

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
Thiruvananthapuram**

Abstract

APJAKTU(ACADEMIC) – Eligibility for admission to Engineering programmes of students who have acquired Plus Two qualification partly through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) – Orders issued.

ACADEMIC SECTION

U.O.No. 2030/2026/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 03.09.2026

*Read:-*1.Relevant provisions regarding recognition of qualifications awarded by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

2. Order of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in the file of even No. Dated 01-09-2026.

ORDER

The eligibility of students who have acquired their Plus Two/Higher Secondary qualification partly through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for pursuing Engineering programmes under the University has been examined.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 14(5) of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University Act, as invoked by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, it is hereby ordered that students who have acquired their Plus Two/Higher Secondary qualification partly through NIOS shall be considered eligible to pursue Engineering programmes under APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, provided they fulfil the other eligibility requirements prescribed in the relevant Prospectus and applicable rules and regulations.

The eligibility shall be subject to fulfilment of the prescribed requirements relating to the required subjects, minimum marks, entrance examination and other conditions applicable for admission to Engineering programmes.

This order shall be applicable to admissions to Engineering programmes under the University, subject to the provisions of the relevant Prospectus and amendments thereto issued by the competent authority from time to time.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

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Dated: 29th Sept 2025

To,

All the Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and

All the Directors/Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,

Subject: Recognition of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) qualifications for admission in AICTE approved institutions – reg.

Madam/Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Council that, some AICTE approved Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) have denied admission to students who have passed their examination through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), despite these students fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria.

In this regard, it is reiterated that:

- i. NIOS is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and is recognized at par with other national and state boards such as CBSE, CISCE, and State Boards of School Education.
- ii. NIOS certificates are valid for admission to all universities, engineering colleges, and professional institutions as per the norms of MoE, UGC, and AICTE.
- iii. Any discrimination against students holding valid NIOS qualifications is unjustified, violates National Policy directives, and adversely affects students' rights to Higher Education.

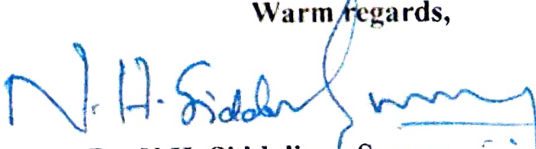
Accordingly, all AICTE approved HEI's are directed to ensure that students who have successfully passed through NIOS and meet the eligibility criteria are considered at par with students of other recognized boards for the purpose of admission to higher education programs.

All HEI's are kindly requested to comply with the above directions as per AICTE norms.

Your cooperation in upholding the integrity, inclusiveness, and fairness of our education system is highly appreciated.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Warm regards,


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