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(A Statutory Body under the Dept. Of Empowerment of PwDs (Divyangjan))
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

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Subject: Mandatory acceptance of assignments by Centres of Excellence (CoE) as per policy reform dated 14.10.2025 – reg.

In continuation of the policy reforms notified vide Office Memorandums dated 14th October, 2025 & 24th October 2025 regarding the designation and functioning of *Centres of Excellence (CoE)* under the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), the following directions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all institutions accorded CoE status.

2. All institutions recognized as Centres of Excellence (CoE) by RCI shall mandatorily accept and undertake assignments allocated by the Council from time to time. These responsibilities include:

- Functioning as Examination Centres and Evaluation Centres for NBER examination
- Facilitating and supporting Inspection Activities
- Any other work assigned by RCI in furtherance of its regulatory and academic mandate

The above responsibilities are integral to the status of a Centre of Excellence and are not optional in nature. All CoEs are expected to extend full cooperation and institutional support to ensure effective implementation of RCI's functions and national standards.

3. It is to state that, any refusal, delay, or failure to accept and execute assignments entrusted by RCI shall be treated as non-compliance with the conditions of CoE recognition. In such cases, the Council reserves the right to initiate appropriate action, including Withdrawal of Centre of Excellence (CoE) status, Suspension or review of institutional recognition, any other action deemed appropriate by the Council.

4. This directive is issued to ensure:

- Uniformity and standardization in rehabilitation education and training
- Strengthened regulatory oversight and quality assurance
- Active participation of CoEs in national capacity-building efforts

5. All Centres of Excellence are directed to ensure immediate and full compliance with the above instructions.


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To:

All Centres of Excellence (CoEs) recognized by RCI

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