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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

The National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) has steadily evolved into a reliable and transparent national-level assessment for aspiring architects. The successful conduct of NATA 2025 marked a significant advancement, particularly with the introduction of a more adaptive and responsive examination framework. This approach, which allows the assessment process to remain aligned with contemporary academic and professional expectations, was widely welcomed by candidates and institutions alike. Building on this experience, the Council of Architecture is pleased to announce the conduct of NATA 2026.

Architecture is a discipline that balances creative expression with social responsibility. It gives physical form to cultural values, environmental consciousness, and collective aspirations. As cities expand and the built environment faces increasingly complex challenges, architects are required to respond with sensitivity, innovation, and technical competence. Architectural education—and the mechanisms governing entry into the profession—must therefore remain dynamic and forward-looking.

The role of the architect is one of trust and accountability. In addition to design proficiency, it demands an understanding of sustainability, safety, inclusivity, and heritage conservation. Architects influence the quality and resilience of human settlements and contribute directly to national development. The Council of Architecture remains committed to ensuring that the process of identifying and nurturing future architects reflects these multifaceted responsibilities.

NATA represents the first formal milestone for students aspiring to pursue architecture as a profession. The adaptive structure introduced in NATA 2025 has enhanced the Test's ability to assess core aptitudes such as spatial reasoning, analytical thinking, visual perception and problem-solving skills in a balanced and meaningful manner. NATA 2026 continues this adaptive approach, reinforcing fairness, consistency, and relevance while identifying candidates with the potential to contribute constructively to the profession.

India's long-term vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 envisages a developed nation supported by robust infrastructure, sustainable urbanization and inclusive growth. Architects will play a crucial role in realizing this vision by shaping built environments that are efficient, resilient and rooted in local context while embracing innovation. The profession's contribution will be instrumental in translating national goals into lived realities for citizens.

On behalf of the Council of Architecture, I extend my best wishes to all candidates appearing for NATA 2026. I encourage you to approach this examination with diligence and confidence. Your choice of architecture reflects a commitment to creativity, discipline and public service and this examination marks the beginning of a professional journey with enduring relevance and responsibility.

Prof. Abhay V. Purohit
President
Council of Architecture

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The **Council of Architecture (CoA)** is an autonomous statutory body of the Ministry of Education, Government of India constituted under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972, and came into force with effect from 1st September, 1972. The Act provides for registration of Architects, standards of education, recognized qualifications and standards of practice to be complied with by the practicing architects. The Council is vested with the responsibility of maintaining the register of architects as well as regulating the Architecture education and practice of the Architecture profession throughout India. For this purpose, the Government of India has framed Rules and Council has framed Regulations as provided for in the Architects Act, with the approval of the Government of India.

Any person desirous of carrying on the profession of Architecture and using the title and style of 'Architect' must have registration with the Council of Architecture. For the purpose of registration, one must undergo education in accordance with the Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020, and possess the recognized qualification as appended to the Architects Act. If any person falsely represents or claims to be a registered architect or uses any words or letters to suggest that she/he is an architect or misuses the title and style of architect, such acts are tantamount to committing of a criminal offence punishable under the Architects Act, 1972.

The practice of profession of an architect is regulated under the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989 and amended in 2003, which prescribe the professional conduct, ethics and etiquette, conditions of engagement and scale of charges, architectural competition guidelines etc., Pursuant to the abovementioned Regulations, the Council has framed guidelines governing the various aspects of practice.

Presently, there are about 369 Institutions imparting architectural education in India leading to recognized qualifications. The minimum standards of education to be imparted in architectural institutions (constituent colleges/ departments of universities, deemed universities, affiliated colleges/ schools, IITs, NITs and autonomous institutions) are prescribed and monitored by Council of Architecture by way of Regulations and norms & standards prescribed from time to time, which set forth the requirement of eligibility for admission, course duration, standards of staff & accommodation, course content, examination etc.

The CoA oversees the maintenance of the standards periodically by way of conducting inspections. The CoA is required to keep the Central Government informed of the standards being maintained by the institutions and is empowered to make recommendations to the Government of India with regard to recognition and/or de-recognition of a qualification.

2.0 ABOUT NATA

National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) is being conducted by COA since 2006, to qualify for the admission to Bachelor of Architecture. The Council has prescribed COA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983 and the CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, with the approval of the Central Government in terms of Sections 21 & 45 of the Architects Act, 1972.

These Regulations prescribe that the candidate needs to qualify an Aptitude Test in Architecture conducted either by the Council of Architecture (NATA) or NTA (i.e. JEE) for admission to the Architecture degree Programme.

The actual admissions shall be carried out only by the concerned competent authorities of the respective States / UT's etc., Institutions based on valid NATA score and eligibility criteria prescribed by CoA and concerned authorities from time to time.

NATA is an Aptitude test that assesses a candidate's ability through a variety of testing formats.

NATA measures the aptitude of the applicant for the specific field of study, i.e. Architecture, through assessment of cognitive skills, visual perception and aesthetic sensitivity tests, logical reasoning and critical thinking ability etc., besides the learning that the candidate has acquired over the past years.

In order to provide opportunities to a large number of aspirants to join Architecture Programme, the Council will be conducting NATA-2026 Aptitude Test for admissions into approved Architectural Institutions for the academic session 2026-2027, on designated Fridays & Saturdays in two sessions starting from April 4, 2026 to June 13, 2026.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF THE EXAMINATION

3.0 Scoring Methodology and Test Schedule Percentile-Based Scoring System

NATA 2026 shall adopt a percentile-based scoring system to ensure a uniform and fair assessment of candidates across multiple test sessions.

A candidate may appear for **either up to two attempts in Phase 1 for being considered for admission through Centralized Admission Counselling or one attempt in Phase 2 of NATA 2026 for being considered for admission to vacant seats** after Centralized Admission Counselling. Each attempt will generate a raw score, and a Statement of Marks/Score Card indicating the raw score obtained will be issued after every attempt.

A candidate shall be permitted to appear in only one Phase of NATA 2026. Admissions to the B.Arch. Degree programme against vacant seats remaining at the institutional level, after completion of all CAP rounds conducted by the respective Competent Admission Authority, may be made on the basis of the Raw Score obtained either during Phase-1 or Phase-2 of NATA 2026.

After completion of all test sessions in Phase 1, the final percentile score shall be calculated based on the candidate's best performance, relative to the entire population of examinees. However, after completion of Phase-2, only Raw scores shall be generated without any Percentile.

Phase-1 Test Schedule (For CAP Admissions)

The First Phase of NATA 2026 shall be conducted from April 4, 2026 to June 13, 2026 at approved NATA Test Centres (except on public holidays).

The Percentile Score shall be computed after completion of all test sessions in Phase-1 (April–June 2026) based on the candidate's best performance in the permitted attempts. In case of two attempts, the best raw score will be considered for percentile score.

Tests conducted during this phase shall be used for filling seats in B.Arch. degree program through Centralized Admission Counselling (CAP) conducted by various admission authorities.

Admission authorities across the country may prepare state-wise merit lists using either the best Raw Score or the Percentile Score, in accordance with their respective admission rules.

Phase-2 Test Schedule (For Vacant Seats)

The Council shall conduct an additional set of NATA examination on August 7 & 8, 2026 for candidates who did not appear in Phase-1 but wish to seek admission to the Architecture programme.

- Only one attempt will be permitted.
- Eligibility will be restricted to admission against vacant seats in B.Arch. degree program after completion of the Centralized Admission Process (CAP).

Only Raw Scores will be provided in the Score Card during the August examination.

3.0 DATE AND TIME OF THE EXAMINATION

Eligibility of NATA 2025 Candidates

Candidates with a valid and qualifying NATA 2025 score, who have not taken admission during 2025-2026 (as per Council records) and do not appear in NATA 2026, shall also be assigned a Percentile Score for admission during CAP round, since the NATA 2025 Score Card remains valid for the academic session 2026–2027. For admission against Vacant Seats, the best score indicated in the NATA 2025 Scorecard shall be treated as the Raw Score for such candidates.

Candidates holding a valid NATA 2025 score may also appear for NATA 2026. However, if they avail two attempts in NATA 2026, their NATA 2025 score shall become invalid. The NATA 2026 score and percentile shall be determined based on the number of attempts taken in Phase 1 or Phase 2, as outlined below.

Status in NATA 2025	Attempts in NATA 2026	Final Raw Score considered in NATA 2026
Obtained a valid 2025 score	1st Attempt (Phase-I)	Better of both scores of NATA 2025 & 2026
	1st & 2nd Attempt (Phase-I)	Best of two scores of NATA 2026 (NATA 2025 score shall be rendered invalid)
	1st Attempt (Phase-2) (if not appeared during Phase-1)	NATA 2026 score (NATA 2025 score shall be rendered invalid)

NATA 2025 scores shall be invalid for candidates who have already secured admission to an architectural institution based on NATA 2025. Candidates who did not qualify in NATA 2025 must appear in NATA 2026 afresh.

Final Scorecard and Its Use

All candidates will be issued a Final Scorecard with the Percentile Score at the end of Phase-1 or Raw Score at the end of Phase-2 of NATA 2026, as per the prescribed schedule.

The Scorecards issued by the Council at the end Phase-1 and Phase-2 respectively, shall be used as follows:

- **Phase-1 NATA Scores (with best Raw Score & Percentile Score)**: For admissions through Centralized Admission Counselling (CAP) conducted by admission authorities.

- **Phase-2 NATA Scores (with Raw Score only)**: For admissions against vacant seats after completion of the centralized counselling process on the basis of the Raw Scores obtained either during Phase-1 or Phase-2 of NATA 2026.

Candidates are required to download their respective Statements of Marks containing the Raw Score(s) for each attempt as well as the Final Score Card indicating the best Raw Score and/or Percentile Score from their login accounts.

Test Centre and Session Allotment

Candidates must indicate their preferred city/region and test date while registering on the NATA portal (www.nata.in).

The test centre and session shall be allotted by the Council as far as possible based on the candidates' preferences. However, the final decision of the Council regarding allotment of test centre and session shall be binding.

4.0 QUESTIONS & MARKS OF EXAMINATION

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Part A - Drawing and Composition Test - Offline mode - Test Duration - 90 Minutes, 80 marks

A1 – 1 Question – Composition and Color - 25 Marks
A2 - 1 Question– Sketching & Composition (Black and White)- 25 Marks
A3 – 1 Question - 3D Composition - 30 Marks
Total 3 Questions - 80 Marks

Part B - MCQ and NCQ – Computer based Adaptive Test - 90 Minutes - 108 seconds for each question), 120 marks

B1 - 42 questions – MCQ
B2 - 08 questions – NCQ

Total 50 Questions – 120 Marks

Grand Total Marks (PART A + PART B) (80+120) =200

NATA 2026 will be conducted as a comprehensive aptitude test consisting of Part - A (Drawing and Composition) which will be in **offline mode** and Part B (MCQ – Multiple Choice Questions and (NCQ - No Choice Questions) which will be in **Online adaptive mode.**

The medium of Aptitude test shall be in **English and Hindi.**
The aptitude of the candidate will be assessed using some or all of the following:-

PART-A

Drawing and Composition Test

This is one and half hour (90 minutes) – 80 Marks Test where candidate has to attempt three questions. The content of the PART A Test is as follows:-

- **A1 - Composition and Color -25 Marks:** Creating suitable compositions for various situations and coloring them appropriately. Re-arranging various shapes in visually appealing manner and coloring it suitably.

QUESTIONS & MARKS OF EXAMINATION

- **A2 -Sketching & Composition (Black and White)-25 Marks:** Ability to draw, visualize, depict a situation, involving buildings / its components, people, environment, products with an understanding of scale, proportions, textures, shades and shadow etc.

- **A3 - 3D Composition-30 Marks:** Creating interesting 3D composition for the given situation using the provided kit.

PART-B

This is one and half hour (90 minutes), 120 Marks Test where candidate has to appear for online Apadative test. It shall have two type of Questions viz., B1 – 42 MCQs and B2 –08 NCQs from the following topics:-

- **Visual Reasoning** Ability to understand and reconstruct 2D and 3D composition, knowledge about its composition and technical concepts.

- **Logical Derivation** Ability to decode a situation, composition, context and generate meaning. Understanding the minute information hidden in a particular situation and drawing conclusions.

- **General Knowledge, Architecture & Design** General awareness of architecture and design, current issues, recent episodes etc., Knowledge about important buildings, historical progression, innovation in materials and construction technology.

- **Language Interpretation** Ability to correctly & logically generate meaning of words, sentences, understanding about English grammar.

- **Design Sensitivity and Thinking** Ability to observe record and analyse, people, space, product, environment. Critical thinking, reasoning and ability to identify the subtle communications. Ability to understand semantics, metaphors, problem identification and definition, analysis of a given situation.

- **Numerical Ability** Basic Mathematics and its association with creative thinking. To unfold a space with use of geometry.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

5.1 TAKING NATA-2026

Candidates fulfilling the below criteria prescribed by the Council can appear for NATA 2026:

- Passed or appearing in 10+2 Examination with subjects specified under 5.2.
- Passed or appearing in 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as a subject.

However, the admission to B.Arch., Course shall be made as per the eligibility prescribed in the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 and as stated in para 5.2 herein below:-

Candidates may note that NATA 2026 is the qualifier Aptitude Test for admission to B.Arch. program offered by Universities / Institutions in the country, subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Council.

Qualifying in NATA 2026 does not constitute a right or guarantee in favour of the candidate for admission to any architecture course unless the candidate has fulfilled all the prescribed requirements as specified by the respective competent authorities, in compliance with the eligibility criteria laid down by the Council.

5.2 ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR OF B.ARCH. PROGRAM

The Council of Architecture, with the approval of the Central Government, has prescribed the eligibility for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course as prescribed under Regulation 4(1) of the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations 2020, which is stated as under:

No candidate shall be admitted to Architecture course unless she/he has passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with either Chemistry or Biology or Technical Vocational subject or Computer Science or Information Technology or Informatics Practices or Engineering Graphics or Business Studies with at least 45% marks in aggregate or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 45% marks in aggregate.

5.3 RESERVATIONS UNDER DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

Reservation policies applicable for the purpose of admission shall be governed strictly by the prevailing State Government/ Union Territory rules and the regulations of the concerned jurisdiction. Such matters fall within the domain of the respective Admission/Counselling Authority and are outside the purview of this examination.

5.4 HELP DESK

The NATA 2026 Student Helpline is available through an online Helpdesk Ticketing System at: **https://helpdesk.nata-app.org**. Before raising a ticket, students are encouraged to consult the Knowledgebase on the portal, where answers to commonly asked queries are available.

NATA Help desk details are as under:-

Email ID: **support[at]nata-app[dot]org** Help Desk Number: **8956617577, 8956617578, 8956617579**

6.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The NATA 2026 shall be held on designated Fridays and Saturdays starting from April 4, 2026 to June 13, 2026 in one session on Fridays (Afternoon) and two sessions on Saturdays, in the notified cities at the allotted Centres and the online form filling shall start from March 9, 2026.

Appearing in second test is not mandatory and is purely at the discretion of the applicants. Candidates can register themselves for one test or maximum of two Tests during Phase-1 **OR** only one Test during Phase-2 of NATA, in one academic year by filling in the application form appropriately.

Application is to be filled up ONLINE at the NATA portal of www.nata.in. Candidates need to visit the portal, generate username & password by entering relevant details and then CLICK the requisite link ONLINE APPLICATION NATA–2026. Thereafter, candidate will be directed to the actual application form. The form is interactive in nature and the fields required to be filled up are categorized in different sub-sections. The fields super-scribed with **MUST be filled up as they are MANDATORY, otherwise the application will NOT get submitted.**

The application form is broadly categorized into three steps: filling of **PERSONAL DETAILS; DOCUMENT UPLOADING & FEE PAYMENT**. Please see **APPENDIX**-III for detailed guidelines on information to be entered at the time of online form filling.

Candidates need to fill in the first part i.e., PERSONAL DETAILS and will thereafter be directed to DOCUMENT UPLOADING. Once the documents are successfully uploaded, the system enters into the FEE PAYMENT. Finally, the candidate **must take a printout of CONFIRMATION PAGE** generated upon successful fee payment for their own record. **There is no need to send any document by post.**

7.0 FILLING UP OF APPLICATION FORM

The online filling-up of the Application Form is interactive in nature and online guidance will be available to the candidate while filling up the form. Please refer to APPENDIX-III for detailed guidelines on filling up the form.

7.1 APPLICATION FORM

Filling up of fields will be interactive in nature. As soon as the cursor is taken to a certain field, a cursor tip MESSAGE will be shown to the candidate to assist in filling up. In case of difficulty, the HELP Icon placed right next to the field will redirect the candidate to that section of the Brochure which deals with the filling up of the said field. Please note that the applicant's name, father's name, mother's name, date of birth (as per Class 10 records) and postal address taken together must be unique for each application.

At the time of submitting the PERSONAL DETAILS of a candidate, the system will prompt the candidate to enter his email address which shall be the user name. The email of the candidate shall be verified by the system by sending a link. The candidate has to choose a **PASSWORD and keep it secured and confidential for subsequent use. A security question and answer** will be captured from the candidate by the system at this stage. **Candidate has to remember this question-answer pair for prompt retrieval of password in case it is forgotten at later stage**. The candidate needs to login into account using email and password. The system generated NATA Unique ID number and login credentials shall be emailed to the candidates. The candidate will need to login into their account for the following:

- Accessing and editing personal information (till going to the document upload stage)
- Uploading of images.
- Submit fee payment through EPG.
- Printing of the Confirmation Page.
- Correction of data if needed.

7.2 IMAGE UPLOADING

All candidates are required to upload the following images:

- Recent Passport-size Photograph in Color with both ears visible and front view only - jpg / jpeg format.
- Candidate Signature- jpg / jpeg format.

The Photograph/ Signature should be as per below:

Document	Storage size		Image dimension	
	Minimum	Maximum	Height	Width
Photograph	4 KB	100 KB	4.5 cm	3.5 cm
Signature	1 KB	30 KB	1.5 cm	3.5 cm

7.3 APPLICATION FEE DETAILS APPLICATION FEE FOR NATA 2025

	In India (in ₹)			(IN ₹)
Application Fees	General/ OBC (NCL)	SC/ST/EWS/ PwD	Transgender	Outside India
Per Test	1750	1250	1000	15000

NOTE

1. The Application Fee shall be non-refundable in all cases.
2. The candidates initially opting for single tests may further opt for additional test at a later stage, not exceeding two attempts.
3. Multiple Application Forms submitted by the same candidate by changing the credentials will be rejected without any refund. The Council reserves the right to take appropriate legal action against such candidates.

The candidate, on successfully uploading the PERSONAL DETAILS and DOCUMENTS; will be directed to the webpage containing process of payment of application fee as per the following options:

1. **Payment through EPG:** The candidate has to click "Payment of fee using EPG services", the system will automatically redirect to available payment gateway page, displayed at the website. As per the candidate's convenience, he/she may select any of the options to pay the application fee through electronic payment gateway via debit card, credit card or net banking and follow the online instructions to complete the payment process. After successful payment, payment gateway will redirect the candidate to home page that will show the status of fee payment. Upon successful payment, the candidate will be able to print the final "Confirmation Page"

7.4 CONFIRMATION PAGE (PROOF OF REGISTRATION)

The Confirmation Page is generated upon successful payment of Application Fee. **Its generation means that the candidate has been successfully REGISTERED for NATA 2026.** The candidate should take a printout and preserve the confirmation page for future reference. **A print out of the Confirmation page will not provide admittance to the Test Centre to take the examination.** The candidate is required to select city and session for finalizing the Test slot and generate Appointment Card.

7.5 DISCREPANCY AND CORRECTION

The candidate is expected to fill up all details correctly, check a preview of the application before submitting the same online. Candidates will be provided only one opportunity to correct their personal details as per **APPENDIX-III.**

8.0 ISSUE OF THE APPOINTMENT CARD

For each Applicant, an Appointment Card will be generated according to the schedule notified indicating the allotted Test Centre, session and Appointment number for NATA 2026.

Candidate is required to **download the soft copy of the Appointment Card from the website and a hard copy is required at the concerned Test Centre as indicated** in the downloaded Appointment Card along with one original photo identity card-Voter Card/ Pan Card/ Aadhar Card/ Driving License/ Passport, as filled by the candidate in application Form.

Candidates must ensure that the photograph and signature printed on the Appointment card are not mutilated/ distorted/ soiled even by accident. Candidates with such mutilated/ distorted/ soiled Appointment cards will not be allowed to appear in NATA-2026.
All Candidates are advised to retain their Appointment cards carefully in secured place in undamaged condition in all respects as stated above till declaration of NATA result and completion of admission process.

All applicants who appear to be prima facie eligible shall be provisionally permitted to appear for NATA- 2026. If, after scrutiny at any stage, it is found that an applicant is otherwise ineligible, their candidature shall be cancelled even if they have appeared in NATA- 2026.

The candidature may be cancelled if the candidate fails to produce any of the required documents in original for fulfilment of eligibility and other criteria as specified earlier during counselling and admission in Universities/ Institutions.

9.0 ALLOCATION OF TEST CENTRE

The Test Centre(s) will be allocated to the candidates subject to availability on the basis of their cities/region and date preferences. The allocation of test centers shall be at the discretion of the Council for smooth conduct of the test. Those candidates opting for multiple Tests shall have to generate new appointment cards for each test after the result of the previous test is published. A list of tentative/ probable city-wise examination test cities is given in APPENDIX-IV.

10.0 DECLARATION OF RESULT

RESULT

Results will be available and declared on the website www.nata.in

10.1 QUALIFYING CRITERIA

The Final Scorecard in NATA 2026, containing the best Raw Score and Percentile Score (for Phase-1) or Raw Score (for Phase-2) calculated in accordance with the prescribed percentile-based scoring methodology, shall be issued to all candidates.

- No minimum Raw Score is prescribed for qualifying in NATA 2026.
- The Final Scorecard issued by the Council, indicating the best Raw Score and the corresponding non-zero Percentile Score, shall be the valid qualifying NATA score.

Candidates holding a valid and qualifying NATA 2025 score, who have not taken admission in B.Arch. degree program during 2025-2026 and do not appear in NATA 2026 but wish to seek admission during academic session 2026-27, shall also download their Final Score Card with Percentile Score for the purpose of admission during CAP round, subject to the conditions prescribed by the Council. For admission against Vacant Seats, the best score indicated in the NATA 2025 Scorecard shall be treated as the Raw Score for such candidates.

Please refer to Section 3.0 for more details.

10.2 VALIDITY OF NATA- 2026 SCORE

The NATA 2026 score shall be valid for the academic session 2026-2027.

11.0 INTERPRETATION & LEGAL JURISDICTION

- In case of any dispute regarding interpretation of any clause in this brochure, the interpretation of Council shall be final and binding.
- All matters pertaining to conduct of NATA-2026 shall fall within the jurisdiction of Courts situated in Delhi only.
- The Council will not be a party pertaining to any dispute arising in the process of admission to any course of study through NATA-2026 in any Institution.

12.0 WEEDING OUT RULES

The record of the NATA-2026 Examination would be preserved only up to 90 days from the date of declaration of results. No request for providing any information thereafter shall be entertained.

13.0 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION

Important procedures to be followed during the conduct of examination are specified in APPENDIX-I. Please also refer to APENDIX-II for necessary information.

APPENDIX - I

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION AT TEST CENTRES

1. **The candidates will have to follow the time schedule as follows:**
   a. Report to the Examination Centre by 9.00 am (1st Session) / 12.30 pm (2nd Session)
   b. Opening gate to the examination hall at 9.15 am (1st Session) /12.45 pm (2nd Session)
   c. Registration of candidate to be completed by 9.45 am (1st Session) /1.15 pm (2nd Session)
   d. Closing gate to the examination hall at 10.00 am (1st Session) /1.30 pm (2nd Session)
   e. Commencement of examination at 10.00 am (1st Session) /1.30 pm (2nd Session)
   f. Duration of examination: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm (1st Session) / 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm (2ndSession)

Late entry of candidates will not be permitted in the examination hall after 10.15 am (1st Session)/1.45 pm (Second Session) and no extra time shall be granted. Exit from the examination Centre shall not be allowed before 1.00 pm (1st Session) / 4.30 pm (2nd Session).

2. **CANDIDATES MUST BRING WITH THEM**

   a. Downloaded Original Appointment Card of NATA-2026.
   b. Original Proof of Identity- Aadhaar/ Passport/ Driving License/ Voter ID/Valid Photo ID document.
   c. Pencils, erasers, dry colors, Scale (up to 15 Cms)

3. **Candidates must show on** demand the Appointment Card (NATA-2026) for entry to the Examination Hall. A candidate not possessing print out of the downloaded admit card and valid photo identity **shall not be allowed to enter in the Examination Hall by the Centre- in Charge.**

APPENDIX-I

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION AT TEST CENTRES

4. Candidates found carrying any textual material, printed or written, bits of papers or any other material except those listed under Sl.No.2 inside examination Hall will be debarred from appearing the examination.
5. Mobile Phones, Bluetooth devices, Calculators, Slide Rules, Log Tables, and Electronic Watches with facilities of the Calculator are not allowed in the Examination Hall. Possession of such items during the Examinations may lead to cancellation of candidature.
6. Candidates shall be provided with paper for any rough work.
7. Candidates are required to perform/solve on the paper/base/material provided by the Test Centers only.
8. No candidate, without the special permission of the Centre-in-Charge, will leave his/ her seat or Examination Hall until the duration of the examination is over.
9. Candidates shall maintain silence during the examination. Any conversation or gesticulation or disturbance in the examination hall shall be deemed as misdemeanor. If a candidate is found adopting unfair means, his/ her candidature shall be cancelled and he/she will be liable to be debarred from taking examination either permanently or for a period, to be decided by the Council of Architecture, according to the nature of offence.
10. Candidates shall abide by the advisories/ guidelines/ precautions as issued by the Government from time to time.
11. **If any candidate is found indulging in any form of malpractice or using any unfair means during the examination, the candidature will be cancelled outright or the candidate may be debarred from appearing in NATA Examination for a period of one year depending on the nature of the malpractice. If any candidate is found impersonating the candidature will be cancelled outright and the concerned candidate / imposter will be handed over to the Police for prosecution. Further, the Council may also debar such candidates from appearing in NATA Examination for a period of 2 years. The Council's decision in such cases is final. Approaching Office Bearers and Officials of the Council before / during / after the conduct of NATA for seeking any favor may entail disqualification.**

APPENDIX-II

DOS AND DON'TS

DOS

- Read the online instructions carefully before filling-in of the Application Form online.
- Specify all personal information, address and date of birth correctly.
- Remember your user name, security question / answer and password.
- Choose the city of Test centre carefully.
- Upload colour photograph and signature of specified size only.
- Retain a copy of the Confirmation Page.
- Follow the time schedule as mentioned in the brochure and Appointment Card.
- Carry printed copy of Appointment Card to the examination hall
- Carry pencils, erasers, sharpeners, dry colors, scale upto 15 cms.
- Only candidates with Appointment Card shall be granted entry in the examination hall.
- Rough sheets will be provided for calculations/notes during the test and must be returned to the invigilator at the end of the examination.

DON'TS

- Don't divulge your user name, security question / answer and password to anybody.
- Don't give wrong / unused mobile number and email id during form filling up process. The candidates are advised to ensure that the e-mail address furnished in the application form is active, failing which they may face serious problem for any future correspondence. The Council shall not be responsible for the same
- Don't upload poor quality scanned photograph and signature.
- Don't send duly filled in Confirmation Page or any document through post to CoA office.
- Don't spoil the hard copy of your downloaded Appointment card.
- Don't bring blade, Mobile Phone, Calculator or any other electronic gadget inside the Examination Hall.
- Don't bring any instruments inside the Examination hall

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GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE FORM FILLING UP

Sl. No.	Description of Field	Value	Remarks
A. Personal Information			
1	Candidate's Full Name	Enter name	(as registered in Class 10th) don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr etc.
2	Father's Name	Enter name	(as registered in Class 10th) don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr, Late etc.
3	Mother's Name	Enter name	(as registered in Class 10th) don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr, Late etc.
4	Date of Birth	DD/MM/ YYYY	(as registered in Class 10th)
5	Gender	---Select---	Male (M) / Female (F) / Transgender (T)
6	Category	---Select---	General / SC / ST / OBC-NCL etc.
7	Person with disability	YES/NO	Auto-filled with NO, may be changed to YES, if appropriate
8	Type of disability	---Select---	Visual Acuity / One eyed vision / Physically challenged. Certificate issued by competent authority to be enclosed.
9	Place of Residence	---Select---	Rural / Urban / Sub Urban
10	Nationality	---Select---	Indian / OCI / PIO / Foreign
11	ID Document Type	---Select---	Aadhaar Card /Voter Card/ Pan Card/ Driving License/Passport/School photo Identity card (to be uploaded)
12	ID Number	--- Enter ---	ID number as applicable
B. Details of education - Class X or equivalent			
13	Education Qualification	--- Fixed ---	Class 10th or equivalent
14	Pass Status	--- Fixed ---	Passed
15	Course/ Stream name	--- Fixed ---	High School
16	Board	---Select---	Select from drop down list

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17	Year of passing	---Select---	Select from drop down list
18	Obtained Marks (Subject-wise)	Enter value	Mandatory
19	Total Marks	Enter value	Mandatory
20	% Marks	---	Auto calculate
21	Roll No/Enroll No	Enter value	Enter correct roll no as per Class X records
22	Institute Name and address	---	Enter name and address of school of study in Class X
23	Pin Code	6 character	Pin code of school address
C. Details of education - Post X			
24	Education Qualification	---Select----	Class 12th or equivalent
25	Pass Status	--- Select ---	Passed / Appearing
26	Course/ Stream name	--- Select ---	10+2 /10+3 Diploma
27	Board/ University Name	---Select---	Select from drop down list
28	Year of passing	---Select---	Conditional – if Passed, Select from drop down list
29	Obtained Marks	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed, enter aggregate
30	Total Marks	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed
31	% Marks	---	Auto calculate – if Passed
32	Roll No/Enroll No	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed
33	Institute Name and address	Enter	Enter name and address of school of study in Class 10+2/10+3 Diploma Examination Mandatory
34	Pin Code	6 character	Pin code of school address – Mandatory

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D. Communication address			
35	Address of residence	Enter	Enter full address
36	State of Domicile	---Select---	All states and union territories to be shown
37	District of Domicile	---Select---	Select from drop down menu
38	Pin Code	6 character	Mandatory
39	Email Id	Enter valid id	Please enter valid – to be used for communication
40	Mobile no	Enter valid no	Please enter valid – to be used for communication
41	Land line no	Enter valid no	Optional
E. Secure application before final submission			
42	Choose password	Enter as per password policy	1. Password must be 8 to 13 characters long. 2. Password must have at least one Upper case, one lower case alphabet and one numeric value and at least one special characters such as !,@,#,$,%,^,&,*,- 3. New Password cannot be identical to any of the previous three passwords.

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43	Confirm password	Enter same as above	Has to match with the above entry and noted down for all future entries into the system
44	Security question	---Select---	Select from options in drop down menu
45	Security answer	Enter response	Please enter relevant value and note down–used for future retrieval of forgotten password

The application must be reviewed before final submission. Once application is submitted, a NATA Unique ID number gets generated. It must be noted down along with password and security question-answer – as these are all important for subsequent logins. Please note that system will not allow submitting duplicate form by any candidate. Candidates intending to make any correction in data filled-up by them in their respective application are allowed to do so through correction window to be made available only during the designated period. If the candidate furnishes false information, candidature would be liable to be cancelled and / or NATA - 2026 score would be treated void.

APPENDIX-IV

LIST OF PROBABLE/TENTATIVE CITIES OF TEST CENTE

S. No.	State. / Union Territory. / International	City / Region.
STATES IN INDIA		
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	Guntur and Vijayawada
1.1		Kadapa
1.2		Visakhapatnam
2	ASSAM	Guwahati
3	BIHAR	Gaya
4	CHATTISGARAH	Raipur
5	DELHI	New Delhi
6	GOA	Panaji
7	GUJARAT	Ahmedabad
7.1		Anand
7.2		Rajkot
7.3		Surat
7.4		Vadodara
8	HARYANA	Faridabad
8.1		Gurgaon
8.2		Jhajjar
8.3		Sonipat
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	Kakrial / Katra
10	JHARKHAND	Ranchi
11	KARNATAKA	Belgaum
11.1		Bengaluru

S. No.	State. / Union Territory. / International	City / Region.
11.2	KARNATAKA	Bijapur
11.3		Dharwad
11.4		Kalburgi / Gulbarga
11.5		Hubali
11.6		Mangalore
11.7		Manipal
11.8		Mysuru
12	KERALA	Thissur
12.1		Idduki
12.2		Ernakulam / Kochi
12.3		Kottayam
12.4		Kozhikode/Calicut
12.5		Malappuram
12.6		Palakkad
12.7		Thiruvananthapuram
12.8		Kazhakkuttam
13	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
13.1		Gwalior
13.2		Indore
14	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar
14.1		Akola
14.2		Amravati
14.3		Aurangabad
14.4		Baramati
14.5		Kolhapur

S. No.	State. / Union Territory. /International.	City / Region.
14.6	Maharashtra	Latur
14.7		Mumbai
14.8		Nagpur
14.9		Nashik
14.10		Navi Mumbai
14.11		Pune
14.12		Raigarh
14.13		Ramtek
14.14		Sangli
14.15		Satara
14.16		Solapur
15	MIZORAM	Aizawl
16	ODISHA	Bhubaneshwar
16.1		Cuttack
17	PUNJAB	Ludhiana
17.1		Mandi Gobindgarh
17.2		Mohali
17.3		Phagwara
18	RAJASTHAN	Jaipur
18.1		Tonk
19	TAMIL NADU	Chennai
19.1		Chengulput District
19.2		Coimbatore

S. No.	State. / Union Territory. /International.	City / Region.
19.3	TAMIL NADU	Dindigul
19.4		Erode
19.5		Hosur
19.6		Kancheepuram
19.7		Kanya Kumari
19.8		Marthandam
19.9		Nammakal
19.10		Nagapattinam
19.11		Thanjavur
19.12		Tiruvallur
19.13		Trichy
19.14		Ooty /Nilgiris
19.15		Vellore
19.16		Vilupuram
19.17		Virudhunagar
20	TELANGANA	Hyderabad and Secunderabad
20.1		Outer Periphery of Twin Cities
21	UTTRAKHAND	Dehradun

S. No.	State. / Union Territory. /International.	City / Region.
22	UTTAR PRADESH	Kanpur
22.1		Ghaziabad
22.2		Greater Noida
22.3		Jhansi
22.4		Lucknow
22.5		Muzaffarnagar
22.6		Noida
23	WEST BENGAL	Durgapur
23.1		Howrah
24	UNION TERRITORIES IN INDIA	Puducherry
24.1		Port Blair
25	INTERNATIONAL CENTRES	Dubai

Note: Final retention of city / region depends on availability / requests.

The candidates applying for Test Centre in international cities will not be given any choice for test centers.

The Test Centre(s)at the concerned foreign country shall be subject to availability of sufficient number of candidates.

International cities cannot be chosen as second or third choice of exam city

APPENDIX-V (IMPORTANT DATES)

The detailed date and session-wise schedule for the tests and other important activities/events related to NATA 2026 will be published separately on the official NATA website: www.nata.in.

APPENDIX-VI (VERSION CONTROL)

V1.0 : (released on 08.03.2026) This is the first version, generated by compiling information from previous NATA brochure including certain amendments and procedures followed for exams in general.

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