



All Entrance exams

Guiding Students Toward the Right Academic Pathway

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Exams to be discussed....

S. No.	Exam	Courses
1.	CUET-UG	UG programmes at participating universities
2.	JEE Main + Advanced	Engineering / Architecture / Planning
3.	NEET-UG	Medical / Dental / AYUSH and applicable health programmes
4.	CLAT UG	5-year integrated law
5.	NATA	B. Arch
6.	NIFTEE	NIFT UG programmes
7.	NID DAT	B. Des / Design
8.	NDA & NA	Defence officer-entry pathway

INTRODUCTION TO CUET:

- ✓ Conducted by **National Testing Agency (NTA)**.
- ✓ Single entrance exam for undergraduate admissions to **Central Universities** and participating institutions.
- ✓ CUET opens doors to more than 40 central universities and several participating institutions.
- ✓ **Single Platform**: Covers multiple universities.
- ✓ **Rural Inclusivity**: Provides equal opportunities to students from all regions.
- ✓ **Merit-Based**: Ensures fair selection across the country.
- ✓ Over **1 million students** are expected to participate, making it highly



Aligarh Muslim University



Central University of Haryana



Jawaharlal Nehru University



दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
University of Delhi



Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University



Banaras Hindu University



Jamia Milia Islamia

IMPORTANT TIMELINE (Tentative):

Registration:

- 3rd – 30th January 2026 (upto 11:50 PM)

Fee Payment Deadline:

- 31st January 2026 (upto 11:50 PM)

Correction Window:

- 2nd – 4th February 2026 (upto 11:50 PM)

Admit Card:

- To be announced on the website

Exam Dates:

- 11th – 31st May 2026

Result Declaration:

- 23rd June 2026

EXAM STRUCTURE:

Mode:

- Computer-Based Test

Test Pattern:

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).

Medium:

- 13 languages (Hindi, English, Bengali, Tamil, etc.).

Duration:

- Each test paper would be of 60 minutes.

Registration Link:

- <https://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-UG/>

NOTE: ✓ 50 questions are to be attempted in all subjects including languages. The duration of the test will be of 60 minutes.

SUBJECT CHOICES:

Total Subjects:

- 37 Subjects.

Languages:

- 13 languages including regional languages.

Domain-Specific:

- 23 subjects (like Mathematics, Biology, Economics).

General Test:

- General knowledge, current affairs, and reasoning.

SYLLABUS OVERVIEW:

•Language Test:

✓ Reading
Comprehension (factual,
literary, narrative),
Literary Aptitude, and
Vocabulary.

Domain-Specific Subjects:

■ Based on the Class XII
syllabus.

•General Test:

•General Knowledge,
Current Affairs, General
Mental Ability.

□ Numerical Ability,
Quantitative Reasoning,
Logical and Analytical
Reasoning.

MARKING SCHEME:

**Correct
Answer**



+5 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



-1 marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

Note: Special Cases for ambiguous questions. (awarding marks to all if a question is dropped.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Who Can Apply?

- No age limit.
- Candidates who passed or are appearing for Class XII can apply.

Special Criteria:

- Must meet the admission requirements of the universities they apply to.

FEE STRUCTURE:

General (UR): OBC/EWS:

- ₹1000 for 3 subjects, ₹400 per additional subject.
- ₹900 for 3 subjects, ₹375 per additional subject.

SC/ST/PwBD/Third Gender: Centers Outside India:

- ₹800 for 3 subjects, ₹350 per additional subject.
- ₹4500 for 3 subjects, ₹1800 per additional subject.

This is tentative as of now.

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NTA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Choose subjects and exam centers.

Step 4:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 5:

- Pay fees online.

PREPARATION TIPS:

For Language Section:

- Focus on comprehension and vocabulary.

For Domain-Specific:

- Revise your Class XII syllabus thoroughly.

For General Test:

- ⑩ General knowledge and current affairs.
- ⑩ Logical reasoning, numerical ability.

STUDY RESOURCES:

NCERT Textbooks:

- Ideal for domain subjects.

Mock Tests:

- Practice previous year question papers.

Current Affairs:

- Read daily news (newspapers, Inshorts).

Reasoning Books:

- RS Aggarwal, Arihant's Reasoning.

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by June/July 2026.

AFTER CUET RESULTS:

Merit List:

- Each university will prepare its own merit list.

Counselling:

- Based on CUET scores, conducted by universities.

Admission Process:

- Check individual university guidelines for specifics.

FAQ'S & FINAL TIPS:

Q1. Can I apply for universities not chosen during CUET?



A1. Yes, if you meet their eligibility criteria.

Q2. Can I change my subject choices later?



A2. No, once submitted, subject choices cannot be changed.

JEE MAIN & ADVANCED

- ✓ JEE Main is conducted by **National Testing Agency (NTA)**.
- ✓ JEE Advanced is conducted by one of the **IITs** on rotational basis under the supervision of the **Joint Admission Board (JAB)**.
- ✓ JEE Main is the entrance exam for undergraduate admissions to **premiere engineering colleges**.
- ✓ JEE Advanced is the entrance exam for undergraduate admissions to **IITs**.
- ✓ **Merit-Based**: Ensures fair selection across the country.
- ✓ Over **1 million students** are expected to participate in JEE Main, making it highly competitive. Top 2,50,000 of those students qualify for JEE Advanced.



JEE MAIN & ADVANCED KEY

JEE Main
Session 1

- Jan 21-30, 2026

JEE Main
Session 2

- April 1-10, 2026

JEE Advanced

- May 17, 2026 (Computer-Based Test)

If you are not happy with your score in JEE Main Session 1, you can take the exam again in Session 2.

JEE MAIN & ADVANCED

JEE Main

- Computer-Based Test except for B. Arch. which has a drawing component.
- Objective MCQs and numerical value questions in Physics, Chemistry, and Maths.

JEE Advanced

- Two compulsory harder papers
- Diverse objective type questions (MCQ, Matching, Numeric)
- Variable marking schemes

JEE MAIN EXAM PATTERN:

JEE Main Paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech)

- **Total Questions:** 75
- **Subjects:** Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics
- **Format:** 20 MCQs + 5 NVQs per subject (all compulsory)

JEE Main Paper 2A (B.Arch)

- **Total Questions:** Around 77
- **Sections:** Mathematics, Aptitude Test, Drawing Test
- **Format:** Maths (20 MCQs + 5 NVQs), Aptitude (50 MCQs), Drawing (2 questions)

JEE Main Paper 2B (B.Plan)

- **Total Questions:** 100
- **Sections:** Mathematics, Aptitude, Planning-Based Questions
- **Format:** Maths (20 MCQs + 5 NVQs), Aptitude (50 MCQs), Planning (25 MCQs)

MARKING SCHEME FOR JEE

**Correct
Answer**



+5 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



-1 marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

MARKING SCHEME FOR JEE

- ✓ JEE Advanced has a **complex marking scheme**.
- ✓ JEE Advanced marking scheme changes every year.
- ✓ There are **full, partial, and zero marks** for different questions.
- ✓ The questions can be MCQs, matching types, numerical value based, among others.
- ✓ The question paper changes every year.
- ✓ There is **no fixed pattern** for each exam.
- ✓ There are **two papers** testing deeper concepts.

JEE ADVANCED EXAM PATTERN:

Number of Papers

- Two (Paper 1 & Paper 2) – both mandatory

Subjects Covered

- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics

Number of questions in JEE Advanced 2026

- 51 (17 questions in each subject)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR JEE MAIN:

Educational Qualification

- Passed Class 12 or equivalent in 2024, 2025, or appearing in 2026

Mandatory Subjects (for B.E./B.Tech.)

- Physics & Mathematics (Compulsory)
- Chemistry/Biotechnology/Biology/Technical Vocational subject (any one)

Age Limit & Attempts

- No age limit to appear in JEE Main
- Appear consecutively in three exams after passing class 12th

Qualifying Exam for NIT, IIIT & GFTI entrance

- General/OBC/EWS: At least 75% aggregate marks in class 12th or top 20 percentile of your board
- SC/ST: At least 65% aggregate marks in class 12th or top 20 percentile

FEE STRUCTURE:

JEE Main

- ₹1000 (Gen Male), ₹800 (Gen Female), ₹500 (SC/ST/PwD) for single papers in India
- Higher costs for both papers or overseas centers

JEE Advanced

- ₹3200 for General/OBC and ₹1600 for Female/SC/ST/PwD
- *Always check the official NTA/JEE Advanced websites for precise, updated figures*

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NTA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

STUDY RESOURCES:

NCERT Textbooks:

- Ideal for preparation.

Mock Tests:

- Practice previous year question papers.

Coaching Material:

- Find online coaching material (various institutes).

Reference Books:

- RD Sharma (Maths), HC Verma (Physics), OP Tandon (Chem).

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by Feb 12th, 2026 for Session 1 and April/May for Session 2.

AFTER JEE MAIN RESULTS:

JEE Advanced:

- Top 2,50,000 students qualify for JEE Advanced for IIT Admissions.

Counselling:

- Others qualify for JoSAA Counselling for admissions into NITs, IIITs, and GFTIs.

Admission Process:

- Check individual university shortlisting for admissions and seats allotment.

NEET INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ Conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).
- ✓ Common national entrance examination for undergraduate medical education.
- ✓ The official **National Eligibility cum Entrance Test** (NEET) portal states that NEET-UG also applies to BAMS, BUMS, BSMS and BHMS admissions under the relevant statutory frameworks.
- ✓ MBBS and other NEET-based undergraduate medical/dental or health programmes as applicable.
- ✓ AYUSH pathways including BAMS, BUMS and BSMS; BHMS is also covered under the applicable framework.
- ✓ Admission is through the relevant central/state counselling process

NEET INTRODUCTION:

What is it?

National entrance examination for undergraduate medical education. Used for MBBS and, through counselling frameworks, other NEET-based medical/dental seats.

What can you study?

Eligibility is linked to Class 12 with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology and English. Preparation focuses on NCERT-based concepts plus speed and accuracy.

Typical pathway

Class 12 (PCB/PCMB) → NEET-UG → Counselling
→ Medical/Dental & other participating programmes

Useful strengths

Biology fundamentals, conceptual clarity, accuracy, memory and exam discipline.

Remember

Entrance exam qualification does not by itself guarantee admission. Final eligibility, seat allocation, counselling and programme requirements vary by institution.

Registration & Exam Dates

Registration – NEET UG 2026

Application opened in Feb 2026; final extended deadline:
8 Mar 2026

Correction Window

10 – 12 Mar 2026

Admit Card

27th April 2026

NEET-UG Examination

3 May 2026

Answer Key / Result

Exam was cancelled. Reexam was done at 14 June 2026

Counselling

After result; MCC/state counselling schedules

NEET EXAM PATTERN:

Physics

- **Total Questions:** 45
- **Format:** 4 marks each

Chemistry

- **Total Questions:** 45
- **Format:** 4 marks each

Biology

- **Total Questions:** 90
- **Format:** 4 marks each

MARKING SCHEME FOR NEET:

**Correct
Answer**



+4 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



-1 marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NEET:

Educational Qualification

- Passed Class 12 or equivalent in 2024, 2025, or appearing in 2026

Mandatory Subjects (for MBBS)

- Physics & Biology (Compulsory)
- Chemistry/Biotechnology/Biology/Technical Vocational subject (any one)

Age Limit & Attempts

- No age limit to appear in NEET
- Appear consecutively in three exams after passing class 12th

Qualifying Exam for NEET entrance

- General/GEN-EWS: minimum 50% aggregate in PCB.
- SC/ST/OBC-NCL: minimum 40% aggregate in PCB.
- PwBD candidates: applicable minimum is 45% for General/GEN-EWS and 40% for SC/ST/OBC-NCL.

FEE STRUCTURE:

NEET

- General- ₹ 1700/-
- General-EWS/ OBC-NCL- ₹ 1600/-
- SC/ST/PwBD/PwD - ₹ 1000/-

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NTA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

STUDY RESOURCES:

NCERT Textbooks:

- Ideal for preparation.

Mock Tests:

- Practice previous year question papers.

Coaching Material:

- Find online coaching material (various institutes).

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by 16 July 2026

CLAT INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ **Common Law Admission Test (CLAT)** is conducted by the Consortium of **National Law Universities** (Consortium of NLUs).
- ✓ Common national entrance examination for admission to participating National Law Universities.
- ✓ CLAT UG is designed to assess comprehension, reasoning and aptitude relevant to legal education.
- ✓ The 2027 UG examination is scheduled in offline mode.

What is it?

A national-level entrance test for five-year integrated undergraduate law programmes at participating NLUs. CLAT 2027 is a 2-hour, 120-question MCQ examination.

What can you study?

Five-year integrated UG law programmes. Course titles and available programmes vary by participating NLU; candidates should check individual NLU requirements.

Typical pathway

Class 12 → CLAT UG → Rank/Score → NLU
Counselling → Seat Allotment → Law
Programme

Useful strengths

Reading comprehension, current-affairs awareness, logical reasoning, legal reasoning, quantitative basics and time management.

Remember

Qualifying CLAT does not by itself guarantee admission. Seat allocation, reservation, program availability and final admission requirements are governed by the Consortium and individual NLUs.

Registration & Exam Dates

Registration

Application opened in 3 Aug 2026; final extended deadline:
31MAugust 2026

Application Fee

Online payment; ₹4,000 General/OBC; ₹3,500
SC/ST/BPL/PwD

Admit Card

Released before examination

CLAT UG Examination

6 Dec 2026

Answer Key / Result

After examination; dates notified by NTA

Counselling

After result; Consortium counselling schedules

CLAT EXAM PATTERN:

Section	Approx. Questions	Weightage
English Language	22–26	≈20%
Current Affairs + GK	28–32	≈25%
Legal Reasoning	28–32	≈25%
Logical Reasoning	22–26	≈20%
Quantitative Techniques	10–14	≈10%

MARKING SCHEME FOR CLAT:

**Correct
Answer**



+1 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



-0.25marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

Educational Qualification

Passed Class 12 or an equivalent examination with:

- 45% marks or equivalent grade for general candidates

Age Limit

There is no upper age limit for candidates appearing for CLAT 2027 UG.

Appearing Candidates

Candidates appearing for the qualifying examination in March/April 2027 may apply. Proof of passing Class 12 must be produced at admission.

Important

Eligibility for admission, reservation and program-specific requirements may vary by NLU. Check the respective NLU's current admission rules.

FEE STRUCTURE:

CLAT

- General/OBC- ₹ 4000/-
- SC/ST/PwBD/PwD - ₹ 3500/-

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1

Register online on the official CLAT 2027 website using your mobile number and email ID.

Step 2

Select UG program/category and complete personal and academic details.

Step 3

Upload photograph, signature and applicable category/PwD/BPL certificates.

Step 4

Pay the application fee online and review the form carefully.

Step 5

Submit the final application and retain the confirmation/application details.

NATA INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ **National Aptitude Test in Architecture** (NATA) is conducted by the Council of Architecture for admission to the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) programme.
- ✓ It assesses cognitive skills, visual perception, aesthetic sensitivity, logical reasoning and critical thinking relevant to architecture.

Registration & Exam Dates

Registration – NATA UG 2026

Application opened in 9 March 2026

Phase 1

4 April – 13 Jan 2026

Phase 2

7-8 August 2026

Answer Key / Result

After examination; within 7 days

Counselling

After result Counselling schedules

NATA EXAM PATTERN:

Part A — Drawing & Composition

Offline • 90 minutes • 80 marks
3 questions: composition & colour,
sketching/composition, 3D
composition

Part B — MCQ & NCQ

Computer-based adaptive test • 90
minutes • 120 marks
42 MCQs + 8 NCQs = 50 questions

Total - 200 marks

Part A 80 + Part B 120 = 200 marks. Medium: English and Hindi in the 2026 brochure.

MARKING SCHEME FOR NATA:

**Correct
Answer**



+1 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



0 marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NATA:

Academic Qualification

10+2/equivalent with Physics and Mathematics compulsory plus one specified additional subject; eligible 10+3 diploma route with Mathematics may also apply, subject to current rules.

Minimum Marks

Current Council of Architecture rules should be checked for the admission year; the 2026 brochure uses the prescribed eligibility framework for B. Arch admission.

Admission eligibility

Qualifying NATA does not itself guarantee a B. Arch seat. Admissions are carried out by competent authorities/institutions using valid NATA scores and applicable eligibility criteria.

FEE STRUCTURE:

National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA)

- General / OBC-NCL (Male): ₹1,750
- General / OBC-NCL (Female): ₹1,250
- SC / ST / EWS / PwD (Male): ₹1,250
- SC / ST / EWS / PwD (Female): ₹1,000
- Transgender: ₹1,000

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NATA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by 8 August 2026

NIFT-EE INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ **National Institute of Fashion Technology Entrance Examination** (NIFTEE) is the national-level entrance examination for programmes offered by NIFT.
- ✓ NTA conducts the entrance process on behalf of NIFT. For UG applicants, the process assesses general ability and design aptitude, with program-specific components.

Registration & Exam Dates

Registration – NIFT UG 20

Application opened in 8 December 2026 to 28th February 2026

Correction Window

Released before examination

Admit Card

April 2027

NIFT Examination

May 2027

Research Proposal / Presentation

After examination; dates notified by NTA

Result

June 2nd Week

B. Des. (Bachelor in Design)

Design programmes
General Ability Test (GAT)
+ Common admission
test (CAT) in the current
UG framework
Shortlisted candidates
proceed to Situation Test

B. F. Tech. (Bachelor in Fashion Technology)

Fashion Technology
GAT-based written
assessment under
current guidelines

Other NIFT Routes

NIFT also offers PG,
NLEA and artisan routes;
this deck focuses on UG
after Class 12.

Mode

NTA states that NIFTEE uses CBT and PBT modes depending on the nature of the test component.

MARKING SCHEME FOR NIFT:

**Correct
Answer**



+4 marks

**Incorrect
Answer**



-1 marks

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NIFT:

B.Des.

Passed/appearing in Class 12 or equivalent from a recognised board. Current NIFT rules do not prescribe a stream-specific subject requirement for B. Des.

B.F.Tech.

Class 12/equivalent with Physics and Mathematics as prescribed by NIFT.

Age / category rules

NIFT applies age and category-specific provisions. Check the 2027 admission guidelines for the exact cut-off date and relaxations.

FEE STRUCTURE:

Fees Structure for form of NIFT	
Open / Open-EWS/OBC(NCL) (for either B.Des. or B.F. Tech. or MFM or M. Des. or M.F.Tech. or Ph.D.)	₹ 2000
SC / ST / PwD (for either B. Des. or B.F. Tech. or MFM or M. Des. or M.F.Tech. Ph.D.))	₹ 500
Open/Open-EWS/OBC (NCL) applying for two programmes i.e. B.F.Tech. and B.Des. or M.F.M. and M.Des.	₹ 3000
SC / ST / PwD applying for two programmes i.e. B.F. Tech. and B. Des. or MFM and M. Des.	₹ 750
NRI/Foreign National/OCI/PIO/SAARC (for UG / PG Programmes)	₹ 11100

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NTA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by Last week of June 2026

NID DAT INTRODUCTION:

NID DAT is the **National Institute of Design's Design Admission Test** process. For B.Des., candidates undergo DAT Prelims and shortlisted candidates proceed to DAT Mains. The official NID portal provides the 2027–28 Admissions Handbook.

Registration & Exam Dates

S. No.	Event	Date / Time
1	Online submission of Application Forms with prescribed application fees	10 September 2026 to 11:59 PM (midnight), 30 November 2026
2	Window to Edit the Application Forms	4 PM, 01 December 2026 to 11:59 PM (midnight), 03 December 2026
3	Download Admit Cards for DAT Prelims	4 PM, 10 December 2026
4	DAT Prelims Exam	Sunday, 20 December 2026
5	DAT Prelims Result	4 PM, 16 March 2027
6	One-time Window to Edit the Category Certificate	4 PM, 16 February 2027 to 11:59 PM (midnight), 28 February 2027

Registration & Exam Dates

7	Re-totalling of Marks of DAT Prelims Answer Booklet	4 PM, 16 March 2027 to 11:59 PM (midnight), 17 March 2027
8	Download Admit Card for DAT Mains Exam	To be announced later
9	DAT Mains Exam (Studio Sensitivity Test)	To be announced later
10	DAT Mains Exam (In-person Sensitivity Test)	To be announced later
11	DAT Mains Result	To be announced later
12	Re-totalling of Marks of DAT Mains Answer Booklet	To be announced later
13	Online submission of Application Forms for Admission	To be announced later
14	Admission Counselling, Payment of Fees & Physical Verification of Documents	To be announced later

NID DAT EXAM STRUCTURE

DAT Prelims

Design aptitude assessment used for shortlisting. The exact question format, duration and components are specified in the current Admissions Handbook.

DAT Mains

For shortlisted candidates. May include studio/sensitivity-based assessments as prescribed by NID for the admission cycle.

Important

NID states that the nature/structure and mode of DAT components may change; always follow the current handbook.

FEE STRUCTURE:

Fees Structure for form of NDA DAT

Open / Open-EWS/OBC(NCL)	₹ 3000
SC / ST / PwD	₹ 1500
Female except SC/ST/PwD	₹ 2000
Third gender	₹ 500
NRI/Foreign National/OCI/PIO/SAARC (for UG / PG Programmes)	125 \$

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

ANSWER KEY & RESULTS:

Provisional Answer Key:

- Available for challenge after the exam.

Final Answer Key:

- Used for result computation.

Result Date:

- Expected by January 2027

NDA Introduction

- ✓ Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts the National Defence Academy (NDA) & Naval Academy (NA) examination for admission to the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy.
- ✓ Selection involves the written examination followed by the Services Selection Board (SSB) process and medical/merit requirements.

NDA I 2027

Notification: 9 Dec 2026
Exam: 11 Apr 2027

NDA II 2027

Notification: 19 May 2027
Exam: 19 Sep 2027

Applications

Exact closing dates
follow UPSC notification

UPSC's 2027 Annual Calendar lists NDA & NA (I) on 11 April 2027 and NDA & NA (II) on 19 September 2027.

Notification/application dates must be checked in the individual notices.

NDA EXAM PATTERN:

Paper I — Mathematics

300 marks • 2½ hours

Objective-type questions

Paper II — GAT

600 marks • 2½ hours

English + General Knowledge

Total Written Exam

900 marks • 5 hours total examination time

MARKING SCHEME FOR NDA:

**Correct
Answer**



+4 marks

Incorrect Answer



***-0.83 marks
(Mathematics)***



-1.33 marks (GAT)

***Unanswered/Marked
for Review***



0 marks

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NDA:

Educational Qualification

Army Wing: Class 12/equivalent. Air Force, Naval Wings and Naval Academy: Class 12/equivalent with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as prescribed.

Age / Marital Status

UPSC specifies a date-of-birth range and marital-status conditions in each notification. Check the exact notice for your exam.

Appearing Candidates

Class 12 appearing candidates may apply subject to the conditions in the current notification.

FEE STRUCTURE:

NDA

- General- ₹ 1700/-
- General-EWS/ OBC-NCL- ₹ 1600/-
- SC/ST/PwBD/PwD - ₹ 1000/-

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Online Registration (NTA website).

Step 2:

- Fill in details (personal, academic).

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

STUDY RESOURCES:

NCERT Textbooks:

- Ideal for preparation.

Mock Tests:

- Practice previous year question papers.

Coaching Material:

- Find online coaching material (various institutes).

CA Foundation

- ✓ UPSC is the **Union Public Service Commission**, and CA stands for **Chartered Accountant Foundation** is the entry-level examination in **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** (ICAI's) Chartered Accountancy qualification pathway.
- ✓ It is a professional examination rather than a university entrance test.

Exam Date

Registration

Exam-form window: 3
Nov–16 Nov 2026
without late fee;
19 Nov with late fee

Foundation Exams

3, 5, 7 & 9 January
2027

Result

Date to be
announced by ICAI

Timings

Paper 1 & 2: 2:00–5:00 PM (3 hours). Paper 3 & 4: 2:00–4:00 PM (2 hours).
ICAI gives 15 minutes advance reading time for Papers 1 & 2.

CA Foundation Exam Pattern:

Paper 1 — Accounting

100 marks • Subjective

Paper 2 — Business Laws

100 marks • Subjective

Paper 3 — Quantitative Aptitude

100 marks • Objective

Business Mathematics + Logical Reasoning + Statistics

Paper 4 — Business Economics

100 marks • Objective

MARKING SCHEME FOR CA Foundation:

Paper 1 & 2

Subjective

100 marks each

No Negative-marking

Paper 3 & 4

Objective

100 marks each

- 1/4 for every wrong
answer

Total

400 marks

4 papers

Passing criteria

At least 40% in each paper and at least 50% aggregate at one sitting,
under the current Foundation rules.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CA

Educational Qualification

Class 12 / equivalent route as prescribed by ICAI. Students must complete the required registration with ICAI.

Registration

Foundation registration is completed through ICAI's student/SSP system before appearing in the examination.

Appearing Candidates

Class 12 appearing candidates may apply subject to the conditions in the current notification.

FEE STRUCTURE:

January 2027 — India

₹1,500

Overseas Centres

US\$325 (excluding Kathmandu)

Kathmandu: ₹2,200

Late fee

₹600 for Indian/Kathmandu centres; US\$10 for overseas centres, as specified in the January 2027 announcement.

HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1:

- Register for the Foundation Course with ICAI.

Step 2:

- Maintain your SSP login/registration details

Step 3:

- Upload documents (photo, signature).

Step 4:

- Pay fees online.

Step 5:

- Print the final application form.

PREPARATION TIPS AND STUDY RESOURCES

Study Strategy

- ICAI study material first
- Daily accounting practice
- Law concept + writing practice
- Quantitative Aptitude timed sets
- Economics revision + MCQs

Resources

- ICAI Study Material
- RTPs / MTPs
- Suggested Answers
- Previous exam papers
- ICAI revision classes

Exam discipline

For objective papers, practice accuracy because wrong answers attract –0.25 mark.

Q & A

THANK YOU



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