

CBSE Composite Skill Lab: Compliance Checklist

Existing CBSE schools: lab in place by **22 August 2027**
(Circular Skill-13/2026)

New schools: before applying for affiliation (Circular
Skill-75/2024)

School _____ Skill coordinator _____ Date _____

1 Skill subjects

Guidelines p.10

- ☐ At least **3 skill subjects** chosen
- ☐ They cover **all 3 forms of work:** life forms, machines & materials, human services
- ☐ Choices based on our location, our teachers and local businesses

2 Room

Skill-75/2024 · Guidelines pp.10, 19

- ☐ One room of **600 sq ft or more** (Classes 6–12), **or** two rooms of **400 sq ft or more** (6–10 and 11–12)
- ☐ Holds a batch of 25–40 students working safely
- ☐ Windows and exhaust fans
- ☐ At least **two clear walls** for pegboards and posters
- ☐ **15 A and 5 A sockets** on the walls; proper lights and fans
- ☐ Concrete or rubber-mat flooring (not vitrified tiles or stone)
- ☐ Sink with tap and drainage (if our subjects need water)
- ☐ Access to an open area for gardening (if we chose agriculture)

3 Furniture

Guidelines pp.20–27

- ☐ Group work tables (approx. 6–8 ft × 4 ft)
- ☐ Stackable stools
- ☐ Lockable wall cupboards for each subject's toolkit; labelled storage containers
- ☐ Tool pegboards, and wall shelves for student work
- ☐ Teacher's table, chair and cupboard
- ☐ Whiteboard, and an LED screen or projector

4 Safety

Guidelines pp.33–35

- ☐ Fire extinguisher (2 kg ABC) and 2 sand buckets
- ☐ First-aid box; gloves, aprons and rubber mats
- ☐ Safety corner near the entrance
- ☐ Two wide exit doors, kept clear
- ☐ Safety posters, do's & don'ts and emergency numbers displayed
- ☐ Fire and evacuation drills scheduled
- ☐ Safety roles assigned: principal, teachers, lab in-charge, students, cleaning staff

5 Equipment

Skill-13/2026 · Guidelines pp.34, 42

- ☐ Toolkits for each chosen subject (CBSE's lists are *suggestive* and sized for a class of 40)
- ☐ Consumables for year 1
- ☐ **Inventory register** maintained by the lab in-charge

6 Existing labs

Guidelines pp.41, 57

- ☐ ATL used for at most one form of work (it can't be converted into the CSL)
- ☐ Computer lab used for IT/ITeS (not converted; at least 20 working computers)
- ☐ Other labs and spaces mapped to subjects

7 Teaching

Guidelines pp.5, 9

- ☐ Skill teachers identified or hired, and trained
- ☐ **110 hours a year** in the timetable for Classes 6–10
- ☐ Curriculum in place (NCERT Kaushal Bodh for Classes 6–8)
- ☐ Industry visits and guest experts planned
- ☐ Kaushal Mela (skills fair) date set

8 Optional

Guidelines pp.40, 63

- ☐ AI workstations (CBSE suggests 3–5 desktops or laptops)

Action plan

Action still needed	Owner	Target date

Need help planning your lab? Cretile supplies subject toolkits built from CBSE's suggested lists, a 3-level curriculum and teacher training for six sectors across all three forms of work. We'll connect you with the Cretile partner nearest you.

Based on CBSE Circulars Skill-75/2024 (23.08.2024) and Skill-13/2026 (20.03.2026) and CBSE's *Guidelines for setting up Composite Skill Lab in Schools*. Specifications are CBSE's suggestions and can be adjusted to your school. This checklist is a planning aid, not an official CBSE document. Last checked: October 2026.