

Modular course in Vocational Institutes, TTCs

The National Council for Skill Development and Training (NCSDT) in its second meeting on Wednesday under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Council Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) K M Aminur Islam, Minister for Labour and Manpower approved the introduction of six-month modular course in 13 trades in the vocational training institutes and technical training centres in the country, reports BSS.

The modular course will help cope with the ever increasing demand of skilled and semi-skilled workers both at home and abroad. Under this system

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a person becomes a skilled worker of lowest level on completion of the first module.

Such person can subsequently attain higher level of skill either by going through a second module of six months or by gaining work experience and on the job training.

The trades are: automotive, turner, machinist (milling and shaping, general mechanic (bench fitter), welding, sheet metal, carpentry, foundry, electrical, civil drafting, mechanical drafting, refrigeration and air conditioning and radio and TV trade.

The purpose of the introduction of modular courses is to give the trainees the basic skill, knowledge and techniques in their respective trade.

The NCSDT also approved a national programme of trade skill standards setting and certification of skilled workers in the country. The trade skill standards and testing system will provide an opportunity to the trainees to have his skill defined within the system and to be awarded a nationally acceptable certificate.

This will also provide a means for discovering effective training areas and help determine the vocational training need of the country in the light of human resources development.

NCSDT has been established by the Government for standardising the training programme and plan formulating uniform policy for skilled workers and coordinating its implementation. The council will also suggest enactment pertaining to skill development training and to implement such legislation.

The next meeting of NCSDT will be held in October this year.

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