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Engineering grads may face new GATE-way to jobs

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NEW DELHI: Engineering students of both government and private institutions might soon have to write a mandatory exit examination in their final year. Their performance in this examination is likely to determine their employability as the government plans to share their scores with

prospective employers.

Concerned about the quality of engineering students graduating every year, the government is proposing to test their "attainment levels" through this examination. The issue will come up for discussion at a meeting of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) next week.

The proposed test is the result of the feedback the government

has received about skewed standards of engineering education in the country, which produces seven lakh students annually from 3,600-odd registered technical institutions. Data show that only 20% to 30% of them get a decent job. The low employability is attributed as much to the lack of requisite skill as to the falling demand from the industry.