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The revised scheme will now allow access to more skill courses, against only national skill qualification framework (NSQF)-aligned courses under the old scheme.

**A revamped 'model skill loan scheme' for skill development courses was launched by the government on Thursday, with a fresh maximum loan limit of Rs 7.5 lakh — up from the previous amount of Rs 1.5 lakh.**

In her [budget](#) speech on Tuesday, Finance Minister [Nirmala Sitharaman](#) had announced that the model skill loan scheme will be “revised to facilitate loans up to Rs 7.5 lakh, with a guarantee from a government-promoted fund”. “This is expected to help 25,000 students every year,” Sitharaman had said.

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Going by data presented at the launch of the revised scheme on Thursday, loans amounting to Rs 115.75 crore were extended to 10,077 borrowers until March 31 this year. **The low fund utilisation has been attributed to the maximum loan limit of Rs 1.5 lakh and increase in fees for courses, leading to high-cost courses being out of the old scheme. Now, the revised scheme will see a broadened lending framework.**

Earlier, only private, public and foreign banks — members of the Indian Banks' Association — were eligible for facilitating loans. Under the revamped scheme, **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), NBFC-MFIs (micro-finance institutions), and small finance banks can also be lending institutions,** officials said.



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The revised scheme will now allow access to more skill courses, against only national skill qualification framework (NSQF)-aligned courses under the old scheme. Also, non-NSQF courses that are onboarded on the Skill India Digital Hub platform will come under the scheme.

Launching the revamped scheme, MoS Jayant Chaudhary, Ministry, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said: “Technologies that we cannot even imagine today will be a reality in five to 10 years... this will lead to huge demands on our education system, and the job market will be in constant flux. I do not think our country is ready for it yet. We are going to work hard together to execute the plans.”

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“There is a vision... the government today is talking about what will happen by 2047. That means, for the first time, the government is embarking on a vision to

think strategically and not just for five years or to win the next poll... what the country's circumstances and challenges will be and how we prepare ourselves... that's a task. We were running a skill loan earlier, but the conditions were such that the impact we wanted on the job market and in people's lives was not possible," he said.

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