TERTIARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

NVQ Circular No: 05/2023

Commencement of Part-time Courses

in Engineering Technology Stream for Employed Persons

The Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) requires all registered training institutions to

deliver part-time courses in technician level occupations in NVQ certificate level 4 and sectors of engineering

technology in NVQ diploma level 5 and higher national diploma courses at NVQ level 6 on fee levying basis

mainly for employed persons.

TVEC recommends that part-time courses be implemented across the island for the employed persons to

obtain national qualifications as the Engineering Council of Sri Lanka (ECSL) Act No. 04 of 2017 requires all

Engineering practitioners be registered at the ECSL to be able to practice in engineering professions.

NVQ framework has national certificate, national diploma and higher national diploma courses in technician

and engineering technology streams. The registered training institutions need to choose relevant courses

based on the facilities available at their institutions and obtain accreditation from the TVEC to deliver such

courses in evenings and weekends.

The Commission further recommends for institutions to:

levy course fees to cover operational cost (fixed and variable costs) and a reasonable profit margin of

maximum of 50% of the operational cost

pay additional payment for all the staff including teachers and support staff to be engaged in part-

time courses

undertake promotion and publicity programs appropriately

The training institutions shall maintain all the quality assurance requirements in such programs as required in

accredited courses in the NVQ Framework.

This circular is valid with effect from 01.05.2023.

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