



## BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING (WESTERN REGION), MUMBAI

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### **OFFICE CIRCULAR**

In view of the nationwide lock down imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19, this Circular is being issued to all the establishments imparting apprenticeship training within the purview of this Board, to Graduate, and Technician apprentices under the provisions of The Apprentices Act, and The Apprenticeship Rules, both amended from time to time.

Establishments are hereby informed that Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has directed that the period of training of the on-roll Graduate, and Technician apprentices shall be extended on account of the aforesaid lock down. Accordingly, all such apprentices can be sanctioned special leave for the period of this lock down. This special leave granted to the said apprentices should be regularised suitably by paying the stipend to the apprentices during the period of lock down and by extending their period of apprenticeship training as per Rule 7 (4) (c) of The Apprenticeship Rules, 2015. However, the reimbursement of 50% stipendiary share of Central Government for such cases completing the training shall be restricted to the period of twelve months only, within the prevailing policy.

As regard to resumption of apprenticeship training of the Graduate, and Technician apprentices, establishments should ensure that the directives issued in this regard from time to time by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as well as the instructions issued by the concerned local authorities, are strictly followed so as to safeguard the apprentices from COVID-19.

Sd/-  
Director of Training