

BOEX Policy on the Centralised Issuance of Qualifications and Prohibition of Local Certifications

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1. Preamble and Purpose

The ISKCON Ministry of Education is the sole authoritative body entrusted with the awarding and certification of recognised śāstric degrees within the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. To preserve the integrity, security, and global value of these qualifications, it is imperative that all official documentation is managed with strict uniformity.

The purpose of this Policy is to definitively establish the Ministry's exclusive authority over the issuance of educational certificates and to strictly prohibit any BOEX-approved examination centre from producing, issuing, or distributing local certificates, dummy certificates, or attestations of attendance.

2. Scope

This Policy applies universally to:

- All BOEX-approved examination centres globally.
- All centre directors, lead instructors, and administrative members operating under the auspices of a BOEX-approved centre.
- All śāstric courses, training programmes, and examinations regulated by the ISKCON Ministry of Education.

3. Core Directives

3.1. Exclusive Authority of the Ministry

All official certification, documentation, and confirmation of course completion shall be exclusively generated and distributed by the administration department of the ISKCON Ministry of Education. The central administration department operates with a highly efficient infrastructure, ensuring that official certificates are generated and issued to qualifying candidates within two to three working days following the formal submission of approved results.

3.2. Strict Prohibition of Local Documentation

Approved examination centres are strictly prohibited from issuing any form of local documentation that implies the completion of, or attendance at, a BOEX-approved course.

For the avoidance of doubt, centres must not produce, distribute, or authorise:

- Local certificates of completion or graduation.
- "Dummy" or interim certificates pending the arrival of the official Ministry certificate.
- Attestations of attendance or participation.
- Any unofficial confirmation letters acting as a substitute for Ministry-issued credentials.

4. Rationale and Security

This strict, centralised approach is implemented to safeguard the definitive value of Ministry-approved documents. Permitting individual centres to distribute their own certificates or attestations establishes an unsafe precedent that undermines global quality assurance.

Centralisation is absolutely essential to:

- **Prevent Fraudulence:** Mitigate the risk of fraudulent qualifications and the proliferation of fake certifications that can be easily exploited if local production is permitted.
- **Ensure Consistency:** Guarantee that all certificates worldwide meet the exact formatting, language, and security standards mandated by the Ministry.
- **Protect Credibility:** Ensure that candidates, ISKCON leadership, and external observers maintain absolute confidence in the validity of a Ministry-issued śāstric degree.

Given the rapid two-to-three-day turnaround provided by the Ministry's administration department, there is no practical, operational, or pastoral necessity for centres to issue interim or alternative documentation.

5. Compliance and Consequences

Strict adherence to this Policy is a fundamental condition of a centre retaining its BOEX-approved status.

Should a centre fail to comply with this directive by independently issuing its own certificates, attestations, or equivalent documents, it will be deemed a breach of Ministry standards. Such non-compliance will trigger an immediate review by the Board of Examinations and will lead to the reconsideration, suspension, or formal revocation of the centre's approved status and authority to conduct Ministry-recognised courses.

6. Entry into Force

This Policy enters into force immediately upon formal notification to all approved examination centres. All centres must cease the production and issuance of any existing local certificates or attestations with immediate effect.