

ADMISSION GUIDELINES 2020

Admission Calendar- 2020	
Online Registration	23rd October, 2019
Last date for Online Registration	31st December, 2019
Last date for online registration with late fee of Rs.5000/- (in addition to the applicable application fee) through Credit/Debit Card only. In case of Demand Draft, the print out of the application alongwith DD should reach the given address before 03rd January, 2020	04th January, 2020
Window to edit / update the Application Form	From 01st January, 2020 Saturday (12:00 hrs) till 04th January, 2020 Thursday (16:00 hrs)
Admit Card (Online only)	10th January, 2020 (14:00 hrs)
Written Entrance Examination for all UG & PG Programmes	19th January, 2020
Window to receive observations/objection from the candidate for GAT exam: Candidates are allowed to take away the General Ability Test (GAT: Objective type question Paper). Keys of the GAT will be uploaded on the website so that candidates may give their observation/objection if any, during this period against payment of Rs. 500/- per observation/objection.	22nd January, 2020 (1000 Hrs) to 24th January, 2020 (1700 Hrs)
Result of Written Entrance Examination	February/March, 2020
Last date for online registration for foreign nationals/SAARC/NRIs/OCI	30th April, 2020
Situation Test / Group Discussion / Interview	April – May, 2020
Declaration of Final Result (Online)	End of May / June, 2020
Counselling	End of May /June 2020 Onwards

Note: Admit cards, Results and Counselling Schedule will be available on NIFT website only.

FOR BACHELOR'S Programmes (B.Des, B.FTech)

Who can apply?

Any candidate who fulfils the prescribed age and educational qualification criteria for the concerned programme can apply.

1. Qualifying Age:

Maximum age should be 23 years as on 1st October, 2019. The upper age limit may be relaxed by a period of 5 (five) years for candidates of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/ Person with Disability (PWD) categories

2A. Educational qualification for Bachelor of Design (B.Des) Programmes

(Fashion Design / Leather Design / Accessory Design / Textile Design / Knitwear Design / Fashion Communication)

- The +2 level examination in the 10+2 pattern of examination of any recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Examination, such as Central Board of Secondary Education / State Board New Delhi, and Council for Indian School of Certificate Examination, New Delhi.

or

- A pass grade in the Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Open School with a minimum of five subjects.

or

- 3 or 4-years diploma recognized by AICTE or a State Board of Technical Education.

or

- Any Public School/Board/University Examination in India or in foreign countries recognized by the Association of Indian Universities as equivalent to 10+2 system.

or

- General Certificate Education (GCE) Examination (London/Cambridge/Sri-Lanka) at the Advanced (A) level/ International Baccalaureate (IB).

2B. Educational qualification for Bachelor of Fashion Technology (Apparel Production) (B.FTech) Programme

- The +2 level examination in the 10+2 pattern of examination of any recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Examination, such as Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, and Council for Indian School of Certificate Examination, New Delhi with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

or

- 3 or 4-years diploma in any branch of Engineering recognized by AICTE or a State Board of Technical Education

or

- A pass grade in the Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Open School with a minimum of five subjects with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

or

- Any Public School/Board/University Examination in India or in foreign countries recognized by the Association of Indian Universities as equivalent to 10+2 system with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

or

- General Certificate Education (GCE) Examination (London/Cambridge/Sri-Lanka) at the advanced (A) level with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics / International Baccalaureate (IB).

FOR MASTERS Programmes (M.Des,M.F.M and M.FTech)

Who can apply?

Any candidate who fulfils the prescribed educational qualification criteria for the concerned Master's programme can apply.

1. Qualifying Age: No age limit

2A Educational Qualification for Master's Programme in Design- M.Des (Master of Design)

- Undergraduate Degree in any discipline from any Institute / University recognized by law in India

or

- Undergraduate Diploma of minimum three years duration from NIFT / NID.

Note: Master of Design (M.Des.) is an advanced course that demands an understanding of fundamentals in design and presupposes that candidates would be familiar with the basic skills and theories for successful completion of the programme. The course would not provide any basic knowledge and skill development in design as a part of its Master's programme.

2.B Educational Qualification for Master's Programme in Fashion Management- M.F.M (Master of Fashion Management)

- Undergraduate Degree in any discipline from any Institute / University recognized by law in India.

or

- Undergraduate Diploma of minimum three years duration from NIFT / NID.

2.C Educational Qualification for Master's Programme in Fashion Technology- M.FTech (Master of Fashion Technology)

- B.FTech. from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

or

- B.E / B.Tech. from any Institute / University recognized by law in India.

IMPORTANT NOTE

1. Candidates appearing in the qualifying examination are also eligible to apply provided:

(a) That they produce a proof of having acquired the minimum prescribed qualifications at the time of counselling/ admission.

or

(b) If the 12th class/final year/final semester (as the case may be) result of qualifying degree/certificate examination is not declared by the concerned Board/ University till the date of counselling/ admission, his/her admission in such case will be strictly provisional subject to the following conditions:

(i) Affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.10/- in the prescribed Proforma (Annexure-I) is submitted. In case the candidate is minor i.e. below 18 years of age, the affidavit shall be signed by his/ her parent/guardian. Candidates/parent/guardians may note that submission of false affidavit is a punishable offence;

(ii) Those candidates who are seeking provisional admission due to non declaration of their final year/final semester/12th class (refer Annexure -I) will provide proof of having passed all papers in all the previous years /semesters of qualifying degree examination (whichever relevant).

(iii) The candidates will also bring the date sheet /admit card/ Principal's certificate as proof of having appeared in the qualifying exam.

(iv) The candidate will submit the final result of qualifying degree/certificate providing his/her eligibility on or before 30th September, 2020 to their Campus Director/Jt. Director where the admission has been granted.

(v) In case the candidate fails to submit his/her final result of qualifying degree in the manner prescribed above to prove his/her eligibility on or before 30th September, 2020, whatsoever the reason may be his/her admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and entire fee will be forfeited. Any exception will be as per the decision of DG-NIFT, on a case to case basis.

(vi) The Campus Director / Nodal officer will be responsible to ensure that the eligibility of all students meet prescribed qualification for admission especially in the case of provisional admission. The provisional admission will automatically stand cancelled, if the candidate fails to submit the successful result in time i.e. 30th September, 2020.

(vii) In the case of candidates who have appeared for Supplementary examination(s) in the final semester/ final year of graduation and the result of the same is not declared by the time of counselling/ admission, such candidates will be considered for admission as per the provisions of para 1 (b) above, for the academic session 2020-21.

(viii) In the case of candidates who have appeared for compartment examination(s) in the 12th standard, such candidates will be considered only for provisional admission. He/she will have to clear the compartment examination UNDER THE SAME BOARD, failing which the provisional admission will stand automatically cancelled and entire fee will be forfeited.

2. Any candidate who has not appeared for the qualifying exam before the date of counselling/ admission to NIFT, will not be eligible.

3. It is further clarified that provisional admission will be considered only in such cases where the result of Final year/semester of the qualifying degree has not been declared by the concerned Board/ University in its totality. In case the result has been declared by the concerned Board/ University but it has not been declared in a specific case, for any reason, such cases will NOT be considered under provisional admission category.

RESERVATION OF SEATS

The seats reserved for SC / ST / OBC (Non Creamy)/ GEN-EWS/ Person With Disability (PWD)/ Foreign Nationals / SAARC/ NRI/ OCI/ State Domicile, in each programme are as under

SC	15%
ST	7.5%
OBC (NON-CREAMY)	27%
GEN-EWS	10%
Person with Disability (PWD)	5%*

*Horizontal reservation for Person with Disability (PWD) (with 40% or more disability) cutting across all sections i.e. SCs, STs, OBCs Non-Creamy and General category. Campus and programme will be allotted on rotation, at NIFT's discretion.

The category selected by a candidate at the time of submitting the application form will be final. Requests for any change of category will not be permitted during later stage of admission process.

Requirements of each category are as follows:

1. SC/ST Candidates

Candidates applying under this reserved quota will have to produce a Caste/Tribe certificate from the Competent Authority of the respective States/Union Territories/ National Commission of Tribes.

2. OBC (Non-Creamy) Candidates

Candidates applying under this quota would have to substantiate the caste and non-creamy layer requirement. Candidates applying under this quota shall produce a caste certificate from the Competent Authority certifying that they belong to the non-creamy layer.

The certificate should be in favour of the candidate, issued not earlier than April 01, 2019. Failure to produce an appropriate certificate from a competent authority shall make the candidate ineligible for counselling, and the applicants will not be offered admission. Requests for provisional admission in such cases will not be entertained.

To summarize:

a) The candidate should possess an OBC (Non-Creamy) certificate issued in the name of the candidate and not in favour of the respective parent/guardian.

b) The caste mentioned in the OBC (Non-Creamy) certificate should find mention in the Central list of OBCs available at <http://ncbc.nic.in/backward-classes/index.html>

c) The OBC(Non-Creamy) certificate should clearly mention that the candidate belongs to the non-creamy layer.

d) The certificate must be issued by the Competent Authority.

e) In case of married women applying to any course under reserved category, she has to produce the caste certificate in her own name. Certificate in the name of husband/mother/father is not acceptable.

3. Candidates belonging to the Creamy Layer of OBC are not entitled to apply under the reserved category OBC(NC) and will have to submit their application under General (Unreserved) category

General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (GEN-EWS) will be a reserved category in which the percentage of reservation is 10%. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those General category candidates who satisfy the condition given in the OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17 January 2019 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India. The benefit of reservation under Gen- EWS can be availed upon production of an Income & Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority

(i) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/Additional Deputy Commissioner/ 1stClass Stipendiary Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner

(ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate

(iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and

(iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

Based on the information provided by the candidate in the application form while applying online, the candidate will be provisionally allowed to appear for the NIFT Entrance Examination and subsequent test if shortlisted. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to provide valid certificate for admission

4. Persons with Disability (PWD)

Candidates applying under this category should have Certificate of Disability issued as per sub-section (2)(a) of section 58 of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) in Form V, Form VI or Form VII as per rule 18(1) of the notification vide number G.S.R. 591(E) dated 15th June, 2017. The certificate should be issued by a medical authority designated under sub-section (1) of section 57 of the act and rules 17 (a) and (b) of G.S.R. 591(E).

Such candidates are required to produce the original Certificate of Disability both at the time of Counselling and at the time for Admission to the Institute.

It is mandatory for the candidate who is a Person with Disability to attend the Counselling for evaluation. The course will be allotted to the candidates after assessing the capabilities of the candidates.

NIFT may consider applications from PWD candidates for providing external assistance during assessment for selection, with the condition that the expenses for the same will be borne fully by the candidate.

It is however recommended that the candidate arrange his/her own external assistant for this purpose as this will ensure a better fit for individual needs.

NIFT will assess the actual physical/ psychological capability of a candidate selected for counselling of a particular programme as per the specific requirements of that particular Programme by a Board constituted at each campus by the Campus Director.

The three members Board will consist of a Medical Officer/Psychologist, a Faculty from the concerned department (Design/ Technology/Management) and an Administrative Officer. Candidates are advised to come prepared for such assessments at the time of counselling.

NIFT may utilize its laboratories/equipment/ test materials for making such assessment of the physical/psychological capability of a candidate for undertaking that Programme/ course and may tailor such test for each individual separately as decided by the Board.

The assessment is compulsory for all candidates seeking reservation under this category. The Board in its proceedings will recommend whether the candidate is capable or incapable for undertaking the particular programme/course applied for.

A copy of such order will also be communicated to the candidate in writing under acknowledgement informing him/her that he/she can make an appeal against the order, in which case the appeal will be referred to the Standing Board at Head Office (HO) whose recommendation will be final and no further representation will be accepted.

NIFT reserves the right to disqualify the candidature in case of assessment of inability of the candidate to undertake a particular programme.

The table below indicates the type of assessment that may be conducted by a Board of NIFT for various categories of disability and programmes to find if the Student would be in a position to access mainstream curriculum:

Programme	Criteria /Method	Suitability				
		Visual Clarity			No major locomotor	Able to select, organize and integrate visual and verbal
Design	Drawing/Sketching/making models/ Colour sense	Visual Clarity			No major locomotor	Able to select, organize and integrate visual and verbal

	Operating Machines/ Computer Keyboard manually/mobility		Minor speech disability	Minor Hearing disability	disability in hands, legs, face & neck	information into a drawing or model with aesthetics
General requirements: Adequate cognitive functions to access mainstream curriculum; no intellectual impairments. Adaptive functioning showing mild deficit, in academic and/or communication skills but able to meet the requirements of curriculum and learning environment using assistive devices independently. Good social interaction skills and emotional stability to be adaptive with large group learning setting and do not have a challenging behavior that disturbs the education of other students.						

Programme	Criteria /Method	Suitability			
Technology	Operating Machines manually / Computer Keyboard manually/ mobility	Minor Visual Clarity	Minor speech disability	Minor Hearing disability	No major locomotor disability in hands, legs, face & neck
Fashion Management	Operating Computer Keyboard manually/ mobility				
General requirements: Adequate cognitive functions to access mainstream curriculum; no intellectual impairments. Adaptive functioning showing mild deficit, in academic and/or communication skills but able to meet the requirements of curriculum and learning environment using assistive devices independently. Good social interaction skills and emotional stability to be adaptive with large group learning setting and do not have a challenging behavior that disturbs the education of other students.					

SEATS FOR FOREIGN NATIONAL/SAARC/NR/OCI AND DOMICILE CATEGORIES

1. Foreign Nationals/ SAARC/NRI/ OCI

Foreign Nationals (whether residing in India or abroad) and Non Resident Indians, who are citizens of India holding an Indian passport and have temporarily immigrated to another country for six months or more for work, residence or any other purpose and who meet eligibility and admission requirements of NIFT can also apply for admission.

The selection of eligible candidates of this category for admission in NIFT will be based on their SAT/GMAT/GRE scores, and not on the basis of the Entrance examination. The availability of seats for this category is as follows:

- 5 (supernumerary) seats each at NIFT Campuses Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Gandhinagar, Raebareli & Srinagar (J&K).
- 3 (supernumerary) seats each at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Kangra, Kannur, Patna and Shillong.

1. Qualifying Age

For UG programmes: Maximum age should be 23 years as on 1st October, 2019. The upper age limit may be relaxed by a period of 5 (five) years for candidates of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/ Person with Disability (PWD) categories

For PG programmes: No age limit

2. Academic Eligibility

All candidates must satisfy the required academic qualifications listed for the concerned course. In case the Degree/certificate has been obtained from a University /Board of any other country then an equivalence certificate must be obtained from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) New Delhi (website: www.aiuweb.org) prior to admission. Foreign nationals applying to NIFT must possess working knowledge of the English language.

The Programme and Campus will be allotted on the basis of merit list drawn as per the scores obtained by the candidates in the following examinations:

Bachelor's Programme (B.Des & B.FTech)	SAT Score
Master's Programme (M.F.M)	GMAT Score
Master's Programme (M.Des & M.FTech)	GRE Score

Candidates may have appeared in multiple SAT /GMAT/GRE examinations prior to 30th April 2020. The highest score among these tests will be taken into consideration for allotment of seat. The GRE/ GMAT/SAT scores should not have been declared before 1st January, 2018 and should be received by the Institute (NIFT) latest by 30th April, 2020.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING UNDER THE FOREIGN NATIONAL/SAARC/ NRI/ OCI CATEGORY:

Those seeking admission under this category have to apply online at website www.nift.ac.in or <https://applyadmission.net/NIFTNR12020>. The last date for applying under this category is 30th April 2020.

Candidates applying for Bachelor Programmes of NIFT should arrange to send SAT scores directly from College Board to NIFT H.O. New Delhi. SAT scores have to be submitted through College Board to NIFT before 30th April, 2020. The Designated Institution (DI) Code is 7258.

The Campus and Programme will be allotted to the successful candidates based on SAT/GMAT/GRE score as well as the preference of the candidate.

Candidates at the time of registration for SAT should indicate DI code: 7258 for sending their scores to NIFT Head Office, New Delhi.

Candidates applying for Master Programmes i.e. Master of Fashion Management (MFM), should arrange to send GMAT test scores while those applying for Master of Design (M.Des.) and Master of Fashion Technology (M.FTech.) should arrange to send GRE test scores directly to NIFT H.O. Delhi. The candidates must designate NIFT Programmes as choice in the GRE/GMAT/SAT.

Candidates seeking admission under this category should apply in the prescribed Application Form online.

The candidates who fulfill the admission criteria specified for the category may apply online with requisite application fee of US\$125 through the Online NIFT Payment gateway.

CHILDREN AND WARDS OF NRI

NRI seats being supernumerary, will not be converted to any other category. However, seats remaining unfilled in the NRI category after the process described above will be offered to the children/wards of NRI as per merit during counselling.

All the candidates having Common Merit Rank (CMR) in the NIFT Entrance Examination and falling under the category "Children/Wards of NRI" will be given an opportunity to opt for NRI seats subject to fulfilling the criteria, submission of necessary documents and fee during regular counselling.

NIFT may re-allot seats between the programmes to meet the demand of the candidates, within the overall limit prescribed for this category.

Fee Payment:

Once selected under this category, candidates shall pay the fee at the time of admission for the first academic year consisting of two semesters. They would also need to obtain a valid residential permit or student visa for the prescribed duration of the programme.

2. State Domicile Category

How is domicile category determined?

The candidate would be determined to be the domicile of that State within which the candidate has completed his/her class 12th examination/graduation/qualifying degree.

A certificate from the concerned school/college is to be obtained. In case the candidate obtained the qualifying certificate/degree through Distance Learning mode, the address of the school attended by the candidate regularly will determine his/her domicile status.

Seat availability under the State Domicile Category

Seats will be offered for admission as State Domicile Preferential Seats to candidates who belong to the 8 States where the following NIFT campuses are located:

S.No.	NIFT Campus	State
1	Patna	Bihar
2	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh
3	Kannur	Kerala
4	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
5	Shillong	Meghalaya
6	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
7	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
8	Srinagar*	Jammu and Kashmir

7 supernumerary seats will be available in each campus (except Srinagar). Any supernumerary seats which remain unfilled will lapse, and will not be converted into any other category.

*In the case of the NIFT Srinagar campus (J&K), 13 seats will be offered for admission as State Domicile Preferential Seats to the domicile candidates of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). These seats are non-controvertible into any other category.

Candidates who are domicile of the States where the NIFT Campuses listed above are located may opt for these preferential seats while filling the online application form. However, they will be permitted to exercise choice to take admission under General/ST/SC/OBC category (as applicable) to any other campus of their choice as per their merit ranking.

Reservation of SCs/STs/OBCs (non creamy layer) candidates, shall be applicable for the domicile seats also.

HOW TO APPLY : SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM (for all candidates other than the foreign national/SAARC/NRI/OCI category)

Candidates can apply online at www.nift.ac.in or <https://admission.net/nift2020>.

Guidelines for applying online may be referred for the purpose. The prospectus is available at NIFT website www.nift.ac.in free of cost. The application fee has to be paid through online payment gateway or through Bank Demand Draft issued in favour of "NIFT HO" payable at New Delhi.

- Non-Refundable Fee for General/OBC (Non-Creamy)/GEN-EWS Category: Rs.2000/- through payment gateway or Demand Draft.
- Non-Refundable Fee for SC/ ST/ PWD Category : Rs.1000/- through payment gateway or Demand Draft.

Mode of Payment of application fee: Credit Cards/Debit Cards and Demand Draft

(A) Credit Cards /Debit Cards

Payments of application fee (Rs.2000/- or Rs.1000/-) can be made through credit cards/debit cards as explained above. The bank and/or transaction charges on the application fee will be borne by the candidate. Candidates are advised to apply on time.

(B) Demand Draft

Payment of application fee (Rs 2000/-in case of GEN/OBC (Non-Creamy)/ GEN-EWS candidates and Rs 1000/- in case of SC/ST/PWD- candidates) can be made through Bank Demand Draft as explained above. The Demand Draft should be issued in favour of "NIFT HO", payable at New Delhi. The details of the Demand Draft are to be filled in the online application form.

Candidates are advised to check the following details carefully before sending the Demand Draft

- DD made in favour of "NIFT HO",
 - Amount of Demand Draft as applicable i.e. Rs 2000/- in case of GEN/OBC (Non-Creamy)/ GEN-EWS candidates and Rs.1000/- in case of SC/ST/PWD candidates
 - Name, Date, Amount & Signature of the issuing authority on the Demand Draft.
- Candidates applying through Demand Draft are required to send the printout of the Application Form, duly completed in all respects, along with Demand Draft on the following address:

The Project Manager – CMS
All India Management Association (AIMA)
15 Link Road, Lajpat Nagar – Part 3
New Delhi -110024

The duly filled form should reach the above address on time. Incomplete forms or forms received late will not be accepted. The Institute does not take any responsibility for delay or loss of forms or correspondence in postal transit or by courier. Candidates are advised to keep the copy of printout and Demand Draft for future reference.

Candidates are advised to keep a print out/photocopy of Application Form for further reference along with proof of payment.

Window to edit/ update Application Form

Prior to making the payment candidate can edit/amend the information in the online application. Once the payment has been made by the candidate he/she will not be allowed to change/modify any information by the system.

However, candidates will be given an opportunity to review and correct their personal information (changing the City of Examination is not permitted) in the application from 1st January 2020 Wednesday (12:00 hrs) till 04th January, 2020 Saturday (16:00 hrs).

- Application fee already paid will not be refunded in case the applicant is found not eligible for admissions to NIFT after editing / updating of the application form.

- It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide correct information during the application process. At any stage if it is found that the information provided by the candidate is not true, NIFT has the right to cancel his/her candidature. Any direct or indirect attempt to influence the management and employees of the institute will lead to automatic disqualification of the candidate.

After closing the window to edit the application form / registration category filled up in the application form will not be changed at any stage. Therefore, candidates/guardians are advised to fill-up the application form with due diligence.

THE EXAMINATION PROCESS (for all programmes)

All eligible candidates would have to go through an examination process. The process for each programme is separately listed below:

B.Des

For candidates to the UG Design programmes, the selection process comprises a written examination comprising of a Creative Ability Test (CAT) and General Ability Test (GAT), followed by a Situation Test to be undertaken by shortlisted candidates of the written examination.

B.FTech

For candidates to the UG Fashion Technology programme, the selection process comprises a written examination comprising of a General Ability Test (GAT).

M.Des

For candidates to the PG Design programme, the selection process comprises a written examination comprising of a Creative Ability Test (CAT) and General Ability Test (GAT) followed by Group Discussion and Personal Interview (GD/PI) for shortlisted candidates of the written examination.

M.F.M.

For the M.F.M programme, the selection process comprises of Written test comprising of a General Ability Test (GAT) followed by Group Discussion and Personal Interview (GD/PI) for shortlisted candidates of the written examination.

M.FTech

For the M.F.Tech programme, the selection process comprises of Written test comprising of a General Ability Test (GAT) followed by Group Discussion and Personal Interview (GD/PI) for shortlisted candidates of the written examination.

The objective type tests are subject to negative marking. The negative marking will apply at the rate of 0.25 each wrong answer.

Window to receive observations/objection from the candidate for GAT exam

All candidates appearing in the NIFT Entrance Examination will be allowed to take away the Question paper of General Ability Test (GAT) to invite objection(s) against Questions /Answers along with carbon copy of OMR answer sheet. The answer keys of each series will be uploaded at NIFT website to enable the candidate to check their answers. Window for the same will be opened from 22nd January 2020 (1000 Hrs) to 24th January 2020 (1700 Hrs) and if candidate have any observation/objections(s) against Questions, Answers (Responses) and answer key, they may give their

observation/objection during this period against the payment of Rs 500/- per observation/objection. The link for the same will be uploaded at NIFT website www.nift.ac.in.

Objection(s) is to be submitted only through ONLINE objection link which will remain live till 24th January, 2020 (1700 Hrs.). Objection(s) received through any other mode of communication/ channel will not be entertained under any circumstances. If candidates do not submit their objection in the stipulated period, such candidates will not have any right for any further legal claim in any court of law for re-evaluation at later stage.

THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (for all programmes)

Based on their choice of city, all eligible candidates will have to appear for the written entrance examination at the Examination Centres opted by them.

The written entrance examination is designed to test the knowledge, skill and aptitude of the candidates for the programme opted.

LIST OF EXAMINATION CENTRES

A Paper Based Test (PBT) for all UG and PG Programmes will be conducted on 19th January 2020 at 32 cities.

The candidate may select only ONE city for the examination on 19th January 2020. No request for change in examination center will be entertained at any stage.

No	City	No	City
1	Ahmedabad	17	Kannur (Kerala)
2	Bengaluru	18	Kolkata
3	Bhopal	19	Lucknow
4	Bhubaneswar	20	Madurai
5	Chandigarh	21	Mumbai
6	Chennai	22	Nagpur
7	Cochin	23	Patna
8	Coimbatore	24	Pune
9	Dehradun	25	Raipur
10	Delhi	26	Ranchi
11	Guwahati	27	Surat
12	Hyderabad	28	Udaipur
13	Jaipur	29	Vadodara
14	Jammu	30	Vishakhapatnam
15	Jodhpur	31	Shillong
16	Kangra	32	Srinagar (J&K)

Please note that NIFT reserves the right to cancel any of the Examination Centres mentioned. In such a case, an alternate centre, which is locationally and administratively convenient, will be allotted. Candidates may e-mail: nift@applyadmission.net or admissions@nift.ac.in for related queries.

ADMIT CARDS

Entry to the Examination Centre will be allowed with admit cards only.

On the basis of information given in the NIFT Application Forms, Admit Cards of provisionally eligible candidates will be available for download from www.nift.ac.in or <https://admission.net/nift2020> from 10th January, 2020 onwards. Admit cards will not be sent by post. Candidates are advised to regularly check NIFT website for updates.

Note: Admit Cards, Results and Counselling Schedule will be available on NIFT's website only. No separate communication will be sent by post.

EXAMINATION CENTRE

Candidates should reach the examination centre at least 60 minutes before the commencement of the examination. Mobiles and other infotech gadgets are not allowed inside the Examination Centre.

Candidates found with mobile or other infotech gadgets will be asked to leave the examination centre and shall be disqualified.

SCHEDULE

Date of Written Examination for all UG and PG Programmes: 19th January, 2020.

Programmes	Test	Test Timings
Bachelor of Design	CAT	10.00 am to 01.00 pm
	GAT	02.30 pm to 04.30 pm
Master of Design	CAT	10.00 am to 01.00 pm
	GAT	02.30 pm to 04.30 pm
Bachelor of Fashion Technology	GAT	10.00 am to 01.00 pm
Master of Fashion Technology	GAT	10.00 am to 01.00 pm
Master of Fashion Management	GAT	10.00 am to 01.00 pm

The result of the entrance examination will be displayed on the NIFT website.

On the basis of result of written test GAT and CAT, shortlisted B.Des candidates will be called for second test called Situation Test. For B.F.Tech. candidates, GAT will be the final test for selection.

The candidates for M.Des will take GAT and CAT. On the basis of the result of GAT and CAT, in the case of M.Des. and GAT in the case of M.F.Tech and MFM, candidates will be called for Group Discussion/Personal Interview (GD/PI).

Important:

Candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria for admission.

Their admission at all the stages of the examination viz. Written Test, Situation Test, Group Discussion and Interview (as the case may be) will be provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility criteria. During verification at any time before or after the Written Test, Situation Test, Group Discussion and Interview (as the case may be), if it is found that candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria, his/her candidature for the examination / admission shall stand cancelled without any notice or further reference.

NIFT shall not be liable for any consequences on account of such cancellations.

Test Weightages

The weightage assigned to each test in the final merit list of the entrance examination will be as follows:

Programmes	Test	Weightage
Bachelor of Design	CAT	50%
	GAT	30%
	Situation Test	20%
Master of Design	CAT	40%
	GAT	30%
	GD/PI	30%
Bachelor of Fashion Technology	GAT	100%
Master of Fashion Technology	GAT	70%
	GD/PI	30%
Master of Fashion Management	GAT	70%
	GD/PI	30%

In case of equal scores of two candidates, the older candidate (as per date of birth) will be given preference.

COMPONENTS OF THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS STRUCTURE (FOR ALL UG AND PG DESIGN Programmes)

1. General Ability Test (GAT)

Programme	BDES	MDES
PAPER NAME	GAT	GAT
LANGUAGE OF WRITTEN TEST	English/Hindi	English/Hindi
TEST DURATION (MIN)	120	120

Sections	No. of Questions	No. of Questions
Quantitative Ability	20	20
Communication Ability	25	30
English Comprehension	25	30
Analytical Ability	15	25
General Knowledge and Current Affairs	15	15
TOTAL	100	120

The number of questions may vary in each section and for each course year to year. The level of difficulty in questions for courses may vary.

2. CREATIVE ABILITY TEST (CAT):

This test is administered for both UG and PG Design Programmes to judge the intuitive ability, power of observation in concept development and design ability of the candidate. An important aspect of the test is the creative and innovative use of colour and illustration skills.

Candidates who try to disclose their identity by writing any personal details or place any identification mark on the answer sheet shall be considered '**DISQUALIFIED**' and the result of these candidates shall not be declared.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION STRUCTURE (FOR UG AND PG Programmes OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND FOR MASTER OF FASHION MANAGEMENT)

GENERAL ABILITY TEST (GAT)

Programme	BFTECH	MFTECH	MFM
Paper Name	GAT	GAT	GAT
Language Of Written Test	English/Hindi	English/Hindi	English/Hindi
Test Duration(Min)	180	180	180
Sections	No. of Questions	No. of Questions	No. of Questions
Quantitative Ability	30	30	10
Communication Ability & English Comprehension	45	45	50
Analytical & Logical Ability	25	25	25
General Knowledge And Current Affairs	25	25	25
Case Study	25	25	40

Total	150	150	150
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M.F Tech will also have some questions from the engineering field.

The number of questions may vary in each section and for each course year to year. The level of difficulty in questions for all courses may vary.

Components of the General Ability Test (for all programmes)

1) Quantitative Ability: This sub-test is designed to test the quantitative ability of the candidates. The sub test consists of questions on Addition, Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Percentage, Rate of Interest, Work and Task, Ratio and Proportion, and Distance.

2) Communication Ability and English Comprehension: This sub-test is aimed at testing the language ability of the candidates in day to day communication in English. It includes questions on synonyms, antonyms, words with corresponding meanings, singular, plural, one word substitutes, idioms and phrases, correct spellings, comprehend a situation from a given passage etc.

3) Analytical Ability and Logical Ability: This sub-test is designed to test the candidate's capacity for inference and logic from the given information and to evaluate the candidate's ability to identify the given problem and apply reasoning in solving the core issues of the problem. Concepts and practice of creative and lateral thinking are likely to be useful.

4) General Knowledge and Current Affairs: This sub-test is designed to test the candidate's general knowledge and current affairs.

5) Case Study: This sub-test is based on a situation of an industry environment. It helps to evaluate the candidate's managerial ability.

Short listed candidates from the written entrance examination are required to take the Situation test/Group Discussion (GD) / Interview as applicable (except B.FTech).

SITUATION TEST - FOR UG DESIGN Programmes

Shortlisted candidates for B.Des from the written entrance examination are required to take a Situation Test which is a hands-on test to evaluate the candidate's skills for material handling and innovative ability on a given situation with a given set of materials.

No additional material will be provided / allowed.

The model will be evaluated on space visualization, innovative and creative use of given material, composition of elements, colour scheme, construction skill, finesse of the model and overall presentation etc. These parameters will be checked with the write up explaining the concept behind the model constructed. Since the medium of instruction in NIFT is English, the write-up will be in English. No marks will be given for write-up in any other language.

The use of outside/additional material in making the model/design is not permitted. Also, candidates who try to disclose their identity by writing any personal details or place any identification mark on the model/ design/write-up shall be considered "DISQUALIFIED" and the final result of these candidates shall not be declared.

The evaluation of the test will be done by the Jury on the spot. The model will not be preserved for future reference.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS (GD/PI) – FOR ALL PG Programmes

Shortlisted candidates for Masters Programmes from the written entrance examination are required to undergo Case Study based Group Discussions (GD) and Personal Interview (PI). GD would comprise approximately 15 to 20 minutes of discussion on a case study assigned, on which a panel of experts will assess the candidates on various parameters including:

- 1) Conceptual clarity
- 2) Knowledge of the topic assigned
- 3) Contribution made to the topic
- 4) Interpersonal skills
- 5) Ability to generate new ideas
- 6) Problem solving approach
- 7) Leadership qualities
- 8) Effective communication

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Candidates shall be evaluated on the various parameters as listed below by a panel, in the Personal Interview:

- 1) Career orientation
- 2) Aptness for the course
- 3) Overall personal achievements in academics and co-curricular activities
- 4) Communication
- 5) General awareness and aptitude, creative and lateral thinking

COUNSELLING FOR SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

The details of counselling of successful candidates of the examination process viz. the mode, dates and procedure will be available on the website in the month of May / June 2020. Candidates are advised to regularly check the NIFT website for further information.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

The following documents along with the photocopies shall be required for Admission after qualifying the entrance examination. The original certificates, except the medical certificate, will be returned to the candidate after verification.

(i) Original certificates of qualifying examination i.e. 12th class/degree (marks Sheet and Certificate).

In case of admission to PG courses, the candidates will also be required to bring the original certificate (Mark Sheet and Certificate) of the qualifying degree examination. In case the candidate has appeared in final semester/ final year (as applicable) then he/she will have to bring the original mark sheet of all the previous semester/years.

(ii) In case the candidate has appeared for qualifying exam/compartments (of final year/semester) and the result is due, the date sheet /admit card for examination has to be brought.

(iii) Bank Draft(s) of requisite fee in favour of "NIFT HO" has to be bought. The name of the candidate, date of counselling, phone/ mobile no., name of the programme, Category, Rank and Roll Number are to be mentioned at the back of Bank Draft(s).

(iv) Proof of date of birth (Secondary School Mark Sheet & Certificate) (Original and Photocopy).

(v) SC/ST/OBC - Non-Creamy/PWD/GEN-EWS (supported with requisite Certificate). For State Domicile seats the status of domicile will be decided by the address of school / college (qualifying degree) last attended, whichever applicable.

(vi) Basis of funding of the tuition fee/ certificate of the parents income e.g Income Tax Return of 2019-20, Salary Certificate of March'2020 etc.

(vii) Certificate of Medical Fitness to be signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner in the prescribed format in original.

(viii) Affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.10/- for seeking provisional admission only in case, the result of qualifying examination is yet to be declared (in the format at Annexure-I).

(ix) An undertaking regarding Anti-Ragging (Annexure-II)

(x) An undertaking regarding refund of fee (Annexure-IV)

Note: -

In case any of the above document(s) is/are in any language other than Hindi/ English, then as the authentic translation in English/Hindi should be produced duly verified by the issuing institution/ gazetted officer / Self attested (original and photocopy) by the candidate at the time of Counselling /Admission. Failure on the part of candidate to produce the requisite authentic translation may result in refusal of admission.

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

(i) The mere fact of qualifying the entrance examination shall not, ipso facto, entitle a candidate for admission to a programme;

(ii) If NIFT is not satisfied with character, past behaviour or antecedents of a candidate, it can refuse to admit him/her to any course of study at any Campus or cancel the admission at a later stage.

(iii) If at any stage it is found that a candidate has got admission in any Campus /Programme on the basis of false information, or by hiding relevant facts or if it is found that admission was given due to any mistake or oversight, the admission granted to such candidate shall be liable to be cancelled forthwith without any notice at any time during the course of his/ her studies by the DG-NIFT and fee deposited by the candidate will be forfeited.

(iv) If a candidate does not report to the allotted / re-allotted NIFT campus within 7 days of commencement of the session, the admission of the candidate will stand cancelled without any intimation and the tuition fee paid shall be forfeited.

(v) The Director General may cancel the admission of any student for specific reason or debar him/her for a certain period.

(vi) It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to make sure that they are eligible and fulfill all the conditions prescribed for admission. Before issue of admission receipt at the time of allotment of seats, candidates should ensure that he/she fulfills all eligibility criteria as laid down in Admission brochure. If it is found at any stage during the entire period of the programme that the candidate does not fulfill the requisite eligibility conditions, his/her admission will be cancelled and entire fee will be forfeited;

(vii) The merit ranking will be valid only for the programme/ category for which the candidate has appeared and cannot be utilized for admission to any other programme/ category. Further, the merit ranking of the candidate shall be valid only for the academic session 2020-21.

NOTE : All admissions shall be completed on or before the last date decided by the Director General, NIFT.

POINTS TO BE NOTED:

- NIFT does not recommend or endorse any coaching classes.
- NIFT reserves the right to add or discontinue any programme at any Campus
- Any attempt to influence the admission process by way of recommendation will invite immediate disqualification of the candidate (s).

- Requests for rechecking of CAT will be restricted to checking of following:

Whether all the answers have been evaluated

Mistake in the totalling of marks

Any requests sent without a scanned copy of the Admit Card will not be entertained.

NOTE:

ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSION PROCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE NIFT WEBSITE. CANDIDATES APPLYING TO NIFT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELIGIBILITY AND THE PROCESS AS DISCLOSED ON THE NIFT WEBSITE. NIFT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISINTERPRETATION OR LACK OF AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE CANDIDATE.

Withdrawal of Admission after admission and refund of fee:

(i) A candidate, who has taken admission once and then withdraws, will not be considered for admission during subsequent rounds of counselling.

(ii) In case the candidate is seeking refund before commencement of academic session, the request for withdrawal of admission in the prescribed proforma (Annexure-III) may be submitted to the Director of the Campus where the candidate attended the counselling.

After commencement of the academic session, refund request may be submitted to the Director of the Campus allotted to the candidate.

The candidates will be required to surrender the original Admission Receipt issued at the time of Counseling/Admission while applying for withdrawal of admission. Requests for withdrawal of admission would not be entertained without original admission receipt.

(iii) The refund against withdrawal of seat will be governed as under:

	Time	Amount refunded	NRI /SAARC/Foreign National/OCI Candidates
1	On or before 16th July 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	Full fee except registration fee	Full fee except 50% tuition fee and Registration fee
2	There would be only two rounds of counselling. The seats vacated by the candidates by 16th July 2020 would be offered for admission in the second round. Therefore the candidates who will withdraw after 16th July 2020 will be paid only Security Deposit.	Only security deposit	
3	Advisory: The admitted candidates who are not willing to join the allotted campus/programme are advised to submit their withdrawal on or before 16th July 2020 in their own interest and in the interest of other applicants and NIFT.		

*Date of start of rounds of counselling will be published on the NIFT website

PLEASE NOTE:

No representation at later stage will be entertained by the Institute. No further correspondence in this regard will be made under any circumstances.

Annexures referred above are available on NIFT website