







# **Model Curriculum**

**QP Name: Interior Landscaper** 

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# **Training Parameters**

Sector	Agriculture
Sub-Sector	Agriculture Crop Production
Occupation	Landscaping, Gardening & Urban Farming
Country	India
NSQF Level	4
Aligned to NCO/ISCO/ISIC Code	NCO-2015/2162
Minimum Educational Qualification and Experience	<ul> <li>12th Class with 2 Year of experience in related field</li> <li>Or</li> <li>Diploma /ITI(Horticulture) from recognized institution with 6 months of relevant experience.</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Previous relevant qualification of NSQF Level 3 with minimum education as 5th grade with 2 Years of relevant experience</li> </ul>
Pre-Requisite License or Training	NA
Minimum Job Entry Age	18 Years
Last Reviewed On	17/11/2022
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Model Curriculum Valid Up to Date	30/12/2024
Model Curriculum Version	2.0
Minimum Duration of the Course	390 Hours
Maximum Duration of the Course	390 Hours







## **Program Overview**

This section summarizes the end objectives of the program along with its duration.

#### **Training Outcomes**

At the end of the program, the learner should have acquired the listed knowledge and skills to:

- Describe the process of planning an interior garden.
- Describe the process of setting up an interior garden and its features.
- Demonstrate the process of maintaining an interior garden, tools and equipment.
- Explain the importance of practising inclusion and gender equality at the workplace.
- Demonstrate various practices to maintain personal hygiene, cleanliness, and safety at the workplace.

#### **Compulsory Modules**

The table lists the modules and their duration corresponding to the Compulsory NOS of the QP.

NOS and Module Details	Theory Duration	Practical Duration	On-the-Job Training Duration (Mandatory)	On-the-Job Training Duration (Recommended)	Total Duration
AGR/N0817 Prepare to set up an interior garden NOS Version-3.0 NSQF Level-4	25:00	65:00	0:00	0:00	90:00
Module 1: Introduction to the role of an Interior Landscaper	05:00	00:00	0:00	0:00	05:00
Module 2: Preparation for setting up an interior garden	20:00	65:00	0:00	0:00	85:00
AGR/N0818 Set up the interior garden and features NOS Version-3.0 NSQF Level-4	30:00	60:00	0:00	0:00	90:00
Module 3: Process of setting up an interior garden and features	30:00	60:00	0:00	0:00	90:00
AGR/N0819 Maintain the interior garden, tools and equipment NOS Version-3.0 NSQF Level	20:00	40:00	0:00	0:00	60:00
Module 4: Maintenance of an interior garden, tools and equipment	20:00	40:00	0:00	0:00	60:00



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AGR/N9903 Maintain health and safety at the workplace NOS Version-4.0 NSQF Level-4	15:00	15:00	0:00	0:00	30:00
Module 5: Hygiene and cleanliness	03:00	03:00	0:00	0:00	06:00
Module 6: Safety and emergency procedures	12:00	12:00	0:00	0:00	24:00
DGT/VSQ/N0103 Employability Skills NOS Version-3.0 NSQF Level-5	9 <b>0:00</b>	00:00	0:00	0:00	9 <b>0:00</b>
Module 7: Employability Skills	90:00	00:00	0:00	0:00	90:00
Module 8: On-the-Job Training	00:00	00:00	30:00	00:00	30:00
Total Duration	180:00	180:00	30:00	0:00	390:00







# **Module Details**

## Module 1: Introduction to the role of an Interior Landscaper Bridge Module, Mapped to AGR/N0817 v3.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

• State the role and responsibilities of an Interior Landscaper.

Duration: 05:00	Duration: 0:00			
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes			
<ul> <li>Describe the size and scope of the Agriculture industry and its sub-sectors.</li> <li>Discuss the role and responsibilities of an Interior Landscaper.</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Identify various employment opportunities for an Interior Landscaper.</li> </ul>				
Classroom Aids				
Training kit - Trainer guide, Presentations, Whiteboard, Marker, projector, laptop				
Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements				
NA				







## Module 2: Preparation for setting up an interior garden Mapped to AGR/N0817 v3.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

• Describe the process of planning an interior garden and relevant features.

Duration: 20:00	Duration: 65:00		
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes		
<ul> <li>List various tools, implements, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for setting up an interior garden.</li> <li>Discuss various parameters to assess for planning an interior garden.</li> <li>List different types of garden themes.</li> <li>List a variety of plants and shrubs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepare a sample layout based on the available space and a variety of garden themes.</li> <li>Prepare sample cost estimates for setting up an interior garden.</li> <li>Prepare a sample record of purchase.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>List various interior garden features and structures such as the walkway, fountain, pond, statues, etc.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>List different types of pots and containers used in interior gardens.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Explain the storage requirements for a variety of planting material.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Describe basic accounting and inventory management practices.</li> </ul>			
Classroom Aids			

Training kit (Trainer guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, projector, laptop

#### Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements

NA







## Module 3: Process of setting up an interior garden and features Mapped to AGR/N0818 v3.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

- Describe the process of propagating plants for an interior garden.
- Demonstrate the process of preparing the potting soil and pots.
- Describe the process of setting up an interior garden and its features.

Duration: 30:00	Duration: 60:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul> <li>Describe different methods of propagating a variety of indoor plants for an interior garden.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of preparing potting soil and pots for propagating plants.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>List various ingredients used for preparing potting soil.</li> <li>Explain various treatments required to treat the soil.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of applying pesticides/ insecticides to protect the plantlets from pests/ insects and diseases.</li> </ul>
• Describe the process of preparing potting soil and pots for planting.	<ul> <li>Show how to plant a variety of plants/ trees/ shrubs in the interior garden and pots/ containers.</li> </ul>
• Describe the process of planting various types of plants, trees, shrubs, and grass.	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of installing various garden features such as</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Describe the process of installing the irrigation and drainage systems.</li> <li>Explain the benefits of resource</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>fountains, hanging baskets, bonsai pots.</li> <li>Demonstrate the process of setting up an appropriate type of irrigation and</li> </ul>
optimisation.	drainage systems in the interior garden.
	<ul> <li>Demonstrate various practices to optimise the usage of various resources such as water and electricity.</li> </ul>
Classroom Aids	

Training kit (Trainer guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, projector, laptop

#### Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements

Planters or containers of different sizes, shapes, plants of different sizes, good earth, nutrient additives, coco peat, sand, shovel, trowel, spade, spatula, pots, and pot stands, baskets, secateurs, small scissors, hand sprayer, pesticides, stainless steel wire, nails, screwdrivers, compost of different types.







## Module 4: Maintenance of an interior garden, tools and equipment Mapped to AGR/N0819 v3.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

- Describe the process of maintaining the interior garden plants, trees, shrubs and features.
- Demonstrate the process of maintaining the interior garden plants, trees, shrubs and features.
- Demonstrate the process of maintaining various interior garden tools and equipment.

Duration: 20:00	Duration: 40:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul> <li>Describe the process of pruning and training a variety of plants, trees and shrubs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of applying fertilizers and manure to the plants, trees and shrubs.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Explain the indicators of pest and disease infestation in interior garden plants, trees and shrubs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of pruning and training a variety of indoor plants, trees and shrubs.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>List different types of interior garden weeds.</li> <li>Describe the process of removing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show how to examine the plants, trees and shrubs regularly for pest infestation.</li> </ul>
interior garden weeds ensuring no damage to plants, trees and shrubs.	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of applying the approved pesticides and insecticides.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Explain common repair and maintenance needs of various garden features.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepare a sample record of fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides used in the garden.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Describe the process of carrying out minor repair and maintenance of the garden tools and equipment.</li> <li>Describe the methods of republics and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of carrying out the minor repair, maintenance, and replacement of the interior garden</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Describe the methods of recycling and disposing of different types of waste.</li> </ul>	features and structures.
	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the process of carrying out minor repair and maintenance of the tools and equipment.</li> </ul>
	• Demonstrate the process of recycling and disposing different types of waste in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.x
Classroom Aids	
Training kit (Trainer guide, Presentations)	

#### Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements

Terracotta pots, fibre pots, PVC pots, plastic pots, ceramic pots, stone containers, cement containers, metal containers, pebbles, coco peat, sand, red soil, good earth, vermicompost, spade, trowel, polish, geru, sand, shovel, trowel, spade, Spatula, etc.







## Module 5: Hygiene and cleanliness Mapped to NOS AGR/N9903 v4.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

- Discuss how to adhere to personal hygiene practices.
- Demonstrate ways to ensure cleanliness around the workplace.

Duration: 03:00	Duration: 03:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul> <li>Explain the requirements of personal health, hygiene, and fitness at work.</li> <li>Describe common health-related guidelines laid down by the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate personal hygiene practices to be followed at the workplace.</li> <li>Demonstrate the correct way of</li> </ul>
organizations/ Government at the workplace.	washing hands using soap and water, and alcohol-based hand rubs.
<ul> <li>Explain the importance of good housekeeping at the workplace.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the steps to follow to put on and take off a mask safely.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Explain the importance of informing the designated authority on personal health issues related to injuries and infectious diseases.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show how to sanitize and disinfect one's work area regularly.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Demonstrate adherence to the workplace sanitization norms.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Show how to ensure cleanliness of the work area.</li> </ul>
Classroom Aids:	
Computer, Projection Equipment, PowerPoint F Participant's Handbook.	Presentation and software, Facilitator's Guide,

Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements

Personal Protective Equipment, cleaning equipment and materials, sanitizer, soap, mask







### Module 6: Safety and emergency procedures Mapped to NOS AGR/N9903 v4.0

#### **Terminal Outcomes:**

- Describe how to adhere to safety guidelines.
- Show how to administer appropriate emergency procedures.

uration: 12:00	Duration: 12:00		
eory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes		
<ul> <li>List the PPE required at the workplace.</li> <li>Describe the commonly reported hazards at the workplace.</li> <li>Describe the hazards caused due to chemicals/pesticides/fumigants.</li> <li>Describe the basic safety checks to be done before the operation of any equipment/machinery.</li> <li>Describe the common first aid procedures to be followed in case of emergencies.</li> <li>State measures that can be taken to prevent accidents and damage s at the workplace.</li> <li>Explain the importance of reporting details of first aid administered, to the reporting officer/doctor, in accordance with workplace procedures.</li> <li>State common health and safety guidelines to be followed at the workplace.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check various areas of the workplace for leakages, waterlogging, pests, fire, etc.</li> <li>Demonstrate how to safely use the PPE and implements as applicable to the workplace.</li> <li>Display the correct way of donning, doffing and discarding PPE such as face masks, hand gloves, face shields, PPE suits, etc.</li> <li>Sanitize the tools, equipment and machinery properly.</li> <li>Demonstrate the safe disposal of waste.</li> <li>Demonstrate procedures for dealing with accidents, fires and emergencies.</li> <li>Demonstrate the use of emergency equipment in accordance with manufacturers' specifications and workplace requirements.</li> <li>Demonstrate the administration of first aid.</li> <li>Prepare a list of relevant hotline/</li> </ul>		
	emergency numbers.		
assroom Aids:			

### Participant's Handbook.

#### Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements

Personal protective equipment, first aid kit, equipment used in medical emergencies.







### Module 7: Employability Skills (90 hours) Mapped to NOS DGT/VSQ/N0103 v1.0

#### Duration: 90:00

#### **Key Learning Outcomes**

#### Introduction to Employability Skills Duration: 3 Hours

After completing this programme, participants will be able to:

1. Outline the importance of Employability Skills for the current job market and future of work

List different learning and employability related GOI and private portals and their usage
 Research and prepare a note on different industries, trends, required skills and the available opportunities

#### **Constitutional values - Citizenship Duration: 1.5 Hours**

4. Explain the constitutional values, including civic rights and duties, citizenship, responsibility towards society and personal values and ethics such as honesty, integrity, caring and respecting others that are required to become a responsible citizen
5. Demonstrate how to practice different environmentally sustainable practices

#### Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century Duration: 5 Hours

6. Discuss relevant 21st century skills required for employment

7. Highlight the importance of practicing 21st century skills like Self-Awareness, Behavior Skills, time management, critical and adaptive thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, learning to learn etc. in personal or professional life

8. Create a pathway for adopting a continuous learning mindset for personal and professional development

#### **Basic English Skills Duration: 10 Hours**

9. Show how to use basic English sentences for everyday conversation in different contexts, in person and over the telephone

10. Read and understand text written in basic English

11. Write a short note/paragraph / letter/e -mail using correct basic English

#### **Career Development & Goal Setting Duration: 4 Hours**

12. Create a career development plan

13. Identify well-defined short- and long-term goals

#### **Communication Skills Duration: 10 Hours**

14. Demonstrate how to communicate effectively using verbal and nonverbal communication etiquette

15. Write a brief note/paragraph on a familiar topic

16. Explain the importance of communication etiquette including active listening for effective communication

17. Role play a situation on how to work collaboratively with others in a team

#### **Diversity and Inclusion Duration: 2.5 Hours**

18. Demonstrate how to behave, communicate, and conduct appropriately with all genders and PwD

19. Discuss the significance of escalating sexual harassment issues as per POSH act

Financial and Legal Literacy Duration: 10 Hours

20. Discuss various financial institutions, products, and services







21. Demonstrate how to conduct offline and online financial transactions, safely and securely and check passbook/statement

22. Explain the common components of salary such as Basic, PF, Allowances (HRA, TA, DA, etc.), tax deductions

23. Calculate income and expenditure for budgeting

24. Discuss the legal rights, laws, and aids

#### **Essential Digital Skills Duration: 20 Hours**

25. Describe the role of digital technology in day-to-day life and the workplace

26. Demonstrate how to operate digital devices and use the associated applications and features, safely and securely

27. Demonstrate how to connect devices securely to internet using different means

28. Follow the dos and don'ts of cyber security to protect against cyber crimes

29. Discuss the significance of displaying responsible online behavior while using various social media platforms

30. Create an e-mail id and follow e- mail etiquette to exchange e -mails

31. Show how to create documents, spreadsheets and presentations using appropriate applications

32. utilize virtual collaboration tools to work effectively

#### **Entrepreneurship Duration: 7 Hours**

33. Explain the types of entrepreneurship and enterprises

34. Discuss how to identify opportunities for potential business, sources of funding and associated financial and legal risks with its mitigation plan

35. Describe the 4Ps of Marketing-Product, Price, Place and Promotion and apply them as per requirement

36. Create a sample business plan, for the selected business opportunity

#### **Customer Service Duration: 9 Hours**

37. Classify different types of customers

38. Demonstrate how to identify customer needs and respond to them in a professional manner

39. Discuss various tools used to collect customer feedback

40. Discuss the significance of maintaining hygiene and dressing appropriately

#### Getting ready for apprenticeship & Jobs Duration: 8 Hours

41. Draft a professional Curriculum Vitae (CV)

42. Use various offline and online job search sources to find and apply for jobs

43. Discuss the significance of maintaining hygiene and dressing appropriately for an interview

44. Role play a mock interview

45. List the steps for searching and registering for apprenticeship opportunities







### Module 8: On-the-Job Training Mapped to AGR/Q6103, v3.0

Mandatory Duration: 120:00

Location: On-Site

**Terminal Outcomes** 

- 1. Prepare a sample layout based on the available space and a variety of garden themes
- 2. Prepare sample cost estimates for setting up an interior garden
- 3. Prepare potting soil and pots for propagating plants and plant variety of plants/ trees/ shrubs in the interior garden and pots/ containers and installing various garden features such as fountains, hanging baskets, bonsai pots
- 4. Apply fertilizers and manure to the plants, trees and shrubs,
- 5. Prune and train the variety of indoor plants, trees and shrubs.
- 6. carry out the minor repair, maintenance, and replacement of the interior garden features and structures.
- 7. Apply the approved pesticides and insecticides as per requirement and maintain the record







## Annexure

## **Trainer Requirements**

	Trainer Prerequisites						
Minimum Educational	Specialization	Relevant Industry Experience		Training Experience		Remarks	
Qualification		Years	Specialization	Years	Specialization		
10th Class		5	Landscaping	0		Interior Landscaper with 5 Years of experience after 10th pass	
12th class		4	Landscaping	0		Ex-Service-Man including Ex- Paramilitary personnel: Minimum Qualification is 10+2 with an Honourable Discharge/Pension. SSC would consider a relaxation/waiver of sector-specific experience on case to case basis.	
Diploma	Landscaping /Agriculture/ Horticulture)	3	Landscaping	0			
Graduate	In any stream	2	Landscaping	0		For the school Program minimum qualification of the Trainer should be Graduate. Their Teaching experience will be considered industry experience	
Graduate	Agriculture / Horticulture/ Botany /Forestry	1	Landscaping	0			

Trainer Certification				
Domain Certification	Platform Certification			
Certified for Job Role " <b>Interior Landscaper</b> ", mapped to QP: "AGR/Q0806, v3.0", Minimum accepted score is 80%	Recommended that the Trainer is certified for the Job Role: "Trainer.(Vet and Skills)", mapped to the Qualification Pack: "MEP/Q2601, v2.0". The minimum accepted score as per MEPSC guidelines is 80%.			







## **Assessor Requirements**

Assessor Prerequisites						
Minimum Educational	Specialization	Releva	ant Industry Experience	Training/Assessment Experience		Remarks
Qualification		Years	Specialization	Years	Specialization	
Graduation	Landscape Architecture/ Agriculture/ Botany/ Forestry/ Horticulture/ Floriculture and related streams		Landscape/Horticulture and related experience	0		Practical skills and knowledge required in Interior Landscaping & deisgning
Post- Graduation	Landscape Architecture/ Botany/ Forestry/ Horticulture/ Floriculture and related streams		Landscape/Horticulture and related experience	0		Practical skills and knowledge required in Interior Landscaping & deisgning
PhD	Landscape Architecture/ Botany/ Forestry/ Horticulture/ Floriculture and related streams		Landscape/Horticulture and related experience	0		Practical skills and knowledge required in Interior Landscaping & deisgning

Assessor Certification				
Domain Certification	Platform Certification			
"Interior Landscaper", "AGR/Q0806, v3.0",	Certified for the Job Role: "Assessor (Vet and Skills)", mapped to the Qualification Pack: "MEP/Q2701, v2.0", with a minimum score of 80%.			







### **Assessment Strategy**

#### 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. <u>Viva:</u> To assess awareness on processes (Oral and/or written questioning)
- 3. <u>Practical:</u> 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 the ground through qualified and ToA certified assessors.

While it is important that an individual has adequate knowledge and skills to perform a specific task, weightage for different aspects of 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 the assessment; ASCI will certify the learners/candidates

#### **Testing Environment**

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

In remote locations/villages, assessments get delivered through tablets without the requirement of the 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 the 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 the training / within 7 days of completion of training.
- Assessment will be conducted at the training venue
- The 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 the same day. In case of more number of candidates, the number of assessors and venue facilitation be increased and facilitated

Assessment					
Assessment Type	Formative or Summative	Strategies	Examples		
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 the usability of job roles/advantages /importance of adherence to procedures. Viva will be used to gauge trainee's confidence and correct knowledge in handling the job situation		







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

### 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 multidimensional evaluation of candidates covering language, cognitive skills, behavioural traits and domain knowledge.

**Theoretical Knowledge** - Item constructs and types are determined by a 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 that 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 a 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, dos and don'ts, subjective questions to check the understanding of practical tasks.







The assessor has to go through an orientation program organized by the Assessment Agency. The training would give an overview to the assessors on the overall framework of QP evaluation. The assessor shall be given a NOS and PC level overview of each QP as applicable. The 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 that will maintain the standardization of the marking scheme.

#### Type of Evidence and Evidence Gathering Protocol:

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

- Geo Tagging to track ongoing assessment
- AA's coordinator emails the list of documents and evidence (photos and videos) to the assessor one day before the assessment. The list is mentioned below:
  - Signed Attendance sheet
  - Assessor feedback sheet
  - Candidate feedback sheet
  - Assessment checklist for assessor
  - Candidate Aadhar/ID card verification
  - Pictures of the classroom, labs to check the availability of adequate equipment's and tool to conduct the training and assessment
  - $\circ~$  Pictures and videos of Assessment, training feedback and infrastructure.
- Apart from the Assessor, a 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 the assessment, regular calls and video calls are done.
- On-boarding and training of assessor and proctor is done on a timely basis to ensure that the quality of the assessment should be maintained.
- Training covers the understanding of QP, NSQF level, NOS and assessment structure

#### Methods of Validation

- <u>Morning Check (Pre-Assessment)</u>: 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 a check on assessment quality and ensure assessment is carried out in a fair and transparent manner







- <u>Aadhar verification</u> of candidates
- <u>Evening Check (Post Assessment)</u>: Calls are made to the ground team to ensure the event is over by what time and the documentation is done properly or not.
- <u>TP Calling</u>: To keep a check on malpractices, an independent audit team calls the TP on a recorded line to take confirmation if there was any malpractice activity observed in the assessment on part of the AA/SSC team. If calls are not connected, an email is sent to the TP SPOC for taking their confirmation
- <u>Video and Picture Evidence</u>: Backend team collects video and pictures for assessment on a real-time basis and highlights any issue such as students sitting idle/ trainer helping the candidates during the assessment.
- <u>Surprise Visit:</u> Time to time SSC/AA Audit team can visit the assessment location and conduct a surprise audit for the assessment carried out by the ground team.
- <u>Geo Tagging</u>: On the day of the assessment, each technical SPOC is required to login into our internal app which is Geotagged. Any deviation with the centre address needs to be highlighted to the assessment team on a real-time basis.

#### Method for assessment documentation, archiving, and Access:

- ASCI has a fully automated result generation process in association with multiple AAs
- Theory, Practical and Viva marks form the basis of the results and encrypted files generated to avoid data manipulation. All responses captured and stored in the System with Time-Stamps at the end of AAs and SSC. NOS-wise and PC-wise scores can be generated.
- Maker Checker concept: One person prepares the results and another audit result which is internally approved by AA at first and then gets vetted at the end of SSC
- All softcopies of documents are received from the on-ground tech team over email. 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 the 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 the conclusion of the project or scheme)







## References

## Glossary

Term	Description
Sector	Sector is a conglomeration of different business operations having similar business and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests
Key Learning	Key learning outcome is the statement of what a learner needs to know, understand and be able to do in order to achieve the terminal outcomes. A set of key learning outcomes will make up the training outcomes. Training outcome is specified in terms of knowledge, understanding (theory) and skills (practical application).
(M) TLO	On-the-job training (Mandatory); trainees are mandated to complete specified hours of training on site
OJT (R)	On-the-job training (Recommended); trainees are recommended the specified hours of training on site
Procedural Knowledge	Procedural knowledge addresses how to do something, or how to perform a
Training Outcome	Training outcome is a statement of what a learner will know, understand and be able to do upon the completion of the training.
Terminal Outcome	Terminal outcome is a statement of what a learner will know, understand and be able to do upon the completion of a module. A set of terminal outcomes help to achieve the training outcome.







## Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Description	
AGR	Agriculture	
NOS	National Occupational Standard (s)	
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework	
TLO	On-the-job Training	
QP	Qualifications Pack	
PwD	People with Disability	
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment	