

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) for students applying for DASA-UG 2025

Q1. What is the DASA scheme?

Answer: DASA stands for Direct Admission of Students Abroad. It is a scheme of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, for undergraduate and post-graduate admissions. It is coordinated by the National Institute of Technology Rourkela for the year 2025.

Q2. What is DASA UG 2025 and who can apply?

Answer: DASA UG 2025 is a scheme for Foreign Nationals, NRIs, OCIs, and PIOs seeking admission to UG in engineering, architecture, and planning programs in NITs, IIITs, SPAs, and a few other technical Institutes funded fully or partially by the central or a state government (Other-GFTIs) and a few other Premier Technical Institutes. Admission is based on JEE (Main) 2025 ranks.

Q3. Who is eligible to participate in the DASA seat allocation process?

Answer: Candidates who are Foreign Nationals/ Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)/ Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), or Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are eligible. They must be born on or after October 01, 2000. Indian nationals who are not NRI are not allowed to apply. Candidate should have valid JEE (Main) 2025 rank(s).

Q4. What are the academic eligibility criteria for seat allocation in DASA?

Answer: Candidate should have valid JEE (Main) 2025 rank(s) of B.E./B.Tech. paper for B.E./B.Tech. programs and/or B.Arch. Paper for B.Arch. programs and/or B.Plan. Paper for B.Plan. program.

In addition, candidates must satisfy the performance in Class XII (that is Senior Secondary [10+2]) or equivalent [Please See Annexure 2 of DASA Information Brochure] from any system of education as recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (www.aiu.ac.in) with specified subjects as mentioned below. Candidates appearing Class XII or equivalent in the academic year 2024-25 and expecting their final results latest by September 30, 2025, may also apply.

- **For B.E./B.Tech.:** Candidates should have successfully completed Mathematics, Physics and one of the subjects from (Chemistry, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Biology) in Class XII with **75% marks (CGPA of 7.5 out of 10)** in aggregate, as applicable in the respective boards.
- **For B.Arch.:** Candidates must have passed the 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, or a 10+3 diploma with mathematics as compulsory subject, securing **75% marks (7.5 CGPA out of 10) in aggregate**.

- **For B. Plan.:** Candidates must have passed the 10+2 examination with mathematics. The candidate should have secured **75% marks (OR 7.5 CGPA out of 10)** in aggregate in the qualifying examination.

Q5. What happens if a candidate's Class XII or equivalent results are awaited?

Answer: Candidates can declare their passing status as results awaited OR results declared and applied for re-totaling/re-evaluation. They can register based on this declaration (using the format given in Annexure 14 of DASA UG Information Brochure). However, they **must submit their final results latest by September 30, 2025** to the admitting institute, proving eligibility with at least 75% marks (or 7.5 CGPA out of 10). If they fail to do so, their allotted seat and candidature will be cancelled, and submitted fee will not be refunded.

Q6. What are the steps involved in the DASA seat allocation process?

Answer: The process includes Registration, Payment of DEF, Uploading Documents, Document Verification and responding to queries (if any), Payment of Balance DEF (if applicable), Online Choice Filling and Locking, Rounds of Seat Allotment (Round-I, Round-II, Round-III), and finally, Physical Reporting at the Admitting Institute.

Q7. Are special eligibility conditions applicable?

Answer: Yes, for some academic programs. Candidates must check special eligibility from respective institute websites/'DASA and CAB-Special Rounds' seat allocation portal.

Q8. My aggregate score in Class XII (that is Senior Secondary [10+2]) examination is less than 75%. Am I eligible for DASA 2025?

Answer: No, the aggregate score should be equal or more than 75% in class XII or equivalent examination to be eligible for DASA 2025.

Q9. What are the residential requirements for Indian Nationals studying abroad?

Answer: Indian nationals studying abroad must have at least **two years of education, inclusive of 11th and 12th or equivalent (not beyond), in a foreign country during the last 8 years** and must pass the same from abroad.

Q10. Can a candidate change their nationality status during DASA registration?

Answer: Candidates can change their nationality, year and place as well as status of passing class XII (subject to conditions specified in Clause 59 of DASA Information Brochure), and gender data during registration. However, **candidates whose documents were already verified during JoSAA 2025 rounds cannot update personal details including nationality and Class XII (or equivalent) passing status.**

In addition, Candidates of Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO, are advised to see Annexure 8 of DASA UG Information Brochure.

Q11. How are seats and candidates categorized in the DASA scheme?

Answer: Within the total 15% supernumerary quota, **5% of seats are reserved for Children of Indian Workers in Gulf (CIWG).**). In other words, one-third seats from DASA seats are reserved for CIWG. These are referred as CIWG seats. Seats other than CIWG seats are CIWG-Gen seats. The different categories are:

- **DASA (SAARC):** Foreign Nationals / OCI / PIOs who are nationals of SAARC countries (excluding India).
- **DASA (Non-SAARC):** Foreign Nationals / OCI / PIOs who are NOT nationals of SAARC countries, and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).
- **DASA-CIWG:** Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) whose either or both parents are working in one of the specified Gulf countries (United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia).

Q12. Can OCI/PIO apply under CIWG?

Answer: No, only NRIs whose either or both parents working in specified Gulf countries are eligible for CIWG.

Q13. Can NRI candidates eligible for CIWG seats also be considered for DASA-Gen seats?

Answer: Yes, NRI candidates eligible for CIWG seats have the **option to be considered for DASA-Gen seats under the DASA (Non-SAARC) category tag**. To avail this option, they must pay the same initial fee as applicable to DASA (Non-SAARC) candidates (US\$ 4300). They will be shown both CIWG and DASA-Gen seats as different options during choice filling and can fill choices for both. If finally admitted under the CIWG category, the balance amount of tuition fee will be refunded.

Q14. Can I choose both CIWG and DASA-Gen seats in DASA?

Answer: Yes, NRI candidates who are eligible for CIWG seats will have the option to be considered for DASA-Gen seats as well under DASA (Non-SAARC) category tag only and you can fill the online choices for:

- CIWG seats only, or
- DASA-Gen seats only, or
- Both.

Q15. What is the DASA Enrolment Fee (DEF)?

Answer: The DEF comprises of a **non-refundable registration fee of US\$ 300** and the tuition fee for the first semester. The total DEF varies depending on the candidate's category tag(s):

- DASA-CIWG (Single Tag): US\$ 300 (registration) + ₹ 62500 (tuition) = US\$ 300 + ₹ 62500
- DASA (Non-SAARC) (Single Tag): US\$ 300 (registration) + US\$ 4000 (tuition) = US\$ 4300
- DASA (SAARC) (Single Tag)*: US\$ 300 (registration) + US\$ 2000 (tuition) = US\$ 2300
- DASA-CIWG & DASA-Gen (Non-SAARC) (Double Tag): US\$ 300 (registration) + US\$ 4000 (tuition) = US\$ 4300

*Foreign nationals from SAARC countries (except India) with qualifying examination passed in SAARC countries are eligible for a 50% tuition fee waiver.

Q16. How can I pay the DASA Enrolment Fee (DEF)?

Answer: The DEF must be remitted in one transaction through online mode (Debit Card, Credit Card, Net Banking, UPI, or e-challan for INR). Parents can pay in Indian Rupees at the existing exchange rate.

Q17. What happens if a candidate fails to make the DEF payment in time?

Answer: Candidates are strongly advised to make the payment well within time. Failure to do so mean their documents will not be verified, they cannot fill choices, and they will be out of the seat allocation process. This process is not reversible.

Q18. I am a NRI candidate. Can I pay the DASA 2025 registration fee in INR?

Answer: Yes, parents who wish to pay the fees in Indian Rupees at the existing exchange rate in place of US\$ are allowed to do so.

Q19. What are the rules regarding refund of fees?

Answer: The registration fee of US\$ 300 is non-refundable. Candidates are advised to see Annexure 8 of DASA Information Brochure for Rules and Mode Pertaining to Tuition Fee Refund.

Q20. What happens after seat allocation regarding fees?

Answer: All admitted candidates must pay the balance tuition fee (if any) and other fees for the first and subsequent semesters directly at the admitting institute. The first semester tuition fee collected as part of DEF will be transferred to the respective admitting institute. Hostel fees and other expenses vary and must be paid directly to the institute.

Q21. Is there a fee for the application?

Answer: Yes, the registration fee is US\$ 300 which is non-refundable for both SAARC and non-SAARC candidates.

Q22. What documents are required for DASA application?

Answer: Candidates are advised to see Annexure 5 of DASA Information Brochure for the List of Documents to be uploaded by Candidates.

Q23. What happens during document verification?

Answer: The candidate must upload all required documents on the portal. The documents will be verified online. If the verifying officer raises any query(ies), the candidate must respond online within the stipulated time. **Failure to respond to queries on time will lead to cancellation of candidature.** Mismatch or forgery in documents can lead to cancellation of admission and debarment from further rounds. If a foreign national cannot produce proof of foreign nationality, their candidature will be cancelled.

Q24. What happens if I don't respond to document queries on time?

Answer: Failure to respond to document verification queries on time will result in cancellation of your candidature, and you will not be considered for further round of DASA seat allocation process (if any).

Q25. When and where do I report for Physical Reporting ?

Answer: Please refer to Annexure 3 of DASA Information Brochure for the Schedule of activities. At the conclusion of DASA seat allocation and seat acceptance, candidates will have to report physically at the admitting institute, and complete all the admission formalities of the Institute including payment of balance Institute/Admission fees, if any, get the admission confirmed and begin the academic session.

After allotment and seat confirmation:

- Download the Seat Allotment Slip,
- Report physically to the allotted institute as per its schedule,
- Carry original documents for final verification at the admitting institute.

Q26. Can I submit the Shortfall of DASA document offline mode to my nearest Participating Institute during document verification?

Answer: No, the Candidate cannot submit the Shortfall of any DASA document through offline mode to their nearest Participating Institute. Please Note: At the time of document verification, if the document verifying officer raises any query, the candidate must respond to the same in online mode (through the candidate's portal) within the stipulated time. Failure to respond to the query (ies) on time will lead to cancellation of the candidature and the candidate will no longer be able to participate in the seat allocation process of DASA 2025. However, if the candidates who applied for both DASA and CSA special, please see the concerned section.

Q27. Is there any document verification after DASA seat allotment?

Answer: No, there will be no document verification after DASA seat allotment. The DASA 2025-related document verification will be completed prior to the starting of seat allocation rounds, i.e., DASA related documents will be pre-verified. If the candidate is allocated a DASA seat in any round, then the documents will not be verified again.

Q28. When do candidates have to physically report to the admitting institute?

Answer: At the conclusion of DASA seat allocation and seat acceptance, candidates must physically report at the admitting institute according to the schedule mentioned on the DASA website. They need to complete admission formalities, including paying balance fees, if any. Original documents will be re-checked during physical reporting, and admission can be cancelled if requirements are not met or documents are found invalid/forged.

Q29. Is there any spot round after Round III?

Answer: No, Round III is final. No spot round is conducted.

Q30. Can I unlock choices after locking?

Answer: Yes, through OTP-based request until the deadline mentioned in Annexure-3 of DASA 2025 Information Brochure.

Q31. How do I accept the seat allotted to me?

Answer: By completing online reporting, willingness selection and any other special activity directed to the candidate as mentioned in DASA 2025 Information Brochure.

Q32. Can I retain my JoSAA seat and also accept DASA seat?

Answer: No. If a seat is allotted through DASA, the JoSAA seat is automatically canceled.

Q33. How do eligible candidates participate in the DASA seat allotment process?

Answer: Candidates must login to the “DASA and CSAB-Special” Seat Allocation portal using their JEE (Main) 2025 Application Number and Password. After logging in, they must complete registration, pay the DASA Enrolment Fee (DEF), upload documents, respond to any queries during verification, and fill and lock their choices. The process is entirely online and computer operated, with strict timelines and no extensions possible.

Q34. What is the process for online choice filling and locking?

Answer: After successful fee payment and document verification, candidates must fill in their choices of academic programs. They are advised to save their choices frequently as they are not auto-saved. Candidates must save at least one choice to be considered for allocation. Choices must be "locked" by the deadline, or the last saved choices will be automatically locked. Locked choices cannot be edited unless an online request is submitted and validated with an OTP before the deadline. Candidates should download and print their locked choices.

They are advised to use mock seat allocations and choose all programs they are willing to join.

Q35. How is seat allotment carried out?

Answer: Seat allotment is based on the JEE (Main) 2025 Common Rank List (CRL). Other factors include the candidate's category tag (DASA-CIWG, DASA (SAARC), DASA (Non-SAARC)), the order of preference of academic programs chosen, and the availability of seats for which the candidate is eligible. Seat allotment results are published online.

Q36. What is 'Online Reporting' and 'Exercising Willingness'?

Answer: When a candidate is allocated a seat for the first time, they must complete 'Online Reporting' which involves downloading the "Initial Seat Allotment Intimation Slip" and exercising a willingness option to accept the allocated seat. The willingness options available are 'Freeze', 'Slide', 'Float', 'Surrender', or 'Withdraw'.

Q37. What do the different willingness options ('Freeze', 'Float', 'Slide', 'Surrender', 'Withdraw') mean?

Answer: The meaning of the options are mentioned below:

- **Freeze:** Accepting the allocated seat and **not wishing to participate in further rounds** while retaining the seat. These candidates are not considered in subsequent rounds.
- **Float:** Accepting the allocated seat and indicating willingness to accept a higher preference academic program in **any institute** in subsequent rounds, otherwise keeping the current seat.
- **Slide:** Accepting the allocated seat and indicating willingness to accept a higher preference academic program **within the same institute** in subsequent rounds, otherwise keeping the current seat.
- **Surrender:** **Rejecting the allotted seat** and wishing to participate in the next round for choices higher than the surrendered seat. The allotted seat is cancelled. This option is not available in the last round.
- **Withdraw:** **Rejecting the allotted/accepted seat** and **not wishing to participate in subsequent rounds** of seat allotment. The seat is cancelled, and the candidate is out of the process. Further details are in Section VIII of DASA 2025 information brochure.

Q38. What happens if a candidate does not exercise a willingness option?

Answer: Candidates who do not exercise the available willingness option will be **AUTOMATICALLY MOVED to the next round with 'Float' as their DEFAULT willingness option**. However, if the allocated seat is the candidate's first choice, the default willingness option will be 'Freeze'. In the last round, all allotments are presumed to be accepted with 'Freeze' option.

Q39. What happens if a candidate is allocated their first choice?

Answer: If the candidate is allocated their first choice, they will **not be shown 'Float', 'Slide', and 'Surrender' options**. They must exercise the 'Freeze' option to retain the seat. The default willingness in this case is 'Freeze' if the candidate does not exercise an option.

Q40. Can a candidate change their willingness option?

Answer: Once a candidate opts 'Freeze', it cannot be changed to 'Float', 'Slide', or 'Surrender' in subsequent rounds. Candidates who exercised 'Slide' cannot change to 'Float' or 'Surrender'. Exercised willingness continues unless changed in subsequent rounds.

Q41. What is the 'Exit' option?

Answer: The 'Exit' option is available only to candidates who have **NOT been allotted any seat** in DASA 2025. Exercising 'Exit' means the candidate is not willing to participate in subsequent rounds and will be out of the seat allocation process. This option is available from the 1st round up to the end of the 2nd round of seat allocation. There is no 'Exit' option after the commencement of the last round.

Q42. What should a candidate do after being allocated a seat?

Answer: When a seat is allocated for the first time in any round, the candidate needs to download the "Initial Seat Allotment Intimation Slip" and **complete the steps of "Online Reporting"** within the deadline for that round to accept the allocated seat. This includes **mandatorily exercising one of the willingness options** ('Freeze', 'Slide', 'Float', 'Surrender', or 'Withdraw').

Q43. What happens if a candidate chooses the 'Exit' option?

Answer: If a candidate chooses the 'Exit' option (only available if no seat has been allotted), they will not be considered for subsequent rounds of seat allotment. The candidate forfeits eligibility for admission to any participating institute through DASA 2025. This option is not available after the commencement of the last round.

Q44. I am a DASA candidate and belong to the OBC/SC/ST category. Can I get reservation benefits in DASA2025?

Answer: No, DASA does not provide such reservations under OBC/SC/ST category, only CIWG reservation is applicable.

Q45. I am PwD candidate and have a valid UDID card. Can I get PwD benefits in DASA 2025?

Answer: No, DASA does not provide such reservations under PwD category, only CIWG reservation is applicable.

Q46. Where can candidates find assistance or information regarding DASA 2025?

Answer: For queries or grievances, candidates can contact csab.dasa@nitrrkl.ac.in or the Multilingual Helpdesk Number: +91-9124121003 (available in multiple languages) during specified timings. Decisions by the Chairman, CSAB/DASA 2025 are final. FAQs are also available on the official websites <https://csab.nic.in/>. Candidates should only seek information from the official DASA 2025 sources.

Q47. Is there any mock seat allotment?

Answer: Yes, mock seat allotment is there to help candidates as mentioned in Annexure 3 of DASA information Brochure.

Q48. Will DASA consider multiple attempts of JEE (Main)?

Answer: Only the latest valid rank from JEE (Main) 2025 is used.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for candidates applying both for DASA and CSAB 2025

Q49. Who is eligible for both DASA-2025 and CSAB-Special 2025?

Answer: Candidates who are OCI/PIO(I) or Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are eligible to participate in both DASA-2025 and CSAB-Special 2025.

Q50. What happens if a candidate eligible for both DASA 2025 and CSAB-Special 2025 wants to participate in both?

Answer: Candidates who are OCI/PIO(I) or NRI are eligible for both. They need to **register only once** through the common login portal at <https://csab.nic.in>. During registration, they can opt to participate in CSAB-Special Only, DASA Only, or both DASA-CSAB. DASA-CSAB participants must upload all DASA-relevant documents and undergo pre-verification. They will fill in choices for academic programs under both CSAB-Special and DASA (CIWG and/or DADA-Gen as eligible). For details, please see the document 'Important information for candidates registering for both DASA 2025 & CSAB-Special 2025' uploaded in the website '<https://csab.nic.in/csab-special/>'.

Q51. What happens to a previously secured seat in JoSAA rounds if a candidate is allocated a new seat in DASA or CSAB-Special rounds?

Answer: Candidates who secured admission at an NIT+ System institute by paying SAF and PAF during JoSAA 2025 rounds can still participate in DASA rounds as fresh candidates after paying DEF. If a new seat is allotted in DASA Rounds, their previously retained seat will **AUTOMATICALLY GET CANCELLED**, and they will have no claim on the prior seat. This is also applicable if they are allocated another choice in subsequent rounds after

having a provisionally confirmed seat, irrespective of whether the seats were CSAB-Special or DASA seats.

Q52. How is document verification done for DASA-CSAB candidates?

Answer: Following are the detailed information:

- You must upload DASA-specific documents first for pre-verification.
- If later allotted a CSAB seat, you'll need to upload CSAB documents separately for a second verification.
- Both verifications are independent.

Q53. Will female candidates get the benefit of female supernumerary seats in both DASA-2025 and CSAB-Special 2025?

Answer: The female candidates who are NRI or OCI/PIO(I) can get the benefit of female supernumerary seats only in CSAB-Special 2025. Such female supernumerary seat provisions are not available in DASA 2025.

Q54. How does fee payment work for candidates participating in both DASA and CSAB-Special?

Answer: Candidates under DASA and CSAB-Special participation must pay the DASA Enrollment Fee (DEF) and Special Round Participation Fee (SRPF) of Rs. 5,000/- at the time of registration.

Q55. Can I get reservation benefits under both DASA and CSAB-Special?

Answer: Following are the options for the reservation:

- CSAB-Special provides reservations (like SC/ST/OBC-NCL, GEN-EWS, PwD).
- Female supernumerary seats are available only under CSAB-Special only.
- DASA does not provide such reservations except CIWG.

Q56. If I apply both for CSAB-Special (Gen Category) and DASA (CIWG only) and I do not get a seat for DASA and get a seat in CSAB special, will I be refunded?

Answer: No, moreover, the difference in fees has to be paid at the admitting institute when they demand.

Q57. If I apply both for CSAB special and DASA (Non-CIWG) and do not get a seat of DASA and get a seat in CSAB special, will I be refunded?

Answer: Yes, the difference in fees will be refunded after the end of all the rounds by DASA/CSAB 2025 office. However, both the participation fees will not be refunded.