

Re-Accreditation Guidelines for NSCSTI 2.0 (July 2025)

1. Purpose

These guidelines provide clarity on the eligibility criteria, application process, and conditions for re-application for Civil Services Training Institutions (CSTIs) seeking renewed accreditation under the National Standards for Civil Services Training Institutions (NSCSTI) 2.0. They apply to institutions previously accredited under NSCSTI 1.0 whose certificates have either expired or are nearing expiry, as well as institutions whose accreditation was suspended or withdrawn.

2. Eligibility Criteria for Re-Application

An institution is eligible to re-apply for accreditation under NSCSTI 2.0 if it meets any of the following conditions:

S. No.	Eligibility Condition	Re-application Window
1	Previously accredited under NSCSTI 1.0 and certificate has expired	Can apply any time post expiry
2	Previously accredited under NSCSTI 1.0	Can apply after 6 months from the date of accreditation, with documented justification (showing structural/functional changes that show significant improvement from the previous assessment outcomes), subject to CBC approval

An institution is ineligible for accreditation and reapplication if it falls in the following categories of institutions:

1. The institute primarily train citizens, function solely as research and development bodies, or operate as skill training centres (does not have primary mandate to train Civil Service Officials)
2. The institute does not receive funding from the government Ministry/ Department/ Organisation (state or central) or does not come directly under the competent authority designated by the State or Central Government (in case of an autonomous institute)
3. Institutions where the respective MDO has decided not to accredit the institution

3. Steps for Re-Application

Institutes meeting the eligibility conditions must follow the steps mentioned below:

Step 1: Login and Access Re-Apply Tab

- Visit the NSCSTI portal: <https://nscsti.org/#/account/login>
- Use existing login credentials
- On the dashboard, click on the 'Reapply' button

Step 2: Confirmation & Dashboard Access

- On clicking 'Reapply', a confirmation page will appear. Upload a document outlining the specific progress made by the Institute under each pillar, highlighting the metrics where improvements have been achieved.
- A confirmation email will also be sent to the registered email ID
- CBC will review the document uploaded by the Institute. After acceptance, CBC shall assign an assessment agency for Desktop Assessment (DA)
- Please note that if, upon review, CBC rejects the re-application of an Institute, a rejection email will be sent to the Institute outlining the reason for the decision

Step 3: Complete Application

- The re-application form includes:
 - Part A: Baseline Information
 - Part B: Self-assessment against NSCSTI 2.0 framework (43 metrics)
- Upload updated and accurate documentation in support of self-assessment scores

Step 4: Assessment Process

- The process thereafter remains identical to the standard accreditation process:
 - Desktop Assessment (DA)
 - On-site Assessment (OA)
 - Certification issuance

4. Conditions for Re-Application Post Withdrawal

Institutes whose accreditation was withdrawn are required to meet all the following criteria prior to reapplying:

- Submission of a formal document of intent citing reasons/progress update for re-application

- Documentation of corrective actions taken on relevant pillars and metrics
- Undertaking signed by the head of institution committing to adherence of CBC guidelines
- Approval from the CBC NSCSTI team

5. Key Timelines

Stage	Description	Timeline
Re-Application Window Opens	From six months after the date of accreditation until two years after the date of accreditation (including any period following expiry).	Immediate
CBC Review and Assignment of Assessment Agency	CBC assigns assessment agency after verifying eligibility	Within 7 working days
Submission of Complete Application	Institute submits updated Part A and B	Within 30 working days
Desktop Assessment	Conducted by desktop assessor, NCs to be resolved (3 Rounds of NCs)	15 working days for each NC Cycle
On-site Assessment	Scheduled post DA Acceptance	Within 10 working days
Certificate Generation	Post Completion of Onsite assessment, subject to CBC approval	On the second day of onsite assessment (e-certificate)

6. Contact for Queries

- For any queries related to operations or assessments, kindly consult the contact information provided in the NSCSTI Operational Manual (June 2025) or reach out via email at cbc-dopt@gov.in.
- For queries related to technical challenges or assistance in retrieving an old login ID and password, please email nscsti@keypoint-tech.com.
- Please refer to the NSCSTI 2.0 Homepage for the NSCSTI 2.0 Guidebook and 'Supporting Documents/Part B Checklist'