

## Budget 2013: FICCI proposes income tax exemptions for education sector

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has proposed that Budget 2013 should provide for certain income tax exemptions to promote education sector.

FICCI listed that given India needs skilled personnel for global requirements, government should make following provision:

- Any person enrolling for a Skills Certification course be eligible for a 20% tax rebate (only applicable for the tuition fee amount)
- Any Educational Service Provider opening a Skills Centre in a backward area should be given an incentive like exemption from income tax for a period of 5 years
- Establishment of the proposed Education Finance Corporation for easy access to loans. Parents or Students allowed to open education specific accounts/purchase bonds where earnings /growth of investments inside the account accumulate without being taxed. Withdrawal should be tax free as long as it is used for specified higher education expenses

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