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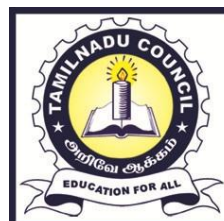
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QUESTIONS

(FAQs)

About TCO DL &

Its Programmes...



TAMILNADU COUNCIL

OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

**An Autonomous Council Registered with
Planning Commission, Govt of India**

1. What is TCODL?

Tamilnadu Council for Open and Distance Learning is legally established under the guidance of eminent educationists for the development of education among all classes of students on the pattern of open and distance learning mode. The Council is legally registered autonomous and non-profit organization under the Government of Tamilnadu. The Council has the legal right of teaching and training under the provision of the constitution of India. The Council is functioning under the guidance of National Policy on Education 1986 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. In 1986, the National Policy on Education suggested strengthening of Open School System for extending open learning facilities in a phased manner at secondary level all over the country as an independent system with its own curriculum and examination leading to certification.

2. What is Open and Distance Learning system?

Open and Distance learning (ODL) is an innovative approach of providing opportunity of learning through Self-Paced Learning(SPL) and certain other strategies in a flexible manner at the pace of learners. In this mode, the learner is also provided academic support in the form of PCP (Personal Contact Programme) in addition to SPL.

3. What is the difference between Open Schooling and Regular Schooling?

Regular Schooling is a traditional method of face to face learning in a formal set-up of class room situation with a rigid time-table; whereas Open Schooling is a flexible method of providing self learning and its evaluation to a learner according to his/her own schedule. The Open learning system is very helpful to learners who could not avail the facility of formal schooling on account of economic, social or geographical considerations or they want to continue their study while working in some gainful employment.

4. How different is TCODL from any other Institution for providing Education?

The TCODL follows learner centric approach of teaching through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode. It offers a wide range of subjects in comparison to any other formal schooling programme. The learners are free to choose subject combination as per their needs and goals. The learners study at their own pace with the help of specially designed and simplified Syllabus.

5. What are the courses offered by TCODL?

VIII Standard, X Standard, XII Standard (Arts, Commerce and General Machinist Group)

6. Whether a candidate passing the Senior Secondary examination from TCODL is eligible for admission in Universities?

Yes, TCODL candidates are eligible to seek admission in universities through Distance Mode. The list of Universities accepting TCODL students will be updated in Tamilnadu Council website from time to time.

7. What is the procedure for taking admission in TCODL?

You can take admission through any one of the Authorized Centres / Admission Centres of TCODL, Chennai.

8. How can I take admission at TCODL?

You can take admission through any one of the Authorized Centres / Admission Centres of TCODL, Chennai.

9. Can I take direct admission to TCODL?

TCODL is an examining body and it only conducts examination. Direct Admission to TCODL will be given by RAM OPEN SCHOOL, National Coordinator of TCODL.

10. Who conducts the courses and in what mode the courses are conducted?

RAM OPEN SCHOOL conducts the courses and the courses are conducted through non-formal mode of education.

11. How many times examination is conducted at TCODL?

Examination is conducted Four Times in a year.

12. What benefits do I get by joining the courses of TCODL?

TCODL courses have been designed in a futuristic manner with the help of National Education Policy, 1986, National Curriculum Framework 2005 and National Vocational Education Qualification Framework. The subjects in the courses are designed in a simple and easy to understand manner. The examination is conducted very transparently and it is easy to pass the exam. Students who have very less education become well equipped to face the outside world with confidence

13. What is the eligibility criterion for admission to ESLC (VIII Standard)

A person who has passed VI Standard and has as valid proof of attaining 12 years of age can apply for registration to ESLC (VIII Standard)

14. What is the eligibility criterion for admission to Secondary Course?

A person who has passed class VIII and has valid proof of attaining 14 years of age can apply for registration to a Secondary Course.

15. What is the valid proof of date of birth?

The certificate of date of birth issued by a Municipal Corporation, a Municipal body, a village Panchayat or any other body' authorised by Registrar, Birth and Death, Government of India is a valid proof. However, in case of orphans, street children etc., a medical certificate in respect of age issued by Government Hospital is also acceptable as valid proof.

16. Does TCODL allow any fees concession?

Fee concession is provided to SC/ST students, Differently-abled candidates, Poor Students, Widows and Ex-Servicemen as per TCODL norms.

17. How can I avail concession in fees?

To avail concession in fees, the student will have to fill the prescribed form and send proof of documents. Concession is not transferrable.

18. Can any learner take direct admission in the Higher Secondary courses?

No. To take admission in the Senior Secondary course, the candidate must have passed the Secondary course from a recognised Board.

19. What is minimum age to take admission in the Senior Secondary Course?

The minimum age to take admission in the Senior Secondary Course is 16 years, as on 31st July of the year of admission.

18. What is the admission fee for registration and examination fees?

The latest fee structure for registration and examination will be notified via e-mail from time-to-time.

19. Is there any provision for correction in admission record?

Yes, in case any particulars such as name, father's name, mother's name, date of birth, address and photo etc., are not correctly entered at the time of admission, the learner may request for correction of the same by producing supporting documents to TCODL.

20. What is the examination pattern in TCODL?

The public examinations are held four times in a year on the dates fixed by the TCODL. The Examination Pattern is called Student Centric Examination, where the Exams are conducted as per the requirements of students.

21. How does a learner know about the schedule of examination?

The schedule of examination is made available on the TCODL web site before the commencement of examination. The schedule of examination is displayed on the notice Boards of TCODL.

22. How do the learners find examination results?

Results are made available on TCODL website. On successful completion of the course as per certification criteria, a learner is provided Mark sheet and Transfer Certificate

23. What is the procedure for correction in result?

The learner may apply for correction to the Authorized Centre within 3 days of declaration of results and they in turn should apply to us within 3 days, if any discrepancy is found in the result and after which the correction is chargeable according to the prevailing fees.

24. What is ODES?

On Demand Examination System (ODES) is an examination facility provided by TCODL to its learners other than public examinations. A learner can appear under the ODES as and when ready for the examination after first public examination. A learner can apply online for ODES and can choose a date of examination as per convenience. ODES examinations are conducted in all Authorized Centres on a monthly basis.

25. How is On demand examination (ODE) different from the traditional public examinations?

In public examinations, the Board of School Education decides the date of examination and the subject to be examined on that date; but In ODE, the learner decides the date and the subject in which he/she wants to appear on that date.

26. What is the legal status of School Education Conducted by TCODL?

Tamilnadu Council is a legally registered Council under Government of Tamilnadu, which is also an ISO 9001:2008 Certified Council, registered under Planning Commission of India, internationally accredited to ICDE(International Council for Open and Distance Education) and it provides certificates to those who have successfully passed the exam and fulfilled the eligibility criteria as given in the admission guidelines.

27. Does TCODL provide syllabus for all the courses conducted by it?

Yes, TCODL provides syllabus for all the courses conducted by it.

28. Why TCODL is charging very less fees?

The main aim of TCODL is used to promote literacy to poor people, underprivileged people, widows, ex-servicemen etc. In order to help them we charge very less fees.

29. Why the fees vary from Centre to Centre?

The fees charged by the study centre, depends upon the services they provide like additional training, visual aids etc. However, the candidate should be vigilant and should inform TCODL in case if they charge exorbitant fees.

30. What are the Certificates I will be provided on passing the TCODL examination?

The passed candidates will be provided mark sheet (transcript) by default. Students who require Transfer Certificate will have to pay an additional Rs.200/- to avail it.

31. How long will it take to despatch the results and mark sheets?

Results will be published in 30-45 days from the date of completion of exam. Similarly mark sheets will be issued in 30-45 days from the date of publication of result.

32. How can I inform my grievance / complaint?

You can inform your grievance / complaint at tamilnaducouncil@gmail.com

33. How many subjects are there / I will have to pass in X and XII Standard?

For X Standard, a student has to pass 5 subjects and for XII standard, the student is required to pass in 6 subjects.

34. What is the passing threshold in TCODL?

All candidates who have obtained a score of 35% are declared to have passed the exam.

35. Do I have to attend classes for courses of TCODL?

Since the courses are conducted through non-formal mode, it is not required to attend the classes, but TCODL strongly recommends you to attend classes to equip yourselves well in advance to face the examination with confidence.

36. What should I do to attend classes?

You are requested to contact your Academic Centre where you have taken admission. They will conduct classes after charging requisite fees.