

# Eligibility Criteria for Master of Design (M.Des.)

All candidates applying for the M.Des. programme (any discipline) must fulfill eligibility criteria of both age and education qualification as under.

## Age Limit:

- For Indian Nationals in General Category & General EWS Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1991** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Reserved Category (Other Backward Class-Non Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Scheduled Caste (SC) & Scheduled Tribe (ST): Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1988** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Person with Disabilities (PwD) Reserved Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1986** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Foreign Nationals in Overseas (Supernumerary) Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1991** are eligible to apply for admission.

## Educational Qualification:

In addition to satisfying the above age criteria, the candidate must possess at least one of the following minimum qualifications to be considered eligible for admissions:

**Bachelor Degree of minimum 4-year duration in any specialization, after 12<sup>th</sup> standard or equivalent to 12<sup>th</sup> standard** from any university or institute recognised by law in India.

*Condition:* Candidate must have passed the Bachelor Degree examinations at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May 2023\***.

**OR**

**Full-time Diploma of minimum 4-year duration in Design/Fine Arts/Applied Arts/Architecture, after 12<sup>th</sup> standard or equivalent to 12<sup>th</sup> standard**, from any university or institute recognised by law in India.

*Condition:* Candidates must have passed the Diploma examinations at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May 2023\***.

**OR**

**Bachelor Degree of minimum 3-year duration in any specialization, after 12<sup>th</sup> standard or equivalent to 12<sup>th</sup> standard.**

*Condition:* Candidates must have passed the 3-year Bachelor degree examinations by **August 2022**.

\* Candidates in the final year of their Bachelor degree/ Full-time Diploma programme whose universities may not have issued the final degree certificate before that last date of application to NID, are eligible to apply, subject to passing all subjects without any backlog. Such candidates will have to submit/produce Provisional Degree certificates issued by the University at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May 2023**.

**Note:**

In case the degree/certificate has been obtained from a University/Board of any country other than India, an equivalence certificate must be submitted to Admissions Office by the candidate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May 2023**. Visit <http://www.aiu.ac.in> for more details about how to obtain an equivalence certificate.

### **Overseas Category (Supernumerary candidates):**

Foreign candidates—holding citizenship of a country other than the Republic of India—only, are eligible to apply under the Overseas (supernumerary) category, provided they fulfill all the eligibility criteria mentioned in Section 4.1.

Of the seats available for the M.Des., 15% supernumerary seats are available for Overseas category candidates. The actual number of seats available in Overseas (supernumerary) category is as under:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>No. of seats</b>
Master of Design (discipline having 19 seats)	03
Master of Design (discipline having 12 seats)	02

**Note:**

- Candidates under Overseas (supernumerary) category fall outside the ambit of seats reserved for the GEN- EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories and are required to pay the fees as per Overseas fee category.
- Candidates holding OCI and PIO card will have to apply only under the Overseas (supernumerary) category.
- Candidates must possess a valid passport. The candidate must ensure that the passport is current (not expired) at the time of applying online.
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) holding an Indian passport are not eligible to apply under the Overseas (supernumerary) category and will have to apply as Indian nationals only.
- Candidates will be offered admission to NID based on the final merit list of the Overseas (supernumerary) category, which will be prepared after all the stages of the admission process have been completed. Candidates will be offered admission to NID based on the minimum qualifying criteria as mentioned in Section 8.5.

- To accept the offer of admissions, overseas category candidates are required to visit the NID campus in person, as per the schedule. At this time, candidates will be required to produce the following original documents along with their self-attested photocopies:
  - Self-attested copy of the relevant pages of their valid passport.
  - Self-attested copies of their grade sheets/mark sheets of all semesters equivalent to SSC (Grade X), HSC (Grade XII) and their degree certificate/provisional certificate/passing certificate issued by the University.
  - An equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, will have to be obtained in advance and required to be submitted at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in May 2023.
- The candidate will be responsible for obtaining a student visa for the entire duration of the programme at NID, before the commencement of the programme.
- If selected candidates do not pay their programme fees or fail to produce any of the required documents, or if they decline the offer of admissions, their candidature will stand cancelled and their seat will be offered to the next candidate in order of merit under Overseas category.
- Seats remaining vacant in the Overseas (supernumerary) category will lapse and will not be transferred to candidates from any other categories.
- Overseas candidates will have to appear for DAT Prelims and DAT Mains as per the schedule mentioned in Section 2 of this document.
- Overseas candidates may choose their test centre for DAT Prelims from any test centre mentioned in Section 7.3 of this document.
- The medium of instruction at NID is English language.

### **Important Note:**

- Candidates yet to appear for their qualifying exam (**ONLY** Full-time Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in any discipline under 10+2+4 system or more) are eligible to apply, provided they produce proof of having acquired the minimum required qualifications at the time of document verification tentatively scheduled in **May 2023**. Candidates must produce a valid certificate (Provisional/Degree) issued by the University at the time of document verification scheduled tentatively in **May 2023**. The candidature of the candidates who fail to produce the provisional degree certificate issued by the University will stand cancelled & will not be offered admission. Their seat will be offered to the next candidate in order of merit.
- If the results of the final year of graduation (under 10+2+4 system or more only) have not been declared by the concerned Board or University at the time of submitting application, then such candidates will have to submit provisional degree certificate issued by the University at the time of document verification scheduled tentatively in **May 2023**.
- Candidates who have not appeared for their final qualifying exam before the document verification scheduled tentatively in **May 2023**, will not be eligible for admission.