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# NATA Brochure



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## NATA at a Glance

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is NATA?	The national aptitude test in architecture (NATA) measures the aptitude of the applicant for specific field of study, i.e. Architecture
Who is eligible for NATA?	Any person having passed 10 <sup>th</sup> Standard or equivalent examination, for details Clause 2 “Eligibility” in the NATA Brochure.
Where to appear for NATA?	At designated Test Centers located at centers/colleges/ schools of architecture in India. Updated list of Test centers is available at the website <a href="http://www.nata.in">http://www.nata.in</a>
When to appear for NATA?	NATA can be given <b>during the period from 01.04.2015 to 25.05.2015 and from 01.06.2015 to 21.08.2015 as per the pre-decided schedule of the designated Test Centers.</b>
How to register for NATA?	Candidate can apply for registration for NATA 2014 online at website <a href="http://www.nata.in">http://www.nata.in</a> by paying fees of Rs.1250.00 either through credit cards / debit cards / netbanking or can generate the challan for depositing the fees by way of cash in any of the branch of the ICICI Bank Ltd. all over India (processing charges extra).
How to appear for NATA?	Report to the test center at least 60 minutes before scheduled time of test with Receipt cum Appointment voucher, valid photo ID in Original, Attested copy of SSC Mark Sheet and drawing material required for the test.Test Center personnel will guide you regarding the further process.
When and where is the Score card available?	The score cards will be available on NATA website in e-format, usually, on the fourth working day after the test.
What is the passing score at NATA?	As per Council of Architecture admission guidelines, a candidate applying to any school / college of architecture in India should have achieved 40% score in NATA, i.e. at least 80/200, for consideration of admission into first year B.Arch.
Where can a candidate seek admission on the basis of NATA?	A candidate may apply for admission to any of the participating institutions as per the time schedule specified by the respective appropriate admission authority, along with all the documents desired by it.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT NATA READ THE ENTIRE NATA 2015 BROCHURE CAREFULLY

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## 2 INTRODUCTION

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National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) is being conducted by the Council of Architecture, being the competent & final authority for the purpose of fixing norms and standards for architectural institutions and having the necessary expertise to hold a Common Aptitude Test in Architecture, at national level to provide a single window system for appearing in aptitude test and to facilitate institutions, students and public at large for admission to First year of 5 year B.Arch Degree Course at all recognized Institutions all over country.

NATA is being conducted in terms of the provisions laid down under CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983 [published in the Gazette of India in Part III, Section 4 on 26th March, 1983 and 27th August, 1983] and the Revised Guidelines on Admission to 1st year of Five-year Degree Course in Architecture approved by the Council at its 45th Meeting held on 28.04.2006. These Guidelines stipulate that a separate aptitude test in Architecture should be conducted and such test should not be combined with the tests for admissions to Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine and other disciplines. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the matter of P.A.Inamdar&Ors. Vs. State of Maharashtra &Ors. [Appeal (Civil) 5041 of 2005], in its Judgement dated 12.08.2005 also emphasised on the need for a common entrance test followed by a single window system.

The purpose of conducting NATA is to provide a single scheme of examination for holding aptitude test and to facilitate prospective students all over the country to apply for admissions in architecture seats in institutions spread across the country while the actual admissions shall be carried out only by the concerned designated authorities of the respective states/ institutions based on NATA. The NATA also ensures that the eligibility criteria for admission to five-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course, as prescribed by CoA and duly approved by the Central Government, are strictly adhered to and followed all over the country in Architectural Institutions.

### 2.1 WHAT IS NATA?

The National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) measures the aptitude of the applicant for specific field of study, i.e. Architecture. The test measures drawing and observation skills, sense of proportion, aesthetic sensitivity and critical thinking ability that have been acquired over a long period of time, and that are related to specific field of study, i.e. Architecture.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY

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Any person having passed SSC (Std X) or equivalent examination and above can appear for NATA. However, only candidates who have qualified an aptitude test in Architecture and have secured 50% marks in 10+2 or equivalent examination with Mathematics as one of the subjects, shall be eligible for

admission to B.Arch. Course. No direct lateral admission is allowed at any year/stage of B.Arch. course based on any qualification. NATA score shall be valid for a period of two years from the year in which one appeared.

### 3.1 WHO SHOULD TAKE NATA AND WHY?

Prospective applicants desirous of taking admission to First year of undergraduate course in Architecture (Bachelor of Architecture) in India take NATA. NATA scores are used by admissions authorities of different Government, Govt. Aided & unaided schools / colleges of Architecture, to provide common measure for comparing the qualifications of applicants, for admission in addition to their scholastic performance in 10+2 or equivalent examination.

### 3.2 WHERE TO APPEAR FOR NATA?

NATA is offered over major part of admission season at designated Test Centers located at colleges / schools of architecture in India. Updated list of Test centers is available at the website <http://www.nata.in>

## 4 TEST FEES

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NATA 2015 Registration Form can be filled and submitted online at website <http://www.nata.in> by paying fees of Rs. 1250.00 either through credit card / debit card / net banking or the candidate can generate the challan for depositing the payment through cash in any of the branches of the ICICI Bank all over India.

The candidate shall be required to pay additional charges as “processing charges” for the following:-

- Domestic Credit Card:- 1.25% of the NATA Fee plus service tax as applicable
- Domestic Debit Card:- 0.75% of the NATA Fees plus service tax as applicable
- Domestic Multiple Bank Net Banking Payment Gateway:- Rs.15 per transaction
- Collection through PAN India ICICI Branches in cash (through challan) :- Rs.30 per transaction

For International Credit Card / Debit Card the charges may apply as per the policy of the Bank.

## 5 CANCELLATION, RESCHEDULING THE TEST APPOINTMENT & REFUND

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Appointment once scheduled cannot be cancelled or rescheduled. There will be no refund of NATA test fees under any conditions.

## 6 REGISTER FOR THE NATA

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Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register well in advance to get the candidate's preferred test date.

## 6.1 REGISTRATION PROCESS

Details of the Registration Process for NATA is available separately on our website, [www.nata.in](http://www.nata.in).

### Important Things to Remember When Registering

- Register well in advance. During the peak admission season Test Centers fill up quickly.
- Take the test as soon as possible to ensure that the candidate's score card / Mark list are ready in time for submission to the admission authorities at the time of applying for admission.
- When registering online, be sure that the spelling of the candidate's name matches the name printed on the identification document(s) the candidate will present at the Test Center. If this information does not match, the candidate will not be permitted to appear in test and his / her test fee will be forfeited. See Identification Requirements (11).
- Information regarding Test Center availability is subject to change. The most current information regarding Test Centers and other registration information is available on the NATA website (<http://www.nata.in>).

## 7 REPEATING NATA

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NATA can be given as many number of times as desired by the candidate. For every attempt, however, a new NATA Registration form is to be submitted online by the candidate at the NATA website. The mark list will show the average of marks scored by the candidate in his last attempt and his previous valid score.

Data on such Tests shows that repeaters on an average show a slight score gain. However, this finding is tempered by the observation that repeaters are typically a self-selected group who believe that repeating the test will increase their scores.

Unless the scores seem unusually low compared to the other indicators of the candidate's ability, taking a NATA again is not likely to result in a substantial score increase. In fact, there is some chance that the candidate's scores may drop.

Do not register for repeat attempt unless you receive score card for previous attempt.

Candidate, while seeking the repeat test appointment must declare the same (even if he has appeared in the previous year) while registering for NATA. If any candidate is found registering afresh despite earlier appearance for NATA, he/ she will forfeit his/her candidature, his/her all previous scores will be cancelled and he/she will be barred from appearing for NATA again.

## 8 NATA EXAM SCHEDULE

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**Nata Test shall be conducted from 01.04.2015 to 25.05.2015 and from 01.06.2015 to 21.08.2015 and can be given during this period as per the pre-decided schedule of the designated Test Centers.**

Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## 9 INFORMATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES

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The candidate must have an acceptable and valid Identification Document (ID) details of which are mentioned on the appointment voucher, with signature, and appointment voucher to be admitted to a Test Center. ID requirements are strictly enforced. It is the candidate's responsibility to read and understand the instructions and requirements.

- Report to the test center at least **1 hour** before scheduled time of test.
- If the candidate arrives at the Test Center without the required identification documents The Test Center in-charge will not admit the candidate and the candidate will not be allowed to take the test
- In addition the candidate will forfeit the test fee.
  
- NAME CHANGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. If the candidate's name has changed for any reason, including marriage, the candidate still must present primary identification in the name under which he / she made the appointment, otherwise the candidate will not be permitted to appear in test. Marriage certificates and divorce decrees cannot be used to confirm name differences.
- If the Test Center in-charge questions the ID proof the candidate presents, the candidate will be required to present additional proof of identity. If positive confirmation cannot be made, the candidate may be refused admission to the Test Center and the candidate will forfeit the test fee paid.
- Test Center personnel will check the candidate's identification before assigning the candidate a seat at the Test Center. The administrator will check to verify that the candidate is the person in his photo identification. The test center in-charge will repeat this procedure before and after all breaks.
- Admittance to the Test Center does not imply that the candidate's form of identification is valid or that the candidate's scores will be reported. All reported cases of questionable identification are subject to review and approval by the Competent Authority of Testing Integrity.

## 10 ACCEPTABLE PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

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A government-issued identification document that has not expired (including but not limited to passport, permanent driver's license, state ID cards, national identification, UID card) in original. There are some exceptions: see Unacceptable Identification Documents (10.2).

- Std XII exam admit card with photo and signature (in original) for candidates awaiting
- 10+2 or equivalent exam results

- Student ID card from the institute where he / she is currently enrolled AND Confirmation of identity letter from the candidate's educational institution (in original).

## 10.1 ACCEPTABLE SUPPLEMENTAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

If the candidate's primary identification is missing either a photo or a signature, he / she must present one of the following supplemental IDs in addition to the primary ID. Supplemental IDs that can be used to meet the photo and/or signature requirements are:

- A government-issued identification document that has not expired (including but not limited to passport, driver's license, state ID cards, national identification). There are some exceptions: see Unacceptable Identification Documents (9.2).
- Confirmation of identity letter from the candidate's educational institution.
- The confirmation of identity letter must contain the candidate's date of birth; a recent, recognizable photo; the candidate's signature; and the date issued.

***THE CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY LETTER MUST BE TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL LETTERHEAD OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THE CANDIDATE ATTEND(ED), AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL AND THE SCHOOL SEAL MUST OVERLAP THE CANDIDATE'S PHOTO. A LETTER OF IDENTITY IS VALID FOR ONLY ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.***

## 10.2 UNACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- Any expired ID.
- Credit card of any kind.
- Learner's driving license or any temporary identification document.
- Notary-prepared letter or document.
- Employee identification card.
- Photocopies (Attested / unattested) of the acceptable identification documents.

# 11 WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE TEST

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- Official identification document mentioned on the appointment voucher.
- The appointment voucher - The appointment voucher is issued to the candidate at the time of registration. The appointment voucher confirms the candidate's test date, time of test and Test Center. The voucher will also show Candidate ID and Appointment Number with Exam Key.
- Three or four sharpened soft-lead (2B & HB) pencils and a good eraser (Pencils and erasers will not be supplied at the Test Center). Mechanical pencils (**Clutch pencils**) are not permitted.
- Set of colours (Water/ Poster colours, crayons, pastels) with appropriate instruments
- (Brushes, dish, etc.).
- Geometry instrument box
- Blue ink pen / Blue ink ball point pen

## 12 TEST CENTER PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOTH PAPER- BASED AND COMPUTER-BASED TESTS

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- Dress so that you can adapt to any room temperature.
- Friends or relatives who accompany the candidate to the Test Center will not be permitted to wait in the Test Center or be in contact with the candidate while he / she is taking the test.
- Except for COA-authorized observers, visitors are not allowed in the testing room while test is in progress.
- ID verification at the Test Center may include thumb printing, iris scan, photographing, videotaping, or other form of electronic ID confirmation. If the candidate refuses to participate, he / she will not be permitted to appear for the test and the candidate will forfeit the test fee. This is in addition to the requirement that the candidate must present acceptable and valid identification.
- Other than ID, personal items are not allowed in the testing room. Before the test, the candidate will receive instructions from Test Center staff regarding where the candidate must deposit items such as mobile phones, PDAs, digital music players, MP3 players, calculators, or any other electronic devices with memory, handbags, and study materials. The candidate may also be asked to empty his/ her pockets. The candidate may not have access to his/ her personal items during the test or break.
- Test Centers assume no responsibility for personal belongings.
- The test administrator will assign the candidate a seat.
- **No candidate will be given additional time if he reaches late for the test. He has to complete the test as per the schedule given in his appointment voucher.**
- Electrical supply failure, internet connectivity failure, weather conditions or other circumstances beyond the test administrator's or COA's control may require a delayed start or the rescheduling of the test appointment. In the event that it is then necessary to cancel the test session, or if it is later determined that the candidate's marks could not be reported, the candidate will be offered the opportunity to schedule another test appointment free of charge.
- On reporting for the test and establishing the candidate's identity, he/ she will be asked to log on into the computer system and request test.
- A question paper consisting of two questions - free hand drawing and memory sketch, will be generated and printed for the candidate. Test Center supervisor will hand over the print out along with drawing paper (Answer sheet) with preprinted barcode to the candidate and lead him / her to the testing room.
- Paper of any kind, other than officially distributed, is not permitted in the testing room.
- The candidate must have the supervisor's permission to leave the room during the test. Any time lost cannot be made up.

- The candidate may wish to pace himself / herself with his / her own watch, but the supervisor is the official timekeeper. The candidate will not be permitted to continue the test or any part of it beyond the established time limit. Watch alarms and clocks on mobile phones are not permitted.
- At the conclusion of the test the candidate will be required to return the answer sheet (drawing paper) and question paper to the test supervisor. These materials are the property of COA.
- The candidate shall attempt the question on the drawing paper supplied by the test center on the side where barcode is printed. The Appointment number, Candidate ID and test center stamp with supervisor's signature shall be on the reverse side of the paper. Under no circumstances the candidate will write anything on the barcode side of answer sheet.
- Computer based test will be given after completing the Paper based test. It begins at log-in and ends at log-out.
- The Test center in-charge will provide the candidate with rough paper that may be replaced after the candidate have used all pages of the rough paper initially given to the candidate. The candidate may not take his/ her own rough paper to the test, nor may the candidate remove rough paper from the testing room at any time. Rough paper is provided to assist the candidate in working out problems and for appropriate note taking during timed sections of the test.
- If the candidate needs to leave his / her seat at any time, he / she must raise his / her hand for permission; timing of the section will not stop.
- If at any time during the test the candidate has a problem with his / her computer, or for any reason needs the attention of the administrator, the candidate shall raise his/ her hand.
- **All the Test center premises are under electronic surveillance and are subject to video recording and/ or any other type of Surveillance.**
- NATA includes an optional 10-minute break after the Drawing section. This break time cannot be exceeded.
- When the test gets disrupted because of failure of internet connectivity or electricity supply failure, candidate can resume the test from the point of disruption onwards if resumed within four hours. In case disruption lasts for more than four hours the candidate may have to give entire test again.

## 13 DISMISSAL FROM A TEST CENTER

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A test center in-charge/supervisor is authorized to dismiss the candidate from a test session and/or the candidate's marks may be cancelled by COA for actions such as, but not limited to

- Attempting to take the test for someone else or having someone else take the test for the candidate.
- Failing to provide acceptable identification.
- Obtaining improper access to the test, a part of the test, or information about the test.
- Using a telephone or mobile phone, personal digital assistants (pda), digital music players, mp3 players, or any other electronic device having memory during the test session or during breaks.
- Using any aids in connection with the test, such as: mechanical pencils, pagers, beepers, calculators, watch calculators, books, pamphlets, notes, rulers, highlighter pens, stereos or radios with headphones/ earphones, telephones, cell phones, watch alarms (including those

with flashing lights or alarm sounds), stop watches, dictionaries, translators, and any hand-held electronic or photographic devices.

- Creating a disturbance (disruptive behavior in any form will not be tolerated; the test administrator has sole discretion in determining what constitutes disruptive behavior).
- Attempting to give or receive assistance - or otherwise communicate in any manner with another person about the content of the test during the administration, during breaks or after the test.
- Removing or attempting to remove test content from the Test Center. Under no circumstances may test content or any part of the test content be removed, reproduced, and/or disclosed by any means (e.g., hard copy, verbally, electronically) to any person or entity
- Tampering with a computer.
- Attempting to remove rough paper from the computer-based testing room.
- Bringing a weapon or firearm into the Test Center.
- Bringing food, drink, or tobacco into the testing room.
- Leaving the Test Center vicinity during the test session or during breaks.
- Leaving the testing room without permission.
- Taking excessive or extended unscheduled breaks during the test session. Test Center supervisors are required to strictly monitor unscheduled breaks and report the candidates who take excessive or extended breaks.
- Referring to, looking through, or working on any test, or test section, when not authorized to do so, or working after time has been called
- Failing to follow any of the test administration regulations contained in this bulletin, given by the test administrator or specified in any test materials.
- If the counterfoils of the appointment voucher is already signed.

COA reserves the right to take all action - including, but not limited to, asking the candidate to appear again at same or different test center, barring the candidate from future testing and/or canceling the candidate's scores/ marks - for failure to comply with test administration regulations or the test administrator's directions. If the candidate's scores/ marks are cancelled, they will not be reported and the candidate's fees will not be refunded.

Candidates may report any irregularities under strict confidence to COA by sending an email to [complaints@nata.in](mailto:complaints@nata.in) . It is mandatory to provide Name of the Candidate, Candidate ID and Appointment Number in the complaint. Anonymous complaints will not be entertained. All disputes pertaining to conduct of NATA shall fall within the jurisdiction of Courts in Delhi only.

## 14 TEST CONTENT

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The test is in two parts. A paper based drawing test and computer based online aesthetic sensitivity test.

The test measures aptitude of the candidate through two sections - a paper based section for drawing and computer based section for aesthetic sensitivity.

## 14.1 DRAWING TEST

This is a two hour paper where candidate has to attempt three questions. The drawing aptitude is judged on the following aspects -

- Ability to sketch a given object proportionately and rendering the same in visually appealing manner.
- Visualising and drawing the effects of light on the object and shadows cast on surroundings.
- Sense of perspective drawing
- Combining and composing given three dimensional elements to form a building or structural form.
- Creating interesting two dimensional composition using given shapes and forms.
- Creating visual harmony using colours in given composition.
- Understanding of scale and proportions.
- Drawing from memory through pencil sketch on themes from day to day experiences.

## 14.2 AESTHETIC SENSITIVITY TEST

This is computer based test where candidate has to answer 40 multiple choice questions.

The aesthetic sensitivity test measures perception, imagination and observation, creativity and communication along with architectural awareness and comprises of -

- Visualising three dimensional objects from two dimensional drawings.
- Visualising different sides of three dimensional objects.
- Identifying commonly used materials and objects based on their textural qualities.
- Analytical reasoning.
- Mental Ability.
- Imaginative comprehension and expression.
- Architectural awareness.

## 15 SCORING PROCESS

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The Answer to each question in the 'drawing' paper will be examined by a panel of three examiners independently and the marks are averaged. It may be further subject to moderation.

During the computer based test, with adaptive testing, an examinee is administered a set of questions with a difficulty level that is specifically designed to match the examinee's ability level. The mathematical process for calculating a score in this situation incorporates the statistical properties of the questions, the examinee's performance on the questions, and the number of questions that are answered.

## 15.1 HOW THE SECTIONS OF THE TEST ARE SCORED

### 15.1.1 Drawing Section

The primary emphasis in scoring the drawing section is on the candidate's drawing, imagination and observation skills. The candidate's sense of proportion & perspective is also evaluated together with sense for colour and composition.

### 15.1.2 Aesthetic Sensitivity Section

- The candidate's score will depend on his / her performance on the questions given and on the number of questions answered in the time allotted.
- This section is computer adaptive, meaning that the computer selects questions based on the candidate's performance on preceding questions (When correct answer is given, next question will be of higher difficulty level whereas, if wrong answer is given next question is of lower difficulty level) and on the requirements of the test design. Test design factors that influence which questions are presented to the candidate include:
  - The statistical characteristics (including difficulty level) of the questions already answered.
  - The required variety of question types.
  - The appropriate coverage of content.
  - The final score depends on average difficulty level of all questions and of those questions answered correctly. E.g. person with correct answer for less number of questions of higher difficulty level may score higher marks than someone who answers more number of questions correctly but of lower difficulty level.
- Time allotted to answer the question is 90 seconds. The time remaining to answer the question is displayed on the screen. The "per second" countdown begins 30 seconds before the allotted time for that question ends. In case no answer is offered till the time ends, the question is skipped and next question appears.
- There is no Negative marking in this test.

***NO REVALUATION IS POSSIBLE FOR EITHER OF THE TESTS.***

## 16 SCORE CARD / MARK LIST

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The score cards will be available on NATA website in e-format. Usually, the score cards will be posted on the website on the fourth working day after the test.

The candidate, after fourth day may check his score directly from website giving his / her candidate ID. However, print out taken by the candidate of such score card will be only for reference and information. Candidate, however, may use print out of this score card while applying for the admission if the admission authority calls for the same. Original score card will be retrieved and verified by the admission authority directly from NATA server. Only the score card stored on NATA server is valid and no print/hard copy will be considered valid.

The NATA score shall be valid for a period of two years from the year in which the applicant appeared for the NATA Test.

NOTE: Occasionally, delays in processing may occur. Some scores will not be available on the dates specified. Please check again. Only if the score card is still not seen after 7 days, we suggest the candidate to follow the process mentioned on the website [www.nata.in](http://www.nata.in).

### 16.1 CUMULATIVE REPORTING (SCORE RETENTION)

NATA score reporting is cumulative. Current NATA policy states that the candidate's scores are retained for the two years from the date of last test taken.

## 17 APPLYING TO INSTITUTIONS FOR ADMISSION

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As per Council of Architecture regulations, a candidate applying to any school / college of architecture in India should have 50% marks in 10+2 or equivalent examination with mathematics as one of the subject and as per admission guidelines prescribed by CoA and have achieved 40% score in NATA, i.e. at least 80/200, for consideration of admission into first year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course.

## 18 COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR ADMISSION

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The admissions shall be carried out by the Competent Authority i.e. Government or University, or such Authorities/Institutions Concerned (School/College of Architecture)/ Association or federation of Institutions (Schools/College of Architecture) as approved by the Government/University, based on the marks obtained in NATA and the qualifying examinations in the ratio of 50:50. The reservation policy for admission as applicable from time to time by the Central/State Government shall be followed.

After receiving score card / Mark list and HSC / std XII results, the candidate may apply for admission to any of the participating institutions as per the time schedule specified by the appropriate admission authority, along with all the documents desired by it.

Council of Architecture and NIASA, does not guarantee any admissions and is not involved with the admission procedure. Appearing at a particular center for the test does not imply that the candidate could be given any priority for admission to that institute.

## 19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

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1. By giving NATA, do I get automatic admission into any Architectural College in India?

Ans: No. NATA is just an Aptitude Test. On receiving the Score Card, the candidate will have to contact various admission authorities with NATA Score Card and other details (as prescribed by the respective Admission Authorities). Admission in India lies with the State (usually under Directorate of Technical Education for that state). Usually around summer, Admission Authorities will bring out admission notices in National & Regional newspapers. The candidate may contact schools of architecture directly for information as to when the admission process is scheduled to begin.

2. What is the last date for giving NATA?

Ans: The last date for NATA would be 21st August, 2015 **subject to availability.**

The dates on which NATA is available depends on the Test Centre. Candidates may request Test Centres for the preferred dates. If the candidate is available for NATA only on a particular date (or range of dates) that a particular Test Centre is not able to give, the candidate may register at any other Test Centre throughout India that is able to administer NATA on that date / time. TEST CENTRE LOCATION HAS NO BEARING ON CHOICE OF ADMISSION AND APPEARING AT A PARTICULAR CENTER FOR THE TEST DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE CANDIDATE COULD BE GIVEN ANY PRIORITY FOR ADMISSION TO THAT INSTITUTE. The logical last date for giving NATA for candidates seeking admission this year itself would be 5 days before the last date for submitting application for admission under a particular Admission Authority. This varies from authority to authority.

3. What is the meaning of Admission Authority?

Ans: Admission Authority is a body, authorised by the Central/State Govt. / University to conduct and monitor admissions in that area. This may vary from the Directorate of Technical Education itself, a major University, Institution(s), a body created by an association of Architectural Schools in that State (eg. MASA), or any other Admission Authority recognised by the state. The candidate may be advised to check up in advance with Schools of Architecture where he / she is applying for the details of the admission authority and other information on the exact admission process.

4. How do I practice for NATA? Where can I take tuitions?

Ans: NATA is designed in such a manner that prior tutelage is not required. COA is aware that the candidates will have no or minimal knowledge of architecture. NATA measures aptitude of the candidate in his / her aesthetic sensibilities (3D visualisation, logical understanding, etc.) and drawing skills that are in-built in every candidate and developed right from childhood to the present day. There will be certain questions on architectural awareness wherein candidates may be required to identify building of national or international importance. The candidate is expected to know about these structures through General Knowledge. The candidate may also prefer to update his knowledge on this by some reading, internet browsing or even by talking to architectural students, architects and other knowledgeable persons. In all probability, this will not be required. There will be a model NATA interface available on the NATA website to help candidates get acquainted with the visual format of the test. There will be no model questions available as such. The language medium of the test will be English. Minimal computer skills are required (pointing and clicking Mouse buttons).

5. I am a foreign student / NRI. Can I take the test from my country of residence?

Ans: No. The candidate will have to register in India and give the test from any of the designated Test centres of his / her choice in India. The qualification process for giving NATA stands the same. Admission will be given by the respective admission authorities according to the rules laid down by it for students of such category.

6. If I belong to a particular quota (SC/ST/NT/etc.), do I get score waiver for NATA during admission?

Ans: No.

7. Are there any additional fees payable for training, etc?

Ans: No training/coaching is allowed in Test Centres and no other fees payable for this exam. If any centre indulges in such practice or insists on additional fees or participation in training program, please report such incident to Council of Architecture or NIASA.

8. Do I have to appear for NATA at the college where I aspire to take admission?

Ans: No. You may appear for NATA at any Test center convenient to you. Based on the score you may seek admission to any college where you are eligible to seek admission.

9. Whether old question papers are available?

Ans: No. At NATA, question paper is unique of each candidate hence no old question papers can be made available.

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