

Eligibility Criteria for Master of Design (M.Des.) (2024-25)

All candidates applying for the M.Des. programme (any discipline) must fulfill eligibility criteria of both age and educational 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 and/or institute recognised by the law in India.
Condition: Candidate must have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the Bachelor Degree Examination by 30 June 2024.

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 university and/or institute recognised by the law in India.
Condition: Candidate must have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the Bachelor Degree Examination by 30 June 2024.

OR

Bachelor Degree of minimum 3-year duration in any specialization, after 12th standard or equivalent to 12th standard from university and/or institute recognised by the law in India.
Condition: Candidates must have passed the 3-year Bachelor degree examinations by August 2023.

- * Candidates in the final year of their Bachelor degree/ Full-time Diploma programme whose universities may not have issued the final degree certificate before the last date of application to NID, are also eligible to apply, provided, such candidates should have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the qualifying *examination, on or before 30 June 2024*. However, such candidates will, if selected, be granted provisional admission and will be required to submit the result of qualifying *examination, on or before 31 July 2024*.

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 physical verification of documents as announced in Section 2. Visit <https://www.aiu.ac.in> for more details about how to obtain an equivalence certificate.

Overseas Category (Supernumerary candidates):

Foreign candidates—holding citizenship of a country other than the Republic of India—only, are eligible to apply 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 category 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. Such candidates cannot avail the facility of age-relaxation, scribe etc.
- Candidates holding OCI and PIO cards will have to apply only under the Overseas (supernumerary) category.
- Candidates must possess a valid passport. The candidate must ensure that the passport is current (not expired) at the time of applying online.
- 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 8.5.

- To accept the offer of admissions, overseas category 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 issued by the University.
 - 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 physical verification of documents/in-person counselling as announced in Section 2.
 - 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 admissions, 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 centres mentioned in Section 7.3 of this document.
 - The medium of instruction at NID is English language.

Important Note:

- a. Candidates who are yet to appear for their final qualifying exam (**ONLY** Full time Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in any discipline under 10+2+4 system or more) in the year 2024 should have passed the same in the first attempt. If the candidate has any backlog/ compartment/ supplementary and have not cleared the final qualifying examination, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.
- b. If the final qualifying exam (**ONLY** Full time Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in any discipline under 10+2+4 system or more) result of the candidate is not declared by the concerned University till the date of the seat allotment (as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2), his/her admission in such case will be strictly provisional subject to:

- i. The candidate must have appeared in all the subjects of the final semester/year and backlogs (if any), of the qualifying exam of the Bachelor's Degree or Diploma by **30 June 2024**.
 - ii. A self-undertaking duly signed by the candidate as well his/her parent(s) and a certificate issued by the University (in the prescribed format, as available on <https://admissions.nid.edu>) are to be submitted, at the time of the seat allotment, as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2.
 - iii. Those candidates who are seeking provisional admission due to non-declaration of their final semester/year result, will have to submit the marksheets of all the previous semesters/years of the qualifying degree/diploma examination (duly attested by the Head of the Institution where the candidate is studying) at the time seat allotment, as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2.
 - iv. The candidate will have to submit the final result/marksheets of the qualifying degree/diploma examination proving his/her eligibility **on or before 31 July 2024**, to the Academic Record Cell. In case the candidate fails to submit his/her final result on or before **31 July 2024**, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.
- c. Any candidate who has not appeared in all the subjects of the qualifying examination on or before 30 June 2024, will NOT be eligible to participate in the further process of admissions.