

UAE-India: Update on Harmonised Framework for Skill Recognition and Certification

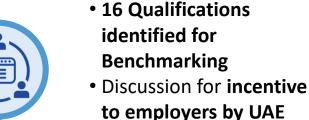


Background - Journey so far



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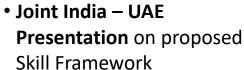
Senior Officer Meeting



Feb. 19
UAE/INDIA

Oct. 18 -

Abu Dhabi Dialogue - SOM



- 5 Stage process presented
- Scope for enhancing Qualifications







Minister Level Meeting

- Harmonization of India-UAE Skill Ecosystems
- Mobility of quality skilled workers from India to UAE
- Identify Qualifications for benchmarking
- Collaboration for skilling in new emerging technologies



Sep.'18
India

- Benchmarking workshops with Abu Dhabi QCC
- Minister Level Meeting in Nov. 18
- Finalization of 1st phase qualifications
- Draft MoU shared with Abu Dhabi QCC



April '19 UAE

Pilot Project

- Certification by Indian Awarding Bodies
- Recruitment drives of 100 certified Indian workers by UAE employers, incentivized by reduced work permit fees
- Selected candidates being deployed to UAE



Scope & Vision



- A number of anticipated outcomes for developing a harmonized skills ecosystem:
 - Addresses mismatch between workers' skills and requirements of employers
 - Improve skills mix in UAE labour market, leading to higher rates of productivity for business
 - Positively impacts wage structure for expatriate Indian workers
 - Higher rates of mobility for certified workers, improving job security and reducing vulnerabilities
 - Stimulate demand for skilled Indian workers in UAE
- Goal is to roll out a scalable model under which UAE will recognise an expanding set of Indian qualifications in a number of key sectors, backed up by incentives to promote the employment of certified workers





Five Stage Process – Harmonised Skill Development Framework













Aligning UAE & Indian
Occupational
Qualifications

Training and
Certification in
Accordance with
Standards

Recognition of Indian Awarding Bodies

Creating
Up-Skilling
Infrastructure
in UAE

Incentivised
Recruitment
and Retention
of Skilled
Workers

UAE and Indian
Governments undertake
benchmarking exercise
of occupational
standards

Government of India affiliated organizations trains / extend certification in accordance with Skill Standards

UAE government recognises certification issued by designated Indian Awarding bodies under NCVET/ NSDC

Collaboration for creating up-skilling opportunities for workers, to promote retention and upward mobility

UAE government establishes incentives to encourage employers to hire certified workers and workers to seek certification





Pilot Program – Skill Certification and Placement of Workers



Skill Certification and Mutual Recognition



Benchmarking of Skill Standards between India and UAE (16



Occupations)





Identification of Candidates undergo
Training Centres as Upskilling /
per Qualifications fresh training



by Indian Sector Skill
Council and mutually
recognised by Abu
Dhabi QCC for 133

Candidates

Hiring and Placement of Certified Workers



Employer identified by UAE Government

Employer shared demand for 100 certified candidates across 2 benchmarked Qualifications





NBTC Group concluded interviews from 15th-18th
September 2019 and selected 63 candidates



Certified candidates being deployed to UAE. Employers incentivized through reduced work permit fees. First set being honored at ADD



Pilot Program - Mutual Recognition of Certification







INDIAN SKILL CERTIFICATION

MUTUAL UAE SKILL CERTIFICATION

Pilot Program – Snapshots (1/2)

Recruitment drive by UAE Employer











Ranchi, Jharkhand – 18th September, 2019



Pilot Program – Snapshots (2/2) Recruitment drive by UAE Employer







Kolkata, West Bengal – 16th September, 2019 to 17th September, 2019

Way Forward



- Enhance set of recognized occupational standards
 - Additional anticipated sectors Healthcare, tourism and hospitality, security, domestic work, retail, as well as 'Future Technologies' (e.g. blockchain, 3D printing, AI etc.)
- Official notification by UAE Government to recognize MSDE / NSDC approved Awarding Bodies
 - Currently Sector Skill Councils, later National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)
- Link IT processes for validating candidates certified through QR code/unique certificate number issued
 - NSDC and Abu Dhabi QCC to work together for the linkage
- Announcement of incentives by UAE government for employers to hire certified workers
 - through lower work permit fees)



