

NDA Cut-Off 2024 OUT | Comparison with NDA 2023 | Written & Final Cut-Off Marks, Selection Criteria, and Tie-Breaking Rules

The **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** has officially released the **NDA 1 2024 Cut-Off Marks** for the **National Defence Academy (NDA)** and **Naval Academy (NA) Examination (I), 2024**. Alongside this, the cut-off for **NDA 1 2023** is also available, offering a clear view of trends, standards, and expectations for future aspirants.

This article presents:

- Official NDA 1 2024 and NDA 1 2023 Cut-Off Marks
- Written vs Final Cut-Off comparison
- Year-on-year trends
- Tie-breaking criteria
- Detailed preparation insights

Let's explore everything you need to know.

☐☐ NDA 1 2024 Cut-Off: Official Details

Stage	Cut-Off Marks	Subject-Wise Minimum
Written Exam	291 out of 900	20% in each subject
Final Selection	654 out of 1800	-

☐☐ NDA 1 2023 Cut-Off: Official Details (For Comparison)

Stage	Cut-Off Marks	Subject-Wise Minimum
Written Exam	301 out of 900	25% in each subject
Final Selection	664 out of 1800	-

☐☐ NDA Cut-Off Comparison (2023 vs 2024)

Category	NDA 1 2023	NDA 1 2024	Change
Written Exam Cut-Off	301	291	↓ Decreased by 10

Category	NDA 1 2023	NDA 1 2024	Change marks
Subject-Wise Minimum	25%	20%	↓ Lowered for easier qualification
Final Selection Cut-Off	664	654	↓ Decreased by 10 marks

🔑 **Key Takeaway:** The cut-off has slightly decreased in 2024, indicating either a tougher paper or more relaxed qualifying norms. Lowering the subject-wise threshold also signals a broader opportunity for aspirants.

📌 NDA Selection Process - Key Points

1. Written Examination (900 Marks):

- Two papers: Mathematics (300 marks) and General Ability Test (600 marks)
- Must secure the overall cut-off plus **minimum marks in each subject**

2. SSB Interview (900 Marks):

- Conducted over 5 days, including psychological tests, group tasks, and personal interviews.

3. Final Merit List:

- Based on total score out of **1800 (Written + SSB)**

⚖️ Tie-Breaking Principles

In both 2023 and 2024, UPSC has followed these rules when two or more candidates secured the same final marks:

1. 📌 **Older candidate** ranked higher
2. 📌 If age is the same, the **candidate with higher written exam marks** is ranked higher

📌 NDA Cut-Off Trend (Last 2 Years)

Year	Written Cut-Off	Final Cut-Off	Subject-Wise Minimum
2024	291	654	20%
2023	301	664	25%

This trend shows a **marginal decrease in overall cut-offs**, possibly to accommodate higher difficulty levels or provide wider inclusion.

👉 Female Participation in NDA - A Growing Trend

Over the past two years, UPSC has steadily increased opportunities for female candidates in the NDA and NA. Though exact numbers aren't reflected here, the trend underscores the growing inclusivity and modernization of India's Armed Forces.

👉 NDA 2 2024 Expectations

Based on recent trends:

- Cut-offs may hover around **290-310** for the written exam
- Subject-wise minimum may remain at **20%**
- Competition is expected to be strong, especially at the SSB stage

👉 **Preparation Tip:** Balance your focus between GAT and Maths, and start early SSB interview practice including psychological tests and group tasks.

👉 Final Thoughts

The **NDA 1 2024 Cut-Off** shows a slight easing compared to 2023, providing aspirants with more confidence to attempt. While clearing the written exam is a significant milestone, **SSB interview performance remains the ultimate decider** in the final merit list.

Whether you're targeting **NDA 2 2024** or future attempts, consistency, discipline, and a solid understanding of fundamentals will take you far.

👉 Explore More

- [NDA Syllabus & Strategy Guide](#)
- [SSB Interview Process Explained](#)
- [NDA Maths & GAT Preparation Plan](#)

FAQs on NDA Cut-Off

Q1. What is the NDA cut-off?

Ans: The NDA cut-off is the minimum score required to qualify for the next stage of the

selection process — the SSB interview. It is released separately for the written exam and the final selection (Written + SSB).

Q2. What was the NDA 1 2024 written cut-off?

Ans: The written exam cut-off for NDA 1 2024 was **291 out of 900** with at least **20% marks in each subject**.

Q3. What was the final NDA 1 2024 cut-off (after SSB)?

Ans: The final cut-off (Written + SSB) was **654 out of 1800**.

Q4. Is there a sectional cut-off in NDA?

Ans: Yes, candidates must score a **minimum percentage in each subject** — for NDA 1 2024, it was **20% in Maths and GAT**.

Q5. What happens if I meet the total cut-off but not the subject-wise minimum?

Ans: You will be disqualified. Candidates must clear **both the total cut-off and subject-wise minimum** to qualify for the SSB interview.

Q6. How is the NDA final merit list prepared?

Ans: The final merit list is based on the **aggregate marks out of 1800** (900 for the written exam and 900 for the SSB interview).

Q7. How are ties resolved in NDA results?

Ans: UPSC resolves ties using the following rules:

- Candidate **older in age** is ranked higher.
 - If age is the same, the **one with more marks in the written exam** is ranked higher.
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Q8. Do cut-offs change every year?

Ans: Yes, cut-offs vary each year based on factors like:

- Difficulty level of the paper
 - Number of candidates
 - Number of available seats
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Q9. Can I qualify for SSB with the minimum cut-off score?

Ans: Yes, if you meet both the overall and subject-wise minimum cut-off, you will be shortlisted for the SSB interview. However, scoring higher improves your chances of final selection.

Q10. Where can I find the official NDA cut-off marks?

Ans: UPSC publishes official cut-off marks on its [official website](#) after the final results are declared.

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