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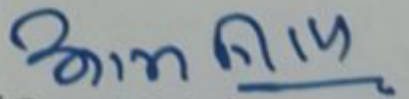
MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim is organizing a National Conference on theme "NEP 2020: Towards India-Centric Holistic Inclusive Quality School Education" on the occasion of its first Foundation Day Anniversary.

Education is the foundation of overall human development and sustainable growth of the nation. Skill-based education is an effective and purpose-driven means to enhance the potential of youth and groom them technically in their chosen field.

I am sure that the deliberation at the Conference will not only lead to the synergy between New Education Policy and Skill Development but also provide a common platform to all stakeholders in Education to express their views on the theme.

I convey my best wishes to the organizers and participants and wish the Conference a grand success.


(Om Birla)

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Message

I am glad to know that Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE) Sikkim is going to celebrate its First Foundation Day Anniversary.

It is indeed a good initiative by BOSSE to take an important step towards enhancement and improvement of opportunities for students to attain universalization of school and vocational education in the State of Sikkim. Skill education should be as important as Academic Education.

I sincerely hope the Students who are studying from BOSSE will prove themselves to be well-rounded professionals and good citizens of the Country.

I wish success for the event.

Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)



Chairperson's Message

Welcome to the Board of Open schooling and Skill Education, Sikkim (BOSSE), which was established under Act No. 14 of 2020 of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly. BOSSE is first of its kind in the country in the PPP (Public-Private Partnership) mode. BOSSE has been empowered to enhance access to school education, especially for out of school children and drop outs, contributing towards "Quality Education for all".

Congratulations for contemplating on taking admission to this Board that provides optimum flexibility to ease your studies. Here, you have the advantage of being able to study at your own place, at your own pace and at your own convenience. You can avail 9 chances in 5 years to pass in 5 subjects and qualify for the certificate. However, we would wish you to earn the certificate in the first attempt only. Still, if you are not able to do so, don't be disheartened. Try again, try again and you will succeed!

I'm delighted to place this prospectus in your hands. The academic standards of BOSSE are at par with any other School Education Board -National or State level. The curricula of all subjects are in accordance with the recommendations/goals of NEP (National Education Policy) 2020. Our Academic Advisory Committee and the Syllabus Committees comprise experienced and accomplished professionals in the field of education. The self-learning materials presented in the form of books as well as uploaded on the website have been meticulously prepared by a team of seasoned educationists/educators from Universities, Colleges, Schools and other institutions.

So, dear learner, embrace the "Joy of Self Learning". Self-learning is the most effective and powerful mode of learning, as you yourself are in control of learning. Of course, we are there for handholding, for guidance, for providing learning support in different ways.

I'm sanguine that our efforts will enable you to develop into a worthy human being and citizen who makes sensible choices, cast a positive impact on society and contribute immensely towards the progress of the nation, even humanity as a whole.

Spread your wings and touch the sky! Live a meaningful purposeful life, with dignity and high morality! Serve your beloved nation selflessly! Work for the betterment of society and humanity at large!

Wishing you all the best for your future life and career!



Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal
Chairperson
BOSSE



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GUIDELINES FOR LEARNERS

- Read the instructions carefully before filling the Online Application Form.
- All the columns should be properly filled. No column should be left incomplete/blank.
- The supporting documents should be uploaded along with the main Application Form.
- Payment of Admission and Examination fee has to be done through ONLINE mode only. No other mode of payment will be accepted.
- It is mandatory to submit the ORIGINAL MARKSHEET while applying for the Transfer of Credit.
- Learners are required to attend Personal Contact Programme (PCP) in each subject which is conducted by Study Centers.
- Assignments should be submitted timely to the respective Study Centers.
- Correct E-mail ID and mobile number should be provided to facilitate SMS alerts.



BOSSE

GENESIS

BOSSE (Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education), Sikkim is an Open School Board to cater to the varied academic needs of divergent groups of students up to pre degree level. It offers Secondary and Senior Secondary Courses for all students, imparting Skill & Vocational education, along with academic education. It was established under an Act of the Sikkim Government (Act No. 14/LD of 2020, passed on 21-09-2020 by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and notified through Gazette Notification on 08-10-2020.

With the aim of strengthening school education across the country, BOSSE has been authorized by the Government of Sikkim to:

- impart education at the Secondary, Senior Secondary level with Skill & Vocational education.
- conduct examinations and issue certificates at Secondary, Senior Secondary level and Skill & Vocational education.

Some of the salient features of BOSSE are:

- The vision of BOSSE coincides with the essence of NEP 2020 and NCF 2023.
- Flexible Education, with no restriction on place and pace of study, choice of subjects, etc.
- 9 chances to pass and earn the certificate;
- Combination of Academic and Vocational Subjects;
- Transfer of Credits of up to 4 subjects passed from other Boards.
- BOSSE takes conscious steps to provide quality education.
- BOSSE Pass-outs can apply for admission to any reputed higher educational institutions across the country and world.





VISION & MISSION

VISION

To contribute to the universalization of school education, by providing inclusive flexible, quality school education for life and livelihood, imparting vocational skills along with academic education for sustainable development of nation and society.

MISSION

- To promote open schooling system at the national and international levels and achieve excellence therein, by providing inclusive, flexible, quality education for all.
- To empower the under privileged sections of society, particularly school dropouts by providing them with an opportunity to complete their education.
- Reaching the Unreached and bringing good education to their doorsteps.
- To provide Industry based learning through a wide variety of skill development Programmes



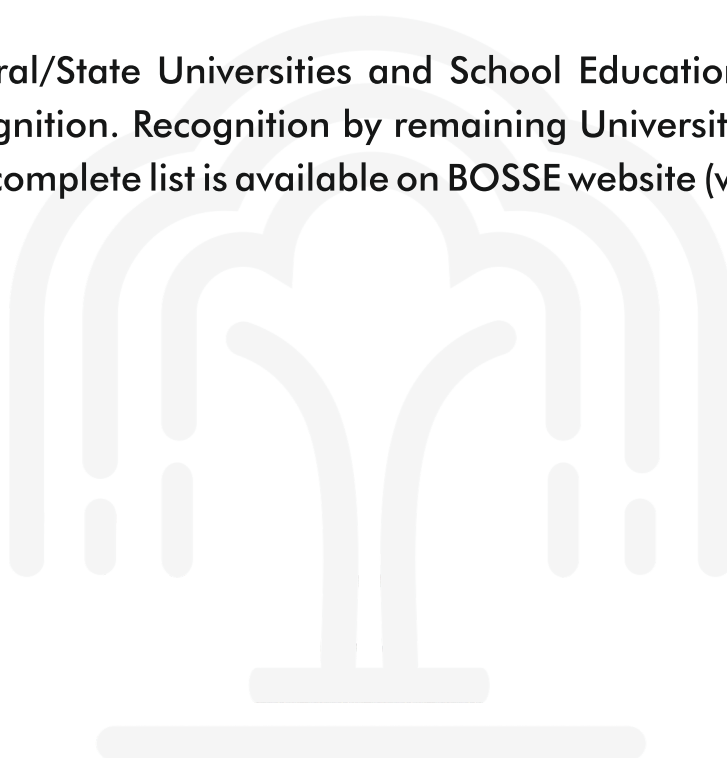


RECOGNISED QUALITY EDUCATION (EQUIVALENCE & RECOGNITION)

BOSSE and its Certificates are recognized by:

- Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India (appears at Serial No. 44 in the List of School Boards in India, on their website)
- National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Govt. of India
- Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Cambridge International Examinations
- Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
- Pharmacy Council of India (PCI)
- Indian Nursing Council (INC)
- National Medical Commission (NMC)
- Indian Army (IA)
- Indian Air Force (IAF)
- Indian Navy (IN)
- Indian Postal Department
- Ministry of External Affairs (Passport Division)

Several Central/State Universities and School Education Boards have also granted recognition. Recognition by remaining Universities and Boards is in process. The complete list is available on BOSSE website (www.bosse.ac.in)



ADMISSIONS



The admission to Secondary and Senior Secondary Programmes are open round the year in two blocks as below:

BLOCK-1
From
1ST MAR – 31ST AUG
(without late fees)
Examinations in
April-May of
next year

BLOCK-2
From
1ST SEP – 28/29th FEB
(without late fees)
Examinations in
October-November
of same year

- The candidates can take admission online directly or go to the Study Centres for admission.
- Candidates can avail 9 chances in 5 years to pass all the 5 subjects and qualify for the certificate.
- The benefit of Transfer of Credits can be availed by candidates who have failed or kept under compartment in other recognized Boards.

SPECIAL TARGET GROUPS

- All those who are looking for freedom to learn at their own pace, place and choose subjects as per their interest and ability
- All those who want to study while working/earning
- School Dropouts/Adults who could not study earlier (with no age bar)
- Gifted and Backward Learners
- Underprivileged Sections of Society, including girls / women, Rural children and Urban Poor, Minority Communities
- Unemployed/Partly Employed/Self Employed

SECONDARY STAGE

Sr. SECONDARY STAGE

Eligibility Criteria for Admission

Entry Requirement	Cut Off Date	Secondary Course	Sr. Secondary Course
Minimum Education Qualifications		There is no minimum educational qualification for admission to Secondary Programme. A School Leaving Certificate of any class can be attached with the Admission Form OR A Self Certificate certifying that the applicant can read and write (Format of the certificate is given with the Application Form)	Secondary Examination passed from a recognized National / International / State Board of Secondary Education or Open School Board. Copy of certificate is to be attached with the Admission Form.
Block 1	31st August every year without late fee.	Age: 15 years as on 31st March of next year (THERE IS NO UPPER AGE BAR)	The only eligibility condition for Sr. Secondary is Secondary Pass from a recognized Board.
Block 2	28th/29th Feb every year without late fee.	Age: 15 years as on 30th September of that year (THERE IS NO UPPER AGE BAR)	Applicants have to submit a self-attested copy of their Secondary Certificate.
Essential Supporting Documents		• Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or District Office of the Registrar of Birth and Death for those born on or after 26.01.1989 - OR • Passport issued by Govt. of India - OR • Original Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate showing applicant's date of birth, issued by the school last attended. In case of Govt. Schools, the Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate signed by the Principal will suffice, while in case of Private Schools, it should also be countersigned by the District Education Officer or any other Competent Education Authority of the State - OR • Aadhaar Card issued by the Govt. of India. <i>Note: Date of birth once given in the Admission Form shall not be changed in normal circumstances. Please check and state the correct date of birth in the Admission Form.</i>	-do- The Passing Certificate of Matriculation/ Secondary Examination from a recognized Board

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FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADMISSION

Detail	Secondary Course	Sr. Secondary Course
Registration Fees	Rs.1000/- (For Five Years)	Rs.1000/- (For Five Years)
Programme Fees For 5 Subjects	Rs. 6000	Rs. 7000
For each additional subject	Rs. 1200 per subject	Rs. 1400
Fee for Internal/Continuous Assessment and Practicals	Rs. 300/- per subject	Rs. 600/-
Examination fee	Rs. 500/- per subject	Rs. 500/-
Additional Fees For Practical Exam (wherever applicable)	Rs. 180 per subject	Rs.180 per subject
Advanced Learning Programmes Fees	Rs. 5000	
Migration Certificate	Rs. 400	

*Books :- Rs. 2000 (Optional)

Other Fee Structure

Cost of information Brochure (Prospectus) along with the Application Form from the Office of BOSSE	250
Fee for change of Examination Centre	500
Fee for Re-Totaling of answer script per Paper.	500
Fee for Re-evaluation of answer script per Paper.	1000
Duplicate Marks Card	500
Consolidated Marks Card	500
Verification of Certificate/Authenticity of Certificate for Domestic Institutions/ Employers/individuals learners	500 per doc.
Transcription / Verification for foreign Institutions / Universities / Employers	5000

Note:

The Admission Fee does not include the Examination Fees. The Examination Fees has to be paid separately within the specified dates.

50% fee concession on Programme Fee only is admissible to the applicants holding bonafide domicile of Sikkim.

BOSSE at its sole discretion can offer scholarship to Meritorious Learners.



CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

- Learners have to compulsorily opt for at least 5 subjects, comprising one Language Subject (Maximum Two) and Four/Three Other Subjects (Academic/Vocational).
- Learners will be allowed to opt for up to two additional subjects (Language, Academic or Vocational) by paying the requisite additional subject fee.

Secondary Level – Group A
(Language Subjects)

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	101	Hindi
2	102	English
3	103	Urdu
4	104	Sanskrit
5	105	Bengali
6	106	Punjabi
7	107	Assamese
8	108	Nepali
9	109	Odia
10	110	Kannada
11	111	Malayalam
12	112	Tamil
13	113	Telugu
14	114	Gujarati
15	115	Marathi

Secondary Level – Group B
(Non-Language Subjects)

Subjects with asterisk*
have theory as well as practical work.

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	201	Mathematics
2	202	Science and Technology*
3	203	Social Science
4	204	Economics
5	205	Business Studies
6	206	Home Science& Human Ecology*
7	207	Psychology*
8	208	Indian Culture & Heritage
9	209	Accountancy



Senior Secondary Level – Group A (Language Subjects)

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	301	Hindi
2	302	English
3	303	Urdu
4	304	Sanskrit
5	305	Bengali
6	306	Odia
7	307	Punjabi
8	308	Kannada
9	309	Malayalam
10	310	Tamil
11	311	Telugu
12	312	Gujarati
13	313	Marathi

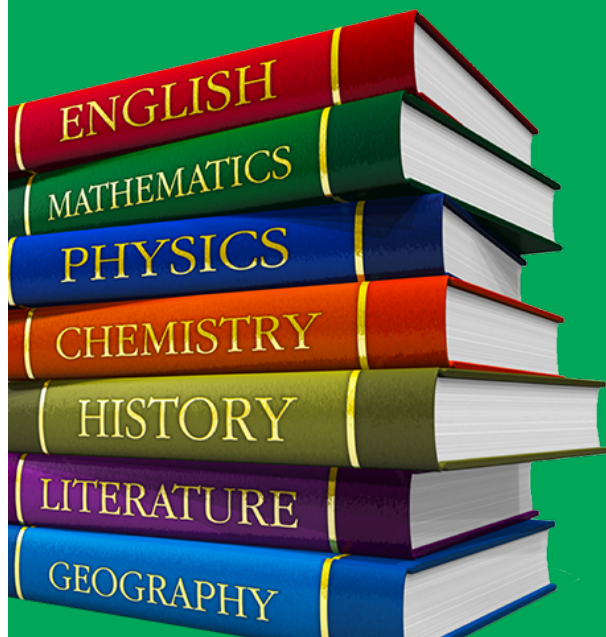
A learner has to compulsorily opt for 5 subjects, comprising:

1 Vocational Subject and
4 Academic Subjects – 1/2
language(s) from Group A and
3/2 other Academic Subjects from
Group B

Learners will be allowed to opt for
up to two additional subjects
(Language, Non-Language
Academic, or Vocational Subject/s).

Senior Secondary Level – Group B (Non-Language Subjects)

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	401	Mathematics
2	402	Family & Community Studies*
3	403	Psychology*
4	404	Geography*
5	405	Economics
6	406	Business Studies
7	410	Physics*
8	412	History
9	413	Environmental Science & Sustainable Development*
10	415	Chemistry*
11	416	Political Science
12	418	Biology*
13	419	Accountancy
14	420	Law, Justice & Governance
15	421	Digital Literacy & Comp. Science*
16	422	Sociology
17	423	Tourism
18	424	Physical Education and Yoga*
19	425	Biotechnology*





Vocational Subjects

List of Vocational Education Courses offered by BOSSE in combination with Academic courses.

Secondary Level

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	224	Carpentry
2	225	Solar Energy Technician
3	226	Bio Gas Technician
4	227	Laundry Services
5	228	Bakery & Confectionery
6	229	Welding Technology
7	230	Data Entry Operations
8	231	Painting & Drawing
9	232	Domestic Appliances Technician

Sr. Secondary Level

S. No.	CODE	SUBJECT
1	435	Secretarial Practice
2	438	Plant protection
3	439	Furniture and Cabinet
4	440	Electro Plating
5	441	House Keeping
6	443	Food Processing
7	445	Hotel Front Office Operation
8	447	Soil and Fertilizer Management
9	448	Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables
10	449	Data Entry Operations
11	452	Library and Information Science
12	453	Media & Communication Studies
13	454	Entrepreneurship
14	455	Gardening
15	456	Foundational Stage Care and Education
16	457	Fundamentals of Drawing & Painting



Facility of Credit Transfer

The facility of TOC will be permissible under the following conditions:

- ✓ If a learner has appeared in the Secondary/Senior Secondary examination of any recognized State/National/International Board of School Education/Open School, but has failed to qualify for the certificate, though passing in at least one subject, he/she may avail BOSSE's TOC facility for up to four subjects. In this case, the learner is required to get his/her Marks Sheet/TOC data verified from the concerned Board and submit the verified Marks Sheet/TOC data along with the Admission Application Form.
- ✓ TOC is admissible for up to 4 subjects. The remaining subject/s has/have to be chosen from among the subjects available in BOSSE Scheme of Studies and BOSSE Scheme of Examinations. However, a learner will qualify for the certificate only if he/she passes 5 subjects, including minimum one Language Subject, as per the Passing Criteria of BOSSE.
- ✓ The learner will have to pay the requisite fee for Transfer of Credit at the time of admission as follows:
 - Rs. 1000/- as Registration Fee
 - Rs. 1000/- per subject as credit transfer fee
 - Examination Fee will be separate as per the rules of BOSSE.
 - Fee of Subjects from BOSSE shall be as specified above.
- ✓ While applying for Transfer of Credit (TOC), the learner is required to submit the original self attested copy of Fail/Compartment Marks Sheet, along with a copy of the Acknowledgement Receipt/Copy of the Online Admission Form, within 10 days after online admission. In case of delay in submission i.e. submission after 10 days, a late fee of Rs. 500/- per subject of TOC will be charged.

Curriculum, Syllabus and Study Materials

The Curricula/Syllabi as well as Study Materials (based on NEP 2020/NCF 2023), in all the subjects of Secondary and Senior Secondary, are available on the website of BOSSE. The learners can either download the same or study online.

The learners can also purchase printed study materials on payment of nominal charges.

BOSSE has made special arrangements for providing learning support to its learners through its Study Centres (also called Accredited Institutes), which have been setup in reputed schools/Institutes in all the states, having all required infrastructure. BOSSE also provides online support to its learners.

Study Centres of BOSSE

Study Centres (or Accredited Institutions) play an important role in the ODL (Open & Distance Learning) System.

BOSSE has set up Accredited Institutions (AI) in all parts of the country and abroad for face to face contact.

These Study Centres are located in recognised reputed schools/Institutes affiliated to different National/International/State School Education Boards.

In Addition to this, BOSSE has also set up Information Centres as well as Resource Centres in Colleges/Universities to provide support to the learners.

A List of present AIs/Study Centres is given in the BOSSE website.

CHANGE OF SUBJECT

The details of subjects in Secondary/Senior Secondary Programmes are available on the website of BOSSE.

Candidates can change their subject/s after taking admission and appearing in at least one examination.

The fee for change of subject/s is Rs. 500/- per subject for Secondary as well as Senior Secondary Programme.

Note: Although there is no restriction on choosing the subjects by the learner yet he/she should keep in mind the norms of the Universities or Boards if he/she intends to take admission for higher studies. BOSSE will not be responsible if any candidate has passed with a subject combination which is not as per the norms of any University Institutions of higher education.

As per the philosophy of Open Schooling, there are no streams like Science, Commerce or Arts. So, any combination is allowed. However, it may be difficult for the date sheet of the examination to take care of all combinations. A candidate may have to take up the examination of some subject/s in the next public examination.



Part Admission

BOSSE also provides the facility of Part admission to the candidates studying in some regular course or already passed out candidates of secondary/Senior secondary.

A learner will have to pay a sum of Rs. 1000/- as Registration Fee and Rs. 1000/ per subject under the Scheme of Part Admission. Examination Fee will be separate as per the rules of BOSSE.

A learner can take admission under this scheme in maximum of 4 subjects and will be issued only MarksSheet.

Fee Structure for Part Admission

Course	Registration Fees	Programme Fee	Exam/Practical Fee
Secondary	Rs. 1000	Rs. 2000 Per Subject	As applicable per subject
Senior Secondary	Rs. 1000	Rs. 2500 Per Subject	As applicable per subject

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

The admission of a learner will be cancelled if:

- admission form is incomplete;
- fee is not paid in full;
- supporting documents are not complete;
- false documents have been submitted;
- required educational qualifications are not met;
- minimum age criterion is not satisfied;
- incorrect information is given;
- the Secondary examination is not passed from a recognize board.

Note: Admission once cancelled will not be re-considered.

Assessment & Evaluation

A. Internal Assessment/ Student Assignments

Internal Assessment /Student Assignments are important tools for continuous assessment or Formative Evaluation of learners during their studies. The learners admitted in BOSSE Programmes will be assessed through these tools.

The internal assessment shall carry 20% weight age in each subject.

There will be one Student Assignment in each subject, which will be available on the BOSSE website.

The BOSSE may ask for field work as a part of project under Internal Assessment.

As such, non-submission of Assignment by the learner will neither debar him/her from appearing in the examination or declaration of result. But, he/she will lose marks of Assignment and therefore awarded marks out of 80 in the term-end examination, with Zero Marks in the Assignment.

B. Public Examinations

BOSSE will conduct examinations twice a year in the months of April-May and October-Nov. Examinations may be online, too. Physical examinations will normally be held at AIs of BOSSE.

For appearing in examinations, a candidate has to register after filling up an examination form and paying the prescribed examination fee.

A candidate will get nine chances to clear the examination after taking admission and complete all academic requirements.

C. On Demand Examination

BOSSE will offer on Demand Examination facility shortly to learners. Under this facility, the learners can appear for the examination of any subject, as and when they are ready to take the examination.



Pass/Certification Criteria

Course	Pass Criteria in Individual Subjects	Certification Criteria
Secondary (Class X)	A Minimum of 33% Marks separately in theory and practicals, wherever applicable. Theory includes marks in Internal Assessment with 20% weightage.	Pass in 5 subjects including at least one language and one subject may be vocational.
Senior Secondary (Class XII)	A Minimum of 33% Marks separately in theory and practicals, wherever applicable. Theory includes marks in Internal Assessment with 20% weightage.	Pass in 5 subjects including at least one language and one subject may be vocational.

Note:
For the purpose of certification at Senior Secondary level, a gap of two years from the year of passing the Secondary Examination is mandatory.

Result Declaration and Award of Certificate

The Result for Secondary and Senior Secondary Programmes shall be declared within 45 to 60 working days after the last examination held.
Details of Marks Cum Certificate will be issued to all successful students, who have qualified as per the Pass/Certification Criteria.
Other candidates, who have appeared in the examination, but have not qualified as per the Pass/Certification Criteria will be issued only a Marks Sheet, which will show the marks obtained in all subjects in which they have appeared.

FAQs (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

- 1) **What does BOSSE stand for, and what sets it apart from other School Education Boards?**
BOSSE stands for "Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education." What distinguishes BOSSE is its emphasis on open educational learning, vocational subjects, and an advanced learning program that caters to diverse educational needs.
- 2) **What subjects are covered in the open educational learning program for 10th and 12th grades?**
Complete details can be accessed under the title "Programmes" on bosse.ac.in.
- 3) **Can students from different regions or countries participate in BOSSE's program?**
Yes, BOSSE's program is open to students from all over the country and beyond.
- 4) **How does BOSSE provide Student Support Services?**
BOSSE has set up Study Centres in recognized schools/Institutes affiliated to National, International or State Boards of School Education. These Study Centres are also called Accredited Institutions (AIs). The major role of Study Centres is to synchronize between learners and BOSSE. They are meant to assist the learners in every way.
- 5) **Can students pursue vocational subjects alongside their academic subjects?**
Yes, students have the opportunity to study vocational subjects concurrently with their academic subject, enabling them to gain practical skills and knowledge.
- 6) **What does the advanced learning program entail, and who is eligible for it?**
The advanced learning program is designed for high-achieving students seeking a more challenging learning opportunity. Eligibility criteria typically include academic performance and a passion for deeper learning.
- 7) **Are the Programmes provided by BOSSE recognized by universities for higher education?**
All our Recognition and Approvals along with RTI replies from different universities are displayed on the website.
- 8) **How flexible is the curriculum for students who might need personalized learning paths?**
BOSSE offers a flexible curriculum to accommodate individual learning needs, allowing students to customize their educational paths to suit their pace and learning styles. Student can choose any combination of subjects, depending on their need, interest and ability.
- 9) **Are there any specific eligibility criteria or prerequisites for enrolling in BOSSE Programmes?**
Eligibility criteria vary based on the program. Generally, students need to meet age criteria and comply with specific educational prerequisites.
- 10) **How does BOSSE integrate technology into its educational Programmes?**
BOSSE integrates technology through online resources, e-learning platforms, and interactive tools to enhance learning experiences.
- 11) **What are the assessment methods used by BOSSE to evaluate student progress/achievement?**
BOSSE uses various assessment methods to evaluate student progress, including assignments for Continuous Internal Assessment, Practicals, and Public Examinations. Question Papers include various forms of test items - Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs), as well as descriptive questions.
- 12) **What are the opportunities available for students after completing their education through BOSSE?**
Completing education through BOSSE opens doors to various pathways, including higher education, vocational careers, entrepreneurship, or specialized skill-based professions.



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