





QUALIFICATION FILE - Micro Credentials

Quality Assurance in Grain Storage

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□General □ Multi-skill (MS) □ Cross Sectoral (CS) ⊠ Future Skills □ OEM					
NCrF/NSQF Level: 3.5					

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Section 1: Basic Details

1.	Micro Credential-Qualification Name	Quality Assurance in Grain Storage				
2.	Sector/s	Agricultu	Agriculture			
3.	National Qualification Register (NQR) Code & Version (Will be issued after NSQC approval.)	NM-3.5-	AG-02540-2024-V1-ASCI	4. NCrF	/NSQF Level: 3.5	
5.	Brief Description of the Micro Credential	This OS unit is about grain quality assurance by maintaining and monitoring the grain quality in storage area.				
6.	Eligibility Criteria for Entry for Students/Trainee/Learner/Employee	a. En	a. Entry Qualification & Relevant Experience			
		S. No.	Academic/Skill Qualificat specialization- if application applicati	_	Relevant Experience (with specialization- if applicable)	
		1	11th Grade pass or equivale	ent	1 year of relevant experience in Agriculture and Allied Sectors	
		2	Completed 1st year of 3-year diploma* after 10th	ar		
		3	10th Grade pass		1.5-year of relevant experience in Agriculture and Allied Sectors	
		4	8th Grade pass		4.5-years of relevant experience in Agriculture and Allied Sectors	
			Previous relevant Qualificat NSQF Level 3	ion of	1.5-year of relevant experience in Agriculture and allied sectors	
		6	Previous relevant Qualificat NSQF Level 2.5	ion of	3-year of relevant experience in Agriculture and allied sectors	
		*Agriculture/Horticulture/Forestry/Agriculture Engineering		Engineering		
		b. Ag	e NA			
7.	Credits Assigned to this Qualification, Subject to Assessment (as per National Credit Framework (NCrF))	0.5		3	3. Common Cost Norm Category (I/II (wherever applicable): II	I/III)

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implemented.

15.

Other Indian Languages in which the Micro Credential will be

16.	Is similar Micro Credential Qualification(s) available on NQR-if yes,	☐ Yes ☒ No URLs of similar Qua	lifications:
	justification for this qualification		
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		NSQC Approval	

Section 2: Training Related

Trainer's Qualification and experience in relevant	Diploma (Regular Diploma in Supply Chain Management, Logistics Management, Inventory		
sector (in years) (as per requirement and NCVET	Control/Management or equivalent degree [After 10+2]) with 3 years of relevant industry or training		
guidelines)	experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management		
	OR		
	Any Graduate (Graduate BSc/BBA in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Inventory Control,		
	Inventory Management or an equivalent degree) with 3 years of relevant industry or training		
	experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management*		
	*For school Program minimum qualification of Trainer should be Graduate. Their Teaching experience		
	will be considered industry experience		
	OR		
	Graduate (Agriculture / Horticulture) with 1-year of relevant industry or training experience in Post-		
	Harvest Supply Chain Management		
	OR		
	Post-Graduate (Agriculture / Horticulture/ Agriculture Statistics)		
Master Trainer's Qualification and experience in	5 years of training experience in of relevant industry or training experience after Any Graduation		
relevant sector (in years) (as per requirement and	(Graduate BSc/ BBA in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Inventory Control, Inventory		
NCVET guidelines)	Management or an equivalent degree) and 3 years of relevant industry experience in Post-Harvest		
	Supply Chain Management		
	sector (in years) (as per requirement and NCVET guidelines) Master Trainer's Qualification and experience in relevant sector (in years) (as per requirement and		

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		OR 5 years of training experience in of relevant industry or training experience after Graduation (Agriculture / Horticulture) with 1-year of relevant industry experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management OR 5 years of training experience in of relevant industry or training experience after Post-Graduate (Agriculture / Horticulture / Agriculture Statistics)
3.	Tools and Equipment Required for Training	☑ Yes □ No (If "Yes", details to be provided in Annexure)

Section 3: Assessment Related

1.	Assessor's Qualification and experience in	Graduation (Agriculture/Botany/SCM/Inventory Management Agriculture Statistics /Horticulture and
	relevant sector (in years) (as per requirement and	related streams) with 3 years of relevant experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management
	NCVET guidelines)	OR
		Post-graduation (Agriculture/Botany/SCM/Inventory Management Agriculture Statistics /Horticulture
		and related streams) with 2 years of relevant experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management
		OR
		PhD (Agriculture/Botany/SCM/Inventory Management/Agriculture Statistics/Horticulture and related
		streams) with 1-year of relevant experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management
2.	Proctor's Qualification and experience in relevant	Diploma/Graduate (It is mandatory for a proctor to have technical knowledge/IT knowledge Once a
	sector (in years) (as per requirement and NCVET	proctor has been on-boarded by any AA, they are oriented about skill ecosystem along with do's and
	guidelines)	don'ts .)
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3.	Lead Assessor's/Proctor's Qualification and	Post-graduation (Agriculture/Botany/SCM/Inventory Management Agriculture Statistics /Horticulture
	experience in relevant sector (in years) (as per	and related streams) with 10 years of relevant experience in Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management
	requirement and NCVET guidelines)	
4.	Assessment Mode (Specify the assessment mode)	Mode: ☐ Online Only ☐ Blended

5.	Tools and Equipment Required for Assessment	Same as for training ☐ Yes ☐ No (details to be provided in Annexure-if it is different for Assessment)	

Section 4: Evidence of Need of the Micro Credential

As per the NCVET Guidelines for evidence of need, provide the required Annexure/Supporting documents.

1.	Government /Industry initiatives/ requirement (Yes/No): Yes. Scoping Study done with the support of Department of Education, Australian Government and ASCI in collaboration with Adelaide University as principal partner and a few other Australian and Indian partners
2.	Number of Industry validation provided: 20
3.	Estimated number of people to be trained: 350

Section 5: Annexure Check List

Specify Annexure Number and Name.

	nexure: NCrF/NSQF level justification based on NCrF	Annexure 1
Leve	vel/NSQF descriptors (Mandatory)	
2. Anne	nexure: Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria	Annexure 2
(Man	andatory)	
3. Anne	nexure: Assessment Strategy (Mandatory)	Annexure 3

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4.	Annexure: List of tools and equipment relevant for	Annexure 4
	qualification (Mandatory – Except in case of online course)	
5.	Annexure: Blended Learning (Mandatory in case selected	NA NA
	mode of delivery is "Blended Learning")	
6.	Annexure: Acronym and Glossary (Optional)	Annexure 7

Annexure 1: Evidence of Level

NCrF/NSQF Level Descriptors	Key requirements of the job role/ outcome of the qualification	How the job role/ outcomes relate to the NCrF/NSQF level descriptor	NCrF/NSQF Level
Professional Theoretical Knowledge/Process	The individual has knowledge of grain storage principles and procedures	Possesses broad and deep knowledge and skills of grain quality assurance in the storage area	3.5
Professional and Technical Skills/ Expertise/ Professional Knowledge	The individual is able to - Understand the factors affecting grain quality during storage, such as moisture, temperature, pests, and fungi. - Apply the principles of grain drying, aeration, and fumigation to prevent or reduce quality losses. - Monitor and inspect the stored grain regularly to detect any signs of deterioration or damage. - Use appropriate methods and equipment to measure and record the grain quality parameters, such as moisture content, test weight, protein content, and germination rate.	Range of skills along with specialized domain skills	3.5

Skills & Mind-set/Professional Skill Prepare grain storages Maintain hygiene in storage areas Monitor grain quality from arrival to dispatch Monitor and maintain grain condition in storage		May have entrepreneurial mindset, self-management	3.5
Broad Learning Outcomes/Core Skill	The individual is able to carry out grain quality assurance in the storage	Possess technical expertise, adept at solving complex problems and improving output.	3.5
Responsibility	The individual is able to quality assurance by maintaining and monitoring the grain quality in storage area	Takes complete responsibility for delivery and quality of own work and output.	3.5

Annexure 2: Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Detailed learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the qualification are as follows:

S.No.	Learning Outcomes	Theory	Practica	Project	Viva
Dunnan		Marks	l Marks	Marks	Marks
	e grain storages	5	5		10
PC1	Confirm work program instructions and clarify anomalies with supervisor				
PC2	Identify work health and safety hazards in grain storage and report to supervisor and implement suitable controls				
PC3	Select and check, personal protective equipment (PPE) required in the storage				
PC4	arrange for the necessary tools & equipment required in the storage area				
PC5	Clean storage site contaminants according to workplace and biosecurity procedures				
PC6	Dispose of waste according to workplace Standard Operating Procedures (SoP)				
PC7	Clean residue from bulk material storage facility according to workplace and biosecurity procedures				
PC8	Check structural integrity, damage or deterioration of bulk material storage facility according to workplace procedures				
PC9	Conduct pre checks and required adjustment of bulk material handling equipment according to manufacturer instructions and workplace requirements				
PC10	Update grain storage preparation records according to workplace procedures				
PC11	Clean, maintain and store tools and equipment according to workplace procedures				
PC12	Ensure proper aeration and ventilation in the storage area to prevent mold growth and insect infestation				
Mainta	nin hygiene in storage areas	10	5		10
PC13	check storage conditions and facilities for compliance with grain storage hygiene standards				
PC14	Identify, report or repair damage and faults in the storage areas according to workplace procedures				
	Apply treatments to storage facilities to ensure hygiene standards are maintained according to grain storage				
PC15	program				
PC16	Maintain storage environment according to biosecurity procedures				
PC17	Record application of treatments according to workplace procedures				
Monito	r grain quality from arrival to dispatch	5	5		5
PC18	Ensure appropriate handling and transportation of grains to avoid damage and contamination				

PC19	Collect samples of grain and refer for testing prior to storage			
PC20	Sample grain at a frequency specified in sampling procedures to ensure compliance with purity standards			
PC21	Check grain quality at time of dispatch against records at point of storage for consistency			
	Take, prepare and forward test samples for analysis according to workplace procedures and industry			
PC22	standards			
PC23	Maintain records of grain storage movement according to workplace standard operating procedures (SOP)			
PC24	Implement work health and safety policies for activities around the grain storage facilities			
Monito	or and maintain grain condition in storage	10	10	5
PC25	Check stored grain for contaminants and deterioration according to workplace procedures and schedules			
	Check grain in long-term storage for quality factors and viability according to workplace procedures and			
PC26	schedules			
	Collect, prepare and send samples of grain for laboratory testing according to industry quality assurance			
PC27	and laboratory standards			
PC28	Create and maintain records of grain tests and inspections according to grain storage program.			
PC29	Monitor condition of stored grain according to schedule and methods specified in grain storage program			
PC30	Implement corrective action to maintain grain quality standards according to workplace procedures			
PC31	Ensure grain storage activities and facilities management are conducted according to grain storage program			
Contro	l weeds and pests in storage area	5	5	5
	Monitor grain according to the monitoring parameters, moisture content, temperature and insect			
PC32	infestation as per workplace procedures			
PC33	Collect samples of grain to test for pest infestation			
PC34	Prepare and forward sample for analysis according to workplace procedures and industry standards			
PC35	Identify pests in storage according arrange for the necessary control measures			
	oversee the regular fumigation and treatments in enclosed stored grain and surrounding environment			
PC36	according to pest management strategy			
PC37	Identify and control sources of infestation according to the pest management strategy and biosecurity			
	procedures in grain storage facility			
PC38	Create and maintain records of treatments to grain and storage facilities according to workplace procedures			
	Total Marks	35	30	35

Annexure 3: Assessment Strategy

This section includes the processes involved in identifying, gathering, and interpreting information to evaluate the Candidate on the required competencies of the program.

1. Assessment System Overview

In Agriculture Sector it is of ultimate importance that individuals dealing with crop production or livestock have the requisite knowledge and competencies to undertake the task. Based on the Assessment Criteria, SSC in association with empanelled AAs, define the test structure for the given job roles to cover the required skills and competencies. Assessment strategy consists of the following:

- 1. <u>Multiple Choice Questions</u>: To assess basic knowledge (Objective/Subjective)
- 2. Viva: To assess awareness on processes (Oral and/or written questioning)
- 3. Practical: To evaluate skills and identify competencies. (Observation)

Assessments for knowledge and awareness on processes may be conducted through 'real time' internet based evaluation or by conducting the same 'offline' through TABs. Skills and competencies are to be assessed by conducting 'practical' on ground through qualified and ToA certified assessors.

While it is important that an individual has adequate knowledge and skills to perform a specific task, weight age for different aspects for assessment are given as follows:

Multiple Choice Questions: 20%-30%, depending on the specific QP

Viva: 20%

Practical: 50% - 60% (Involves demonstrations of applications and presentations of procedures/tasks and other components)

Assessment will be carried out by certified assessors through empanelled assessment partners. Based on the results of assessment; ASCI will certify the

learners/candidates

2. Testing Environment

Assessments are conducted on laptops, Mobiles and android tablets via both offline and online mode depending on the internet connectivity at assessment location.

In remote locations/villages, assessments get delivered through tablets without the requirement of Internet.

- Multilingual assessments (ASCI is conducting assessments in 13 + languages pan India)
- Rubric driven assessments in Practical/Viva sections and responses recorded accordingly
- All responses, data, records and feedback stored digitally on cloud
- Advanced auto-proctoring features photographs, time-stamp, geographic-tagging, toggle-screen/copy-paste disabled, etc.
- Android based monitoring system
- End to end process from allocation of a batch to final result upload, there is no manual intervention
- Assessment will normally be fixed for a day after the end date of training / within 7 days of completion of training.
- Assessment will be conducted at the training venue
- Room where assessment is conducted will be set with proper seating arrangements with enough space to curb copying or other unethical activities
- Question bank of theory and practical will be prepared by ASCI /assessment agency and approved ASCI. Only from approved Question Bank assessment agency will prepare the question paper. Theory testing will include multiple choice questions, pictorial question, etc. which will test the trainee on his theoretical knowledge of the subject.
- The theory, practical and viva assessments will be carried out on same day. In case of more number of candidates, number of assessors and venue facilitation be increased and facilitated

		Assessment	
Assessment	Formative or	Strategies	Examples
Туре	Summative		
Theory	Summative	MCQ/Written exam	Knowledge of facts related to the job role and functions. Understanding of principles and concepts related to the job role and functions
Practical	Summative	Structured tasks/Demonstration	Practical application /Demonstration /Application tasks

Viva	Summative	Questioning and Probing	Mock interviews on usability of job roles/advantages /importance of adherence
			to procedures. Viva will be used to gauge trainee's confidence and correct
			knowledge in handling job situation

The question paper pre-loaded in the computer /Tablet and it will be in the language as requested by the training partner.

3. Assessment Quality Assurance framework

Assessment Framework and Design:

Based on the Assessment Criteria, SSC in association with AAs will define the test structure for the given roles to cover the required skills and competencies. ASCI offer a bouquet of tools for multi- dimensional evaluation of candidates covering language, cognitive skills, behavioral traits and domain knowledge.

Theoretical Knowledge - Item constructs and types are determined by theoretical understanding of the testing objectives and published research about the item-types and constructs that have shown statistical validity towards measuring the construct. Test item types which have been reported to be coachable are not included. Based on these, items are developed by domain experts. They are provided with comprehensive guidelines of testing objectives of each question and other quality measures.

Type – Questions based on Knowledge Required, Case-based practical scenario questions and automated simulation based questions.

Practical Skills - The practical assessments are developed taking into consideration two aspects: what practical tasks is the candidate expected to perform on the job and what aspects of the job cannot be judged through theoretical assessments. The candidates shall be asked to perform either an entire task or a set of subtasks depending on the nature of the job role

Type – Standardized rubrics for evaluation against set of tasks in a demo/practical task

Viva Voce - Those practical tasks which cannot be performed due to time or resource constraints are evaluated through the viva mode. Practical tasks are backed up with Viva for thorough assessment and complete evaluation

Type – Procedural questions, do's and don'ts, subjective questions to check understanding of practical tasks.

Assessor has to go through orientation program organized by Assessment Agency. The training would give an overview to the assessors on the overall framework of QP evaluation. Assessor shall be given a NOS and PC level overview of each QP as applicable. Overall structure of assessment and objectivity of the marking scheme will be explained to them. The giving of marks will be driven by an objective framework which will maintain standardization of marking scheme.

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4. Type of Evidence and Evidence Gathering Protocol:

During the assessment the evidences collected by AAs and ASCI are:

- Geo Tagging to track ongoing assessment
- AA's coordinator emails the list of documents and evidences (photos and videos) to the assessor one day prior to the assessment. List is mentioned below:
 - Signed Attendance sheet
 - Assessor feedback sheet
 - Candidate feedback sheet
 - Assessment checklist for assessor
 - Candidate Aadhar/ID card verification
 - o Pictures of classroom, labs to check the availability of adequate equipment's and tool to conduct the training and assessment
 - o Pictures and videos of Assessment, training feedback and infrastructure.
- Apart from the Assessor, Technical assistant popularly known as Proctor also ensures the proper documentation and they verify each other's tasks.
- To validate their work on the day of assessment, regular calls and video calls are done.
- On-boarding and training of assessor and proctor is done on timely basis to ensure that quality of the assessment should be maintained.
- Training covers the understanding of QP, NSQF level, NOS and assessment structure

5. Methods of Validation

- Morning Check (Pre-Assessment): Backend team of AA calls and confirms assessor/technical spoc event status. Assessor/Technical spoc are instructed to reach the centre on time by 9:30 AM / as decided with TC and delay should be highlighted to the Training Partner in advance.
- <u>Video Calls</u>: Random video calls are made to the technical spoc/assessor so as to keep check on assessment quality and ensure assessment is carried out in fair and transparent manner
- Aadhar verification of candidates
- Evening Check (Post Assessment): Calls are made to the ground team to ensure event is over by what time and the documentation is done in proper manner or not.
- TP Calling: To keep check on malpractice activity, independent audit team calls to TP on recorded line to take confirmation if there was any malpractice activity observed in assessment on part of AA/SSC team. If calls are not connected, email is send to TP Spoc for taking their confirmation
- Video and Picture Evidence: Backend team collects video and pictures for assessment on real time basis and highlights any issue like, Students sitting idle/trainer

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- allowed for helping out candidates during assessment.
- Surprise Visit: Time to time SSC/AA Audit team can visit the assessment location and do surprise audit for assessment process carried out by ground team.
- Geo Tagging: On day of assessment, each technical spoc is required to login in our internal app which is Geo tagged. Any deviation with centre address needs to be highlighted to assessment team on real-time basis.

Method for assessment documentation, archiving, and Access:

- ASCI has fully automated result generation process in association with multiple AAs
- Theory, Practical and Viva marks forms the basis of the results and encrypted files generated to avoid data manipulation. All responses captured and stored in System with Time-Stamps at the end of AAs and SSC. NOS-wise and PC-wise scores can be generated.
- Maker Checker concept: 1 person prepares results and other audit result which is internally approved by AA at first and then gets vetted at the end of SSC
- All soft copy of documents is received from the on-ground tech team over mail. The same are downloaded by our internal backend team and saved in Repository. The repository consists of scheme wise folders. These scheme wise folders have job role specific folders. These specific folders have Year wise and Month wise folders where all documents are saved in Batch specific folders. All Hard copies are filed and stored in storeroom.
- Result Review & Recheck Mechanism –
- Time stamped assessment logs
- Answer/Endorsement sheets for each candidate
- Attendance Sheet
- Feedback Forms: Assessor feedback form, Candidate feedback form, TP feedback form
- The results for each of the candidate shall be stored and available for review (retained for 5 years/till conclusion of project or scheme)

Annexure 4: Tools and Equipment

List of Tools and Equipment

Batch Size: 30

S. No.	Tool / Equipment Name	Specification	Quantity for specified Batch size
S. No.	Tool / Equipment Name	Specification	Quantity for specified Batch size
1	Carton Box	Nos	10
2	Jute Bags	Nos	10
3	Weighing machine	Nos	2

4	Cutting Knives	Nos	3
5	Fumigator/Sprayer/duster	Nos	1
6	Rubber gloves	Nos	30
7	Gumboots	Nos	5
8	Shelves /Racks	Nos	5
9	Disinfectant	litre	1
10	Plastic bags (0.5kg)	Nos	5

Classroom Aids:

The aids required to conduct sessions in the classroom are:

- 1. White board
- 2. Marker
- 3. Overhead projector
- 4. Laptop
- 5. Internet access

Annexure 5: Industry Validations Summary

S. No	Organization Name	Representative Name	Designation	Contact Address	Contact Phone No	E-mail ID	LinkedIn Profile (if available)
1	Patanjali Organic Research Institute Pvt Ltd	Mr Pawan Kumar	Chief General Manager	Haridwar, Uttarakhand	9412075011	chiragpawan@yahoo.com	
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3	KVK, Durgapur	Dr K P Singh	Sr. Scientist & Head	Durgapur	9637717818	pckvkda2015@gmail.com	

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Annexure 6: Training Details

Training Projections:

Year	Estimated Training # of Total Candidates	Estimated training # of Women	Estimated training # of People with Disability
2023-24	100	30	
2024-25	100	30	
2025-26	150	50	

Data to be provided year-wise for next 3 years.

Annexure 7: Acronym and Glossary

Acronym

Acronym	Description

AA	Assessment Agency
AB	Awarding Body
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
NCO	National Classification of Occupations
NCrF	National Credit Framework
NQR	National Qualification Register
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework
OJT	On the Job Training

Glossary

Term	Description
Qualification	A formal outcome of an assessment and validation process which is obtained when a
	competent body determines that an individual has achieved learning outcomes to given standards
Qualification File	A Qualification File is a template designed to capture necessary information of a Qualification from the perspective of NSQF compliance. The Qualification File will be normally submitted by the awarding body for the qualification.
Sector	A grouping of professional activities based on their main economic function, product, service or technology.