



## COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

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### CIRCULAR

It has been noticed that certain news items have been published in the media and emails have been received by the affiliated schools attempting to question the legal authority and credibility of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations to conduct Public Examinations. Such news items and emails have generated unnecessary and uncalled for concerns and mis-apprehensions in the minds of the managements of the affiliated schools, parents, teachers and students etc. Therefore, the Council feels it imperative to inform all concerned that the Council is one of the three recognized National Examination Boards of the country and the public examinations conducted by the Council have the authority and legal sanctity of Parliament in terms of Section 2(s) of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973. The certificates awarded by the Council have been recognized and accepted nationally and internationally by the Colleges, Universities and other educational institutions. The Council has been functioning smoothly ever since its inception, having more than 2000 affiliated schools in India and abroad at present.

The Council as the successor of the Cambridge Syndicate for Local Examinations has always maintained very high academic standards and several eminent personalities of the country from various walks of life have studied in the schools affiliated to the Council and appeared in its examinations. It appears that at the behest of certain vested interests, factually incorrect and distorted information has been projected out of context to create an impression as if the functioning of the Council and the public examinations conducted by it are without authority of law.

It is a matter of record that the Ministry of HRD, Government of India has always acknowledged the Council to be a premier National Examination Board and has never questioned its authority to conduct public examinations, as alleged in the news items and emails. As a matter of fact there are two members nominated by the Government of India, a representative of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and nominees/representatives from all States of the country, where there are Council affiliated schools, apart from other members in the General Body of the Council. Ever since its inception, there has always been a constant and meaningful interaction between all such members and the Council.



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Additionally, it is a matter of record that the Indian School Certificate Examination (Class-XII) has been recognized by the Government of India/ State Governments by declaring it as equivalent to the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination conducted by all other examination boards in the country. Similarly, the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (Class-X Examination) conducted by the Council has been recognized by the Government of India, State Governments and the State Education Boards. All Colleges and Universities across the country and abroad have recognized and continue to recognize the certificates of the ICSE & ISC examinations conducted by the Council.

In the above background, by way of this circular, the Council would like to re-assure all stake holders including parents, students, teachers and management of its affiliated schools that they should not entertain any doubt or misgiving caused by such irresponsible and distorted news items and emails.

  
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