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# **FAQs**

# APPRENTICESHIP EMBEDDED DEGREE/ DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES (AEDP)

#### 1. What is an Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/Diploma Programme?

Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma Programmes (AEDP) are curated such that students can pursue apprenticeship training as an integrated component of their degree/ diploma programme, in line with the UGC and AICTE guidelines.

#### 2. What are the benefits of pursuing an AEDP?

Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/ Diploma Programmes offer students an immersive learning experience in the industry as part of their academic course, providing holistic learning opportunities and enhancing students' employability.



#### 3. How is AEDP structured?

As per the latest AEDP guidelines 2025, issued by UGC and AICTE, the duration of the training component is as follows:

S.No	PROGRAMMES	PERMISSIBLE APPRENTICESHIP EMBEDDING	
		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	3-year UG/Diploma	1 Semester	3 Semesters
2	4-year UG	2 Semesters	4 Semesters

- NATS supports apprenticeships in the last year of the academic course
- As per AEDP guidelines, apprenticeships must take place in the last semester of the course
- The spells of apprenticeship shall be scheduled either continuously or at intervals
- The spell should be of at least one complete semester at a stretch





# 4. What are the eligibility criteria for HEIs to participate in AEDP?

- Any HEI which has
  - Ranked in the latest NIRF Rankings (University category), or,
  - Received a valid NAAC grade/score, or,
  - Received NAAC Accreditation

# 5. Is there any stipend support during the apprenticeship training?

NATS mandates a minimum prescribed stipend, as per the Apprentices Act, 1961, to be paid to apprentices. The government share of stipend will be paid in the final year of AEDP.

# 6. What is the Tripartite Agreement?

A Tripartite Agreement is required to be signed between the HEI, the student, and the establishment for the successful implementation of AEDP.





