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## ABOUT NDA

National Defense Academy (NDA) is a premier institute that trains the candidates to get selected for Indian Armed Forces (Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy) as commissioned officers. Candidates may approach the academy by qualifying a national level entrance examination for NDA which is organized by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The examination is conducted twice in a year.

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# NDA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ The appearing candidate must be a citizen of India or a subject of Nepal.
- ✓ A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Burma, Sri Lanka, Pakistan & East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia or Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India are also eligible to apply. Also, he/she shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.
- ✓ Certificate of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of candidates who are Gorkha subjects of Nepal.
- ✓ The minimum qualification required for Indian Army, Navy and Air Force is as follows;

- Eligibility for Indian Army - The candidates willing to apply for Indian Army must have completed 12th or its equivalent exam from a well recognized board. The appearing candidates can also apply.
- Eligibility for Indian Navy and Air Force - The candidates willing to apply for Indian Navy and Air Force must have passed their 12th or appearing from a recognized board or University with Physics and Mathematics as a compulsory subject.

**Note[1]** : Students who have been debarred by the Ministry of Défense from holding any type of Commission in the Defence Services are not eligible to apply. Those candidates who failed in INSB/PABT earlier are not eligible for Air Force.

- ✓ Candidates must be between the age of 16.5 years and 19.5 years to be eligible for the exam i.e. the age while commencement into NDA must be between the given age limit.
- ✓ Only unmarried male and female candidates are eligible for NDA examination.

**Note[2]** : The DOB mentioned in the Matriculation/Higher Secondary Examination Certificate available or an equivalent certificate will be considered by the commission.

**Note[3]** : Candidates are informed not to marry until they complete their full training. A candidate who marries subsequent to the date of his application, though, successful at this or any subsequent exam will not be selected for training. A candidate who marries during the training shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him by the Government.

## HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ The NDA application form can be filled and submitted via online process through UPSC website(<https://www.upsc.gov.in/>).
- ✓ Candidates are suggested to fill the application form carefully as no change will be entertained after the final submission of application.
- ✓ Candidates should keep the required documents in mentioned size and format before filling of application.
- ✓ Candidates must also note down that no submission of application form is to be sent to authorities in printed form.

## APPLICATION FEE

- ✓ The examination fee for general and OBC candidates is Rs. 100/- SC and ST candidates as well as wards of JCOs/NCOs/ORs are exempted.
- ✓ The payment of examination fee can be done via cash in any of the branches of SBI or through SBI net banking, visa/master/debit/RuPay credit cards or by UPI Payment.

# PAPER PATTERN

## **-: Exam mode :-**

UPSC conducts the examination in pen paper based and offline mode. The questions will be objective type (MCQs).

## **-: Number of Papers :-**

Candidates appearing for NDA paper will have to answer questions from two papers; (1) Mathematics and (2) General Ability Test (GAT).

## **-: Exam duration :-**

The candidates can attempt questions in exam within a specified time duration of five hours.

## **-: Total marks :-**

According to NDA exam pattern, the question paper of NDA will carry 900 marks in total. Mathematics paper is of 300 marks and GAT is of 600 marks.

## **-: Marking scheme :-**

UPSC follows a negative marking policy according to the NDA exam pattern and as many as 0.33 of the total marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty. Moreover, if a candidate responses with more than one answer option, it will be treated as wrong answer, even if the other one side options deem to be correct and negative marking will be applicable to that question. If any question is left unanswered, no marks will be awarded or deducted against that question.

# SYLLABUS

- ✓ Mathematics question paper of NDA examination will comprise various sections including Algebra, Matrices, Determinants, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry of two and three dimensions, Differentiate Calculus, Integral Calculus, Vector Algebra, Statistics and Probability.
- ✓ General Ability Test will have questions from English and General Awareness which comprises of Physics, Chemistry, General Science, Social Studies, Geography and Current Affairs.
- ✓ The total duration for both the papers is 5 hours i.e. each paper is of 2 hours 30 minutes. If the candidate clears the NDA written exam then he/she is eligible for stage two known as Service Selection Board (SSB) interview which is of 900 marks.

Sr. No	Subjects	Marks
01	Mathematics	300
02	English	200
03	Physics	100
04	Chemistry	60
05	General Science	40
06	History and others	80
07	Geography	80
08	Current Affairs	40
	Total	900

# ADMIT CARD

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# RESULT

- ✓ The NDA Result will be provided to students after one month from the examination.
- ✓ Candidates can check the result through the official website of UPSC. Candidates are advised to take printout of the result and keep it safe till the selection procedure.
- ✓ NDA written examination result and final result of selected candidates will be declared separately.
- ✓ Before SSB interview, the written result will be declared.
- ✓ Selected candidates in written examination will be called for further process.

# SELECTION PROCEDURE (SSB INTERVIEW)

- ✓ The selection of candidate will be based on the marks scored by the candidates in the written test and SSB interview.
- ✓ The SSB interview consists of two stages i.e. Stage I and Stage II. It is mandatory to clear Stage I; then only the candidate is eligible for Stage II.

**Stage I :- This stage will consist of Officer Intelligence Rating (OIR) and Picture Perception & Description Test (PP&DT).**

**Stage II :- This stage will consist of Psychology Test, Group Testing Officer Tasks (GTO), Interview (IO) and Conference.**

- ✓ This interview will be organized for 5 days. Entire process will carry 900 marks.

## PHYSICAL STANDARDS

- ✓ Candidates must be physically and mentally fit as per the physical standards maintained by the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy.
- ✓ Candidates are required to avoid the following minor defects at the time of medical examination :-
  - ✓ Wax (Ears)
  - ✓ Deviated Nasal Septum
  - ✓ Hydrocele/Phimosis
  - ✓ Overweight/Underweight
  - ✓ Under Sized Chest (Only for male candidates)
  - ✓ Piles
  - ✓ Tonsillitis
  - ✓ Gynaecomastia
  - ✓ Varicocele
- ✓ A candidate who has resigned or withdrawn on disciplinary grounds from any of the training academies of Armed Forces is not eligible to apply.