No. CBSE/CE/2021/  

Dated: 24.09.2021

To
The Principal/ Head of the Institution
Schools Affiliated to CBSE

Dear Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to the circular No. CE/CBSE/2021 dated 21.09.2021 for submission of LOC of Class X and XII. In the circular, it is mentioned that LOC can be uploaded on website using e-signature.

Board has received calls from the schools to know the process of the e-signature. Also from the calls received, it has come to the notice that schools are not able to distinguish between e-signature and the digital signature. Difference could be understood from the details given in table.

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<th>e-Signature</th>
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<td>e-signature is linked with the Aadhaar number and there is no need of purchasing it. Any person who has the Aadhaar number can use e-signature facility by visiting UIDAI website.</td>
<td>Digital signature is a mathematical sequence that is used to authenticate the validity of a digital message or a document and it is created only on request, hence, these to be procured on demand.</td>
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It is evident from the above information that there is a need to purchase the Digital Signature from authorised agencies. To avoid the problem by the schools, practice of Digital Signature has been done away with by the CBSE in 2020.

E-signature is linked with Aadhaar and there is no need to purchase the same. Only with the generation of Virtual ID (VID) from the Aadhaar website, LOC could be uploaded on Boards website. Further details of e-signature can be seen on UIDAI website. Being a no cost and easy facility, this year, CBSE has introduced e-signature to validate the LOC.

However, further for ease of doing business, it has also been decided that in addition to e-signature, schools can also upload the PDF of LOC without e-signature.

This process would be as follows:-

1. Complete the process of filling LOC. Develop Virtual ID from UIDAI website for e-signature. Follow the instructions given on CBSE website/link for e-signature and complete uploading.
2. Complete the process of filling LOC. Make the PDF file of LOC as per instructions given on CBSE website/link and upload the same.

Accordingly, schools can use any of the two facilities i.e. e-signature or PDF to submit the LOC.

Yours faithfully

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