

Eligibility Criteria

Master of Design (M.Des.)

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

Age Limit:

- For Indian Nationals in General Category & General EWS Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1993** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Reserved Category (Other Backward Class-Non Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Scheduled Caste (SC) & Scheduled Tribe (ST): Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1990** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Indian Nationals in Person with Disabilities (PwD) Reserved Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1988** are eligible to apply for admission.
- For Foreign Nationals in Overseas (Supernumerary) Category: Only those candidates born on or after **1 July 1993** are eligible to apply for admission.

Educational Qualification:

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

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

*Condition: Candidate must have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the Bachelor Degree Examination by **28 June 2025**.*

OR

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

*Condition: Candidate must have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the Full-time Diploma Examination by **28 June 2025**.*

OR

Bachelor Degree of minimum 3-year duration in any specialization, after 12th standard or equivalent to 12th standard from university and/or institute recognised by the law in India.

*Condition: Candidates must have passed the 3-year Bachelor degree examinations by **August 2024**.*

* Candidates in the final year of their Bachelor degree/ Full-time Diploma programme whose universities may not have issued the final degree certificate before the last date of application to NID, are also eligible to apply, provided, such candidates should have appeared for all the subjects and backlogs (if any), of the qualifying examination, on or before **28 June 2025**. They would also need to submit an additional certificate from their respective college/university (as per the format available on the website <https://admissions.nid.edu>) by **July 3, 2025**, confirming the completion of their final qualifying exam by 28 June 2025. The candidate will have to submit the final result/marksheets of the qualifying degree/diploma examination proving his/her eligibility **on or before 31 July 2025**, to the Academic Record Cell. In case the candidate fails to submit his/her final result **on or before 31 July 2025**, whatsoever may be the reason, his/her provisional admission will be treated as null and void (cancelled) and the entire fees will be forfeited.

Note:

In case the degree/certificate has been obtained from a University/Board of any country other than India, an equivalence certificate must be submitted to Admissions Office by the candidate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, at the time of uploading of documents as announced in Section 2. Visit <https://www.aiu.ac.in> for more details about how to obtain an equivalence certificate.