



Ref. No. Hi.Shi.Bo (31) HPSOS Admin/Adoption of HPBOSE books/26310-321 Date: 30-6-2026

### "Notification"

In exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 19(3) of the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education Act, 1968, the Chairman, Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education has directed that the adoption of **HPBOSE-printed books**, including **practical books**, shall be **mandatory** for all learners enrolled under the Himachal Pradesh State Open School (HPSOS)

The Board has received numerous queries from learners regarding which books should be used for **HPSOS exam preparation**. Learners have reported difficulties due to the non-availability of separate HPSOS books in the market. After reviewing the matter, it has been decided that:

- Since the **syllabus and question papers are identical** for both HPBOSE regular and HPSOS students,
- The same **HPBOSE-printed books (including practical books)** must be adopted by HPSOS learners.
- These books are available at the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education's **Books Distribution Information & Guidance Centres (BDIGCs)** as well as through **authorized book sellers**.

Learners are advised to obtain the prescribed HPBOSE-printed **textbooks** and **practical books** from the designated **HPSOS study centres** and prepare for their examinations accordingly.

### Applicability

The use of HPBOSE books is **mandatory** for the following categories of candidates under HPSOS:

1. Fresh Admission (Direct admission)
2. Additional Subject
3. Special Marks Improvement Exam (SMIE)

**Other categories of candidates are also permitted to use these HPBOSE books if they wish, and they are encouraged to do so for consistency and ease of preparation. However, for these candidates, the use of such books is optional and not a compulsory requirement.**

### Directions for HPSOS Study Centres

- **Book Collection:** All HPSOS study centres must collect books from the nearest HPBOSE BDIGCs and distribute them to learners.
- **Inventory Preparation:** Centres must prepare an inventory of issued books, organized by class, subject, and session.
- **Receipt Submission:** Centres must deposit purchase receipts issued by BDIGCs to the Board office by 31<sup>st</sup> March every year, along with the HPSOS study centre renewal fee.
- **Compliance Requirement:** Failure to comply will result in cessation of the concerned HPSOS study centre.

**This initiative is aimed at prioritizing the well-being of students and safeguarding their academic future.**

**Dr. (Major) Vishal Sharma, H.A.S.**  
Secretary

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**Copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:**

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of H.P., Shimla-2.
2. The Director of School Education, Shimla-1.
3. Sr. S.S./Jr. S.S. to the Chairman and Secretary, HP Board of School Education.
4. Additional Secretary/All Deputy & Assistant Secretaries/Section Officers of HPBOSE Dharamshala.
5. Section Officer General Branch, with the directions to place the matter before the forthcoming BOD meeting for ratification.
6. Section Officer **Book Distribution Branch/Book Printing Branch** & all **Incharges** of the **Books Distribution Information & Guidance Centres (BDIGCs)** are directed to ensure necessary arrangements for the printing and distribution of books to HPSOS learners through their respective HPSOS study centres.
7. All HPSOS Study Centres with the directions to comply with this notification.
8. Public Relation Office, HPBOSE.

**Dr. (Major) Vishal Sharma, H.A.S.**  
Secretary