

Government of India
O/o Development Commissioner (MSME)
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
(MSME Champions Scheme Division)

Subject: Addendum-2 to MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme Guidelines

Reference: MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme Guidelines 2022

In supersession of the existing guidelines of MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme 2022 issued as per earlier approvals, amendments in the approved Guidelines for "MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme" have been made as per approval of the Competent Authority and approval of Project Monitoring & Advisory Committee in a meeting held on 13th June, 2024. The following are the amendments:

S. No.	Existing Clause & Clause Number	Amendment (Insertion / Append)
1.	<p>3.4.4. Cost of Certification a. Certification Level 1: BRONZE: Rs. 10,000/- b. Certification Level 2: SILVER: Rs. 40,000/- c. Certification Level 3: GOLD: Rs. 90,000/-</p> <p>The above cost includes cost of verification, assessment, certification and monitoring, and taxes, as applicable.</p> <p>Clause Location: Assessment & Certification (Page 9)</p>	<p>The clause may now be read as:</p> <p>3.4.4. Cost of Certification a. Certification Level 1: BRONZE: Rs. 8,000/- b. Certification Level 2: SILVER: Rs. 32,000/- c. Certification Level 3: GOLD: Rs. 72,000/-</p> <p>The above cost includes cost of verification, assessment, certification and monitoring, and taxes, as applicable.</p>
2.	<p>Annexure 3: Assessment Parameters Clause Location: (Page 22)</p>	<p>The assessment parameters may now be read as per APPENDIX-A.</p> <p>Two additional parameters, namely, Energy Management and Measurement & Analysis have been included under Bronze Certification level for existing as well as new MSMEs. For existing certified MSMEs, additional parameters would be assessed during the Surveillance assessment (at no extra cost).</p> <p>An onsite visit at the applicant MSME unit should be ensured to assist the MSME for Bronze Certification</p>
3.	<p>3.4.7. Certification Process – Surveillance A surveillance assessment (after a period of 18 months of achieving ZED Certification) will be conducted by QCI's Accredited Assessment Agencies as a part of the ZED Certification. The surveillance assessment will only be applicable to those MSMEs which have achieved Silver & Gold Certification levels.</p> <p>The surveillance assessment will be conducted as a remote assessment for both Silver & Gold levels and the cost of the assessment will be as under:</p>	<p>The clause may now be read as: At Bronze Certification level, a surveillance assessment (after a period of 18 months of achieving ZED Bronze Certification) will be conducted for existing as well as new MSMEs. The Surveillance assessment of the existing Bronze certified MSMEs will be done at no extra cost. For new applicant MSMEs, the validity of availing the balance joining reward i.e. Rs. 2000/- (cost of surveillance assessment of Bronze) will be till the surveillance is done.</p> <p>For Silver and Gold Certification levels, there will be 2 surveillance assessments (first surveillance assessment at a period of 12-18</p>

	<p>a) ZED Silver Level: Rs. 10,000/- b) ZED Gold Level: Rs. 20,000/-</p> <p>The MSMEs will be given financial assistance/subsidy for the surveillance assessment as per the following structure:</p> <p>i. Micro Enterprises: 80% ii. Small Enterprises: 60% iii. Medium Enterprises: 50%</p> <p>Clause Location: Surveillance (Page 17)</p>	<p>months and second surveillance assessment at a period of 24-30 months of achieving ZED Silver / Gold Certification) conducted by QCI's Accredited Assessment Agencies as a part of the ZED Certification.</p> <p>The cost of the assessment will be as under:</p> <p>a) ZED Bronze Level: Rs. 2000/- b) ZED Silver Level: Rs. 10,000/- c) ZED Gold Level: Rs. 20,000/-</p> <p>The MSMEs will be given financial assistance/subsidy for the surveillance assessment as per the following structure:</p> <p>a) ZED Bronze Level: 100% b) ZED Silver & Gold Level: i. Micro Enterprises: 80% ii. Small Enterprises: 60% iii. Medium Enterprises: 50%</p>
4.	<p>3.4.7. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN TESTING/SYSTEM/PRODUCT CERTIFICATION</p> <p>5. The subsidy will be applicable on only one Testing OR one Quality OR one Product Certification after achieving this Level</p> <p>Clause Location: Financial Assistance in Testing/System/Product Certification (Page 12, Page14 & Page16)</p>	<p>The clause may now be read as:</p> <p>5. The subsidy will be applicable on multiple Testing / Quality / Product Certifications obtained after the date of ZED registration i.e. it should be on prospective basis and not on retrospective basis.</p>

2. All the other terms and conditions of the Guidelines shall remain unchanged.
3. The aforesaid amendments shall come into force *w.e.f. 18.09.2024 till the validity of the scheme.*
4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Union Minister for Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India.


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Joint Secretary (AFI)

New Delhi, Dated: 17th September, 2024

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- 1) PPS to Hon'ble Minister, MSME
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ANNEXURE 3: ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS

ZED Certification Parameters- Manufacturing					
S. No.	Parameters	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Parameter Exemptions for existing Certifications
1	Leadership				
2	Swachh Workplace				
3	Occupational (Workplace) Safety				ISO 45001
4	Measurement of Timely Delivery				
5	Quality Management				ISO 9001
6	Energy Management				ISO 50001
7	Measurement and Analysis				
8	Human Resource Management				
9	Daily Works Management				MSME-Competitive (Lean) (Advance Lean Certification)
10	Planned Maintenance & Calibration				
11	Process Control				
12	Product Quality & Safety (Testing/Certification)				
13	Material Management				
14	Environment Management				ISO 14001
15	Supply Chain Management				
16	Risk Management				
17	Waste Management (Muda, Mura, Muri)				MSME-Competitive (Lean) (Advance Lean Certification)
18	Technology Selection & Upgradation				
19	Natural Resource Conservation				
20	Corporate Social Responsibility				

Note:

- Exemptions shall be allowed on the relevant parameters, only if the ISO certifications are awarded under the National Accreditation Body of India (NABCB) or by an Accreditation Body which is signatory to the respective Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) of International Accreditation Forum (IAF).
- Exemptions shall be allowed on the relevant parameters, only if the Lean certification is obtained from the Implementing agencies under the MSME Competitiveness (Lean) Certification Scheme of Ministry of MSME.
- 2 additional parameters, namely, Energy Management and Measurement & Analysis have been included under Bronze Certification level for existing as well as new MSMEs. For existing certified MSMEs, additional parameters would be assessed during the Surveillance assessment (at no extra cost).
- An onsite visit shall be done during the Bronze Certification.