

NATA 2021

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can apply to appear for NATA 2021?

Candidates who have completed their 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics or 10+ 3 Diploma with Mathematics as subject of study can appear for NATA 2021.

Candidates appearing for 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as subjects of study or 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics in the current year may also provisionally appear for NATA-2021.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course?

The eligibility for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree program for the academic session 2021- 2022 shall be as per CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 or as may be amended by the Central Government. The present eligibility in terms of Regulations, 2020 is as under:

*“No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless he has passed an examination at the end of the 10+2 scheme of examination with at least 50% aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics **and** also at least 50% marks in aggregate of the 10+2 level examination or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with at least 50% marks in aggregate.”*

3. Does qualifying in NATA 2021 guarantee the right to admission into a B Arch degree program?

Qualifying in NATA 2021 does not constitute a right/ guarantee in favour of the candidate for admission to a B. Arch. Program unless the candidate has fulfilled all the prescribed requirements as specified by respective competent admission authorities in compliance with the eligibility criteria laid down by the Council of Architecture

4. How many tests can one candidate take?

A candidate can take a maximum of two tests. The First NATA 2021 test is scheduled on April 10, 2021 while the second NATA 2021 test is scheduled on June 12, 2021.

Candidates can register themselves either for first test or second test OR for both by filling in the application form appropriately.

5. What are the fees for the exam?

- (i) Application fee payable by a candidate applying for NATA– 2021, for any one test is INR Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) payable through ONLINE mode.
- (ii) Application fee payable by a Candidate who wishes to apply for both first and second test is Rs 4000/- (Rupees Four thousand only).
- (iii) Application Fee payable by candidates belonging to SC/ST and PWD and transsexual category for any one test is Rs 1500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred only) and for both tests is Rs 3,000/- (Rupees three thousand hundred only)
- (iv) Application fee payable Candidates opting to appear from test centres outside the Territory of India is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) for any one test and Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) for both the tests through online mode

6. Will the test fee be refunded for any valid reason?

No. The fee paid cannot be adjusted or refunded.

7. What are the test timings?

Following are the test timings:

Session 1 - 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 pm (180 mins/3.0 hours)

Session 2 (if required) - 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm (180 mins/ 3.0 hours)

8. Is NATA online examination? What are the total marks for the exam and what is Exam Pattern?

The NATA 2021 is completely a computer-based test. The total marks for the test are 200.

125 questions have to be answered in 180 minutes (3 hours). Questions will carry either 1, 2 or 3 marks. Questions could be of the Multiple-Choice type (MCQ), Multiple Select type (MSQ), Preferential Choice type (PCQ) and Numerical Answer type (NAQ).

9. Until when is the registration open?

Please refer to the Important Dates stated in Appendix VI of brochure available on www.nata.in for last registration and other important dates. These dates are subject to change/revision by the Council without notice.

10. Where can I take the test? When will I know the test center details?

Test centre details for each candidate will be provided in their admit cards. Admit card will be made public as per date mentioned in Appendix VI of brochure available on nata.in

Cities / test centre location will be based, as far as possible, on the choices given by the candidate during filling up the form online. However, it is the discretion of the Council to allocate the examination centre for smooth conduct of the test.

11. Can I change the test center?

No. The request for change of test center once allotted will not be entertained.

12. What all should I carry to the exam hall for the drawing test?

NATA 2021 is completely a computer-based test. Hence candidates need to only carry the following to the exam hall:

- i. Downloaded Admit Card of NATA 2021.
- ii. Original Proof of Identity- Aadhar/ Passport/ Driving License/ Voter ID.
- iii. Pen, pencil and eraser for rough working

Mobile Phones, Bluetooth devices, Calculators, Slide Rules, Log Tables, Electronic Watches or any other electronic gadget with facilities of Calculator **are not allowed in the Examination**

Hall. Possession of such items during the Examinations may lead to cancellation of candidature.

Candidates found carrying any textual material, printed or written, bits of papers or any other material will be debarred from appearing the examination.

13. What time should I report to the center?

The candidates will have to follow the time schedule as follows:

- (a) Report to the Examination Center by 9.00 am
- (b) Opening gate to the examination hall at 9.15 am
- (c) Registration of candidate to be completed by 9.45 am
- (d) Closing gate to the examination hall at 10.00 am
- (e) Commencement of examination at 10.00 am
- (f) Duration of examination: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

14. Whom should I contact for any queries or help while filling the application form?

The details of NATA Help Desk are as under:

EMAIL: nata.helpdesk2021@gmail.com
NATA HELP DESK NO.: 9560707764, 9319275557

15. What documents should I upload online at the time of registration?

- a. Recent Passport size Photograph in colour.
- b. Own Signature Documents have to be in jpg / jpeg format.
- c. Identification Proof

Please see brochure for further specifications at www.nata.in.

16. Which marks will be considered as the final score if I attempt both the tests in April and June?

If a candidate appears for both tests, the best of the two test scores will be considered for score generation.

17. What is the syllabus for the NATA test?

Unlike any other entrance examination, NATA is an Aptitude test that assesses a candidate's innate ability through a variety of testing formats and cannot be taught, learnt or induced. Hence, there can be no fixed syllabus or pattern as aptitude can be measured through various testing formats/techniques. Aptitude will be tested for the chosen field of study, which in this case is *Architecture*.

18. What books and reference material can I access to prepare for the test? Will coaching help in better scoring?

As the aptitude test assesses the candidate's innate ability through a variety of testing formats and techniques, it cannot be entirely learnt by referring books and other published material in

the name of NATA. Attending coaching classes will also not substantially improve the aptitude of a candidate and hence may not help in bettering scores.

19. Can the candidate leave the exam hall as soon as they finish the test?

No. The candidates are required to be seated in the examination hall till the end of the examination.

20. After submission of the application, can I change my personal details?

A candidate can correct the information only once, such as spelling in names, etc. any figures in numerical data, i.e. day, month, year, etc. during the dates of "Candidate Correction window" listed in Important Dates in Appendix-VI. Hence, candidate is advised to check all details thoroughly before submission of application.

21. Can I choose one city for the first test and another city for the 2nd test?

A candidate who is opting to appear for both NATA Test 1 and Test 2 while filling up form is required to choose same test cities preferences for both the tests.

However, a candidate may provide different centre preferences if he/she is opting for Test 2 at a later date separately.

22. Do I have to send a copy of the online filled application form?

No, it is not required to be sent to the Council. A candidate, if so desires may keep a print for reference.

23. How many times can I download the admit card?

You can download the admit card any number of times.

24. Will Drawing test be conducted in NATA 2021? Is Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry included in examination?

No. Drawing test does not form a component in NATA 2021. Knowledge gained in the required subjects of study such as mathematics, physics and geometry over the years of schooling as well as in the areas of logical reasoning and general aptitude will be tested as relevant to Architecture as a field of study.

25. What is the syllabus for Mathematics and Physics in NATA? Is Chemistry included in examination?

Knowledge gained in the required subjects of study such as Mathematics, Geometry and Physics over the years of schooling will be tested as relevant to the field of Architecture. The candidates will be tested on their overall knowledge of concepts only.

26. Will there be a Part A and a Part B in the NATA 2021?

As NATA 2021 is completely a computer-based test, there will not be a Part A and Part B.

The general knowledge and conceptual knowledge in the subjects such as mathematics, physics and geometry gained by the candidate over the years of schooling culminating with the 10+ 2 /

10+ 3 Diploma examination as well as General aptitude and Logical Reasoning as relevant to Architecture as a field of study are tested as one comprehensive examination.

27. What is the pattern of NATA examination?

NATA 2021 is a 3 hour (180 minutes) test within which 125 questions have to be answered. There will be 1 mark, 2 marks and 3 marks questions. Candidates will have to answer 75 one mark questions, 25 two marks questions and 25 three marks questions as outlined in table below:

	No. of Questions	Marks for each question	Total Marks
	75	1	75
	25	2	50
	25	3	75
TOTAL	125		200

The questions will be of the MCQ (Multiple Choice Question type), MSQ (Multiple Answer Select Question type), PAQ (Preferential Answer type Question) and NAQ (Numerical Answer type Question) and they could be either 1 mark, 2 marks or 3 marks questions.

28. What is meant by MCQ, MSQ, PAQ and NAQ?

1. **MCQ**- MCQ is a Multiple Choice Question in which 4 answer choices are provided; of which one is the correct answer.
2. **MSQ**- MSQ is a Multiple Answer Select type question where 8 to 10 answer choices are provided and 4 or 5 answer choices is the correct answer. If a candidate gets **all** the 4 or 5 correct choices right as the case may be, the full mark is awarded.
3. **PAQ**- PAQ is the Preferential Answer type question where each answer choice has a mark awarded. The mark is awarded based on the candidate's choice of answer.
4. **NAQ**- NAQ is the Numerical Answer type Question where no answer choices are given. The candidate has to provide a numerical answer. Alternatively, it could also be a fill in the blank question where the candidate has to fill in the blanks. The correct answer entered will be awarded the mark.

29. Will instructions be provided before the commencement of test?

Yes. The candidates will have a **ten minute portal to read the instructions** before the commencement of the test. Candidates are required to read the instructions very carefully before commencing the test.

The candidates are therefore advised to reach the test center in good time and take their seat in the examination hall at least 15 minutes ahead of the commencement of the examination.

30. My 10+2/10+3 Board/authority Name is not available in the list? What process should I follow to get my board name added in the list?

In case any board/authority name conducting 10+2 or 10+3 examination is not appearing in the NATA application form of the NATA portal, the candidate may forward a scanned copy of the same to NATA Helpdesk, which upon verification, will be added in the portal.

31. Is the allotment of seats to architectural institutions done through NATA OR by the Council of Architecture?

Qualifying in NATA is a mandatory requirement to gain admission into any Institution/ University offering a B.Arch. degree program in the country.

A qualifying score will help a candidate to seek admission into any institution/ University offering a B.Arch. degree program. These admissions are done by competent authorities of the State/ Central governments such as Directorates of Technical Education/ Admission authorities, Universities, etc.

The Council of Architecture does not allot seats in architectural institutions for qualifying candidates.

32. How can a candidate get admission in to a B.Arch. degree program once qualified for NATA?

After passing NATA, candidates need to apply with their score cards to various institutions approved by the Council for imparting 5-year B.Arch. degree course all over the country. The actual admissions shall be carried out only by the concerned competent admission/counselling authorities of the respective states/universities/institutions, as per the eligibility criteria prescribed by the Council.

33. How much weightage will be given to marks obtained in NATA and marks obtained in Qualifying Board Examination in the admission process?

As per Council norms, the admission authority may give a maximum weightage of 50% to marks obtained in NATA and a maximum weightage of 50% to marks obtained in qualifying examination i.e. 10+2 examination or 10+ 3 Diploma.

34. Is there any minimum passing mark prescribed for passing NATA?

Qualifying marks for NATA- 2021 is **75 marks out of 200 marks**.

35. Is there any relaxation/ concession for Reserved Category candidates to qualify NATA?

No relaxation in the NATA qualifying mark is given for reserved categories.

36. Can other test centers apart from Dubai be identified for candidates residing abroad?

Presently, the Council is only able to provide Test centres at Dubai only. However, the Council is exploring options/feasibility for having centres in other gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Muscat etc. and will depend on the number of candidates.

37. Is there a list of institutions recognized by the Council of Architecture all over India for imparting recognized B Arch degree program?

The list of approved/ recognized institutions by the Council of Architecture is available on Council's website www.coa.gov.in.

38. What is Council of Architecture?

The Council of Architecture is a statutory authority established under the Architects Act, 1972 (enacted by the Indian Parliament) to lay down and monitor the standards required to be maintained by the Architectural Institutions for imparting recognized architectural qualifications in the country.

The Council registers qualified individuals as Architects and also monitors their professional conduct, etiquette. For further details please visit Council's website www.coa.gov.in

39. My Fees are deducted twice while making online payment. When will my fees be refunded and what is the process?

In case NATA fee is deducted twice during online payment, the candidate is advised to take up the issue with the bank and wait for at least 4-5 working days. If no refund is issued after that, the candidate may approach the NATA Helpdesk with request for refund and the same shall be processed by the Council within 7 working days.
