

8. PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1. In pursuance of the provisions in the National Policy of Education 1986 and recommendations of various committees, the CBSE has made provision of Pre-Vocational Education in its scheme of studies with effect from the academic session 1995-96 of class IX. The objectives of Pre-Vocational Education are:
 - To impart training in simple marketable skills to students in classes IX and X.
 - To develop vocational interests and aptitudes in enhancing productivity and to allow for self exploration of vocational preferences.
 - To facilitate the students in making choice of vocational courses at the higher secondary level.
 - To prepare students for participation in work-experience as a desired dimension of academic education, and;
 - To inculcate healthy values related to work culture.
2. The main features of the scheme of Pre-Vocational Education are as follows:
 - i. Pre-Vocational Education may be offered in lieu of Work Education.
 - ii. Minimum six periods per week will be allotted for Pre-Vocational Education.
 - iii. Pre-Vocational Education will be introduced only in the schools where vocational courses at +2 level are being offered and the regular infrastructure facilities are available for the chosen Pre-Vocational Course.
 - iv. After completion of Pre-Vocational at lower secondary stage the pass outs should attain marketable skills in the course concerned.
 - v. Pre-Vocational Education is being offered only in selected schools on an experimental basis. Hence prior approval from the Board is essential before starting a Pre-Vocational Course.
 - vi. The scheme of assessment is similar to that of Work Education. The evaluation in classes IX and X will be done by the schools. However the grades awarded by the schools in class X will be reflected in the Board's Certificate with the title of the course concerned.
3. The NCT of Delhi and Chandigarh Administration have expressed their willingness to introduce the following Pre-Vocational Trades in some of their selected schools from the academic session 1995-96.

TradeCode No.

| S.No. | Trade | Trade No. |
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| 1 | Basic Office Procedures | 507 |
| 2 | Basic Computer Practices | 508 |

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| 3 | Basic Accountancy Procedures | 509 |
| 4 | Fruit and Vegetable Preservation | 510 |
| 5 | Basic Bakery | 511 |
| 6 | Basic Confectionery | 512 |
| 7 | Basic Electronics | 513 |
| 8 | Air conditioning and Refrigeration | 514 |
| 9 | Repair of Electrical Domestic Appliances | 515 |
| 10 | Textile Printing Technology | 516 |
| 11 | Textile Silk Screen Printing Technology | 517 |
| 12 | Cutting and Tailoring | 518 |
| 13 | Skin Care and Beauty Culture | 519 |
| 14 | Automobile | 520 |
| 15 | Food Preparation and Services | 521 |

These courses being experimental in nature have been started only in selected schools run by Directorates of Education, Delhi and Chandigarh Administration. Any school administered by these Directorates desirous of starting any of these courses should seek permission from their concerned Directorates and possess necessary infrastructure as recommended for each Pre-Vocational Course.