

## NID M.DES EXAM PATTERN 2026

The **NID M.Des Entrance Exam 2026** is conducted for admission to the Master of Design programmes at the National Institute of Design.

The selection process consists of **two stages**:

- ✓ DAT Prelims
- ✓ DAT Mains

Candidates must qualify each stage to move forward in the admission process.

### STAGE 1: NID DAT PRELIMS 2026 (M.DES)

The DAT Prelims is a written exam that evaluates design aptitude, analytical ability, and problem-solving skills.

**Mode:** Offline

**Duration:** 2.5 Hours

**Total Marks:** 100

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### EXAM STRUCTURE

The paper includes a mix of:

- Objective Questions
- Subjective Questions

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### SKILLS TESTED

- Design Thinking
- Creativity
- Observation Skills
- Analytical Ability
- Visualisation
- Problem Solving
- General Design Awareness

**⚠ Prelims is a screening stage only**

Marks obtained in DAT Prelims are **not included in the final merit list**.

### STAGE 2: NID DAT MAINS 2026 (M.DES)

Candidates shortlisted from Prelims appear for DAT Mains.

DAT Mains evaluates advanced design ability and conceptual thinking.

## DAT MAINS INCLUDES:

- Studio Test
- Design Tasks
- Portfolio Review
- Personal Interview

## STUDIO TEST EVALUATION

Candidates are assessed on:

- ✓ Concept Development
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Material Handling
- ✓ Problem Solving

## FINAL SELECTION FOR NID M.DES 2026

The final merit list is prepared based on:

- ✓ DAT Mains Performance
- ✓ Studio Test
- ✓ Portfolio
- ✓ Personal Interview

## NID M.DES 2026 SELECTION PROCESS

1. DAT Prelims
2. Shortlisting
3. DAT Mains
4. Final Merit List