

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Based on The Scheme and Eligibility Criteria

1. What is the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs?

In order to support Start-ups and Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE's), the competent authority has decided to reimburse testing and certification charges for Start-ups and MSEs in respect of testing and certification in the field of telecom under mandatory/voluntary testing certification scheme.

Through this Scheme Department of Telecommunication (DoT) will reimburse a part of testing charges incurred by Start-ups & MSE's at Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) designated/ recognized labs or at NABL accredited Lab(s) [in case there is no TEC designated Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) for a particular test facility] and certification charges under mandatory/voluntary testing certification scheme.

2. Who can apply under the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs?

In order to be eligible for reimbursement under the Testing & Certification Scheme, Start-ups should have valid registration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India in the Start-Up category.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement under the scheme, the MSEs firms shall have valid registration with Ministry of MSME, either in Micro or Small Category.

Start-up/ MSE's should be incorporated in Indian Territory.

Start-up/ MSE's annual revenue should not have crossed INR 5 crores in any financial year (since incorporation) and the Start-up should not have raised funds more than INR 10 crores.

3. What is the effective date of acceptance of certificates (MTCTE/Voluntary)?

The application for reimbursement of testing and certification charges will be allowed to be accepted for the certificates issued (MTCTE/voluntary) after the date of notification of scheme.

4. How much funding can an applicant receive under the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs?

The reimbursement of testing done at Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) / National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS) designated/

recognized labs or at NABL accredited Lab(s) [in case there is no TEC designated CAB for a particular test facility] in India & certification charges will be made as per the below mentioned categorization:

Category	Reimbursement of Testing and certification charges up to (in %)
Start- Ups	75
Micro Enterprises	60
Small Enterprises	50

5. What is a DPIIT-recognized startup?

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To get DPIIT-recognized, please visit <https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/sih/en/startupgov/startup-recognition-page.html>

6. What can we use the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs grant for?

Testing and certification of telecom equipment are key enabler for Start-ups and telecom MSE's, to ensure acceptance at both national and international deployment. Certificated products/solutions build consumer confidence and drive business growth, fostering adoption in domestic and global markets.

Startups and MSE's can make their products compliant to national and international Standards.

7. Which tests are covered under this scheme of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs

Tests and certification covered under Mandatory and Voluntary testing and certifications are covered for reimbursement.

TEC/NCCS has published a list of all mandatory/voluntary test/ test standards covered under the scheme. These procedures and documents are available and can be accessed on MTCTE portal i.e <https://www.mtcte.tec.gov.in/>, <https://nccs.gov.in/> and TEC website www.tec.gov.in

Based on The Application Process

1. **How can I apply to the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs?**

Applicants can apply online on the portal.

2. **Is the Scheme for reimbursement of Testing and Certification Charges for Start-ups and Telecom MSEs application process completely online?**

The application submission is completely online, and no physical submission of documents is required.

3. **Is there a fee for applying to this scheme?**

There are no application fees for the scheme.

4. **Who is going to review the application?**

Application of each startup will be reviewed by the Technical Expert committee (TEC). The committee will also be responsible for evaluation of the application and providing recommendations for the acceptance of application.

5. **What is the process of evaluation?**

The applications from the startups/MSE shall be evaluated through an open and transparent process.

6. **How can I track the status of my application?**

Once the startup has submitted its application, a dashboard can be accessed using their login credential to check.