NEET 2026 Complete Notification: Exam Date, Eligibility & Application Process

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Introduction: What is NEET 2026?

NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) is India's **single national-level medical entrance examination** conducted for admission into **MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, BUMS and other undergraduate medical courses**. The exam is conducted by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** and is mandatory for admission to government, private, deemed, and central universities across India.

NEET 2026 Exam Date & Important Dates (Expected)

The official NEET 2026 notification is expected to be released in **early 2026**. Based on previous years' trends, the tentative timeline is as follows:

Event	Expected Date (2026)
NEET 2026 Notification Release	January – February 2026
Start of Online Application	February 2026
Last Date to Apply	March 2026
Application Correction Window	March 2026
City Intimation Slip	April 2026
Admit Card Release	April 2026
NEET 2026 Exam Date	**May 3, 2026 (Tentative)**
Answer Key Release	May – June 2026
Result Declaration	June 2026
Counselling Begins	June – July 2026

⚠ *Final dates will be announced officially by NTA.*

NEET 2026 Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must fulfill **all eligibility conditions** to apply for NEET 2026.

1. Nationality

- Indian Citizens
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
- Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)
- Foreign Nationals

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2. Age Limit

- **Minimum Age:** 17 years as on or before **31 December 2026**
- **Upper Age Limit:** No upper age limit (as per current rules)

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3. Educational Qualification

Candidates must have:

- Passed **Class 12 or equivalent examination**
- Studied **Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English** as compulsory subjects
- Passed from a recognized board

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4. Minimum Qualifying Marks (PCB)

Category	Minimum Marks Required
General / EWS	50%
OBC / SC / ST	40%
PwD (General)	45%

□ Documents Required for Eligibility

- Class 10 certificate (Date of Birth proof)
- Class 12 mark sheet
- Aadhaar Card / Passport / ID proof
- Category certificate (if applicable)
- Disability certificate (if applicable)

□□NEET 2026 Application Process – Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1: Registration

- Visit the official NEET portal
- Click on *New Registration*
- Enter basic details such as name, date of birth, email ID, and mobile number
- Generate application number and password

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Step 2: Fill Application Form

- Personal details
- Academic details (Class 10 & 12)
- Communication address
- Exam city preferences

Step 3: Upload Documents

- Passport-size photograph
- Signature
- Left-hand thumb impression
- Class 12 certificate (if available)

Step 4: Pay Application Fee

(Fee is tentative and may change)

Category	Application Fee
General	₹1,700
OBC / EWS	₹1,600
SC / ST	₹1,000

Payment can be made via **debit card, credit card, UPI, or net banking**.

Step 5: Final Submission

- Review all details carefully
- Submit the application
- Download and print the **confirmation page**

Step 6: Correction Window

NTA provides a limited **correction window** to edit certain details after submission.

NEET 2026 Exam Pattern

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- **Mode:** Offline (Pen & Paper – OMR based)
- **Duration:** 3 hours
- **Total Questions:** 180
- **Maximum Marks:** 720
- **Subjects:**
    - Physics – 45 questions
    - Chemistry – 45 questions
    - Biology – 90 questions
- **Marking Scheme:**
    - +4 for correct answer
    - −1 for incorrect answer

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NEET 2026 Syllabus Overview

The syllabus includes **Class 11 and Class 12 topics** from:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology (Botany & Zoology)

NCERT textbooks are the most important source for preparation.

NEET 2026 Preparation Tips

- Follow NCERT line by line
- Practice previous year question papers
- Take regular mock tests
- Focus on Biology accuracy
- Revise formulas and concepts regularly
- Maintain proper sleep and nutrition

What Happens After NEET 2026?

1. Provisional answer key release
2. Objection submission (if any)
3. Final answer key & result
4. All India & State counselling process
5. Seat allotment & admission

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. When will NEET 2026 notification be released?

NEET 2026 notification is expected between **January and February 2026**.

Q2. What is the expected exam date for NEET 2026?

NEET 2026 is tentatively expected to be held on **May 3, 2026**.

Q3. Is there any upper age limit for NEET 2026?

No, currently there is **no upper age limit** for NEET.

Q4. Can Class 12 appearing students apply for NEET 2026?

Yes, students appearing for Class 12 exams in 2026 are eligible to apply.

Q5. Is NEET compulsory for MBBS and BDS admission?

Yes, NEET is mandatory for **all MBBS and BDS admissions** in India.

Q6. Can foreign nationals apply for NEET 2026?

Yes, foreign nationals, NRIs, and OCI candidates are eligible.

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