



**JOINT LETTER OF INTENT REGARDING DUAL  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND  
THE RECOGNITION OF VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS  
BY  
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, ENERGY  
AND TOURISM OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

The Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Skill Development of the Republic of India intend, by mutual agreement and for their joint benefit, to expand exchanges and knowledge sharing in the fields of dual vocational training (apprenticeship) and skills development as well as the promotion of recognition of Indian vocational qualifications according to Austrian standards in the field of migration and mobility of employees with due regard to the internationally recognised principles of fair migration.

Therefore, a process is to be initiated in which the responsible authorities discuss the principles of mutual comparability of occupational skills with due regard to the respective national framework conditions. Consistent with the national and international labour and social law regulations, the responsible authorities will explore possible fields of action and evaluation in the mutual recognition of occupational skills and discuss further concrete measures of cooperation ("Pre-check Register").

This ongoing bilateral discussion should also include possible branch-specific and/or regional development of skills cooperation in the framework of work-based training cooperation in context of technical, economic, ecological and social developments. In this context, companies should be directly involved.

For this purpose, a joint working group will be established which will hold virtual and/or personal meetings in regular intervals, in order to obtain an agreed text for a joint working plan in the field of dual vocational training (apprenticeship) and skills development and the promotion of recognition of Indian vocational qualifications by end of 2026.

This Letter of Intent (LOI) reflects on Article 7 of the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement (MMPA) signed in May 2023 and on the outcomes of the Joint Economic Commission held in Vienna in June 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Letter of Intent.

Signed in New Delhi on ..... April 2026, in two (2) originals, in English language.

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