

COMPLETE GUIDE TO NDA II 2026: ELIGIBILITY, AGE LIMIT & KEY DATES

What is NDA II 2026?

The **National Defence Academy (NDA) Exam**, conducted by UPSC, is a national-level entrance exam held **twice a year** (NDA I & NDA II) for admission into the defence forces.

NDA II 2026 is the **second cycle** of the exam and is crucial for students planning to join defence services after Class 12.

NDA II 2026: Important Dates

Here are the **tentative but widely accepted key dates**:

Event	Date
Notification Release	20 May 2026
Application Start Date	20 May 2026
Last Date to Apply	9 June 2026
Application Correction Window	June 2026 (2nd week)
Admit Card Release	August 2026 (Last week)
NDA II 2026 Exam Date	13 September 2026
Result Declaration	September/October 2026

These dates are based on UPSC calendar trends and exam notifications.

NDA II 2026 Eligibility Criteria (Complete Breakdown)

To apply for NDA II 2026, candidates must satisfy **four major criteria**:

1 Age Limit for NDA II 2026

This is the **most critical eligibility condition**

- **Age Range:** 16.5 to 19.5 years
- **Date of Birth Range:**
□ **2 January 2008 to 1 January 2011 (both dates included)**

No age relaxation is provided for any category.

2 Educational Qualification

□ For Army Wing:

- Passed or appearing in **Class 12 (any stream)**

□ For Navy & Air Force:

- Must have **Physics & Mathematics in Class 12**

□□ 12th appearing students can also apply.

3□ Nationality

Candidates must be:

- A citizen of **India**, or
- A subject of Nepal/Bhutan, or
- Tibetan refugee (as per UPSC norms)

4□ Marital Status & Gender

- Must be **unmarried**
- Both **male and female candidates** can apply

5□ Physical & Medical Standards

- Candidates must meet **strict physical fitness standards**
- Includes:
 - Height & weight ratio
 - Vision standards
 - General medical fitness

□□ Final selection includes **SSB Interview + Medical Test**

□□ NDA II 2026 Selection Process

The selection process has **two stages**:

Stage 1: Written Exam

- Mathematics (300 marks)
- General Ability Test (600 marks)

Stage 2: SSB Interview

- Psychological Tests
- Group Tasks
- Personal Interview

⚠ Important Points to Remember

- Application mode: **Online only**
- Application fee: ₹100 (Free for SC/ST/Female candidates)
- No limit on attempts, but restricted by age
- Exam conducted in **offline (pen & paper) mode**

☐☐ NDA II 2026 Preparation Tip (Bonus Insight)

Since NDA II is held in **September 2026**, ideal preparation should:

- Start by **April-May 2025**
- Focus on:
 - NCERT (Class 11 & 12)
 - Mathematics practice
 - Current Affairs
 - SSB personality development

☐ FAQs: NDA II 2026

1. What is the age limit for NDA II 2026?

Candidates must be **between 16.5 to 19.5 years**, born between **2 Jan 2008 and 1 Jan 2011**.

2. Can girls apply for NDA II 2026?

Yes, **both male and female candidates** are eligible if they meet the criteria.

3. What is the qualification required for NDA II 2026?

- Army: Class 12 (any stream)
 - Navy & Air Force: Class 12 with **Physics & Maths**
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4. When will NDA II 2026 notification be released?

The notification is expected on **20 May 2026**.

5. What is the exam date for NDA II 2026?

The exam will be conducted on **13 September 2026**.

6. Can 12th appearing students apply?

Yes, students appearing in **Class 12 are eligible**.

7. Is there any age relaxation in NDA?

No, **there is no age relaxation** for any category.

8. What happens after clearing NDA written exam?

You will be called for the **SSB Interview**, followed by a **medical examination**.

Final Words

NDA II 2026 is one of the **best opportunities for young aspirants** to join the defence forces right after school. Understanding the **eligibility, age criteria, and key dates early** gives you a major advantage.

If you are eligible **start your preparation immediately** — because NDA is not just an exam, it's a **career of honour, discipline, and leadership**.

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