



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

## Abstract

HIGHER EDUCATION—TECHNICAL—EQUIVALENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS—DIPLOMA  
AWARDED BY STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF OTHER STATES WITH  
DIPLOMA AWARDED BY STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,  
KERALA—ORDERS ISSUED

## HIGHER EDUCATION (L) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 110/2016/H.Edn.

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 5th May, 2016.*

- Read:—*1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 526/PD dated 17-7-1965.  
2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 56/2014/H.Edn. dated 31-1-2014.  
3. G. O. (Ms.) No. 455/2014/H.Edn. dated 9-7-2014.  
4. G. O. (Ms.) No. 42/2015/H.Edn. dated 7-2-2015.  
5. Letter No. C4/1621/2016/DTE, dated 12-2-2016 and C4/50056/2014/DTE dated 9-11-2015 received from the Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.  
6. Judgments dated 26-9-2014 in WP(c) No. 24123/2014, that dated 18-11-2014 in WP(c) No. 30514/2014 and that dated 12-11-2015 in WP(c) No. 33053/2015.  
7. Letter No. Z2-WP(c) No. 30514/2015 dated 27-6-2015 received from the Advocate General, Ernakulam.

## ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, Government have issued guidelines on automatic recognition in the State of Kerala for qualification acquired from other State Governments. As per Government

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order read as 2nd paper above, Government have ordered that the Polytechnic Diploma Qualification acquired through lateral entry (two year course) from others State Boards of Technical Education cannot be an approved qualification in the State of Kerala and any appointment already granted/ done till the date of issuance of the Order, on the strength of the Government Order read as 1st paper shall be treated as valid.

On receipt of a lot of representations that the order has adversely affected the careers of a large number of students who acquired Diploma through lateral entry, Government have re-examined the matter. Government have then decided to issue equivalence certificate to the students after assessing their competency in Graphic Engineering and Engineering Mathematics as per the Syllabus of Diploma conducted by the State Board of Technical Education, Kerala, through a screening test.

In the various Judgments read as 6th paper above, the Hon'ble High Court has ordered and confirmed that the withdrawal of recognition as contemplated in Exhibit P2 (Government order read as 1st paper) can be done from the date of issuance of Exhibit P3 (Government order read as 2nd paper). As per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court, the Director of Technical Education has already issued certificates of equivalence to the petitioners. As per letters read as 5th paper above, the Director of Technical Education has proposed to issue orders for providing certificate of equivalence to those who have acquired Diploma through lateral entry (two year diploma) before 31-1-2014 (the date of the order read as 2nd paper) from other State Boards of Technical Education, without appearing for the screening test ordered in the Government orders read as 3rd and 4th papers above.

Government have further examined the whole issue with respect to the present situation and are pleased to order that the Director of Technical Education will issue certificate of equivalence to those students **who passed AICTE approved Lateral Entry Two year Diploma Courses of other State Board of Technical Education, before 31-1-2014**, without insisting them to pass the screening Test as envisaged in Government orders read as 3rd and 4th papers above, on receipt of their request.

By order of the Governor,

B. SRINIVAS,

*Principal Secretary to Government.*

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To

The Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Senior Joint Director (PS) of Technical Education,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Joint Controller of Technical Examinations, Kaimanam,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission,  
Thiruvananthapuram (with CL).

All Heads of Departments.

The Registrar, All Universities in Kerala.

The Principals of all Polytechnics (through Director of Technical  
Education).

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