About UPSC NDA & NA Exam

NDA & NA exam is officially known as the National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Examination. However, it is more popularly known as the NDA exam or UPSC NDA exam. The goal of the NDA exam is to recruit eligible and qualified individuals as officers of the country's defence safety and security. The National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination is a joint entrance exam conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in India. It is conducted twice a year and provides an opportunity for the young men and women of India to join the prestigious Indian Armed Forces as officers. The examination is considered one of the toughest entrance exams in India and requires a high level of dedication, hard work, and commitment from the candidates.

UPSC NDA & NA Exam Highlights

Exam Particulars	Exam Details
Exam Name	National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Examination (NDA & NA)
Conducting Body	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Exam Level	National
Exam Frequency	Two times a year (April & September)
Mode of Exam	Offline
Language/Medium of Exam	English and Hindi
Exam Stages	Written exam and SSB Interview
Exam Purpose	For admission to National Defence Academy (NDA) and Indian Naval Academy Course (INAC)
Exam Fees	INR 100 for male candidates belonging to the General and OBC categories. SC/ST/Women candidates/Sons of JCOs/NCOs/ORs are exempted from paying the fees.
No. of Papers	Paper 1: Maths Paper 2: GAT
Exam Duration	GAT: 2 ½ hours Mathematics: 2 ½ hours
Total Questions	GAT: 150

	Mathematics: 120
Marking Scheme	GAT: Four marks for correct answers and 1.33 marks for wrong answers
	Maths: 2.5 marks for correct answers and 0.83 marks for wrong answers
Total Marks	Written Exam: 900 SSB Interview: 900
No. of Test Cities	More than 70 test cities
Official Website	upsc.gov.in
Contact Details	011-23385271 011-23381125 011- 23098543

Important dates of UPSC NDA & NA Exam

Events	NDA & NA (I) Month	NDA & NA (II) Month
Date for the release of notification	December	June
Start date for filling out the application form	December	June
Last date to register	January	July
Application form correction and withdrawal facility	January	July
Start date to download NDA & NA admit card	3 weeks before the commencement of the examination	3 weeks before the commencement of the examination
NDA & NA exam	April	Sept.
NDA & NA result	Within a month from the date of exam.	Within a month from the date of exam.

UPSC NDA & NA Exam Eligibility Criteria

The candidates must have passed the 10+2 examination or equivalent with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects to be eligible for the NDA exam.

UPSC NDA & NA Exam Examination Pattern

The NDA exam consists of two stages - a written examination and an interview. The written examination consists of two papers - Mathematics and General Ability Test. The Mathematics paper is 300 marks and has 120 questions, while the General Ability Test is 600 marks and has 150 questions. The duration of each paper is 2.5 hours.

The interview is conducted by the Services Selection Board (SSB) and is of 900 marks. The interview tests the candidate's intelligence and personality, including qualities such as leadership, initiative, and integrity. The total marks for the NDA exam are 1800, with the written examination and interview carrying equal weightage.

UPSC NDA & NA Exam Syllabus

The syllabus for the NDA exam is divided into two parts - Mathematics and General Ability Test. The Mathematics syllabus includes topics such as Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Vector Algebra, and Analytical Geometry. The General Ability Test syllabus includes topics such as English, General Knowledge, and Psychological Tests.

The NDA exam is a great opportunity for the young men and women of India to join the Indian Armed Forces as officers. The examination is tough and requires a high level of dedication, hard work, and commitment from the candidates. The candidates must have a clear understanding of the syllabus, and exam pattern, and prepare effectively to increase their chances of success.

Candidates who achieve the minimum qualifying marks in the written exam, as determined by the Commission at its discretion, will be put on a list by the Union Public Service Commission. Such candidates must appear before a Services Selection Board for an intelligence and personality test, after which they will be evaluated on their officer potential for the Army/Navy wings of the NDA and the 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme of the Indian Naval Academy. In addition, candidates for the Air Force must also pass the Computerized Pilot Selection System (CPSS). If they give the SSB and are willing, candidates with the Air Force as one of their choices will also go through the CPSS.