

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DESIGN, AHMEDABAD

ADMISSIONS 2026-27

INFORMATION ABOUT M.DES. DAT MAINS FOR THE SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES

1) M.Des Studio Test

The M.Des DAT Mains Studio Test is scheduled to be conducted on **Sunday, 08 March 2026** as per the following. **Any request for rescheduling the dates of the studio test will not be entertained.**

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Test Centre City for Studio Test
Industrial Design (ID)	- Ceramic & Glass Design - Furniture & Interior Design - Product Design - Toy & Game Design - Transportation & Automobile Design - Universal Design	Ahmedabad
Communication Design (CD)	- Animation Film Design - Film & Video Communication - Graphic Design - Photography Design	

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Test Centre City for Studio Test
Interdisciplinary Design Studies (IDDS)	- Design for Retail Experience - Strategic Design Management	Bengaluru
IT-Integrated Design (ITID)	- Digital Game Design - Information Design - Interaction Design - New Media Design	

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Test Centre City for Studio Test
Textile, Apparel and Lifestyle Accessory Design (TALAD)	- Apparel Design - Lifestyle Accessory Design - Textile Design	Gandhinagar

2) M.Des Interviews

The interview for the M.Des will be conducted between **21 March 2026 to 01 April 2026**. The details are as under:

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Date of the Interviews	Test Centre City for Interviews
Industrial Design (ID)	- Ceramic & Glass Design - Toy & Game Design	21- 23 March 2026	Ahmedabad
	- Furniture & Interior Design - Product Design - Transportation & Automobile Design - Universal Design	21 – 25 March 2026	

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Interdisciplinary Design Studies (IDDS)	- Design for Retail Experience - Strategic Design Management	21 – 25 March 2026	Bengaluru

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Textile, Apparel and Lifestyle Accessory Design (TALAD)	- Lifestyle Accessory Design	21 – 24 March 2026	Gandhinagar
	- Apparel Design - Textile Design	21- 25 March 2026	

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Date of the Interviews	Test Centre City for Interviews
Communication Design (CD)	- Photography Design	27- 30 March 2026	Ahmedabad
	- Animation Film Design - Film & Video Communication	27- 31 March 2026	
	- Graphic Design	27 March – 01 April 2026	

Faculty Stream	Discipline	Date of the Interviews	Test Centre City for Interviews
IT-Integrated Design (ITID)	- Digital Game Design - Information Design - New Media Design	27- 31 March 2026	Bengaluru
	- Interaction Design	27 March – 01 April 2026	

Important Instructions:

1. Closely observe the above-mentioned interview dates for your applied disciplines. In case your University examination dates clash with the scheduled interview dates, inform us immediately by email to admissions@nid.edu **on or before 23 February 2026**, along with the following mandatory documents:

- A copy of your examination timetable, duly attested by the principal.
- A letter from the principal confirming that the examination dates clash with the interview dates.

Please note:

- **Interview dates can only be rescheduled within the above-mentioned applicable interview dates.**
- **No requests will be considered if received after the deadline of 23 February 2026.**

2. The exact address and the timings of the Studio Test and the Interview will be mentioned in the Admit Card. Any request for rescheduling the dates of the studio test will not be entertained.

3. The Admit Card for the Studio Test and the Interview can be downloaded at **4 pm on Tuesday, 24 February 2026.**
4. It is mandatory for the candidates to appear for both the Studio Test and the Interview in order to be eligible for the final stage of admissions.
5. It is sole responsibility of the candidate to download and print the Admit Card for the Studio Test and Interview. Candidates are required to bring a hard copy of the Admit Card along with the original photo ID proofs, as mentioned in the Admit Card for the M.Des DAT Mains (Studio Test & Interview).
6. For the interview, candidates must bring the Studio Test Admit Card which bearing the seal of the Test Centre.
7. **ONLY** the candidates will be allowed entry into the examination centre. Once the gate is closed after the registration time, no candidate will be allowed entry into the test centre under any circumstances.
8. **The parents will not be allowed entry into the exam centre. However, if there is any designated waiting area available outside the exam centre, parents may be allowed there at the discretion of the management.**
9. Appearing for DAT Mains/Interview or being shortlisted for the subsequent stage of admissions process does NOT guarantee admissions.
10. NID reserves the right to add or remove any test centre city and allot a test centre city that may not necessarily be the candidate's preference. A city may have more than one test centre.
11. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check for any updates on the Admissions website (<https://admissions.nid.edu>).

Place: Ahmedabad
Date: 17 February 2026

