

Draft Guideline - Assistance for Quality Certification

1. Name of the Scheme:

Assistance for Quality Certification

GR No: Aatmanirbhar Gujarat Scheme for Assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Govt. of Gujarat, Industry & Mines Dept., Resolution No: MIS-102022-1271(1)-I(CH)
Date:05/10/2022

2. Operative Period

2.1 The operative period of the scheme is from 05/10/2022 to 04/10/2027

3. Who is eligible to get the benefit?

- 3.1 Classification of Micro, Small & Medium manufacturing Enterprise define as per Para 1 of the GR dated 05/10/2022. The enterprise must have obtained acknowledgement/ registration from Ministry of MSME or DPIIT, as the case may be.
- 3.2 The Enterprise who has obtained BSI/ISI/WHO-GMP/Hallmark certificate & other national/international certificate from notified certification body.

4. Assistance available

- 4.1 50% of Expenditure for certificate for National/ International Certification (i.e. BIS /WHO/Hallmark etc. other national/international certification (excluding ISO Certification) And 50% cost of quality testing equipment/instrument and machinery required for that certification totaling up to maximum amount of Rs. 10.00 lakh.

5. Other Condition:

5.1 Assistance will include following charges.

- 1 Fees charged by certification agency (excluding travel, hotel & surveillance charges)
- 2 Testing Fee/Charges charged by certification agency/laboratory referred by certification agency/accredited lab/agency.
- 3 Cost of quality testing equipment/machinery/instrument as required for certification as suggested/referred by notified certification body or agency, Calibration charges of equipment. (Testing equipment purchased after the issuance of Quality Certificate shall not be eligible.)

5.2 If the Enterprise has obtained Quality certificate before 05/10/2022 and commenced the commercial production before 05/10/2022 and apply before 05/10/2022 then, enterprise will not be eligible under this scheme.

5.3 In addition to the GR, if the Enterprise has commenced commercial production before 05/10/2022 and obtained Quality certificate after 05/10/2022 and apply after 05/10/2022, they will be eligible under this scheme.

- 5.4 In addition to the GR, if the Enterprise has commenced commercial production after 05/10/2022 and apply before 05/10/2022, then they have an option to opt as per para 7 of the GR dated 05/10/2022.
- 5.5 The Expenditure made for obtaining Quality Certification must be before the issuance of Quality certificate.
- 5.6 The Enterprise is eligible for maximum 3 Quality Certificates during the operative period of scheme with total assistance of maximum up to Rs.10.00 lakh.
- 5.7 The Enterprise will not be eligible, if any certification is required as a part of statutory provision.
- 5.8 The Quality Certificate obtained by an enterprise is not mandatory under the rules/provisions/acts of Government of India.
- 5.9 Expenditure incurred for renewal of the certificate, shall not be eligible for assistance under the scheme.
- 5.10 The testing equipment and machinery purchased after the issuance of Quality certificate, shall not be eligible for assistance.
- 5.11 This Quality certification scheme will be supplementing to similar schemes of Government of India. However, in no case total assistance from GOG and GOI should exceed more than actual expenditure incurred by MSME for said purpose.
- 5.12 Certificate should be verified through online/E-mail/letter from issuance agency/certification body by HO/DIC.
- 5.13 Service and trading activities are not eligible for assistance under this scheme.
- 5.14 Enterprise needs to apply separately for each certificate.
- 5.15 It is required to check that the certification agency is notified body for the same concern product/standard.
- 5.16 In cases where the equipment/testing required for WHO - GMP certification is mentioned in the audit/relevant act/other documents, then the list of equipment has to be taken into consideration and appropriate action should be taken as per the application, otherwise the opinion of FDCA office regarding equipment/testing should be taken as per the application and accordingly appropriate action should be taken.
- 5.17 In the case of quality certificate, the equipment/testing is not recommended by the organization issuing the certificate and in case the information is not available on the website of the organization, a notarized affidavit regarding the equipment/testing should be obtained from the applicant and proper action should be taken as per the application and the opinion from third party decision/ Research Institute/related organization can be taken.

6. What is the time limit to apply for this scheme?

- 6.1 Enterprise needs to apply online on IFP Portal (<https://www.ifp.gujarat.gov.in>) within one year from the date of issue of quality certificate and need to submit hard copy at MSME Commissioner Office.
- 6.2 Enterprise can apply/submit offline/hardcopy at MSME Commissioner Office till online module is live