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1.0   Introduction

The Council of Architecture (CoA) has been constituted by the Government of India under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972. This Act was enacted by the Parliament of India and came into force with effect from 1st September, 1972. The Act provides for registration of Architects, standards of education, recognized qualifications and standards of professional conduct and etiquette to be complied with by the architects. The Council of Architecture is vested with the responsibility of maintaining the register of architects on national basis as well as regulating the Architecture education and practice of Architecture profession throughout India. For this purpose, the Government of India has framed Rules and Council has framed Regulations as provided for in the Architects Act, with the approval of Government of India.

Any person desirous of carrying on the profession as 'Architect' must have registration with Council of Architecture. For the purpose of registration, one must undergo the education in accordance with the Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations and possess the recognized qualification as appended to the Architects Act. The registration with Council of Architecture as an Architect entitles a person to use the title and style of Architect, for practicing the profession of architecture. If any person falsely represents or claims to be registered architect or uses any words or letters to suggest that she/he is an architect or misuses title and style of architect, such acts tantamount to committing of a criminal offence punishable under the Architects Act, 1972.

The practice of profession of an architect is regulated under the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989 (as amended in 2003), which prescribe the professional conduct, ethics and etiquette, conditions of engagement and scale of charges, architectural competition guidelines etc. Pursuant to these Regulations, the Council of Architecture has framed guidelines governing the various aspects of practice. There are about 465 institutions presently imparting architectural education in India leading to recognized qualifications. The standards of education being imparted in these institutions (constituent colleges/departments of universities, deemed universities, affiliated colleges/schools, IITs, NITs and autonomous institutions) are prescribed and monitored by Council of Architecture by way of Regulations and norms & standards prescribed from time to time, which set forth the requirement of eligibility for admission, course duration, standards of staff & accommodation, course content, examination etc.

These minimum standards as prescribed by the Council are required to be maintained by all the institutions. The CoA oversees the maintenance of the standards periodically by way of conducting inspections. The CoA is required to keep the Central Government informed of the standards being maintained by the institutions and is empowered to make recommendations to the Government of India with regard to recognition and/or de-recognition of a qualification. As per the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural

Education) Regulations, 2020, qualifying in an aptitude test in Architecture conducted by the Council is a mandatory requirement for admission to B.Arch. degree course.

2.0   About NATA 2021

National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) is being conducted by COA since 2006, in terms of the provisions of CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, published in the Gazette of India.

Further, the Council has prescribed the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, with the approval of the Central Government in terms of Sections 21 & 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Regulations were published in the Gazette of India on 11.08.2020 and came into force w.e.f. 01.11.2020. These Regulations prescribe that the candidate needs to qualify an Aptitude Test in Architecture conducted by the Council for admission to the Architecture degree course.

The actual admissions shall be carried out only by the concerned competent authorities of the respective states/institutions based on valid NATA score. The NATA 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.

NATA 2021 will be conducted as a comprehensive online aptitude test at the Council allotted centers in identified cities in the country.

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. Therefore, attending coaching classes will not substantially improve the aptitude of a candidate.

NATA measures the aptitude of the applicant for specific field of study, i.e. Architecture, through assessment of cognitive skills, visual perception and aesthetic sensitivity tests, logical reasoning and critical thinking ability, etc., besides the learning that the candidate has acquired over the past few years and is related to the specific field of study.

With the objective of giving opportunities to a greater number of bright aspirants, Council will be conducting NATA- 2021 for admission to B.Arch. in the academic session 2021- 2022 **twice this year.** Candidates who miss out the first test due to some reason or other or wish to improve upon their NATA score can register for the second test. Both the first and second test will be conducted on different dates as computer-based examinations and a candidate shall be allowed to appear for NATA 2021 for a maximum of two times.

3.0   Schedule of Examination

Examination shall be conducted in one session on the date of the first test and on the second date of the test. Second session for examination may be considered in the event of any restrictions imposed by the Government on the number of candidates appearing in a single session due to social distancing norms owing to pandemic Covid-19. The session during which the candidate will take the test will be allotted by the Council and Centre allotment will be done on the basis of choice provided by the candidate in the application form for preferred city for taking examination. The candidates need to indicate their preference for city of examination at their respective login accounts at NATA portal www.nata.in

Date & Time of Examination	Questions & Marks of Examination
First NATA Examination	
10/04/2021 (Saturday) **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)**	**Questions 125 Marks 200**
Second NATA Examination	
12/06/2021 (Saturday) **Session 1** **10.00 am to 1.00 pm** **(180 mins/ 3.0 hours)** **Session 2 (if required)** **2.30 pm – 5.30 pm** **(180 mins/ 3.0 hours)**	**Questions 125 Marks 200**

4.0   Outline of Aptitude Test

The aptitude test will comprise of questions that could be of the Multiple-Choice type (MCQ), Multiple Select type (MSQ), Preferential Choice type (PCQ) and Numerical Answer type (NAQ).

The questions will carry either 1 mark,2 marks or 3 marks and 125 questions have to be answered in 180 minutes.

The medium of Aptitude test will be the **English language**.

The aptitude of the candidate will be assessed using some or all of the following techniques:

- **Diagrammatic Reasoning** – Tests the ability of logical reasoning, using diagrams and scenarios
- **Numerical Reasoning** – Tests mathematical ability through simple problems
- **Verbal Reasoning** – Assesses the ability to assess verbal logic.
- **Inductive Reasoning** – Tests the ability to see patterns and analyse given data
- **Situational Judgment** – Tests problem-solving ability.
- **Logical Reasoning** – Tests ability to recognise patterns, sequences or relationships between shapes and imagery.
- **Abstract Reasoning** – Will assess general knowledge, and ability to utilise knowledge in new situations.

Questions could be asked in various topics that assess candidates on basic concepts in mathematics, physics and geometry, language and interpretation, elements and principles of design, aesthetic sensitivity, colour theory, lateral thinking and logical reasoning, visual perception and cognition, graphics and imagery, building anatomy and architectural vocabulary, basic techniques of building construction and knowledge of material, general knowledge and current affairs, etc. and are may not be limited to those outlined.

5.0   Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

5.1   Taking 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.

Candidates may note that NATA 2021 is the qualifier for admission to B.Arch. program offered by Universities/ Institutions in the country, subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Council. The eligibility criteria are outlined in Clause 5.2 of this brochure.

QUALIFYING IN NATA- 2021 DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RIGHT/ GUARANTEE IN FAVOUR OF THE CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO ANY ARCHITECTURE COURSE UNLESS THE CANDIDATE HAS FULFILLED ALL THE PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED BY RESPECTIVE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ELIGIBILIY CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE COUNCIL

5.2   Admission to First year of B.Arch. Program

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 per cent. Aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and also at least 50 per cent. marks in aggregate of the 10+2 level examination or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50 per cent. marks in aggregate.

Candidates may note that no direct lateral admission is allowed at any year/semester/stage of B.Arch. course based on any qualification.

5.3   Reservations under different categories

Reservation as well as relaxation in qualifying marks for the reserved category for the purpose of admission is a prerogative of the Admission/ Counselling Authority and does not fall under the purview of this examination.

5.4   Help Desk

NATA Help desk details are as under :

Email ID : nata.helpdesk2021@gmail.com

Help Desk Number: 9560707764, 9319275557

6.0   Application Procedure

The First NATA 2021 test is scheduled to be held on April 10, 2021 while the second NATA 2021 test shall be held on June 12, 2021.

Appearing in second test is not mandatory and is purely at the discretion of the applicants. Candidates can register themselves either for first test or second test OR for both by filling in the application form appropriately.

The registration window for the second test will open for 14 days after the announcement of results of the test held on the first date.

Candidates opting to appear in both the first and second test may note that they will be issued with the separate score card for each test. The score card for Second test shall contain the marks secured in First & Second Test. The best marks secured in either of the Tests shall be taken as the **valid score** for admission to B.Arch. Course.

Application is to be filled up ONLINE at the NATA portal of www.nata.in.

Candidates need to visit the portal and CLICK the requisite link ONLINE APPLICATION NATA– 2021 and thereafter will be directed to the actual application form. The form is interactive in nature and the fields required to be filled up are categorized in different sub-sections. The fields super-scribed with ***** **MUST be filled up as they are MANDATORY, otherwise the application will NOT get submitted.**

The application form is broadly categorized into three steps: filling of **PERSONAL DETAILS; DOCUMENT UPLOADING** & **FEE PAYMENT**. Please see **APPENDIX-IV** for detailed guidelines on fields to be entered at the time of online form filling.

Candidates need to fill in the first part i.e. PERSONAL DETAILS and will thereafter be directed to DOCUMENT UPLOADING. Once the documents are successfully uploaded, the system enters into the FEE PAYMENT. Finally, the candidate must take a printout of **CONFIRMATION PAGE** generated upon successful fee payment for their own record. **There is no need to send any document by post.**

7.0   Filling up of Application Form

The online filling-up of the Application Form is interactive in nature and online guidance will be available to the candidate while filling up the form. Please refer to **APPENDIX-III** and **APPENDIX-V** for detailed guidelines on filling up the form.

7.1   Application form

Filling up of fields will be interactive in nature. As soon as the cursor is taken to a certain field, a cursor tip MESSAGE will be shown to the candidate to assist in filling up. In case of difficulty, the HELP icon placed right next to the field will redirect the candidate to that section of the Brochure which deals with the filling up of the said field. Please note that the **applicant's name, father's name, mother's name, postal address and date of birth taken together must be unique for each application.**

At the time of submitting the PERSONAL DETAILS of a candidate, the system will prompt the candidate to enter his email address which shall be used as the user name**.** The email of the candidate shall be verified by the system by sending a link. The candidate has to choose a **PASSWORD** and **keep it as guarded secret for all subsequent entries into their domain**. A **SECURITY QUESTION AND ANSWER** will be captured from the candidate by the system at this stage. Candidate has to remember this question-answer pair for prompt retrieval of password in case it is forgotten at later stage. The candidate needs to login into his/her account using his email and password. The login credentials and application number generated by the system shall also be emailed to the candidates at their respective emails. The candidate will need to enter the system subsequently for various reasons as given below:

- Accessing and editing personal information (till going to the document upload stage)
- Uploading of images.
- Performing fee payment through EPG.
- Printing of the Confirmation Page.
- Correction to data if needed.

The candidate has to use his/her email and chosen password for subsequent login to the system for all subsequent accesses to the system. Therefore, it is very important for the candidate to note down password. It is also important to note the **security question** and the answer pair for retrieval of password in case the candidate forgets the chosen password and for future reference.

7.2   Image uploading

All candidates are required to upload the following images:

1. **Recent Passport size Photograph in Colour** with both ears visible and front view only
2. **Own Signature**

Documents have to be in black/ blue ink only in **jpg / jpeg format**. The page size of document is to be in A4 format. Following are the details regarding the size and dimension of the documents:

Document	Storage size		Image dimension	
	Minimum	Maximum	Height	Width
Photograph	4 KB	100 KB	4.5 cm	3.5 cm
Signature	1 KB	30 KB	1.5 cm	3.5 cm

7.3 Application Fee Details

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.

Application fee payable by a Candidate who wishes to apply for both first and second test, is Rs 4000/- **(Rupees Four thousand only)**.

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**)

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. Candidates from outside of the Indian Territory who have registered to do the test in India and at a later date opt to take the examination from outside of Indian Territory due to restrictions in travel will remit the balance fee as applicable.

The Application Fee shall be non-refundable in all of the cases outlined above.

The candidate, on successfully uploading the PERSONAL DETAILS and DOCUMENTS; will be directed to the webpage containing process of payment of application fee as per the following options:

1. **Payment through EPG**: The candidate has to click "Payment of fee using EPG services", the system will automatically redirect to available payment gateway page, displayed at the web site. As per the candidate's convenience, he/she may select any of the options to pay the application fee through electronic payment gateway via debit card, credit card or net banking and follow the online instructions to complete the payment process. After successful payment, payment gateway will redirect the candidate to home page that will show the status of fee payment. Upon successful payment, the candidate will be able to print the final "Confirmation Page".

7.4 Confirmation Page (A proof of REGISTRATION)

The **Confirmation Page** is generated upon successful payment of Application Fee. Its generation means that the candidate has been successfully **REGISTERED**. The candidate should take a printout and preserve the confirmation page for future reference. There is no need to send any document to the Council by post. **A print out of the Confirmation page will not provide admittance to the Test Centre to take the examination.** The candidate has to print the Admit Card when issued online as per the schedule.

7.5   Discrepancy and correction

The candidate is expected to fill up all details correctly, check a preview of the application before submitting the same online. Candidates will be provided only one opportunity to correct their personal details as per **APPENDIX-VI**.

8.0   Issue of Admit Card

For each Applicant, an Admit Card will be generated according to the schedule notified indicating the allotted Examination Centre for **NATA 2021** and a downloadable version of the admit card will be published on the respective webpage of the candidate concerned. **An Examination Roll Number will also be generated for each candidate.**

Candidate has to **download the soft copy** of the Admit Card from the website and **has to appear in the examination with a printed hard copy at the concerned Examination Centre indicated** in the downloaded Admit Card along with o**ne original photo identity card- Voter Card/ Pan Card/ Aadhar Card/ Driving Licence.**

Candidates must ensure that the photograph and signature printed on the admit card are not mutilated / distorted / soiled even by accident. Candidates with such mutilated / distorted / soiled admit cards will not be allowed to appear in NATA-2021.

*All Candidates are advised **to retain their admit cards** carefully in secured place in undamaged condition in all respects as stated above till the completion of admission procedure.*

All applicants who appear to be prima facie eligible shall be provisionally permitted to sit for NATA- 2021. If, after scrutiny at any stage, it is found that an applicant is otherwise ineligible, his/her candidature shall be cancelled even if he/she has appeared in NATA- 2021.

The candidature shall be cancelled if the candidate fails to produce any of the required documents in original for fulfilment of eligibility and other criteria as specified earlier during counselling and admission in Universities/ Institutions.

9.0   Allocation of Examination Centre

The examination centres will be allocated to those candidates who have opted to appear for NATA 2021 examination at a Test centre. The allocation of examination centre shall be done on the basis of preferences opted by the Candidate. In case the candidate is unable to travel to the centres currently opted for, he/she will be given option for change of test centre in the portal on the dates mentioned in **APPENDIX-VII** (Important

Dates). The allocation of test centres, however, shall be up to the <u>discretion of the Council for smooth conduct of the test.</u> No further request for change of allocated center will be entertained under any circumstances. List of city-wise examination test centres is given in **APPENDIX-V.**

10.0   Declaration of Results

10.1   Rules for scrutiny / review of Answer Paper

After the examination, answer key to questions of the NATA 2021 test paper would be available in public domain. For the MCQ, MSQ, PAQ and NAQ type questions the answers and their weightage as fixed by the Council shall be treated as final.

Post publication scrutiny and /or review of answer paper can be provided on payment of Rs 3000/-(Rupees Three thousand only) by any candidate desiring to do so for a single test. For this process the candidate will have to fill in an online form and make payment online within three days of result publication. No requests will be entertained further to this.

10.2   Result format

Results will be available in the website www.nata.in which will be announced in various electronic/printing media before declaration of results.

The result sheet will display the following:

1.   Marks obtained in the exam out of 200
2.   Qualified/ Not Qualified

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

10.3   Validity of NATA- 2021 score

NATA- 2021 score shall be **valid only for admission in the academic session 2021- 2022**.

11.0   Interpretation & Legal Jurisdiction

- **In case of any dispute regarding interpretation of any clause in this brochure, the interpretation of Council shall be final and binding.**
- All matters pertaining to conduct of NATA– 2021 shall fall within the jurisdiction of Courts situated in **Delhi only.**
- The Council will not be a party pertaining to any dispute arising in the process of admission to any course of study through NATA– 2021 in any Institution.

12.0   Weeding Out Rules

The record of the NATA- 2021 Examination would be preserved only upto 90 days from the date of declaration of results. No request for providing any information thereafter shall be entertained.

13.0   Procedure for conduct of Examination:

Important procedures to be followed during the conduct of examination are specified in **APPENDIX-I.** Please also refer to **APPENDIX-II** for necessary information.

APPENDIX I

Procedures to be followed in the Examination at Test Centres

1.   **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

   Late entry of candidates will not be permitted in the examination hall after 10.15 am pm and no extra time shall be granted. Exit from the examination centre shall not be allowed before 1.00 pm.

2.   **Candidates must bring with them:**

   i.   Downloaded Admit Card of NATA- 2021.

   ii. Original Proof of Identity- Aadhar/ Passport/ Driving License/ Voter ID.

3.   **Candidates must show** on demand the Admit Card (NATA- 2021) for entry to the Examination Hall. A candidate not possessing print out of the downloaded admit card and valid photo identity **shall not be allowed to enter in the Examination Hall by the Center-in-Charge.**

4.   A photograph of the candidate will be taken at the Centre before the candidate is indicated his seat for taking the examination. The seat will be randomly allotted to the candidate on completing the procedure.

5. **Candidates found carrying any textual material, printed or written, bits of papers or any other material except those listed under SL.No.-2 inside examination Hall will be debarred from appearing the examination.**

6. **Mobile Phones, Bluetooth devices, Calculators, Slide Rules, Log Tables, Electronic Watches with facilities of Calculator are not allowed in the Examination Hall. Possession of such items during the Examinations may lead to cancellation of candidature.**

7. **Candidates shall be provided with paper for any rough work.**

8. No candidate, without the special permission of the Centre-in-Charge, will leave his/her seat or Examination Hall until the duration of examination is over.

9. Candidates shall maintain silence during the examination. Any conversation or gesticulation or disturbance in the examination hall shall be deemed as misdemeanor. If a candidate is found adopting unfair means, his/her candidature shall be cancelled and he/she will be liable to be debarred from taking examination either permanently or for a period, to be decided by the Council of Architecture, according to the nature of offence.

10. Candidates shall abide by the advisories/guidelines/precautions issued by the Government for containment of Pandemic Covid-19. Further, candidates shall also adhere to the Guidelines issued by the Council of Architecture for NATA 2021.

If any candidate is found indulging in any form of malpractice or using any unfair means during the examination, the candidature will be cancelled outright or the candidate may be debarred from appearing in NATA Examination for a period of one year depending on the nature of the malpractice. If any candidate is found impersonating the candidature will be cancelled outright and the concerned examinee will be handed over to the Police. Further, the Council may also debar such candidates from appearing in NATA Examination for a period of 2 years. The Council's decision in such cases is final. Approaching Office Bearers and Officials of the Council before/during/after the conduct of NATA for seeking any favor may entail disqualification.

APPENDIX II -   DOs AND DON'Ts

Dos
1.   Read the online instructions carefully before filling-in of the Application Form online.
2.   Specify all personal information, address and date of birth correctly.
3.   Remember your application number, security question/answer and password.
4.   Choose the examination zones correctly.
5.   Upload colour photograph and signature of specified size only
6.   Retain a copy of the Confirmation Page.
7.   Follow the time schedule as mentioned in the brochure and Admit Card.
8.   Enter the examination hall only with your Admit Card.

Don'ts
1.   Don't divulge your application number, security question/answer and password to anybody.
2.   Don't give wrong/unused mobile number and email id during form filling up process.
The candidates are advised to ensure that the e- mail address furnished in the application form are active failing which they may face serious problem for any future correspondence, the Council shall not be responsible for the same.
3.   Don't upload poor quality scanned photograph and signature.
4.   Don't send duly filled in Confirmation Page or any document through post to CoA office.
5.   Don't spoil the hard copy of your downloaded admit card.
6.   Don't bring Mobile Phone, Calculator or any other electronic gadget inside the Examination Hall.
7.   Don't bring any instruments including scale inside the Examination hall.

APPENDIX III - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR TEST CENTRES OF NATA 2021

1. Admit Cards issued to the students should be treated as a ticket for students to enter in to the examination hall.

2. The examination hall shall be sprayed with disinfectant including floor, walls, gates, doors etc. Sanitizer bottles along with liquid hand wash should be arranged at the entry gate, exam room, staff/observer room etc.

3. Thermal checking will be done for both staff and candidate at entrance point. Masks and gloves should be used by staff and Candidate during whole time in the exam centre.

4. The seating area of candidates will be thoroughly sanitized after the test. Even washrooms should also be cleaned and disinfected.

5. Staff will have to fill self-declaration form about their health status before entering the exam area. If any functionary fails to meet the self-declaration criteria or thermo gun check, he/she will be asked to leave the exam centre immediately.

6. All door handles, staircase railing rift buttons, etc. should be disinfected.

7. Wheelchairs, if present at the examination centres, should be disinfected.

8. All the trash bins should be cleaned.

9. Exam functionary must submit self-declaration about health status.

10. Exam functionary needs to wear the mask and gloves at all time.

11. Cleanliness and hygienic conditions as per safety and health advisories of the concerned Government departments are to be maintained at all places.

12. Proper signage's, symbols, posters etc. should be displayed at appropriate place to maintain social distancing.

13. Downloading of 'Arogya Setu' App with enabled active live location is mandatory for every staff on examination duty and for students.

14. Adequate arrangements of thermal scanners, sanitizers, facemasks, and hand gloves at all entry and exit points including the reception area. Wherever possible, students should be given fresh face masks by the Invigilators in the examination room itself.

15. Avoid crowding at entry and exit points.

16. Senior staff should monitor the entry and exit. There should be proper markings with at least 2 meter distance where students stand while waiting for opening of the college gate. Entry/exit of students should be allowed one by one only. Any parents/guardians accompanying the students should not assemble outside centres. They are advised to leave the centres after dropping their wards and come back after the conclusion of examination.

17. Thermal Screening of students, wearing of face mask, sanitizing of hands etc. be ensured.

18. The Invigilators, while on duty, should be continuously wearing mask, and proper hand gloves.

19. The students should be asked to sanitize their hands before and after signing the Attendance Sheet.

20. Students having symptoms of fever, cough and cold should be made to sit in a separate room.

21. Hand washing stations with facilities of liquid soap should be made available.

22. Keeping in view the physical distancing, institutions should have adequate room's/Lab capacity to meet the proper seating arrangement for examination. Minimum distance between two students should be 2 meters.

23. Adequate arrangements for safe drinking water be made on the campus.

24. Adequate supply of water in toilets and for hand washing be ensured.

25. Dustbins must be cleaned and covered properly.

26. At the end of the day-

a. Used gloves and masks should be disposed only in a pedal push covered bin at the Examination Centre and outside the examination room/hall.

b. Safely dispose of all used masks and gloves discarded at the examination centres or outside the examination centre in trash bin bags at suitable place and as per standard guidelines issued by health authority.

27. Maintain record of all exam functionaries

a. Record of all exam functionaries will be maintained in the system for future reference and traceability.

b. Invigilator records are maintained in the system through staff verification processes.

28. The students, staff and other persons at the test Centres will abide by the advisories/guidelines/precautions issued by the Central/State Government and other competent authorities for containment of Pandemic Covid-19. They shall also adhere to the Guidelines issued by the Council of Architecture for NATA 2021. While every effort shall be made to ensure health concerns and safety of candidates and social distancing, the Council shall not be responsible for any issue related to health and safety arising out of the examination.

APPENDIX IV - Guidelines for filling up the online form

Sl.No.	Description of Field	Value	Remarks
A. Personal Information –as registered in Class 12 or equivalent examination			
1	Candidate's Full Name	Enter name	Max 46 character; as per school leaving record don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr, Late etc.
2	Father's Name	Enter name	Max 46 character; as per school leaving record don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr, Late etc.
3	Mother's Name	Enter name	Max 46 character; as per school leaving record don't use prefixes like Sri, Mr, Ms, Dr, Late etc.
4	Date of Birth	DD/MM/YYYY	Exactly as recorded in High/Secondary School Leaving Certificate
5	Gender	---Select---	Male (M) / Female (F) / Transgender (T)
6	Category	---Select---	General / SC / ST / OBC-NCL
7	Person with disability	YES/NO	Auto-filled with NO, may be changed to YES, if appropriate

8	Type of disability	---Select---	Visual Acuity / One eyed vision / Physically challenged/ Others
9	Place of Residence	---Select---	Rural / Urban / Sub Urban
10	Nationality	---Select---	Indian / OCI / PIO / Foreign
11 (a)	ID Document Type	---Select---	Aadhaar Number / Voter Card/ Pan Card/ Aadhar Card/ Driving License / School Identity card (to be uploaded)
11 (b)	ID Number	--- Enter ---	ID number as applicable
B.	**Choice of examination Centre**		
12	Choice of city of Examination	-- 1st Choice-- -- 2nd Choice- -- 3rd Choice--	Three choices to be selected mandatorily from the entire list of examination cities nation-wide (see Appendix-V for the complete list)
C.	**Choice of First Test & Second Test**		
	Choice of Examination	**First Test 10/04/2021** **Second Test 12/06/2021**	Candidates may opt for the first or second examination or both as per their choice. Appearing in second test is not mandatory for the applicants of first test. However, candidates desirous of appearing in either of the tests, can exercise their option by filling in the application appropriately.
D.	**Details of education - Class X or equivalent**		
13	Education Qualification	--- Fixed ---	Class 10th or equivalent
14	Pass Status	--- Fixed ---	Passed
15	Course/Stream name	--- Fixed ---	High School
16	Board	---Select---	Select from drop down list
17	Year of passing	---Select---	Select from drop down list
18	Obtained Marks (Subject-wise)	Enter value	Mandatory
19	Total Marks	Enter value	Mandatory
20	% Marks	---	Auto calculate
21	Roll No/Enroll No	Enter value	Enter correct roll no as per Class X records
22	Institute Name and address	100 character	Enter name and address of school of study in Class X

23	Pin Code	6 character	Pin code of school address
E. Details of education - Post X			
24	Education Qualification	--- Fixed ---	Class 12th or equivalent
25	Pass Status	--- Select ---	Passed / Appearing
26	Course/Stream name	--- Select ---	10+2 /10+3 Diploma
27	Board/University Name	---Select---	Select from drop down list
28	Year of passing	---Select---	Conditional – if Passed, Select from drop down list
29	Obtained Marks	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed, enter aggregate
30	Total Marks	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed
31	% Marks	---	Auto calculate – if Passed
32	Roll No/Enroll No	Enter value	Conditional – if Passed
33	Institute Name and address	100 character	Enter name and address of school of study in Class 10+2/10+3 Diploma Examination Mandatory
34	Pin Code	6 character	Pin code of school address - Mandatory
F. Communication address			
35	Address of residence	50 characters	Enter full address
36	State of Domicile	---Select---	All states and union territories to be shown
37	District of Domicile	---Select---	Select from drop down menu
38	Pin Code	6 character	Mandatory
39	Email Id	Enter valid id	Please enter valid – to be used for communication
40	Mobile no	Enter valid no	Please enter valid – to be used for communication
41.	Land line no	Enter valid no	Optional
G. Secure application before final submission			
42	Choose password	Enter as per password policy	1. Password must be 8 to 13 characters long. 2. Password must have at least one Upper case, one lower case alphabet and one numeric value and at least one special characters such as !,@,#,$,%,^,&,*,- 3. New Password cannot be identical to any of the previous three passwords.

43	Confirm password	Enter same as above	Has to match with the above entry and noted down for all future entries into the system
44	Security question	---Select---	Select from options in drop down menu
45	Security answer	Enter response	Please enter relevant value and note down – used for future retrieval of forgotten password

The application must be reviewed before final submission. Once application is submitted, an Application Number (8digit) gets generated. It must be noted down along with password and security question-answer – as these are all important for subsequent logins – to upload images and submit fees. Please note that system will not allow to submit a duplicate form by any candidate – with same name, father name, mother name and date of birth. Candidates intending to make any correction in data filled-up by them in their respective application are allowed to do so through correction window to be made available only during the designated period. If the candidate furnishes false information his/ her candidature would be liable to be cancelled and/or NATA- 2021score would be treated void.

APPENDIX V -   List of Examination Cities

Sl.No	State	City
1	Andaman and Nicobar	Port Blair
2	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur
3		Kakinada
4		Kurnool
5		Rajahmundry
6		Tirupathi
7		Vijayawada
8		Visakhapatnam
9	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
10	Assam	Dibrugarh
11		Guwahati
12		Silchar
13	Bihar	Bhagalpur
14		Gaya
15		Muzaffarpur
16		Patna
17		Purnea
18	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
19	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai
20		Bilaspur
21		Raipur
22	Delhi	Delhi
23	Goa	Panaji

24	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
25		Anand
26		Daman
27		Gandhinagar
28		Jamnagar
29		Rajkot
30		Surat
31		Vadodara
32	Haryana	Ambala
33		Faridabad
34		Gurgaon
35		Hisar
36		Karnal
37		Narnaul
38		Rohtak
39		Sonepat
40	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur
41		Shimla
42	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu
43		Srinagar
44	Jharkhand	Bokaro Steel City
45		Dhanbad
46		Hazaribagh
47		Jamshedpur
48		Ranchi
49	Karnataka	Belgaum
50		Bellary
51		Bengaluru
52		Davangere
53		Gulbarga
54		Hubli
55		Mangalore
56		Mysore
57		Udupi
58	Kerala	Alappuzha
59		Ernakulam
60		Kannur
61		Kollam
62		Kottayam

63		Kozhikode
64		Thrissur
65		Trivandrum
66	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
67		Gwalior
68		Indore
69		Jabalpur
70		Ratlam
71		Rewa
72		Sagar
73		Ujjain
74	Maharshtra	Ahmednagar
75		Akola
76		Amravati
77		Aurangabad
78		Chandrapur
79		Chinchwad
80		Chinchwad/ Akurdi
81		Jalgaon
82		Kalyan
83		Kolhapur
84		Latur
85		Mumbai
86		Nagpur
87		Nanded
88		Nashik
89		Navi Mumbai
90		Navi Mumbai – Nerul
91		Panvel
92		Pune
93		Ratnagiri
94		Sangli
95		Satara
96		Solapur
97	Manipur	Imphal
98	Meghalaya	Shillong
99	Mizoram	Aizawl
100	Nagaland	Dimapur
101		Kohima

102	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
103		Cuttack
104		Rourkela
105		Sambalpur
106	Puducherry	Puducherry
107	Punjab	Amritsar
108		Bhatinda
109		Jallandhar
110		Ludhiana
111		Mohali
112		Pathankot
113		Patiala
114	Rajasthan	Ajmer
115		Bikaner
116		Jaipur
117		Jodhpur
118		Kota
119		Sriganganagar
120		Udaipur
121	Sikkim	Gangtok
122	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
123		Coimbatore
124		Erode
125		Madurai
126		Nagercoil
127		Salem
128		Tiruchirappalli
129		Tirunelveli
130		Vellore
131	Telangana	Hyderabad
132		Karimnagar
133		Warangal
134	Tripura	Agartala
135	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
136		Aligarh
137		Allahabad
138		Bareilly
139		Bilaspur
140		Ghaziabad

141		Gorakhpur
142		Greater Noida
143		Jhansi
144		Kanpur
145		Lucknow
146		Meerut
147		Moradabad
148		Muzaffarnagar
149		Noida
150		Varanasi
151	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
152		Haldwani
153		Roorkee
154	West Bengal	Asansol
155		Durgapur
156		Howrah
157		Kolkata
158		Siliguri
159	Dubai*	Dubai

Note: Final retention of city depends on availability/requests.

- (*) The candidates applying for exam centre in Dubai will not be given any choice for test centres.
- Dubai cannot be chosen as second or third choice of exam city.

APPENDIX VI - Important Dates

For First Test Scheduled to be held on 10th April, 2021

Sl No	Activity	Date (with time)
1	Availability of information in the public domain	From 3rd March 2021
2	Start of Online form fill-up	5th March 2021
3	End of registration	28th March 2021 (11:59 PM)
4	Image uploads allowed till	28th March 2021 (11:59 PM)
5	Fee payment allowed till	28th March 2021 (11:59 PM)
6	Confirmation page printing available till	28th March 2021 (11:59 PM)

7	Candidate Correction window	26th March 2021 (10:30 AM) to 28th March 2021 (11:59 PM)
8	Publication of Downloadable Admit Card	6th April 2021
9	Date and Time of Examination	10th April 2021
10	Publication of Results	14th April 2021

(Note: All schedules are subject to change without notice and under unavoidable circumstances)

For Second Test Scheduled to be held on 12th June, 2021

Sl No	Activity	Date (with time)
1	Availability of information in the public domain	From 3rd March 2021
2	Start of Online form fill-up	5th March 2021
3	End of registration	30th May 2021 (11:59 PM)
4	Image uploads allowed till	30thMay 2021 (11:59 PM)
5	Fee payment allowed till	30thMay 2021 (11:59 PM)
6	Confirmation page printing available till	30th May 2021 (11:59 PM)
7	Candidate Correction window	25th May 2021 (10:30 AM) to 30th May 2021 (11:59 PM)
8	Publication of Downloadable Admit Card	8th June 2021
9	Date and Time of Examination	12th June 2021
10	Publication of Results	16th June 2021

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APPENDIX VII -   Version Control

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