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## SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 28th September, 2016

No.19724–SME-SSE-SSE-0007/2016/SME.—In order to enhance the employability of youth through building their competency in vocational education and to prepare educated employable and competitive youth in such trades for various sectors of economy, Government have been pleased to introduce Vocational Education at secondary stage.

The four trades of Information Technology & Information Technology Enable Service (IT &ITES), Retail, Banking Financial Services & Insurance and Travel & Tourism trades are to be started in 208 selected Schools of Odisha in the first phase.

The Board of Secondary Education, Odisha is declared as Examination and Certification Body for the purpose. Vocational subjects in Odisha will be introduced as a compulsory subject at secondary level. This subject shall find place along with the 3rd languages. The students will opt either one of the 3rd languages or Vocational subject as per their choice.

The State Project Director, Odisha Madhyamika Shiksha Mission (OMSM), RMSA is designated as Nodal Officer for implementation of the scheme at secondary level.

The Board of Secondary Education, Odisha will form a dedicated Cell for implementation of the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) at various levels.

This Department Notification No. 5812/SME., dated the 20th March,2015 is hereby superseded.

By Order of the Governor

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