NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY AND NAVAL ACADEMY EXAMINATION

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The National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination is conducted to recruit qualified candidates as officers in the Indian Defence Services like Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. Those eligible and interested in the NDA exam can apply online for the same by visiting the UPSC official website - upsc.gov.in. Apart from the NDA full form, aspirants must also know the NDA syllabus, exam pattern and other important things about the NDA full form. To know more about the full form of the NDA exam, read the article below.

NDA Full Form - Overview

Exam name	NDA and NA

NDA Full Form	National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination
Exam Conducting Authority	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Official website	upsc.gov.in
NDA Eligibility Criteria	Age limit - 16.5 to 19.5 years Educational Qualification - 10+2 passed
Application mode	Online
Application fee	Rs 100 (UR/ OBC)
Stages of exam	Written test (offline) SSB interview
Exam mode	Offline
Number of papers	Paper 1 - Maths Paper 2 - GAT

What is an NDA Full Form?

As we now know the full form of the NDA exam is the National Defence Academy exam that is conducted by the UPSC. The Union Public Service Commission also conducts other Sarkari recruitment exams for applicants who have passed class 12th to graduation. Most of these exams are known to the applicants by their short form like UPSC CSE or IAS, CDS, CAPF, UPSC ESE, UPSC CMS, etc. The eligibility criteria for all the UPSC exams are different. NDA exam is

conducted twice every year in April and September.

NDA Eligibility Criteria 2023

The NDA and NA exam is conducted for 10+2 passed students by the UPSC to get inducted into the Indian Defence Services. Applicants between the age group of 16.5 to 19.5 years who have passed class 12th or are awaiting their final result can apply for the NDA 2023 exam. There is no age relaxation offered to any category in the NDA exam. The eligibility criteria of NDA are based on factors like nationality, age limit, physical standards and educational qualification. Check below the table to know the NDA eligibility criteria in short.

NDA 2023 eligibility criteria

Nationality	Indian
Age limit	16.5 to 19.5 years
Educational Qualification	Passed 10+2 standard or equivalent exam from a recognised board

NDA Post and Responsibility

As it is clear from the NDA full form that this sarkari recruitment exam is conducted for the recruitment of qualified candidates to the three Indian Defence Services. All those who appear for the NDA exam and clear all the stages of it will be inducted as officers in one of the following three services (Indian Army/ Navy/ Air Force) based on their NDA merit list. The responsibility that is conferred on the NDA qualified candidates is that of protecting the country against foreign enemies.

NDA Syllabus

The Commission mentions the syllabus of the NDA exam for both maths and GAT paper in the official NDA notification. The NDA syllabus is same for all aspirants irrespective of the service they want to join. The NDA exam syllabus contains all the chapters and topics from which the questions are asked in the NDA maths and GAT exam. The standard of questions in the NDA exam are of matriculation and 10+2 level. Candidates can check the NDA syllabus in the table below.

NDA Exam Pattern

The Union Public Service Commission mentions the exam pattern of NDA in the official UPSC NDA notification. The NDA 2023 selection process has two stages - a written exam and an SSB interview. The NDA written exam is conducted in offline mode. Multiple choice questions are asked in the NDA exam. There is a negative marking for every wrong answer in the NDA exam. Check the table below to better understand the NDA exam pattern 2023.

NDA Exam Pattern

Particulars	NDA Written exam	SSB Interview
Mode	Offline (Pen and Paper)	Offline (Group activities and Face to face interview
Papers	Mathematics General Ability Test (GAT)	Testing Psychological Test Group Testing Officers Test Personal Interview Conference

Duration	5 hours (2 hours 30 minutes for each paper)	5 days
Total marks	900 marks	900 marks
Total questions	Maths - 120 questions GAT - 150 questions	-

Other sarkari exams conducted by UPSC

Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) - NDA Full Form - What is full form of NDA

Question: What is the NDA full form?

Answer:

The full form of NDA is the National Defence Academy Examination.

Question: What is the age limit to apply for the NDA exam?

Answer:

The age limit to apply for the NDA exam is 16.5 to 19.5 years.

Question: What is the minimum education qualification required for the NDA exam?

Answer:

The minimum academic qualification needed for NDA exam is class 12th pass.

Question: Who can apply for the NDA exam?

Answer:

Those who meet the NDA eligibility criteria as mentioned in the article can apply for the NDA

exam.

Question: What is the salary after clearing the NDA?

NDA salary

Rank	Rank Pay (in Rupees)
Lieutenant to Major	15,600 - 39,100/-
Lieutenant Colonel to Major General	37,400 - 67,000/-
Lieutenant General HAG Scale	67,000 - 79,000/-
HAG+ Scale	75,500 - 80,000/-
Vice Chief of Army Staff/Army Cdr/ Lieutenant General (NFSG)	80,000/-
Chief of Army Staff	90,000/- (fixed)