

Credibility and Acceptance of Skill Certification

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Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Government has implemented the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component under PMKVY to assess and certify individuals who have acquired skills through informal means or on-the-job experience. The aim is to align these skills with National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) standards, thereby improving employability.

RPL ensures formal recognition of workforce capabilities without requiring formal education or long-term training. It includes orientation, bridge courses, and assessments by third-party agencies. State-wise and year-wise details of candidates trained under RPL component of PMKVY during last five years up to 2024-25 are given at **Annexure**.

To ensure credibility and industry relevance of certifications, PMKVY follows a rigorous process involving orientation, standardised assessments by third-party assessors, and digital certificate issuance aligned with NSQF levels. Certificates are embedded with QR codes and issued via the Skill India Digital platform, enabling real-time verification by employers.

The curriculum and assessments are developed in consultation with Awarding Bodies and Industry bodies. Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems are in place to assess implementation quality. These steps collectively ensure that the certifications are trusted by employers and meet industry-accepted standards.

The Ministry actively engages with other Central Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments, Industry Associations, and employers to increase awareness and acceptance of PMKVY certifications. The Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) enables easy verification of candidates' credentials, enhancing transparency and trust. Additionally, regular dialogues with industry associations, employer outreach programmes, and promotion through Rozgar Melas are organised.

NSQF alignment of job roles and third-party assessment ensures the industry's confidence in certified candidates. Emphasis is also placed on sectors with high employer demand, thus strengthening labour market linkages.

A centralized and robust digital ecosystem exists through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH). All skill certifications under government schemes are recorded in SIDH, which enables secure and real-time verification by employers. The certificates contain unique IDs and QR codes that can be accessed and authenticated instantly. This system significantly enhances employer confidence and reduces instances of fraudulent claims. The platform is continuously updated and integrated with DigiLocker to provide long-term accessibility to candidates and recruiters alike, supporting transparent and efficient hiring practices.

State-wise and year-wise details of candidates trained under RPL component of PMKVY during last five years up to 2024-25

State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
A & N Islands	06	04	400	0	
Andhra Pradesh	65,959	8,035	352	2,693	
Arunachal Pradesh	22,955	7,431	1,652	11	
Assam	2,50,526	23,366	795	7,737	1
Bihar	94,053	7,147	572	1,826	
Chandigarh	1,885	439	0	0	
Chhattisgarh	13,224	3,889	47	64	
Delhi	52,110	7,816	1,065	3,067	
Goa	1,771	153	101	0	
Gujarat	50,630	16,758	784	4,543	1
Haryana	71,572	8,014	648	3,597	
Himachal Pradesh	13,775	3,219	352	752	
Jammu & Kashmir	71,743	5,600	3,103	3,661	1
Jharkhand	61,523	6,264	1,045	1,419	
Karnataka	44,326	11,126	1,293	3,157	
Kerala	28,585	2,674	1,185	734	
Ladakh	40	0	0	0	
Madhya Pradesh	94,862	8,190	1,053	4,972	1
Maharashtra	2,08,206	18,588	2,980	5,291	1
Manipur	17,658	1,832	524	70	
Meghalaya	2,618	1,120	571	761	
Mizoram	1,705	1,621	171	344	
Nagaland	3,934	1,528	1,958	217	
Odisha	82,906	5,788	346	3,292	
Puducherry	1,278	1,072	16	172	
Punjab	27,483	6,776	224	865	
Rajasthan	1,90,506	14,762	756	2,883	1
Sikkim	226	175	0	0	
Tamil Nadu	1,05,690	9,699	3,341	6,893	
Telangana	35,083	4,306	425	2,814	
DNH & DD	940	2	0	0	
Tripura	32,634	2,863	532	1,342	
Uttar Pradesh	3,22,492	23,865	3,264	11,439	3
Uttarakhand	19,000	3,276	249	3,168	
West Bengal	79,934	6,838	868	3,603	
Overall	20,71,838	2,24,236	30,672	81,387	1,9

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Shri Jayant Chaudhary in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today

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