

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 Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) will be conducted on **2023**.

7.2. About DAT Prelims:

The B.Des. DAT Prelims paper is a paper-and-pencil/pen test, conducted at the same time on the same day across all test centres. The questions asked may involve text and visuals. The duration of the test will be announced in the admit card.

The question paper will be in English language **ONLY**.

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

Separate merit list will be prepared for Overseas candidates.

In emergent unforeseen circumstances, the schedules as well as the nature & structure of the exams can change, and all tests may be conducted entirely online or entirely offline or in a combination of offline & online modes, at the discretion of the Institute.

7.4. About DAT Mains:

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

The DAT Mains will consist of tests in multiple formats such as in studio set-up.

The question paper will be in English language ONLY.

The test centres for the DAT Mains **will be announced later.**

NID will not provide accommodation for candidates appearing for the DAT Mains; candidates must arrange travel/accommodation on their own.

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7.5. Weightages of DAT Prelims & DAT Mains for Final Result

The final marks of the candidate appearing for the B.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.

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DAT (Prelims) for Master of Design (M.Des.) will be conducted on

7.2 About DAT Prelims:

The M.Des. DAT Prelims paper will evaluate the Design Aptitude of the candidate. This is a paper-and-pencil/pen test, conducted at the same time on the same day across all test centres. The question asked may involve text and visuals

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 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 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 as per merit will be eligible to appear for the DAT Mains exam as per the schedule announced.

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7.4 About DAT Mains for M.Des.:

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The DAT Mains for M.Des. programme consists of two parts:

- **Studio Test:** This may consist of tests in different formats. The DAT Mains will be conducted in English ONLY.
- **Interviews:** The interviews will be conducted separately for each discipline, immediately after the Studio Test, and at the same centre as the Studio Test.

The test centres for the DAT Mains **will be announced later**. NID will not provide accommodation for candidates appearing for the DAT Mains; candidates must arrange travel/accommodation on their own.

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