

STANDALONE CENTRES

A Standalone Centres means that instead of multiple job roles in various sectors, each SSC will have its own TCs executing only job roles related to its own sector in a standalone manner to provide a sectoral focus to their SSC.

Stand Alone Centres will be training centres being set up either by TPs/ Industry or jointly run by any agency providing trainings for the job roles under one specific sector. The centre should be iconic centre with all the latest state-of-the-art equipment, self-contained, self-equipped with mandatory requirement for conducting/ providing the training.

****Special Case: Only for SCPwD Sector Skill Council**

SCPwD being a horizontal Sector Skill Council, may be allowed to run the trainings at their centres for the job roles that have been borrowed from different sectors under PMKVY but specifically designed for the people with disability.

These type of training centres envisage to:

- 1) Creating benchmark institutions that demonstrate aspirational value for competency based skill development training.
- 2) Focuses on elements of quality, sustainability and connect with stakeholders in skill delivery process.
- 3) Transforms from a mandate driven footloose model to a sustainable institutional model.

These training centres will be state of the Model Training Centres. Under PMKVY 2.0, these centres will be exclusive, iconic and will be marked as the best-in-class skill development centres. They will run industry-driven courses of high quality with a focus on employability. SSCs would be implementation agencies for the project.

Project Components

1. Cluster of Districts (Optional)

Cluster based approach can be followed by the SSCs for allocation of districts wherein, SSCs must validate the clusters based on generation of high demand for certain job roles based in and around that cluster. It also holds true in case of any *in-bound demand* for the training for a job role for which, mobilization will be conducted for a validated cluster while placements of candidates can be done at their home district/ state). Clustering can be done using socio-economic, demographic and skills training coverage indicators to ensure that each cluster gets a mix of districts with varying levels of skill development activities. This is to ensure better geographic and demographic coverage across the country.

2. Branding

Each standalone centre will follow the PMKVY Branding & Communication Guidelines (2016-2020) follow by below link:

http://pmkvyofficial.org/App_Documents/News/PMKVY%20Branding%20and%20Communication%20Guidelines%2018th%20July%202016.pdf

3. Biometric Attendance

All centres shall have mandatory biometric attendance of all trainees and trainers as per the practice, process and biometric device specifications mandated by applicable training scheme.

4. Location

Training Centre shall ideally be located nearby (at walking distance) a major approach road (highway/ main market road) close to public transport facility (Bus stand/ Railway station/ Metro station) and with adequate street lights and public movement. As the objective of the Standalone centres is to create iconic sector specific Training Centres, it is envisaged that the size/ area of such centres may be preferred to be 5,000 sq. ft. and only on approval from SSCs will a centre with 3,000 Sq. Ft. area be approved as Standalone Centre.

5. Equipment

Standalone Centre must deploy State-of-the-Art training equipment and tools as per SSCs specifications for designated job roles. Smart classrooms (virtual training, interactive sessions), counselling room (for parents and aspirants), biometric attendance, etc. shall also be considered as part of the training aid.

6. Centre Inspection

Before a standalone training centre becomes operational/ commences with the first batch, each training centre shall be validated for compliance against the mandatory infrastructure and branding guidelines. In case of no adverse reporting the centre shall be recommended to SSCs for allocations of targets under PMKVY.

7. Training Delivery

7.1. Trainee Eligibility

The standalone centre shall accept a trainee who meets eligibility criteria of the applicable skill program like PMKVY, or any scheme of MSDE at the time of admission.

7.2. Trainer Eligibility and Specification

Every trainer engaged for a particular-course shall have proper knowledge about that job role with minimum experience of 5 years and above, qualification is not the criteria. The candidate should be subject matter expert. The total number of trainers in a centre should be sufficient to ensure trainer trainee ratio of 1:30 (1 trainer to 30 trainees) and every lab must have a demonstrator/ trainer to manage practical training. In addition, centre shall have one faculty for soft skills and employment preparedness.

7.3. Content Specifications

Training Partner (TP) must ensure that all courses being offered are aligned to NSQF QP Nos. SSCs shall support the TP with detailed content, pedagogy, and practical material created with inputs of various subject experts available. All training content circulated to students as study material, tests, and practical material and trainer guides should be in a proper printed template and no photocopy material to be allowed at the centre. The content will be provided by SSCs in the regional languages as applicable to the location of the centre.

7.4. Training Delivery Norms

Training duration and quality norms shall be as per the guidelines of applicable scheme/ common norms derived by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

7.5. Assessment & Certification

Assessment and Certification shall be carried out by SSCs (as per NSQF guidelines). The assessment shall be completed within a week of training completion; results shall be declared and certificates shall be issued in the next 7 days. Soft copies of the certificates shall be maintained with each of the SSCs for a period of 5 years.

7.6. Training of Trainer (TOT)

Since the stand alone centres are equipped with modern power tools and machines, special modules will be included in the training for the trainer sessions. The trainer at each centre shall be trained by the international experts on the proper use and safety guidelines which are required while operating such equipment.

7.7. Market Connect - Support for Industry internships & OJT

SSCs would encourage TPs to inculcate “On the Job Training (OJT)” as an integral part of the training program. TPs shall abide by norms as per scheme guidelines in providing direct exposure with the industry heads to generate better employment opportunities for the candidates.

8. Finance

Standalone centres can avail funding for training cost and other benefits covered under PMKVY guidelines.

Also, Standalone centres may run their fee based trainings but it must be for separate job roles other than that are covered under PMKVY, and based on spare capacity available.