Recognition of Hunar Sikhia School (HSS) 10+2 Qualification

Desh Bhagat University recognizes the Senior Secondary (10+2) Certification issued by the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) under the Hunar Sikhia School (HSS) Programme as equivalent to conventional 10+2 qualifications for the purpose of admission to Undergraduate, Diploma, and Certificate programmes.

Accordingly:

- HSS (10+2) certificate holders are eligible to apply for admission wherever “10+2 Pass” is prescribed as the minimum qualification.

- Marks obtained in HSS subjects shall be considered for calculation of aggregate percentage and eligibility determination as per University norms.

- Functional English studied under HSS shall be treated as fulfilling prescribed English subject requirements wherever applicable.

- HSS candidates shall be treated at par with other Senior Secondary candidates for scholarships, financial assistance, fee concessions, and other institutional or Government benefits.

- HSS trade subjects shall be considered for eligibility in programmes aligned with relevant disciplines. Where necessary, bridge/foundation modules may be offered in the first year to address subject gaps.

Admissions shall be granted subject to fulfillment of minimum eligibility norms prescribed by the University and respective statutory/regulatory bodies.

Office of Director Higher Education Punjab SAS Nagar
(College Education Branch)

To

1. The Vice Chancellors of All State Universities in Punjab
2. The Vice Chancellors of All Private Universities in Punjab
3. The Principals of All Government, Government-Aided and Private Colleges in Punjab

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Dated, SAS Nagar: **26.02.2026**

Subject: Mandatory Recognition of Hunar Sikhia School (HSS) Senior Secondary (10+2) Certification for Higher Education Admissions.

1. Having reviewed the communication by the Directorate of School Education (Secondary), Punjab dated 03.02.2026 regarding consideration and equivalence of Hunar Sikhia School (HSS) Senior Secondary (10+2) certification - Hunar Sikhia School (HSS) Programme has been implemented from the Academic Session 2025-26 and is affiliated with the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB). Students graduating under this programme are awarded the PSEB Senior Secondary (10+2) Pass Certificate, which is recognised at par with Senior Secondary certificates of conventional streams.

2. Accordingly, all State and Private Universities and all Government/Government Aided/Private Colleges in Punjab shall:
   (a) Treat the PSEB-issued HSS Senior Secondary (10+2) Certificate as fulfilling “10+2 Pass” eligibility requirements for admission to all undergraduate, diploma, and certificate programmes wherever such qualification is prescribed.
   (b) Include marks obtained in HSS subjects for the purpose of calculating aggregate percentages and determining eligibility wherever minimum percentage criteria are applicable.
   (c) Recognise Functional English studied under HSS as satisfying prescribed English subject requirements for admission and eligibility, wherever English is specified as a compulsory subject or medium of instruction.
   (d) Permit eligible HSS candidates to apply for and secure admission to multidisciplinary, general, and professional programmes, subject only to fulfilment of notified minimum eligibility norms.
   (e) Recognise HSS trade subjects as meeting eligibility criteria for admission to degree, diploma, and certification programmes aligned with respective course specialisations. Where specific subject gaps are identified, institutions shall provide bridge/foundation modules within the first year of study and shall not deny admission solely on the ground of trade-based curriculum.

(f) Treat HSS Senior Secondary (10+2) candidates at par with all other Senior Secondary candidates for the purposes of scholarships, financial assistance, fee concessions, and all other institutional or Government benefits.

3. The Universities and Colleges shall immediately incorporate these directions in their Statutes, Ordinances, Admission Brochures, Prospectuses, Information Bulletins, and official websites. No admission notification or guideline issued henceforth shall contain any clause inconsistent with these directions.

4. In case any clarification or additional information is required for the implementation of these directions, the Universities and Colleges shall undertake consultations in the presence of representatives of the Department of School Education (Secondary) and relevant industry experts.

5. These instructions shall be implemented uniformly from the academic session 2026–27 onwards. All Universities and Colleges shall thereafter formally intimate the Department of Higher Education, Punjab, of the changes incorporated in their relevant rules, regulations, and admission documents in compliance with these instructions.

   This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Director Higher Education,
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5. Chairman, Punjab School Education Board.