23/5/2002 (RBE No. 71/2002), E(NG)II/2001/RR-1/52 dated 21/6/2002 (RBE No. 89/2002), E(NG)II/2003/RR-1/36 dated 03/12/2003 (RBE No. 205/2003) & 09/9/2010 (RBE No. 128/2010), E(NG)II/2008/RR-1/35 dated 30/4/2009 (RBE No.76/2009), 10/6/2009 (RBE No.102/2009) & 04/11/2013 (RBE No.118/2013), E(NG)II/2008/RR-1/40 dated 14/5/2009 (RBE No. 81/2009), E(NG)II/2004/RR-1/14 dated 04/4/2013 (RBE No. 31/2013), E(NG)II/2005/RR-1/6 dated 30/4/2013 (RBE No. 40/2013) and No. E(NG)II/2005/RR-1/14 dated 08/10/2013 (RBE No.104/2013),

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References from various field units as well as federations seeking clarification regarding acceptance or otherwise of certificates/qualifications obtained from various Boards of School Education in India for the purpose of employment in railways have been under consideration of this Ministry.

Clarification has been received from nodal Ministry/Department of Government of India, viz, Department of Personnel & Training (DOP&T) and M/o Human Resource Development (MHRD) stating that **COBSE (Council of Board of School Education in India), an Association of National & State School Boards, is responsible for verifying genuineness/recognition of School Education Boards in India. It grants membership to Boards/Institutes that are set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature or an executive order of the Central/State Governments and follow National Curriculum Framework. The certificates issued by its member Boards are equivalent to any other board across the country.** Accordingly, the matter has been examined and it has been decided by the Board that zonal railways need not approach this Ministry seeking such clarification regarding acceptance or otherwise of certificates/qualification obtained from various Boards of School Education in India and instead, refer to official website of COBSE i.e. [www.cobse.org](http://www.cobse.org) which contain list of Boards of School Education which are Member Boards of COBSE. Thus certificates/qualification obtained from all such institutions borne on the aforesaid list will be acceptable for the purpose of employment on the railways, from the date on which the said institution has been accorded membership by COBSE, if they were not recognized earlier by any competent authority. This date of acceptability of certificate may be obtained by approaching COBSE directly and a copy of clarification thus obtained may also be endorsed to this Ministry for information & record.

Instructions contained in letters under reference will continue to be valid.

Please acknowledge receipt.  
(Hindi version will follow)

(Harsha Dass)  
Director Estt. (N)-II  
Railway Board  
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**Copy to:**

- (i) Shri Pushpender Singh, Under Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, M/o Personnel, PG and Pensions, North Block, New Delhi w.r.t. OM No. 14021/1/2012-Estt.D dated 06/3/2013 for information;
- (ii) Shri D.K. Bhawar, Deputy Education Adviser, Department of School Education & Literacy, School-3 Section, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi w.r.t. OM No. F.2-35/2011/-School-3 dated 07/9/2012 for information; and
- (iii) Shri Puran Singh, Joint Secretary, COBSE, 6H, BigJo's Tower, A-8 Netaji Subhash Place, Ring Road, Delhi - 110 034 w.r.t. letter No. COBSE/C-99/2011 dated 23/02/2011 and 06/9/2011 for information.

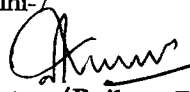
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- (i) The General Secretary, AIRF, Room No. 253, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi (35 spares).
- (ii) The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No. 256-E, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi (35 spares).
- (iii) All Members of Departmental Council and National Council and Secretary, Staff Side, National Council, 13-C, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi (60 spares).
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- (vii) The Secretary General, IRPOF.
- (viii) The Secretary, Indian Railways Class II Officers' Association.
- (ix) The Secretary, Railways Board Ministerial Staff Association.
- (x) The President, Railway Board Class IV Officers' Association.
- (xi) The General Secretary, AIRPF Association.
- (xii) The General Secretary, All India SC& ST Railway Employees Association, Room No-7, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (xiii) Chief Commissioner for Railway Safety, Lucknow.
- (xiv) Chief Administrative Officer, RCF/Raebareli Project, Kishanganj, Delhi-7.

  
For Secretary/Railway Board

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