

Admissions 2022-23 Handbook

Master of Design (M.Des.)

- at National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
- at National Institute of Design, Bengaluru (Extension Campus)
- at National Institute of Design, Gandhinagar (Extension Campus)

Last date for submitting online application:

1600 hrs. Tuesday, 30 November 2021

Design Aptitude Test (DAT) Prelims

Sunday, 02 January 2022

Note:

- This handbook is only available as an online 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 download this handbook only from the official NID admissions website and check for any updates on the website before submitting their application.
- Master of Design or M.Des. is offered at NID's campuses in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Gandhinagar.

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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 one year from the date of declaration of 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.

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1. General Information

National Institute of Design (NID) at Ahmedabad and at its extension campuses at Gandhinagar & Bengaluru, is an 'Institute of National Importance' as per the NID Act 2014 as well 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 Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) of four-year duration, Masters of Design (M.Des.) of two-and-a-half year duration and PhD in Design. The Institute is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Admission to all the programmes at NID is on the basis of the candidates' performance in the two-stages of Design Aptitude Test viz. DAT Prelim & DAT Mains. 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.

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 mentioned in the DAT Mains Admit Card.

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 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*

Admission Stage		Dates
1	Accepting Application Form online starts	Tuesday, 05 October 2021
2	Last date for submitting online application	1600 hrs. Tuesday, 30 November 2021
3	Submission of online application with payment of late fees	1600 hrs Wednesday, 01 December 2021 to 1600 hrs Sunday, 05 December 2021
4	Window to edit the application forms	1600 hrs. Monday, 06 December 2021 to 1600 hrs. Monday, 13 December 2021
5	Download Admit Cards for DAT Prelims **	Thursday, 23 December 2021
6	DAT Prelims Exam	Sunday, 02 January 2021
7	DAT Prelims result	Will be announced later
8	Information regarding DAT Mains	Will be announced later

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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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 change/alter this schedule due to unforeseen circumstances.

** Admit Cards will be available for download on the NID website (<https://admissions.nid.edu>) as per the schedule. It is the responsibility of the candidates to download and print their own Admit Cards. Reporting time will be mentioned in the DAT Prelims Admit Card.

Depending on the prevailing pandemic situation of COVID-19, the schedules as well as the nature/structure of the exams can change, and all tests can be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of both modes at the discretion of the Institute.

3. Programme & Number of Seats

The two-and-a-half years' Master of Design (M.Des.) programme at NID is offered at its campuses in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Gandhinagar. Candidates may apply in any of the following disciplines:

Faculty of Communication Design

Discipline	Offered at	Number of Seats
Animation Film Design	Ahmedabad	19
Film & Video Communication	Ahmedabad	19
Graphic Design	Ahmedabad	19
Photography Design	Gandhinagar	19

Faculty of Industrial Design

Discipline	Offered at	Number of Seats
Ceramic & Glass Design	Ahmedabad	12
Furniture & Interior Design	Ahmedabad	19
Product Design	Ahmedabad	19
Toy & Game Design	Gandhinagar	12
Transportation & Automobile Design	Gandhinagar	19
Universal Design	Bengaluru	19

Faculty of Information Technology-Integrated Programmes

Discipline	Offered at	Number of Seats
Digital Game Design	Bengaluru	19
Information Design	Bengaluru	19
Interaction Design	Bengaluru	19
New Media Design	Gandhinagar	19

Faculty of Inter-Disciplinary Design Studies

Discipline	Offered at	Number of Seats
Design for Retail Experience	Bengaluru	19
Strategic Design Management	Gandhinagar	19

Faculty of Textile, Apparel, Lifestyle and Accessory Design

Discipline	Offered at	Number of Seats
Apparel Design	Gandhinagar	19
Lifestyle Accessory Design	Gandhinagar	19
Textile Design	Ahmedabad	19

Note:

- The percentage of seats reserved for candidates (Indian nationals only) belonging to various reserved categories are as prescribed in the Government of India guidelines (Refer Section 5 of this document for more information).
- Candidates can apply to a maximum of **ONLY TWO** disciplines for the Master of Design programme.
- The seat allotment will be purely based on the preference submitted by the candidate at the time of submitting their application. Under no circumstances will the candidate be allowed to change these preferences later.
- Applications are received to a specific discipline only and are not transferable at any stage of the admissions process.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Master of Design (M.Des.)

All candidates applying for the M.Des. programme (any discipline) must fulfill eligibility criteria of both age and education qualification as under.

Age Limit:

- For Indian Nationals in General Category & General EWS Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1992** 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 1989** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Person with Disabilities (PwD) Reserved Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1987** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Foreign Nationals in Overseas (Supernumerary) Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1992** are eligible to apply for admission.

Educational Qualification:

In addition to satisfying the above age criteria, the candidate must possess at least one of the following minimum qualifications to be considered eligible for admissions:

Bachelor Degree of minimum 4-year duration in any specialization, after 12th standard or equivalent to 12th standard from any university or institute recognised by law in India.

Condition: Candidate must have passed the Bachelor Degree examinations at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May/June 2022***.

OR

Full-time Diploma of minimum 4-year duration in Design/Fine Arts/Applied Arts/Architecture, after 12th standard or equivalent to 12th standard, from any university or institute recognised by law in India.

Condition: Candidates must have passed the Diploma examinations at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May/June 2022***.

OR

Bachelor Degree of minimum 3-year duration in any specialization, after 12th standard or equivalent to 12th standard.

Condition: Candidates must have passed the 3-year Bachelor degree examinations by **August 2021**.

* Candidates in the final year of their Bachelor degree/ Full-time Diploma programme whose universities may not have issued the final degree certificate before that last date of application to NID, are eligible to apply, subject to passing all subjects without any backlog. Such candidates will have to submit/produce Provisional Degree certificates at the time of document verification.

Note:

In case the degree/certificate has been obtained from a University/Board of any country other than India, an equivalence certificate must be submitted to Admissions Office by the candidate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in May/June 2022. Visit <http://www.aiu.ac.in> for more details about how to obtain an equivalence certificate.

4.2 Overseas Category (Supernumerary candidates):

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

Of the seats available for the M.Des., 15% supernumerary seats are available for Overseas candidates. The actual number of seats available in Overseas (supernumerary) category is as under:

Programme	No. of seats
Master of Design (discipline having 19 seats)	03
Master of Design (discipline having 12 seats)	02

Note:

- Candidates under Overseas (supernumerary) category fall outside the ambit of seats reserved for the GEN- EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories and are required to pay the fees as per Overseas fee category.
- Candidates holding OCI and PIO card will have to apply only under the Overseas (supernumerary) category.
- 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 only.
- 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. Candidates will be offered admission to NID based on the minimum qualifying criteria as mentioned in Section 8.4.
- To accept the offer of admission, overseas candidates are required to visit the NID campus in person, as per the schedule. At this time, candidates will be required to produce the following original 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 all semesters equivalent to SSC (Grade X), HSC (Grade XII) and their degree certificate/provisional certificate/passing certificate.
- An equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, will have to be obtained in advance and required to be submitted at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in May/June 2022.
- 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 selected candidates do not pay their programme fees or fail to produce any of the required documents, or if they decline the offer of admission, their candidature will stand cancelled and their seat will be offered to the next candidate in order of merit under Overseas category.
- Seats remaining vacant 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 this document.
- Overseas candidates may choose their test centre for DAT Prelims from any test centre mentioned in Section 7.3 of this document.
- The medium of instruction at NID is English language.

4.3 Important Note:

- Candidates yet to appear for their qualifying exam (**ONLY** Full-time Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in any discipline under 10+2+4 system or more) are eligible to apply, provided they produce proof of having acquired the minimum required qualifications at the time of document verification. Candidates must produce a valid certificate (Provisional/Degree) at the time of document verification scheduled tentatively in **May/June 2022**. Failing to produce the provisional degree certificate, such candidate's candidature will stand cancelled & will not be offered admission. Their seat will be offered to the next candidate in order of merit.
- If the results of their final year of graduation (under 10+2+4 system or more only) have not been declared by the concerned Board or University at the time of submitting application, such candidate will have to submit provisional degree certificate at the time of document verification scheduled tentatively in **May/June 2022**.
- Candidates who have not appeared for their final qualifying exam before the document verification of documents will not be eligible for admission.

5. Reservation of Seats

5.1 The total number of seats available (as mentioned in Section 3 of this document)—for Indian Nationals are classified into different categories as mentioned below:

Seat Category	Category of Eligible Candidates
Open	GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD
General- Economically Weaker Section (GEN-EWS)	GEN- EWS, 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, 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				
	GEN-EWS (10%)	OBC-NCL (27%)	Scheduled Caste (15%)	Scheduled Tribe (7.5%)
Disciplines with 19 seats each	2	5	3	1
Disciplines with 12 seats each	1	3	2	1

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 of an Income & Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. **The Income and Asset Certificate issued by any one of the following authorities in the prescribed 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/ 1stClass 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 between 01 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2020-21 (as mentioned in the format available on the website <https://admissions.nid.edu> in Download section)

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 test if shortlisted. It will be the 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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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.

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, then the candidate will be moved to General category, and he/she will be considered as General category candidate for further admissions process.

On verification, even after admissions, if the information/document/ 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). The caste of the OBC candidate is mentioned in the state list, but not mentioned in the Central list, 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 language only (issued between **01 April 2021 and 31 March 2022**, based on the gross annual income for the financial year 2020-21) 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 language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the English 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 test if shortlisted. It will be the 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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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.

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.

On verification, even after admissions, if the information/document/ 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:

<http://socialjustice.nic.in/UserView/index?mid=76750>

<https://tribal.nic.in/ST/LatestListofScheduledtribes.pdf>

Candidates applying under SC and ST categories are required to upload the relevant caste/tribe certificate (in English language only) from the competent authorities of their respective state, union territory or the National Commission of Tribes, valid at the time of applying online. **For certificates that are not in the English language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the English 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 test if shortlisted. It will be the 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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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.

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.

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 seats are reserved for Persons with Disability (PwD). Admission will be granted to the top 5% of the candidates in order of merit, irrespective of their parent category.

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

If the disability certificate is issued after 1 June 2021, then the candidate should also submit the disability certificate issued from the Unique Disability Identity Card Portal namely, <http://www.swavlambancard.gov.in> as per the Gazette notification dated 5 May 2021 issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Candidates seeking admission under this category are required to upload a valid Disability Certificate issued by Competent Medical Authority as certified by the Government of India, **valid at the time of applying online.** The formats of the certificate are available on the official website of admissions <https://admissions.nid.edu> under the Download section.

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 test if shortlisted. It will be the 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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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.

The verification of the category certificate will be carried out after the DAT Prelims. During verification if it is found that the PwD certificate of the candidate is not valid, then the candidature of such candidates will stand cancelled under following scenarios:

- If the candidate has availed either compensatory time or services of a Scribe or age relaxation;
- If the candidate has applied as a PwD under GENERAL or GEN-EWS or OBC-NCL.

If the candidate has applied as PwD under SC/ST and if his/her PwD certificate is not valid & has NOT availed compensatory time and/or services of a Scribe and/or age relaxation, then he/she will be moved to his/her Parent Category (SC/ST). The candidate will be then considered as SC/ST category candidate for further admissions process.

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 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 PwD certificate (format available on the website <https://admissions.nid.edu>), 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 PwD certificate must be uploaded along with such requests (formats available on the website <https://admissions.nid.edu>).
- The Admission Cell will assess the request along with the supporting document and contact the candidate via email on their registered email id with further instructions if necessary.
- 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.

Candidates belonging to the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories will be declared as qualified on the basis of the **minimum qualifying criteria** which will be announced later.

Unfilled seats based on minimum qualifying criteria (which will be announced at a later date) or unavailability of eligible candidates as per minimum qualifying criteria in the

OBC-NCL category will be de-reserved and allotted to Open Category candidates in order of merit.

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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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 that 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 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.

6. How to Apply

Candidates will have to visit the official admissions website at <http://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 necessary information related to admissions to the M.Des. programme in the Admission Handbook 2022-23 and confirm that you have read and agree to the same.

Step 1: Sign up/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 2022. 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 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 Home page.

Step 2: Fill-in Personal & Educational Details

1. Log in and proceed to Step 2–Application Form.
2. Fill in all the required details.
3. **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’ opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the “Window to Edit” 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.

4. After filling all details, click 'Save & Proceed' to go to the next section 'Upload Document'.
5. Click 'Save & Exit' to complete the form at a later time or date.

For candidates applying in only one discipline of M.Des Programme:

Such candidates are required to appear in DAT Prelims comprising of the test paper for one discipline only, the duration and the model of question paper for which will be announced in the admit card.

For candidates applying in two disciplines of M.Des. Programme:

Such candidates are required to appear in DAT Prelims comprising of two test papers, one for each discipline, the duration and the model of question paper for which will be announced in the admit card.

Step 3: Upload 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:

Category/Documents	Photo	Signature	Certificate	Remarks
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
GEN-EWS-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	EWS Certificate
				Disability Certificate*
OBC-NCL-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	OBC-NCL Certificate
				Disability Certificate*
SC-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Caste Certificate
				Disability Certificate*
ST-PwD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tribe Certificate

				Disability Certificate*
Overseas	Yes	Yes	Yes	First page of Passport
				Last page of Passport

****If a PwD candidate is using the facility of the scribe or compensatory time, they have to select relevant option, while filling the online application form and upload a valid PwD certificate.***

2. Upload a color scanned copy of recent passport size photograph as per the instructions. The photograph must be in JPG/JPEG format, should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 100 KB in size. It must be a coloured photograph taken at a professional studio. Photographs with self-composed portraits will not be accepted.
3. Upload your scanned signature as per the instructions. The signature file must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 100 KB in size. You should have your signature digitally photographed or scanned and cropped to the required size.
4. Candidates applying under the GEN-EWS category are required to upload their valid 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 between 01 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2020-21.** The certificate must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 150 KB in size.
5. 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 between 01 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 (based on the gross annual income of the financial year 2020-21).** The certificate must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 150 KB in size. For certificates that are not in the English language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the English version along with the original copy of the category certificate.
6. Candidates applying under the SC and ST categories are required to upload their valid Caste Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. **For certificates that are not in the English language, the candidate is required to produce / upload a notarized copy of the English version along with the original copy of the category certificate.** The certificate must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 150 KB in size.
7. Candidates applying under the Persons with Disability (PwD) category are required to upload their valid Disability Certificate issued by a Competent Medical Authority as per the guidelines of the Government of India (format of which is available on the website <https://admissions.nid.edu>). The certificate must be in JPG/JPEG format and should be of minimum 75 KB and maximum 150 KB in size.

8. 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. The certificate must be of minimum 75 KB & maximum 150 KB in size.
9. 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
10. 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. Category-wise Application Fees for Academic Year 2022-23 are as under:

Category	1 Discipline only	2 Disciplines
General	Rs.3000/-	Rs.6000/-
General- EWS	Rs.3000/-	Rs.6000/-
OBC-NCL	Rs.3000/-	Rs.6000/-
SC	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
ST	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
General-PwD	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
General-EWS-PwD	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
OBC-NCL-PwD	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
SC-PwD	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
ST-PwD	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
Overseas (Supernumerary)	Rs.5000/-	Rs.10000/-

Note: For applications received after 1600 hrs. Tuesday, 30 November 2021, the application fees (including late fees) applicable will be double the amount indicated above.

2. The above fees are applicable to all M.Des. candidates, irrespective of gender.
3. **Application fee is NEITHER refundable NOR transferable.**
4. The Application fees paid online (by Debit/Credit Card) DOES NOT INCLUDE any bank transaction charges/convenience fee, and the same, as applicable, will have to be borne by the candidate.
5. Candidate will be asked to verify their details, after which they can proceed to make the payment.
6. The fees for the application can be paid only through Debit/Credit Card.
7. 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/or print a copy of your application form (which would be done only after successful payment of the application fee).
8. Window to Edit Application Form **(1600 hrs. Monday, 06 December 2021 to 1600 hrs. Monday, 13 December 2021)**
 - Candidates will be given an opportunity to review and correct their information in the application form starting from 1600 hrs. Monday, 06 December 2021.

- 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' opens. In case, the candidate changes his/her applied category during the "Window to Edit" 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.
- 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.
- 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 Master of Design (M.Des.) will be conducted on **Sunday, 02 January 2022**.

7.2 About DAT Prelims:

The M.Des. DAT prelims paper is of 100 marks, comprising of a Common Design Aptitude Test and a Discipline Specific Test, which together will evaluate the Design Aptitude of the candidate. The DAT Prelims paper comprises of a mix of objective and subjective type questions.

The question paper will be in English language ONLY.

Important:

For candidates applying in only one discipline of M.Des Programme:

Such candidates are required to appear in DAT Prelims comprising of the test paper for one discipline only, the duration and the model of question paper for which will be announced in the admit card.

For candidates applying in two disciplines of M.Des. Programme:

Such candidates are required to appear in DAT Prelims comprising of two test papers, one for each discipline, the duration and the model of question paper for which will be announced in the admit card.

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 for each discipline. Only shortlisted candidates will be eligible to appear for the DAT Mains exam as per the schedule announced.

Separate merit list will be prepared for Overseas candidates.

Depending on the prevailing pandemic situation of COVID-19, the schedules as well as the nature/structure of the exams can change and all tests can be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of both modes at the discretion of the Institute.

7.3 Test Centres for DAT Prelims:

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

Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Guwahati, Goa, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Kurukshetra, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi, Shimla, Thiruvananthapuram and Vijayawada. A city may have more than one test centre.

NID reserves the right to add or remove any test centre and allot to a candidate a test centre that may not be of the candidate's choice. Any request for change of test centre will not be entertained.

7.4 About DAT Mains for M.Des.:

Based on the scores obtained in the DAT Prelims, candidates will be shortlisted for the DAT Mains. Admit Cards for shortlisted candidates will be available for download only on the official NID admissions website (<http://admissions.nid.edu>).

Due to the current pandemic situation prevailing in the country, the information regarding the DAT Mains will be announced later.

7.5 Weightages of DAT Prelims & DAT Mains for Final Result

The final marks of the candidate appearing for the M.Des. programme of the National Institute of Design, will be calculated based on the weightages of the marks obtained in the DAT Prelims and DAT Mains, which will be announced later.

Note: Only those candidates who have appeared for all the tests in both the stages will be considered eligible for the Merit List.

8. Announcement of Results

In order to be considered for the merit list, a candidate must have appeared for both, the DAT Prelims and the DAT Mains exams.

8.1 Results for DAT Prelims:

Based on the scores obtained in the DAT Prelims, 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 2022–23 for the M.Des. Programme (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.

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.

8.2 Candidates shortlisted for DAT Mains:

Based on the Merit list of DAT Prelims, a certain number of candidates for each discipline will be shortlisted to appear for DAT Mains. If the total scores of two or more candidates in the DAT Prelims are the same, higher rank will be decided based on the tie break policy. The number of candidates shortlisted will be no less than three times in each category applied for by the candidate in the respective disciplines (GENERAL, GENERAL-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, PWD & OVERSEAS). Please refer to Section 3 of this handbook to see the total number of seats available.

8.3 Final Merit List:

The final merit list for each discipline of the M.Des. Programme will be generated category-wise (Open, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD), based on the sum total of the weighted scores obtained by the candidate in each stage of the admission process, namely the DAT Prelims and DAT Mains. Separate merit list will be prepared for Overseas candidates.

Common merit list will be generated based on the percentile score.

$$\text{Percentile Score} = \frac{(\text{No. of candidates appeared in DAT Mains}) - (\text{Rank of the candidate}) \times 100}{\text{Total no. of candidates appeared in DAT Mains}}$$

Results for admission to NID for the academic year 2022–23 for M.Des. Programme (including Overseas 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 2022-23 cycle are valid only for admission for the academic year 2022-23.

Scores obtained in NID's DAT exam cannot be used by any person/institution without prior permission of the National Institute of Design.

Allotment of seat will be purely based on the preference of discipline filled in by the candidate at the time of **submitting the application form**.

In case a candidate has applied in two disciplines and gets shortlisted in both the disciplines, then the candidate will be allotted a seat in the discipline marked as first preference ONLY and their seat in the discipline marked as preference 02 will be allotted to the next candidate in order of merit. Such candidates will not be able to claim their seat (in the discipline marked by them as preference 02) at any later stage of the admission process.

In case a candidate has applied in two disciplines and gets shortlisted in only the discipline marked by them as preference 02, then the candidate will be allotted a seat in the discipline marked by them as preference 02.

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

8.4 Minimum Qualifying Criteria

Candidates from the various categories will be considered eligible for admission only if their final percentile score exceeds the minimum qualifying criteria which will be announced later.

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.

* Amendments to the minimum qualifying criteria if any, will be updated on the official website <https://admissions.nid.edu> only in the Amendment Section of this Handbook.

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. Seats remaining vacant under the GEN-EWS, SC and ST categories will NOT be allotted to candidates belonging to other categories. **It must be noted that after the last date of application, the category chosen by a candidate will be considered as final, and requests for change of category, thereafter, will not be entertained.**

8.6 Allotment of seat

The procedure of allotment of seat for M.Des. Programme will be conducted at Ahmedabad. Each 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. Allotment of seat will be purely based on the preference of discipline filled in by the candidate at the time of **submitting the application form.**

Depending on the prevailing pandemic situation of COVID-19, the candidate may be asked to pay the partial fees online for the confirmation of admission and the physical verification of documents may take place at the time of reporting at the campus.

Seat allotment for final admissions will be based on the merit list, category of the candidate and availability of seats 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.

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 one year 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 2022-23 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, on their registered email id.

9.3 Result

The result of the candidate will be available for one year after the announcement of the final result. Any details regarding the same will not be provided after one year. The evaluation criteria/break-up of marks followed for the assessment of paper/interview or the procedure followed in the interview may not be shared as it is highly subjective in nature, and may not be furnished in the larger public interest. The personal details of the candidates shortlisted after each stage will not be shared with any other person.

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Official admissions website: <https://admissions.nid.edu>

NID Main website: <http://www.nid.edu>

For technical issues related to submission of online application write to :

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