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Admissions 2026-27 Handbook

Bachelor of Design (B.Des.)

- at National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
- at National Institute of Design, Andhra Pradesh
- at National Institute of Design, Haryana
- at National Institute of Design, Madhya Pradesh
- at National Institute of Design, Assam

Last date for submitting application form (Online Mode Only):
11:59 pm (midnight) Monday, 01 December 2025

Date of Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Prelims
Sunday, 21 December 2025

Note:

- This handbook is only available as a digital download.
- Changes and updates to this document, if any, will be highlighted only on the official NID admissions website *(https://admissions.nid.edu).*
- Candidates are advised to refer to the handbook only from the official NID admissions website and check for any updates on the website before submitting their application.

All courses at NID are taught in English.

Candidates must satisfy all the eligibility criteria stipulated in this handbook in order to be eligible for admission.

Records of exam-related documents will be retained by NID only for a period of six months from the date of declaration of the Final result.

The courts and tribunals in Ahmedabad alone shall have exclusive jurisdiction to entertain and settle any dispute or claim regarding admission to NID.

<u>Amendment(s) Section</u>

- As on 27 October 2025, an amendment has been made regarding "Window to edit the application form"

  *The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form **(except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes <u>his/her applied category or gender</u> during the "Window to Edit Application Form" period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category or gender change.*

  *No requests for change in **category or gender (after the "Window to Edit the Application Form" closes)** will be permitted during the subsequent stages of the admissions process.*

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1. General Information

National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad (NIDA) and its extension campuses at Gandhinagar & Bengaluru, is an 'Institute of National Importance' as per the NID Act 2014. NID functions as an autonomous Institute under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. As per the NID Act 2014, the Institute is a statutory authority empowered to award its own degrees—presently offering full-time Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) of four-year duration, full-time Masters of Design (M.Des.) of two-and-a-half year duration and PhD in Design (full-time and part-time). The Institute is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The National Institute of Design, Andhra Pradesh (NID AP), established in September 2015, stands as a pioneering institution in the realm of design education and holding the esteemed status of an Institute of National Importance. It is the second autonomous multi-disciplinary design institute under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, established in alignment with the National Design Policy, marking a significant milestone after five decades since the inception of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

The National Institute of Design, Haryana (NIDH) is an Institute of National Importance, as per NID Act 2014 and NID(Amendment) Act 2019 established on November 15, 2016 as an autonomous institute, under the DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The institute aims at becoming the torchbearer for innovative design directions in the industry, commerce and development sectors. The institute has recently been featured at Indian Institute Ranking Framework (IIRF) as 6th in position.

The National Institute of Design, Madhya Pradesh (NID MP), stands as an illustrious testament to the zenith of design excellence. As an autonomous institution nestled under the benevolent umbrella of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, NID MP has embarked on a meteoric ascent since its inception in 2019-20. In a momentous juncture of its history, NID MP achieved the hallowed status of an Institute of National Importance (INI) through the august imprimatur of the President, bestowed upon the National Institute of Design (Amendment) Act, 2019, on the auspicious day of 29th November 2019. Nestled within the heart of Bhopal, our institution is graced by one of the most enchanting educational campuses, ensconced amidst verdant greenery that extends its verdure both within and beyond the campus precincts. Accessibility is assured, with convenient proximity to the Airport and Railway station, facilitating seamless journeys to and from our haven of learning. Bhopal, renowned for its ancient architectural marvels, vibrant arts and culture, serene lakes, sylvan landscapes, impeccable cleanliness, robust infrastructure, and temperate climate, forms the picturesque backdrop against which our academic odyssey unfolds.

Within the hallowed halls of NID MP, you shall encounter a distinguished faculty cadre enriched by a profusion of experience garnered across diverse industries and esteemed educational establishments. The institute's curriculum is an artful tapestry, meticulously woven to resonate harmoniously with the exigencies of industry, aligned seamlessly with the aspirations of our students, and punctuated with abundant opportunities for national and international exposure. Here, education transcends the mundane and the customary, and each day unfurls as a canvas of boundless possibilities and transformative potential.

The National Institute of Design (NID), Assam is an autonomous Institution of National Importance under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India engaged in spreading design education, research and practice. It commenced its academic session from 29th July, 2019 with a batch of 60 students' which is now increased to the current intake of 75 students' every year. NID, Assam offers full-time four years B. Des. programme with specialisation streams of Industrial Design, Communication Design and Textile & Apparel Design with a multidisciplinary approach to design education. The Institutes own campus with adequate infrastructure is ready and fully functional. Spread across 30 acres of land in Jorhat, architecturally indigenous in character and spatially imbuing our creative spirit, our campus is experientially organic and friendly with lots of fresh air, through both rain and sunshine!

Admissions to all the programmes at NID is based on the candidates' performance in the Design Aptitude Tests. The objective of these exams is to assess the knowledge, skills and behavioural abilities of candidates.

Stage 1: Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Prelims

Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Prelims will be conducted at various test centres across India (Refer Section 7.3 of this Admissions Handbook). Candidates should note that appearing for the DAT Prelims or being shortlisted for the second stage of the admission process does NOT guarantee automatic entitlement to admission.

The DAT Prelims exam will be common for all NIDs. The DAT Prelims exam score will be used only for shortlisting candidates for DAT Mains Exam and Prelims Score will not be carried forward as any weightage to the DAT Mains stage.

Stage 2: Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Mains

Candidates shortlisted after the DAT Prelims will be invited to appear for the Stage 2 DAT Mains exam. Exact details of the Test Centre will be announced later in the DAT Mains Admit Card.

NID will conduct the DAT Mains Exam for a limited number of candidates (consisting of a Studio Sensitivity Test and In-Person Sensitivity Test) and will call 1.5 times (with applicable tie break policy) the total number of seats available under each category based on the merit in DAT Prelims exam.

NIDs will use the score of the DAT Mains for admission to their respective institution. If seats remain vacant, independent NIDs may conduct additional DAT Mains Exam for admission to vacant seats in their respective campuses.

Note:

▪ Candidates are fully and solely responsible to provide correct information during the application process. If it is found that any information provided by the candidate at the time of filling / submitting the application form is not true, NID has the right to cancel the application or admission, at any stage, in accordance with its rules and regulations. Any direct or indirect attempt to influence the management and employees of the Institute will lead to automatic disqualification of the candidate.
▪ The Institute has the sole prerogative to determine the procedure for each cycle of admission in accordance with internal institutional mechanisms and processes. In case of any matter not covered in this handbook, NID's decisions shall be considered final and binding to all the parties concerned.

2. Important Dates* (All mentioned times are in IST)

S.N	Admission Stages	B.Des
1	Accepting Application Forms online begins	Thursday, 11 September 2025
2	Last date for submitting online applications	11:59 pm (midnight) Monday, 01 December 2025
3	Window to Edit the application forms	4 pm Tuesday, 02 December 2025 to 11:59 pm (midnight) Thursday, 04 December 2025
4	Download Admit Cards for DAT Prelims**	4 pm Thursday, 11 December 2025
5	DAT Prelims Exam	Sunday, 21 December 2025
6	DAT Prelims Result	4 pm. Tuesday, 07 April 2026
7	Rechecking Request for DAT Prelims Exam	4 pm Tuesday, 07 April 2026 to 11:59 (midnight) Wednesday, 08 April 2026
8	Download Admit Card for DAT Mains Exam**	To be announced later
9	DAT Mains Exam	To be announced later
10	DAT Mains Exam Result	To be announced later
11	Rechecking Request for DAT Mains Exam	To be announced later
12	Admission Counselling, Payment of Fees & Physical verification of Documents	Tentatively in the second/third week of June 2026

Note:
The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form **(except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit Application Form" period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

*NID reserves the right to modify/change this schedule due to unforeseen emergent circumstances.

** Admit Cards will be available for download on the NID website *(https://admissions.nid.edu)* as per the schedule. Separate admit card (digital or hard copy) will NOT be provided to the candidates. It is the responsibility of the candidates to download and print their own Admit Cards. Reporting time will be mentioned in the Admit Card. The Admit Card cannot be used by any person/institution without the prior permission of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

In emergent unforeseen circumstances, the schedules as well as the nature & structure of the exams can change, and all tests may be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of offline & online modes, at the discretion of the Institute.

3. Intake Capacity at individual NIDs

3.1 Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) at NID Ahmedabad

The four-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) programme is offered at NID Ahmedabad in the following areas of specialisation:

Faculty of Communication Design

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Animation Film Design	19
Exhibition Design	13
Film & Video Communication	13
Graphic Design	19

Faculty of Industrial Design

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Ceramic & Glass Design	13
Furniture & Interior Design	13
Product Design	19

Faculty of Textile, Apparel, Lifestyle and Accessory Design

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Textile Design	19

- Successful candidates admitted to B.Des. Programme at NID Ahmedabad will be required to attend a mandatory Design Foundation study of two-semesters duration. Allotment of a discipline of choice is based on a candidate's merit and preference only after successful completion of academic requirements of the Design Foundation Studies. Number of seats for Indian Nationals in Bachelor of Design programme, including reserved categories, is One Hundred & Twenty-Eight (128).
- **The decimal number is rounded off to the nearest whole number for deriving available seats in a particular discipline.**

3.2   Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) at NID Andhra Pradesh

The four-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) programme is offered at NID Andhra Pradesh in the following areas of specialization:

Discipline	Intake Capacity #
Communication Design	25
Industrial Design	25
Textile and Apparel Design	25

 # Maximum seats in any programme can be 25, keeping the total seats as 75.

- Successful candidates admitted to B.Des. Programme at NID AP will be required to attend a mandatory foundation programme of one-year duration.
- Allotment of a discipline of choice is based on a candidate's performance in the Foundation Programme.
- The B.Des programme at NID AP has 75 seats including all categories.

3.3   Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) at NID Haryana

The four-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) programme is offered at NID Haryana in the following areas of specialization:

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Communication Design	25
Industrial Design	25
Textile and Apparel Design	25

The B.Des. programme commences with a two-semester rigorous Foundation Program followed by six semesters of specialized courses.

3.4   Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) at NID Madhya Pradesh

The four-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) programme is offered at NID Madhya Pradesh in the following areas of specialization:

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Communication Design	25 + Supernumerary Seats *
Industrial Design	25 + Supernumerary Seats *
Textile and Apparel Design	25 + Supernumerary Seats *

* Total intake 86 Students including 11 (4+4+3) overseas candidates which shall further divided based on discipline, preference and merit.

3.5 Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) at NID Assam

NID, Assam offers full-time four year Bachelor's Programme in Design (B.Des.) with specialisation streams of Industrial Design, Communication Design, and Textile & Apparel Design with a multi-disciplinary approach to design education:

Discipline	Intake Capacity
Communication Design	25
Industrial Design	25
Textile and Apparel Design	25

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Bachelor of Design (B.Des.)

All candidates applying for the B.Des. must fulfil the eligibility criteria of both age and educational qualification as under.

Age Limit:
- For Indian Nationals in General Category and General EWS Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 2005** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Reserved Category (Other Backward Class-Non Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST): Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 2002** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in PwD Reserved Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 2000** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Foreign Nationals in Overseas (Supernumerary) Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 2005** are eligible to apply for admission.

Educational Qualification:
Applications for academic year 2026-27 are open to candidates who have passed or will appear for higher secondary (10+2) qualifying examinations in the academic year 2025–26 in any stream (Science, Arts, Commerce, Humanities etc.) from any recognized board of education such as CBSE, IB, ICSE or equivalent.

Candidates who will be appearing for higher secondary (10+2) qualifying examinations in the academic year 2025–26, should have passed the same in the first attempt and submit their qualifying marksheet **on or before 15 July 2026**. If the candidate has any backlog/compartment/supplementary or fails to submit his/her Class XII passing result or have not cleared the Class XII examination **on or before 15 July 2026**, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.

Examinations considered equivalent to these are as follows:
- Final examination of the 10+2 system under a Central or State Board recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU, Refer *http://www.aiu.ac.in*).
- Intermediate or two-year pre-University examination under a Board or University recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.
- Final examination of the two-year course of the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy.
- Senior Secondary School examination under the National Institute of Open Schooling, with a minimum of five subjects.

- Any public school, Board or University examination completed in India or in any foreign country is recognized as equivalent to the 10+2 system by the Association of Indian Universities.
- H.S.C. vocational examination.
- General Certificate Education (GCE) examination at the Advanced (A) level taken in London, Cambridge or Sri Lanka.
- AICTE-approved three-year Full time Diploma after Class X offered by Board of Technical Education of any state in India or Union Territories as mentioned on *http://www.aicte-india.org*.
- Candidates who are appearing or have completed final examinations for class XII (or equivalent) outside India or from a Board not specified above should produce an equivalence certificate from the AIU, New Delhi/ Ministry of Education, Government of India, confirming that the examination they are appearing or have passed is equivalent to the Class XII examination conducted in India. This certificate is required to be submitted at the time of uploading of documents as mentioned in Section 2 of the Admissions Handbook. Visit *http://www.aiu.ac.in* for more details about how to obtain an equivalence certificate.

4.2 Overseas Category (Supernumerary) candidates:

Foreign citizens—candidates holding citizenship of a country other than the Republic of India—only, are eligible to apply under the Overseas (supernumerary) category, provided they fulfil all the eligibility criteria mentioned in Section 4.1 of the Admissions Handbook.

In addition to the seats available for the B.Des. Programme, an additional 15% supernumerary seats are available for Overseas category candidates. The number of seats available in Overseas (supernumerary) category is as under:

Programme	No. of supernumerary seats
Bachelor of Design, NID Ahmedabad	19
Bachelor of Design, NID Andhra Pradesh	11
Bachelor of Design, NID Haryana	11
Bachelor of Design, NID Madhya Pradesh	11

Note:
- Candidates under Overseas (supernumerary) category fall outside the ambit of seats reserved for the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories. Such candidates cannot avail the facility of age-relaxation, scribe etc.
- Candidates under Overseas (supernumerary) category are required to pay the fees as per the Overseas fees structure.

- Candidates holding OCI and PIO cards will have to apply only under the Overseas (supernumerary) category.
- Candidates must possess a valid passport. The candidate must ensure that the passport is current (not expired) at the time of applying online.
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) holding an Indian passport are not eligible to apply under the Overseas (supernumerary) category and will have to apply as Indian nationals.
- Candidates will be offered admission to NID based on the final merit list of the Overseas (supernumerary) category, which will be prepared after all the stages of the admission process have been completed.
- To accept the offer of admissions, Overseas category candidates are required to produce the following documents along with their self-attested photocopies:
  - Self-attested copy of the relevant pages of their valid passport.
  - Self-attested copies of their grade sheets/mark sheets of SSC (Grade X) and HSC (Grade XII). Candidates in the process of completing their Grade XII must submit a bonafide certificate from their school or college.
  - An equivalence certificate from the AIU, New Delhi/ Ministry of Education, Government of India, will have to be obtained in advance and required to be submitted at the time of the uploading of document, as announced in Section 2 of the Admissions Handbook.
- The candidate will be responsible for obtaining a student visa for the entire duration of the programme at NID, before the commencement of the programme.
- If the selected candidates do not pay their programme fees or fail to produce any of the required documents, or if they decline the offer of admissions, their candidature will stand cancelled and their seat will be offered to the next candidate in the order of merit under Overseas category.
- Seats remaining vacant/unfilled in the Overseas (supernumerary) category will lapse and will not be transferred to candidates from any other categories.
- Overseas candidates will have to appear for DAT Prelims and DAT Mains as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2 of the Admissions Handbook.
- Overseas candidates may choose their test centre for DAT Prelims from any of the test centres mentioned in Section 7.3 of the Admissions Handbook.
- The medium of instruction at NID is English language.

4.3   Important Note:

a. Candidates who are yet to appear for the Class XII examination in the year 2026 should have passed the same in the first attempt. If the candidate has any backlog/ compartment/ supplementary or have not cleared the Class XII examination, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.

b. If the Class XII result is not declared by the concerned Board/University till the date of the seat allotment, as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2 of the Admissions Handbook, his/her admission in such case will be strictly provisional subject to:

    i. An undertaking in the prescribed format as available on https://admissions.nid.edu duly signed by the Candidates as well his/her parent(s) is to be submitted, during the seat allotment, payment of fees and uploading of documents, as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2 of the Admissions Handbook.

    ii. Those candidates who are seeking provisional admission due to non-declaration of their Class XII result, will have to submit their qualifying marksheet **on or before 15 July 2026**. In case the candidate fails to submit his/her Class XII result **on or before 15 July 2026**, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her provisional admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.

c. Any candidate who has not appeared for the Class XII examination before the date of the seat allocation, will not be eligible to participate in the further process of admission.

5. Reservation of Seats

5.1. As per the norms of the Government of India, the total number of seats available (as mentioned below) for Indian Nationals under the B.Des. programmes are classified into different categories as mentioned below:

Seat Category	Category of Eligible Candidates
Open	GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD and ST-PwD
General- Economically Weaker Section (GEN-EWS)	GEN- EWS and GEN-EWS-PwD
Other Backward Class-Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL)	OBC-NCL and OBC-NCL-PwD
Schedule Caste (SC)	SC and SC –PwD
Schedule Tribe (ST)	ST and ST –PwD
Open—Persons with Disability (PwD)	GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD and ST-PwD
Other Backward Class-Non-Creamy Layer—Persons with Disability (OBC-NCL-PwD)	OBC-NCL-PwD
Schedule Caste —Persons with Disability (SC-PwD)	SC-PwD
Schedule Tribe—Persons with Disability (ST- PwD)	ST-PwD

Foreign nationals applying under the Overseas category are outside the ambit of reservation of seats for the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories.

In accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India, the prescribed number of seats reserved for each of these categories are as follows:

Category-wise reservation of seats[+]					
Institute	Total No. of Seats	GEN-EWS (10%)	OBC-NCL (27%)	Scheduled Caste (15%)	Scheduled Tribe (7.5%)
NID Ahmedabad	128	13	35	19	10
NID Andhra Pradesh	75	8	20	11	6
NID Haryana	75	8	20	11	6
NID Madhya Pradesh	75	8	20	11	6
NID Assam	75	8	20	11	6

[+] Amendments to the change in the number of seats for each NID, if any, will be updated on the official website *https://admissions.nid.edu* only in the Amendment(s) Section of this Handbook.

5.2. Reservation of seats for Economically Weaker Section (EWS):

General category belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (GEN-EWS) will be a reserved category in which the percentage of reservation is 10%. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those General category candidates who satisfy the condition given in the OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17 January 2019 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India.

The benefit of reservation under GEN-EWS can be availed upon production/uploading of an Income & Asset Certificate (Central Format) issued by a Competent Authority. **The Income and Asset Certificate issued by any one of the following authorities in the prescribed Central Government format as available on the website** *https://admissions.nid.edu* **shall only be considered valid.**

(i) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner

(ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate

(iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and

(iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

The EWS certificate must be issued **on or after 01 April 2025** based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2024-25 (as mentioned in the format available on the website https://admissions.nid.edu in Download section). The certificate must be in the name of the candidate along with the candidate's photo on the certificate **in the prescribed Central Government format only as available on the website** *https://admissions.nid.edu*.

Based on the information provided by the candidate in the application form while applying online, the candidate will be provisionally allowed to appear for the DAT Prelims and subsequent tests, if shortlisted. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide / upload valid certificates at the time of applying online.

The verification of the category certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the GEN-EWS certificate of the candidate is not valid or not in the prescribed Central Government Format, then the candidate will be moved to General category, and he/she will be considered as General category candidate for further admissions process.

The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form **(except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the

applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

On verification, even after admissions, if the information/document/ category certificate are found to be incorrect / invalid, the candidature of such candidate will summarily stand cancelled.

NID's decision will be final and binding. No further communication in this regard will be entertained.

5.3. Reservation of seats for Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer):

The name of the caste must be in the current Central list of OBCs available at: *http://www.ncbc.nic.in/User_Panel/CentralListStateView.aspx* and the format of the OBC-NCL certificate must be as per the **Central format** (available on the website *https://admissions.nid.edu* in Download section). If the caste of the OBC candidate is mentioned in the State list, but not mentioned in the Central list, then such candidates will not be entitled to claim the benefit of reservation under OBC-NCL category.

Candidates belonging to the Creamy Layer of OBC are not entitled to apply under reserved category (OBC-NCL) and will have to submit their application under General (unreserved) category only.

Candidates applying under the OBC-NCL (Non-Creamy Layer) category are required to produce / upload a valid certificate on their name in **English/Hindi language** only, **issued on or after 01 April 2025,** (based on the gross annual income for the financial year 2024-25) from the relevant competent authorities of their respective State or Union Territory, certifying that they do NOT belong to the Creamy Layer, along with the final application form**. For certificates that are not in the English/Hindi language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the certificate in English/Hindi version along with the original copy of the category certificate.**

Based on the information provided by the candidate in the application form while applying online, the candidate will be provisionally allowed to appear for the DAT Prelims and subsequent tests, if shortlisted. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide / upload valid certificates at the time of applying online.

The verification of the category certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the OBC-NCL certificate of the candidate is not valid, then the candidate will be moved to General category (provided the candidate has not availed age

relaxation benefit), and he/she will be considered as General category candidate for further admissions process. In the case where the candidate has availed age relaxation benefit, his/her candidature shall stand cancelled.

The candidates can modify the details filled in the application **form (except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

On verification, even after admissions, if the information/document/ category certificate are found to be incorrect / invalid, the candidature of such candidate will summarily stand cancelled.

NID's decision will be final and binding. No further communication in this regard will be entertained.

5.4. Reservation of seats for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes:

The benefit of this reservation will be given only to candidates belonging to castes and tribes mentioned in the central list published by the Government of India, which can be viewed at the following web links:

https://socialjustice.gov.in/common/76750
https://ncst.nic.in/uploads-dev/other_information%20_relating_to_tribals/LatestListofScheduledtribes%20taken%20from%20MTA%20site.pdf

Candidates applying under SC and ST categories are required to upload the relevant/valid caste/tribe certificate **(in English/Hindi language only**) at the time of applying online.

The certificate should:
- Be issued in the candidate's name
- Should mention clearly the name of the caste or tribe to which the candidate belongs to
- Be issued by the competent authorities of their respective state, union territory or the National Commission of Tribes

For certificates that are not in the English/Hindi language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the certificate in English/Hindi version along with the original copy of the category certificate.

Based on the information provided by the candidate in the application form while applying online, the candidate will be provisionally allowed to appear for the DAT Prelims and subsequent tests, if shortlisted. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide/ upload valid certificates at the time of applying online.

The verification of the category certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the SC/ST certificate of the candidate is not valid, then the candidature of such candidates will stand cancelled.

The candidates can modify the details filled in the application **form (except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change**.**

On verification, at any stage during the admission process or even after admissions, if the information/document/ certificate is found to be incorrect / invalid, the candidature of such candidate will stand cancelled.

NID's decision will be final and binding. No further communication in this regard will be entertained.

5.5. Reservation of Seats for Persons with Disability (PwD):

Of all seats across Open, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC and ST categories, 5% of the total seats are reserved for Persons with Disability (PwD). Admission will be granted to the top 5% of the candidates in the order of merit.

The benefit of reservation will be given only to those candidates with disability as described by the Government of India under RPwD Act 2016.

Candidates applying under this category should have a Disability Certificate signed by the District Chief Medical Officer and/or Disability Certificate/Unique Disability ID (UDID) issued by Department of Empowerment of Person with Disability (available at *http://www.swavlambancard.gov.in).* No other certificate or document will be valid and no representations in this regard will be entertained. Such candidates are required to upload the above-mentioned certificate and/or UDID at the time of applying online and should produce the original Disability Certificate and/or Unique Disability ID (UDID) issued by Department of Empowerment of Person with Disability at the time of the physical verification of the document.

The verification of the category certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the Disability Certificate of the candidate is not valid, then the candidature of such candidates will stand cancelled, irrespective of any category they have applied in.

Based on the information provided by the candidate in the application form while applying online, the candidate will be provisionally allowed to appear for the DAT Prelims and subsequent tests, if shortlisted. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide/ upload valid certificates at the time of applying online.

The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form **(except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID)** at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

On verification, at any stage during the admission process or even after admissions, if the information/document/ certificate is found to be incorrect / invalid, the candidature of such candidate will stand cancelled.

NID's decision will be final and binding. No further communication in this regard will be entertained.

5.5.1. SERVICES OF A SCRIBE & COMPENSATORY TIME

The services of a scribe are available to candidates who have a disability and require assistance to fill the OMR sheet for the Objective type of questions of the DAT Prelims exam. However, the candidate will be required to attempt the subjective part of the DAT Prelims exam as well as DAT Mains exam without the services of scribe and assistance, due to its nature, as described below.

▪ To avail this benefit, the candidate should select the option of Scribe during the online registration form AND upload a copy of the valid Disability Certificate issued by the competent District Chief Medical Officer and Disability Certificate/or UDID at the time of filling the online application form. The compensatory time of each part/exam is non-transferable. As per Office Memorandum of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment F.No. 34-02/ 2015-DD-III dated August 29, 2018, the PwD candidates who desire to avail the services of a scribe must follow the guidelines for conducting the written examination for Persons with Benchmark disabilities.

▪ If a PwD candidate wants to avail compensatory time (20 minutes per hour) and/or request the assistance of a scribe, they will have to select relevant options, while filling

the online application form. A valid Disability Certificate issued by the District Chief Medical Officer and Disability Certificate/or UDID issued by Department of Empowerment of Person with Disability must be uploaded along with such requests

- The Admissions Cell will assess the request along with the supporting document and contact the candidate via email on their registered email id with further instructions before the DAT Prelims exam.

- If it is found that a candidate has used the services of a scribe and/or compensatory time but DOES NOT possess the extent of disability that warrants the use of a scribe and/or compensatory time, he/she will be excluded from the process of DAT Prelims answer sheet evaluation, ranking and subsequent stages of admissions. If the candidate has already been admitted, his/her admission will stand cancelled.

5.6. Important Information:

Unfilled seats or unavailability of eligible candidates in the OBC-NCL category will be de-reserved and allotted to Open Category candidates in the order of merit. Unfilled seats or unavailability of eligible candidates in the GEN-EWS, SC & ST category will **NOT** be de-reserved.

The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form (except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID) at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

No requests for change in **category (after the "Window to Edit the Application Form" closes)** will be permitted during the subsequent stages of the admissions process.

Candidates must note that the benefit of reservation will be given to them subject to verification of documents (at any stage after DAT Prelims). If it is found at any stage that a candidate has used a false/fake/incorrect/invalid document or has furnished false/ incorrect/ incomplete information in order to avail the benefit of reservation, then such a candidate shall be excluded from the subsequent stages of admissions. In case a candidate has already been given admission, then the admission shall stand cancelled.

Candidates should note that the mere appearance in Design Aptitude Tests or being in the rank/merit list neither guarantees nor provides any automatic entitlement to admission to the B.Des. programme.

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6. How to Apply

Candidates will have to visit the official admissions website at h*ttps://admissions.nid.edu* **and follow the steps below:**

Step 0:
Read and familiarise yourself with the eligibility criteria, number of seats, test centres, reservation policy and other relevant information related to admissions to the B.Des. programmes in Admissions Handbook 2026 -27 and confirm that you have read and agreed the same.

Note: The Design Aptitude Tests will be common for all NIDs.

Step 1: Signup/Registration

1. All the candidates are required to register/sign up online (by selecting Programme of Study, Nationality & Category) before proceeding to fill the application form. This is to be done only at *https://admissions.nid.edu.*

2. Candidates must provide a valid email address and an active mobile number while registering. Since this email address and mobile number will be used for all future communications with the candidate, the candidate will receive an OTP on the Registered Email ID and Mobile Number, for validation. **The Name of the Candidate, Programme Applied in, Date of Birth, Registered Email ID and Registered Mobile Number cannot be changed at any stage.** Ensure that this email ID and mobile number is active till 31 August 2026. Candidates are advised to check their email and SMS on a regular basis for any important communication made by the Admissions Cell via email id *admissions@nid.edu or nid@applyadmission.net.*

3. After sign up/registration, login credentials will be sent via an email to the registered email address (do remember to check your Spam or Junk folders in case you do not find the email in your Inbox)**.**

4. Log in to your account using your Registered Email ID, Date of Birth, and Password to proceed further.

5. In case you forget the Password, click on "Forgot Password". You will receive a new auto generated password on your registered email ID.

6. If you wish to change the password, log-in using the existing password and click on the "Change Password" link provided on the Homepage.

Step 2: Fill the Online Application Form

1. Log in and proceed to Step 2–Application Form. Fill in all the required details.

2. The candidates can modify the details filled in the application form (except the Programme Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID) at the time when 'Window to Edit Application Form'

opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change.

3. After filling in all the details, click on 'Save & Proceed' to move to the next section 'Submission of Institute Campus preference for Admission". Candidates are required to submit their Institute campus preference for admission, as per instructions given in Section 8.6.

4. After submitting Institute Campus preference for Admission, go to the next section 'Upload Document'.

5. Click 'Save & Exit' to complete the form at a later time or date.

Step 3: Uploading your Documents and signature

1. Checklist of documents to be uploaded by candidates submitting their application under reserved category at the time of applying online are summarized as under:

Applicants	Photo	Signature	Certificate	Valid documents to be submitted
General	Yes	Yes	No	---
General EWS	Yes	Yes	Yes	EWS Certificate
OBC-NCL	Yes	Yes	Yes	OBC-NCL Certificate
SC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Caste Certificate
ST	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tribe Certificate
General-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card*
GEN-EWS-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	EWS Certificate Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card *
OBC-NCL-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	OBC-NCL Certificate Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card *
SC-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Caste Certificate Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card *
ST-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tribe Certificate Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card *
Overseas	Yes	Yes	No	First page of Passport Last page of Passport OCI/PIO Card, if opted in the application form

If a PwD candidate is using the facility of the scribe or compensatory time, they have to select relevant options, while filling the online application form and upload a valid Disability Certificate and/or UDID card.

2. To avail the application fees relaxation the candidate must upload the following documents at the time of submitting the application form.

Applicants	Photo	Signature	Certificate	Valid documents to be submitted
Third Gender	Yes	Yes	No	Category Certificate (in case of applying under any reserved category)
				Third Gender certificate/ Identity Card

*Candidates applying under the Third Gender are required to upload a Certificate of Identity issued by the District Magistrate or equivalent authority under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 and/or Identity card issued from the website **transgender.dosje.gov.in**. Candidates can view step by step procedure to register for the certificate on the website https://transgender.dosje.gov.in/docs/Manual.pdf. No other certificate or document will be valid and no representations in this regard will be entertained.*

3. Upload a colour scanned copy of recent passport size photograph as per the instructions. The photograph must be in JPG/JPEG format, should be of minimum 50 KB and maximum 200 KB in size. It must be a coloured photograph taken at a professional studio. Photographs with self-composed portraits will not be accepted.

4. Upload your scanned signature as per the instructions. The signature file must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 50 KB and maximum 200 KB in size. You should have your signature digitally photographed or scanned and cropped to the required size.

5. Candidates applying under the GEN-EWS category are required to upload their valid central format EWS Certificate issued by a Competent Authority, **in the prescribed format as available on the website** *https://admissions.nid.edu***, shall only be considered valid. The EWS certificate must be issued on or after 01 April 2025, based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2024-25. The certificate must be in the name of the candidate and also must have the candidate's photo on the certificate.** The certificate must be in PDF format (which can more than one page) and should be of maximum of 1MB in size. For certificates that are not in the English/Hindi language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the certificate in English language along with the original copy of the category certificate.

6. Candidates applying under the OBC-NCL category are required to upload their valid OBC-NCL Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. **The format of the OBC-NCL certificate should be as per the Central format** (available on the website *https://admissions.nid.edu* in Download section). **The OBC-NCL certificate must be issued on or after 01 April 2025 (based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2024-25) and in the name of the candidate.** The certificate must be in PDF format (which can more than one page) and should be of maximum 1 MB in size. For certificates that are not in the English/Hindi language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the certificate in English language along with the original copy of the category certificate.

7. Candidates applying under the SC and ST categories are required to upload their valid Caste Certificate which mentions the name of the caste they belong to as well as it should be issued in their name by a Competent Authority. <u>For certificates that are not in the English/Hindi language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the certificate in English version along with the original copy of the category certificate</u>. The certificate must be in PDF format (which can more than one page) and should be of maximum 1 MB in size.

8. Candidates applying under the Persons with Disability (PwD) category are required to upload a Disability Certificate issued by the District Chief Medical Officer and/or Disability Certificate/Unique Disability ID issued by Department of Empowerment of Person with Disability (*http://www.swavlambancard.gov.in).* No other certificate or document will be valid and no representations in this regard will be entertained. The certificate must be in PDF format (which can more than one page) and should be of maximum 1 MB in size.

9. Candidates applying under the Third Gender are required to upload a Certificate of Identity issued by the District Magistrate or equivalent authority under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 and/or Identity card issued from the website **transgender.dosje.gov.in**. Candidates can view step by step procedure to register for the certificate on the website https://transgender.dosje.gov.in/docs/Manual.pdf. No other certificate or document will be valid and no representations in this regard will be entertained. Based on the information provided by the candidate, they will be provisionally allowed to appear for the DAT Prelims and subsequent test, if shortlisted. The verification of the certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the Certificate/ Identity Card of the candidate is not valid, then the candidature of such candidates will stand cancelled, irrespective of any category they have applied in. The certificate must be in PDF format (which can more than one page) and should be of maximum 1 MB in size.

10. Candidates applying under the Overseas category are required to upload the first and last page of their valid passport in JPG/JPEG format, clearly showing all of their personal information. If the candidate has selected the "Yes" option for the OCI/PIO, then they must upload the scanned copies of the same. The candidate must ensure that the passport is current (not expired) at the time of applying online. The certificate must be in PDF format and should be of maximum 1 MB in size.

11. Click 'Save & Proceed' to go to the next section to pay Application Fees. Your Application Form will be accepted only after successful payment of the application fees.

12. If you wish to complete the form later after uploading all the necessary documents, you can click 'Save and Exit'.

Step 4: Pay Application Fee and Print

1. Application Fees for Academic Year 2026-27 are as under:

   a) **Indian National**

Applicants	Application Fees
General, Gen-EWS, OBC-NCL	Rs.3000/-
Female Candidates (except SC, ST& PwD)	Rs.2000/-
SC & ST Candidates	Rs.1500/-
PwD Candidates	Rs.500/-

Applicants	Application Fees
Third Gender	Rs.500/-

   b) **All Overseas Candidates**

Applicants	Application Fees
Overseas (Supernumerary) Candidates	US$ 125*

   * The equivalent amount in Rupees of US$ rounded off to higher Rs.100 at the time of announcement of admissions.

2. **Application fee is NEITHER refundable NOR transferable.**

3. The Application fees mentioned above DOES NOT INCLUDE any bank transaction charges/convenience fee, and the same, as applicable, will have to be borne by the candidate.

4. Candidates will be asked to verify their details, after which they can proceed to make the payment.

5. The fees for the application can be paid only through Debit/Credit Card and net banking.

6. You will be directed to the payment gateway. After completing the payment process, you will be redirected to the 'Print' section where you can save and print a copy of your application form (which would be done only after successful payment of the application fee). The application is ONLY considered complete, if you can view/download/print the auto-generated application form.

7. Window to Edit Application Form **(4 pm Tuesday, 02 December 2025 to 11:59 pm (midnight) Thursday, 04 December 2025**
   - Candidates will be given an opportunity to review and correct their information in the application form starting from **4 pm Tuesday, 02 December 2025 to 11:59 pm (midnight) Thursday, 04 December 2025**
   - The candidates can modify the details entered in the application form during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, except for the following fields: **Programme**

Applied in, Name of the Candidate, Date of Birth, Registered Mobile Number & Registered Email ID

- In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the 'Window to Edit Application Form' period, the applicable additional application form fees will have to be paid by the candidate. However, no refund of excess fees will be made in the case of any category change. After making the payment, candidates must proceed to the final step of the application process to ensure that the changes are saved. If the application form is closed before completing all the steps, any changes made in the applied category will not be saved or considered.

- Application fees already paid will not be refunded in case the application is found not eligible for admissions to NID after modifying the information in the application form.

- If the candidate makes any change in the application form during 'Window to Edit Application Form', they must proceed to the final step and verify that the changes have been updated by printing the revised application form.

- Candidates are fully and solely responsible to provide correct information during the application process. At any stage, if it is found that the information provided by the candidate is not correct, NID has the right to cancel his/her candidature. Any direct or indirect attempt to influence the management and employees of the Institute will lead to automatic disqualification of the candidate.

7. Design Aptitude Tests (DAT)

The Design Aptitude Tests will be conducted in two stages:

Stage 1: Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Prelims

Stage 2: Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Mains

7.1. Important Date:

DAT (Prelims) for Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) will be conducted on **Sunday, 21 December 2025.**

7.2. About DAT Prelims:

The B.Des. DAT Prelims paper is a paper-and-pencil/pen test, conducted at the same time on the same day across all test centres. The questions asked may involve text and visuals. The duration of the test will be announced in the admit card.

The question paper will be in English language ONLY.

Based on the DAT Prelims scores, separate merit lists shall be prepared for each category (GENERAL, GENERAL-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST & PwD) as applied for by the candidate. Only shortlisted candidates, as per merit, will be eligible to appear for the DAT Mains exam as per the schedule announced.

A separate merit list will be prepared for Overseas candidates.

In emergent unforeseen circumstances, the schedules as well as the nature & structure of the exams can change, and all tests may be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of offline & online modes, at the discretion of the Institute.

7.3. Test Centres for DAT Prelims:

The DAT Prelims will be conducted in the following cities across India:

Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jorhat, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi and Patna.

A city may have more than one test centre. NID reserves the right to add or remove any test centre and allot a test centre that may not be of the candidate's choice. A city may have more than one test centre. The chosen test centre can be changed only during the 'Window to Edit Application Form'. Any request for change of test centre will not be entertained, once the 'Window to Edit Application Form' closes.

NID will not provide accommodation for candidates appearing for the DAT Prelims; candidates must arrange travel/accommodation on their own.

7.4. About DAT Mains:

NID will conduct the DAT Mains Exam for a limited number of candidates (consisting of a Studio Sensitivity Test and In-Person Sensitivity Test) and will call 1.5 times (with applicable tie break policy) the total number of seats available under each category based on the merit in DAT Prelims exam.

NIDs will use the score of the DAT Mains for admission to their respective institution. If seats remain vacant, independent NIDs may conduct additional DAT Mains Exam for admission to vacant seats in their respective campuses.
Admit Cards for shortlisted candidates will be available for download only on the official NID admissions website (*https://admissions.nid.edu*).

The question paper will be in English language ONLY.

The details regarding DAT Mains **will be announced later.**

NID will not provide accommodation for candidates appearing for the DAT Mains; candidates must arrange travel/accommodation on their own.

In emergent unforeseen circumstances, the schedules as well as the nature & structure of the exams can change, and all tests may be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of offline & online modes, at the discretion of the Institute.

7.5. Weightages for Final Result

The final marks of the candidate appearing for the B.Des programme of the National Institute of Design, will be calculated based on the weightages of the marks obtained in the DAT Mains, as under:

Studio Sensitivity Test	In-Person Sensitivity Test
60%	40%

Note: Only those candidates who have appeared for Studio Sensitivity Test & In-Person Sensitivity Test will be considered eligible for the Merit List.

8. Announcement of Results

8.1 Results for DAT Prelims:

Based on the scores obtained in the DAT Prelims and as per merit, separate merit lists shall be prepared for each category as applied for by the candidate (GENERAL, GENERAL-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, PwD & OVERSEAS). Results for admission to NID for the Academic Year 2026 -27 for the B.Des. (including Overseas candidates) will be declared only on the official admissions website *(https://admissions.nid.edu)* as per the schedule announced in Section 2 of this document. The candidates' scores will also be available for viewing at this time.

The DAT Prelims exam score will be used only for shortlisting candidates for DAT Mains Exam and Prelims Score will not be carried forward as any weightage to the DAT Mains stage.

Separate result score cards (digital or hard copy) will NOT be provided to the candidates. Scores obtained in NID's DAT exam cannot be used by any person/institution without the prior permission of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

In case the total marks scored by two or more candidates are the same, the tie-break policy will be used for awarding ranks, which will be announced later.

8.2 Rechecking of DAT Prelims Exam:

1. Requests for rechecking the answer booklet of the DAT Prelims can be submitted ONLINE ONLY on the official website *https://admissions.nid.edu*
2. Rechecking will be restricted to:–
   (i) Whether all the answers have been marked.
   (ii) Whether there has been any mistake in the totalling of marks for each question of answer booklet and transferring the marks correctly onto the first cover page of the answer booklet.
3. No other re-evaluation of the answer script or other work done by the candidate as a part of the examination will be carried out.
4. No candidate, person or organisation shall be entitled to claim re-evaluation or disclosure or inspection of the answer scripts or copies of it and other documents as these are treated as most confidential by the NID Admissions Cell.
5. On rechecking the answer booklet, if it is found that there is an error, the marks will be revised accordingly.
6. The communication regarding the revision of marks, if any, shall be sent to the requesting candidate's registered email ID ONLY.

7. The Institute will not be responsible for any loss or damage or any inconvenience caused to the candidate consequent to the revision of marks and no claims in this regard shall be entertained. The revised score after rechecking will be considered final.

8. Any rechecking request will not be processed if submitted without a scanned copy of the Admit Card duly signed by the invigilator and with the seal of the test centre. Rechecking requests will not be accepted over email and have to be submitted by the candidate online only at the official website of NID.

9. The details about "How to submit the rechecking request" will be available on the official website of admissions at a later stage.

10. The fees for rechecking of DAT Prelims paper is **Rs.2000/-**.

8.3 Shortlisting of Candidates for DAT Mains:

NID will conduct the DAT Mains Exam for a limited number of candidates (consisting of a Studio Sensitivity Test and In-Person Sensitivity Test) and will call 1.5 times (with applicable tie break policy) the total number of seats available under each category based on the merit in DAT Prelims exam.

NIDs will use the score of the DAT Mains for admission to their respective institution. If seats remain vacant, independent NIDs may conduct additional DAT Mains Exam for admission to vacant seats in their respective campuses. **In case the total marks scored by two or more candidates are the same, the tie-break policy will be used for awarding ranks, which will be announced later**.

8.4 Final Merit List:

The final merit lists for NID Ahmedabad will be generated category wise (Open, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, and PwD) and as per merit, based on the scores obtained by the candidate in the DAT Mains. Separate merit list will be prepared for Overseas candidates for B.Des. programme.

NIDs will use the score of the DAT Mains for admission to their respective institution. If seats remain vacant, independent NIDs may conduct additional DAT Mains Exam for admission to vacant seats in their respective campuses.

Results for admission to NID for the academic year 2026–27 for B.Des. Programme (including Overseas category candidates) will be declared ONLY on the official admissions website (*https://admissions.nid.edu*) as per the schedule announced.

The candidates' scores and ranks will be available for viewing on the website and candidates will have to log in to the site to view their final results. Separate result scorecards (digital or hard copy) will NOT be sent/provided to the candidates.

The scores obtained during the application process in the 2026-27 cycle are valid only for admission to the academic year 2026-27. Scores obtained in NID's DAT exam cannot be used by any person/institution without prior permission of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

In case the total marks scored by two or more candidates are the same, the tie-break policy will be used for awarding ranks, which will be announced later.

The allotment of seats will be purely based on his/her Institute campus preferences submitted by the candidate in the order of merit and availability of seats, in their respective category.

Note: Obtaining a rank in the merit list does NOT guarantee admission to the programme of your choice.

8.5 De-reservation Rules

If seats are left unfilled in the OBC-NCL category due to no eligible candidates as per the minimum qualifying criteria or non-availability of candidates, the seats will be de-reserved and will be allotted to candidates from the Open category in the order of merit. Seats remaining vacant under the GEN-EWS, SC, ST and Overseas categories will NOT be allotted to candidates belonging to other categories.

8.6 Allotment of seat

Obtaining a rank in the merit list does NOT guarantee admission in the B.Des. programme.

During filling up the application form, all candidates will be asked to provide Institute Campus preference.

Candidates shortlisted for DAT Mains will be allowed to change or modify their Institute Campus preference after the final rank is announced (i.e., after the declaration of final results and before seat allotment). The preference submitted at this stage will be treated as final, and no further changes or modifications will be permitted.

The allotment of seats will be purely based on his/her Institute campus preferences submitted by the candidate in the order of merit and availability of seats, in their respective category.

The procedure of allotment of seats for B.Des. Programme will be conducted in either online or offline mode, at the discretion of the Institute. In case the allotment is done in the offline mode, candidate will be required to remain present in person with the requisite documents as per the schedule (which will be announced at a later date). Failing to report with the

requisite documents, as per the schedule, will lead to forfeiting the candidate's seat and their seat will be allotted to the next eligible candidate in the order of merit in the respective category.

Seat allotment for final admissions will be purely based on the Institute campus preference submitted by the candidate in the order of merit and availability of seats, in their respective category provided that the candidates have not availed any reservation benefits (compensatory time, scribe facility or age relaxation). The seat allotment will be followed as under:

Sr. No.	Category of the Eligible Candidate	Seat Allocation Category
1	GEN	OPEN
2	GEN-PwD	OPEN, OPEN-PwD
3	GEN-EWS	OPEN, GEN-EWS
4	GEN-EWS-PwD	OPEN, GEN-EWS, GEN-EWS-PwD
5	OBC-NCL	OPEN, OBC-NCL
6	OBC-NCL-PwD	OPEN, OBC- NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD
7	SC	OPEN, SC
8	SC-PwD	OPEN, SC, SC-PwD
9	ST	OPEN, ST
10	ST-PwD	OPEN, ST, ST-PwD

Note: Candidates who have availed reservation benefits (compensatory time, scribe facility or age relaxation) will be allotted seats in their applied category only.

In case the admission counselling is done in the offline mode, the candidates must be present (as per the schedule announced in Section 2) with the original documents, as listed in Section 8.7, and pay the fees.

The candidature of the candidate will be cancelled under any of the following conditions:
1. If the candidate is absent for the in-person admission counselling
2. Educational documents are missing or found to be invalid/not in order.
3. If the category certificate is invalid/incomplete or not as per the prescribed format.
4. Failure to pay the prescribed fees
5. Submission of false, forged, or misleading information/documents at any stage of the admission process.
6. Non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria as specified in the Admissions Handbook.
7. Failure to submit final qualifying examination results.

8. Any disciplinary action against the candidate for misconduct during the admission process.

Complete details and procedure of in-person admission counselling will be announced on the NIDs admission website prior to the commencement of seat allocation.

8.7 List of documents to be submitted during the in-person admission counselling:

The shortlisted candidate will have to produce a copy of the following along with the original documents:

1. Any one valid photo identity (Aadhar Card, Election ID, Driving License, PAN Card, Passport)
2. Birth Certificate **OR** School Leaving Certificate bearing date of birth
3. Class 10th Mark-sheet
4. Class 12th Mark-sheet (*in case hard copy not available, the digital copy of the same duly attested by the School Principal needs to be uploaded*)
5. Self-undertaking (formats available on https://admissions.nid.edu) signed by the candidate as well as his/her parent, in case of the candidates whose results of Class XII is yet to be declared
5. GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST Certificate, if applicable
6. Disability Certificate and/or UDID Card, if applicable
7. Valid Passport and OCI/PIO Card (if applicable), if applied under Supernumerary category**
8. Certificate of Identity issued by the District Magistrate or equivalent authority under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 and/or Identity card issued community from the website **transgender.dosje.gov.in**, if applied under Third Gender for availing relaxation in application fees.

** The candidates who have applied under Overseas category should produce a valid passport. The candidate must ensure that the passport is current (not expired) at the time of applying online. It is the candidate's responsibility to obtain relevant visas and ensure that their passport is valid till the duration of the programme.

NOTE: Candidates who have completed or will be completing their qualifying exam (or equivalent) from outside India or a University not specified in the Admissions Handbook 2026-27 should produce an equivalence certificate at the time uploading documents, as mentioned in Section 2.

9. Other Information

9.1 Question Booklet cum Answer Key

The question booklet cum Answer key of the DAT exams will not be available even upon request. The DAT exams question booklet cannot be shared as it is highly subjective in nature, and may not be furnished, in the larger public interest.

9.2. Answer Sheets

The answer sheets of the candidates will be available for six months after the announcement of the final result. The answer sheets will be available on request, only after the admissions process is complete. No request for answer sheets during the admissions process will be entertained.

Any candidate seeking his/her answer sheet for the admission cycle 2026-27 will have to make an online payment of Rs.1000/- separately per exam and also submit the admit card duly attested by the Invigilator with the seal of the Test Centre. The answer sheet will be provided to the candidate within 15-20 days after receiving the payment

9.3. Result

The result of the candidate will be available for six months after the announcement of the final result. Any details regarding the same will not be provided after six months. The evaluation criteria/break-up of marks followed for the assessment of paper/interview, or the procedure followed in the interview shall not be shared. Also, statistical data concerning admissions including data of other candidates, apart from candidate's own data, shall not be shared.

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