NDA Exam Age Limit: Eligibility Criteria for NDA I & NDA II

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Introduction

The National Defence Academy (NDA) exam, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), is the gateway for aspirants looking to join the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. One of the key eligibility criteria for candidates is the **age limit**, which determines who can apply for the NDA exam. This article provides detailed insights into the NDA age limit for upcoming exams in 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.

NDA Exam Age Limit Criteria

The NDA exam is conducted twice a year, referred to as **NDA I** and **NDA II**. The age eligibility is based on the candidate's date of birth. Below is the **official age limit** for recent and upcoming NDA exams:

NDA Exam Age Limits (2026–2030)

Exam	Eligible Date of Birth
NDA I 2026	2 July 2007 to 1 July 2010
NDA II 2026	2 Jan 2008 to 1 Jan 2011
NDA I 2027	2 July 2008 to 1 July 2011
NDA II 2027	2 Jan 2009 to 1 Jan 2012
NDA I 2028	2 July 2009 to 1 July 2012
NDA II 2028	2 Jan 2010 to 1 Jan 2013
NDA I 2029	2 July 2010 to 1 July 2013
NDA II 2029	2 Jan 2011 to 1 Jan 2014
NDA I 2030	2 July 2011 to 1 July 2014
NDA II 2030	2 Jan 2012 to 1 Jan 2015

NDA Eligibility Criteria: Key Considerations

1. Age Limit & Relaxation

- There is **no age relaxation** for any category.
- Candidates must strictly fall within the given birthdate range for the respective NDA exam.

2. Educational Qualification

- **For Army Wing**: Candidates must have passed **Class 12 (10+2) or equivalent** from a recognized board.

- **For Air Force & Naval Wings**: Candidates must have passed **Class 12 with Physics and Mathematics**.
- **Can 11th Students Apply?**: No, **11th-grade students are not eligible**. Only those who have completed or are appearing for **Class 12** exams are eligible to apply.

3. Marital Status & Gender

- Only **unmarried male and female candidates** can apply for the NDA exam.

4. Nationality

Candidates must be:

- **Indian citizens**, or
- **Subjects of Bhutan/Nepal**, or
- Tibetan refugees who came to India before January 1, 1962, with the intention of permanent settlement.

Why Understanding the NDA Age Limit is Crucial

The NDA exam follows strict eligibility criteria, and candidates must ensure they meet the required age limit before applying. If a candidate is over or under the specified age range, their application will be rejected. **Planning ahead is essential to avoid missing out on this prestigious opportunity.**

Conclusion

The NDA age limit is one of the most crucial eligibility factors for aspirants. Candidates should verify their eligibility well in advance and plan their preparations accordingly. With the right strategy and dedication, clearing the NDA exam can lead to an esteemed career in the Indian Armed Forces.

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FAQs on NDA Exam Age Limit

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Q1: Can a candidate born on 1st Jan 2009 apply for NDA I 2027?
A: No, such a candidate is eligible for **NDA II 2027** but not **NDA I 2027**.

Q2: Is there any age relaxation for NDA aspirants?
A: No, UPSC does not provide any age relaxation for NDA candidates.

Q3: Can female candidates apply for NDA?
A: Yes, since 2021, **both male and female** candidates can apply for NDA.

Q4: Can 11th-grade students apply for the NDA exam?
A: No, only **Class 12 students (appearing or passed)** are eligible to apply for NDA.

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