

Skill Development Fee Reimbursement Scheme

1. Preamble to the Policy

Government has approved and notified the Goa Start-up Policy 2017 with a vision to make Goa one of the most preferred start-up destinations of India. The objective of the policy is to make Goa an aspirational geographical and human resource base for Start-ups. The objective is to invite the best entrepreneurial minds and build a robust start-up eco-system in the State. The policy contains various incentives for Start-ups and to avail the benefits of these incentives, the Government has proposed many schemes under the policy.

2. Short title and commencement-

This scheme shall be called “Skill Development Fee Reimbursement Scheme”.

3. Benefits under the scheme-

- 3.1. Startup Promotion Cell (SPC) will reimburse 50% of the fees up to INR 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Only) to the students who have successfully completed an SPC approved technical skill training program in any of the domains mentioned in the Goa Start-up Policy 2017 and outlined in Annexure 2 to this scheme document, attended in a Goan educational institute.
- 3.2. The benefits of this scheme can be availed by up to 1000 students per year. However, this cap can be reviewed and revised based on the need in future.
- 3.3. A student can avail the benefits of this scheme for any two courses in a year.
- 3.4. Under no circumstance shall the benefits under this scheme be considered an entitlement. The SPC shall reserve the sole right to accept or reject applications.

Provided that for the purpose of this scheme “Goan educational institute” means an institute registered or operating in Goa.

Provided also that for the purpose of this scheme the term “student” refers to a person satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

- 1. Person born in the State of Goa and studying in Goa or outside Goa; or,*
- 2. Person having domicile for 10 years or more in the State and studying in Goa or outside Goa; or,*
- 3. Person who is not a State domicile but is studying in the educational institutes in the State.*

4. Eligibility-

- 4.1. The educational institute must be incorporated in Goa or have a registered place of business in Goa.
- 4.2. The technical skill training program must be approved by SPC and should fall under any of the technical domains mentioned in Goa Start-up Policy 2017 and outlined in Annexure 2 to this scheme document.
- 4.3. Students, who are currently pursuing their graduation or are within two years from receiving their graduate degree within the original stipulated period of study, can enroll for these programs.
- 4.4. Only expenditure incurred after notification of Goa Start-up Policy 2017, being within the validity of this policy and paid for digitally will be considered for reimbursements under this scheme. In case digital payments are not possible, then it shall be up to the decision of SPC as per its due diligence to admit the expenditure.

5. Procedure for filing and disbursement of claims-

- 5.1. The students who desire to claim incentives under this scheme shall submit the application form to SPC along with certificate of course completion and other requisite set of documents.

The form and the documents are to be e-mailed or to be submitted on the web portal to the SPC.

- 5.2. Based on the evaluation of the SPC, the approved amount shall be reimbursed.
- 5.3. The SPC shall be the competent authority to solely accept or reject any claims filed by the students. The decision of the SPC shall be final and binding.
- 5.4. The applicant can apply for this scheme at any time of the financial year but only within 6 months of incurring the relevant expenditure.
- 5.5. The applications received by the SPC under this scheme shall be evaluated and approval or rejection shall be notified within 45 days from receipt of the application by the SPC. Once the application is approved by the SPC, the approved amount shall be disbursed within 60 days from the date of approval.

6. Documents required for claiming the incentive-

S No	Document
1.	Aadhaar card of the student*
2.	Course completion certificate*
3.	Copy of SPC's approval of the program*
4.	Original Proof of Payment/ Fees receipt*
5.	Cancelled cheque of applicant's bank account (Cooperative bank accounts not accepted)*
6.	The form and documents as mentioned in Annexure 1*