NDA 2026 COMPLETE NOTIFICATION: DATES, ELIGIBILITY & EXAM PATTERN – COMPLETE GUIDE

The **National Defence Academy (NDA) 2026 examination**, conducted by the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**, is one of the most prestigious defence entrance exams in India. Through NDA, candidates are selected for training in the **Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force** as commissioned officers.

This detailed article covers **NDA 2026 notification details, important dates, eligibility criteria, exam pattern, selection process, and FAQs**, making it a complete one-stop guide for aspirants.

NDA 2026 Notification Overview

UPSC conducts the NDA exam **twice a year**:

- **NDA I 2026**

- **NDA II 2026**

The official notification includes information on vacancies, eligibility conditions, exam schedule, syllabus, and application guidelines.

NDA 1 2026 Important Dates (Official)

Event	Date
Notification Release	10 December 2025
Online Application Start	10 December 2025
Last Date to Apply	30 December 2025
Application Correction Window	January 2026
Admit Card Release	March 2026
NDA 1 Exam Date	**12 April 2026 (Sunday)**
Written Result	May 2026
SSB Interview	May – June 2026
Final Merit List	August – September 2026

NDA 2 2026 Important Dates (Tentative)

Event	Date
Notification Release	20 May 2026
Application Window	20 May – 09 June 2026
Admit Card Release	August 2026
NDA 2 Exam Date	**13 September 2026 (Sunday)**
Written Result	September 2026
SSB Interview	October – November 2026

NDA 2026 Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must satisfy **nationality, age, educational qualification, and physical standards** to apply for NDA 2026.

Nationality

A candidate must be:

- A citizen of India, or

- A subject of Nepal or Bhutan, or

- A Tibetan refugee who came to India before 1 January 1962, or

- A person of Indian origin migrated from select countries with eligibility certificate.

Age Limit (Important)

- **NDA I 2026:** Born between **2 July 2007 and 1 July 2010**

- **NDA II 2026:** Born between **2 January 2008 and 1 July 2011**

✔ Candidates must be **unmarried**
✔ Marriage during training is **not permitted**

Educational Qualification

Wing	Qualification
Army Wing	12th pass (any stream)
Air Force & Naval Wings	12th pass with **Physics & Mathematics**
Naval Academy	12th pass with **Physics & Mathematics**

Candidates appearing in Class 12 are also eligible to apply.

Physical & Medical Standards

- Candidates must be physically fit as per NDA medical standards

- Height, weight, vision, and hearing standards apply

- Final medical examination is conducted after SSB Interview

NDA 2026 Application Process

Steps to Apply Online

1. Complete **One Time Registration (OTR)** on UPSC portal

2. Fill the NDA online application form

3. Upload photograph and signature

4. Pay application fee (₹100)

5. Submit the form and download confirmation

Application Fee

- ₹100 for General / OBC candidates

- **No fee** for SC / ST / Female candidates

NDA 2026 Exam Pattern

The NDA written examination consists of **two objective-type papers**.

Written Examination Structure

Paper	Subject	Marks	Duration
Paper I	Mathematics	300	2.5 Hours
Paper II	General Ability Test (GAT)	600	2.5 Hours
Total		**900**	

✔ Mode: Offline (Pen & Paper)
✔ Type: Multiple Choice Questions
✔ Negative Marking applicable

GAT Paper Distribution

- **English:** 200 Marks

- **General Knowledge:** 400 Marks

    - Physics

    - Chemistry

    - History

    - Geography

- Current Affairs

- General Science

NDA 2026 Selection Process

The NDA selection process has **four stages**:

1. **Written Examination**

2. **SSB Interview (5 Days)**

   - Officer Intelligence Rating (OIR)

   - Psychology Tests

   - Group Tasks

   - Personal Interview

3. **Medical Examination**

4. **Final Merit List**

Final selection is based on **combined marks of Written Exam + SSB Interview**.

NDA 2026 Syllabus Overview

Mathematics

- Algebra

- Trigonometry

- Geometry

- Mensuration

- Statistics

- Probability

- Differential & Integral Calculus

General Ability Test

- English Grammar & Comprehension

- Physics

- Chemistry

- Biology

- History & Freedom Movement

- Geography

- Current Affairs

NDA 2026 Vacancies (Expected)

Approximately **390–400 vacancies** are expected across:

- Indian Army

- Indian Navy

- Indian Air Force

Exact vacancies are announced in the official notification.

NDA 2026 Preparation Tips

- Start preparation from **Class 11 fundamentals**

- Focus on **Mathematics accuracy & speed**

- Improve **English grammar and vocabulary**

- Read newspapers daily for **current affairs**

- Practice **previous year question papers**

- Maintain physical fitness for SSB rounds

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. What is the full form of NDA?

A: National Defence Academy

Q2. Can girls apply for NDA 2026?

A: Yes, female candidates are eligible.

Q3. What is the NDA 1 2026 exam date?

A: 12 April 2026

Q4. Is Mathematics compulsory for NDA?

A: Yes, Mathematics is compulsory for all candidates.

Q5. Is there negative marking in NDA exam?

A: Yes, negative marking is applicable.

Q6. How many attempts are allowed for NDA?

A: There is **no fixed limit**, as long as age criteria is satisfied.

Q7. What happens after clearing the written exam?

A: Candidates are called for the **SSB Interview**.

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