

## Preface to NSQF (Level-4) Compliant Edition



Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is the apex body in the country as regards planning, formulating and prescribing norms, standards, procedures and guidelines in respect of various vocational training schemes of which Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) implemented in ITI's is the most important and wide-spread throughout the country. Prescribing well designed curriculum and putting in place appropriate assessment and certification procedure are among the vital aspects of vocational training.

Fitter (Sector: Capital Goods & Manufacturing) is one among the top couple of popular ITI designated trades and is of two-year duration. DGT in September 2022 issued latest revised version (version 2.0 of July 2022) of the syllabus, which came into force with effect from 2022 session of admission in ITI's. The main significant change has been that its NSQF level has been revised from five to four. In view of the fact that training in ITI's is primarily practical-oriented, major part of training time (70%) is devoted to practical. In consideration of this important part of training, 250 hours (125 hours each in first and second year) has now been set aside for on-the-job training / group project. However, the contents of practical training earmarked for execution within ITI's workshop has been retained the same.

As such this book fully covers the professional skill (trade practical) part of the latest 2022 syllabus. Besides incorporating relevant skill information, each practical exercise comprises of necessary information relating to material, tools, equipment and instruments required, the sequence of operations and precautions to be observed. Besides practical exercises relating to all aspects of Fitter trade, adequate number of exercises concerning allied trades like sheet metal, welding, turning etc. have also been included as prescribed in the syllabus.

An added feature is that a set of 20 most important practical jobs, as often appeared in All India Trade Tests, has been compiled for the benefit of trainees to familiarise with and practice such jobs and thus prepare well for the final trade test.

We sincerely hope that trainees will find this book very much helpful to adjust with the latest changes in syllabus related to FitterTrade Practical. We would welcome suggestions for further improvement of this book in its subsequent editions.

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