NIFTEE 2027 FAQ

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1.	What is NIFTEE 2027 and who conducts it?	The National Institute of Fashion Technology Entrance Examination (NIFTEE) 2027 is a national-level test conducted by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** for admission into all UG, PG, Ph.D. and special category programs of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)** for academic session 2027–28 for B.Des., B.F.Tech., B.Des. (NLEA), B.F.Tech. (NLEA), B.Des (Artisans) M.Des., M.F.M., M.F.Tech., International/NRI category and Ph.D. programs. NTA conducts the entrance exam, displays answer key, processes challenges, and declares results.
2.	How do I apply for NIFTEE 2027?	Candidates must apply **only through online mode** on the official NTA Examination portal: **https://exams.nta.nic.in/niftee/** No printed/offline form is available. Before filling the online form, candidates must carefully read the entire Information Bulletin, ensure eligibility for their chosen program, prepare documents in prescribed format, register with an email ID and mobile number, fill personal and academic details, upload required documents, and pay the exam fee online. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
3.	What documents are required before filling the application form?	Candidates must keep the following documents ready: (i) Valid mobile number and email address (ii) Updated Aadhaar card, (iii) Recent passport-size photograph **(80%** image with full face visible, white background), (iv) Clear signature, (v) Category certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS) in prescribed format *(wherever applicable)* (vi) PwD/PwBD/UDID card (*if applicable*), (vii) Class 10 and 12 marksheets and certificates, (viii) Degree marksheets/certificates (for PG/Ph.D.), (ix) Diploma certificate for NLEA, (x) Valid passport and foreign residency proof for NRI/Foreign Nationals, (xi) Artisan Card for Artisans category, and (xii) Research Proposal for Ph.D. applicants. All documents must be valid and legible.
4.	What are the valid formats for photograph and signature?	**Photograph:** A recent **colour** photograph (JPG format, size **10 – 200 KB**) in which face shall occupy 80% of the image, with full face (without mask), both ears clearly visible against white background. **Signature:** JPG/JPEG format, **10-50 KB,** scanned clearly, must match the signature made on exam day. Blurred or unclear images may result in rejection of application.
5.	Can I use Aadhaar-based e-KYC for verification?	Yes. NTA uses Aadhaar-based e-KYC to automatically verify the candidate's demographic details such as Name, Gender, Date of Birth, and Address. Candidates are advised to ensure that their Aadhaar details are updated as per UIDAI norms before applying.
6.	Can I edit the application form after submission?	A **correction window** will be opened after the closure of the application process. During this period, candidates will be allowed to correct certain fields such as images, educational information, and exam city choices. Once the correction window closes, no changes will be entertained through email or requests.

		Fields allowed to be edited will be published through the Public Notice at the time of Correction window made available.
7.	Can Foreign Nationals, NRIs, OCI, PIO or SAARC candidates apply?	Yes. International applicants (NRI, OCI, SAARC and Foreign Nationals) can apply under the NRI Admissions category. They must submit a valid passport, proof of foreign residency, AIU equivalence certificate (if prior education is from outside India), and valid SAT/GMAT/GRE score. They are not required to appear for NIFT Entrance Examination and admission of the eligible candidates will be finalized by NIFT as per the merit based on SAT/GMAT/GRE score and eligibility (as applicable) .
8.	Are separate application forms available for different categories?	Yes. NTA provides **05 separate forms**, each meant for a different admission category: (1) Common UG/PG Form, (2) NLEA-UG (Lateral Entry) Form, (3) Artisans Category Form, (4) NRI/Foreign Nationals/OCI/SAARC Form and (5) Ph.D. Form. Candidates must select the correct form based on their eligibility and program requirement.
9.	What should I do if my fee payment fails?	If the fee payment fails or does not reflect immediately, candidates should **not** submit a new form. They should wait 24 hours as bank confirmation may take time. If the amount is deducted but not updated, candidates must contact their bank and raise a grievance through the NTA Helpdesk. **If** the bank confirms the **payment was not successfu**l, **make a fresh payment before the deadline**, and if the bank confirms the payment was successful, contact the NTA helpline so that the Confirmation Page can be regenerated. Any duplicate payment that arises in the course of these steps will be refunded by NTA after fee reconciliation, through the same payment mode. Payment receipts and transaction IDs should be preserved for proof.
10.	Is submission of multiple application forms allowed?	No. Only **01** (**one) application form** is permitted per candidate for each category. Submitting more than one application is treated as a violation of NTA guidelines. In case of multiple forms, NTA will cancel candidature entirely. Candidates must avoid creating multiple registrations using different e-mail IDs or phone numbers.
11.	What is the eligibility for B.Des.?	• Passed the plus 2 level examination in the 10+2 pattern of examination from any recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Examination, such as Central Board of Secondary Education/State Board New Delhi/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 after secondary examination /10th standard. **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)
12.	What is the eligibility for B.F.Tech?	• Passed the plus 2 level examination in the 10+2 pattern of examination from any recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Examination, such as Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi / Council for Indian School of Certificate Examination, New Delhi with Mathematics. **OR** • A pass grade in the Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Open School with a minimum of five subjects with Mathematics. **OR** • 3 or 4 years diploma in any branch of Engineering recognized by AICTE or a State Board of Technical Education after Secondary Examination /10th standard. **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 Mathematics. **OR** • General Certificate Education (GCE) Examination (London/Cambridge/Sri-Lanka) at the advanced (A) level with Mathematics / International Baccalaureate (IB).
13.	What is the eligibility for B.Des. (NLEA – Lateral Entry)?	• Passed Secondary School Examination/10th **AND** • Passed 3 or 4-years diploma recognized by AICTE/AIU/ UGC or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion / Apparel / Textile and Accessories / Home Science/ Handloom Technology / Products / Visual Communication / Graphic Design / Industrial Design / Interior Design / Multimedia Design / Apparel Technology / Leather/ Fine arts. **OR** • Candidates having minimum 2 years diploma recognized by AICTE/AIU/ UGC / National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)/ITI or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion / Apparel / Textile and Accessories / Home Science/ Handloom Technology / Products / Visual Communication / Graphic Design / Industrial Design / Interior Design / Multimedia Design / Apparel Technology / Leather/ Fine arts after passing Secondary Examination / 10th standard **AND**

		• One year Full Time Industry Experience in the related field after completion of Diploma before commencement of the counselling. **OR** • Candidates having minimum 1 year diploma recognized by AICTE/AIU/ UGC / National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) /ITI or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion / Apparel / Textile and Accessories / Home Science/ Handloom Technology / Products / Visual Communication / Graphic Design / Industrial Design / Interior Design / Multimedia Design / Apparel Technology / Leather/ Fine arts after passing Senior Secondary Examination / 12th Standard. **AND** • One-year Full Time Industry Experience in the related field after completion of Diploma before commencement of the counselling. **OR** • Candidates who have completed 2-year regular UG Diploma Programme at NIFT after passing Senior Secondary Examination/ 12th standard.
14.	What is the eligibility for B.F.Tech (NLEA – Lateral Entry)?	• Passed Secondary School Examination/10th **AND** • Passed 3 or 4 years diploma recognized by AICTE/ AIU/UGC or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion/Apparel/Textile/ Home Science/Handloom Technology/ Mechanical Engineering / Mechatronics Engineering / Automation and Robotics / Industrial Automation / Robotics and Automation / Tool & Die Making /Advanced Mechatronics & Industrial Automation / Production Engineering / Advanced Manufacturing Excellence (DAME) /Manufacturing Automation / Instrumentation and Control Engineering / Industrial Engineering **OR** • Candidates having minimum 2 years diploma recognized by AICTE/AIU/ UGC / National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) / ITI or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion/Apparel/Textile/ Home Science/ Handloom Technology/ Manufacturing Automation (DMA) / Robotics and Automation / Mechanical Engineering / Manufacturing Automation after passing Secondary Examination / 10th Standard with Mathematics. **AND** • One-year Full Time Industry Experience in the related field after completion of Diploma before commencement of the counselling. **OR** • Candidates having minimum 1-year diploma recognized by AICTE/AIU/ UGC / National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)/ ITI or a State Board of Technical Education in courses related to Fashion/Apparel/Textile/ Home Science/ Handloom Technology / Industrial Automation / Robotics and Automation after passing Senior Secondary Examination / 12th Standard with Mathematics **AND** • One-year Full Time Industry Experience in the related field after completion of Diploma before commencement of the counselling.

		OR • Candidates who have completed 02 years UG Diploma Programme at NIFT after passing Senior Secondary/12th standard recognized by AIU with Mathematics.
15.	What is the eligibility for M.Des.?	• 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.
16.	What is the eligibility for 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.
17.	What is the eligibility for M.F.Tech. (Master of Fashion Technology)?	• B.F.Tech. from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). **OR** • B.E/B.Tech. from any Institute / University recognized by law in India. **OR** • B.F.Tech. (04 years) from any Institute / University recognized by law in India.
18.	Who is eligible for the Artisans Category?	• Passed the plus 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 / 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 after secondary school examination. **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. **AND** • Artisan/Ward of Artisan can seek admission under this category on submission of a valid Artisan Card issued to Self/ Father/ Mother by the Development Commissioner (Handicraft), or Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India or have applied for the Artisan card before the launch of Admission prospectus 2027.

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<tr><td>19.</td><td>Who can apply under the NRI / Foreign Nationals / OCI / SAARC category?</td><td>Such applicants must fulfil program specific academic eligibility similar to Indian candidates. Additionally, they must possess: (i) Valid Passport, (ii) Proof of foreign residency, (iii) Equivalence certificate from AIU / UGC (if qualifying exam passed outside India), and (iv) Valid SAT/GMAT/GRE score obtained after 1st January, 2025. Candidates may have taken the test multiple times; the highest score submitted will be considered, if received by NIFT on or before 31st March, 2027. They must have working knowledge of English. They do not require to appear for NIFT Entrance Examination. The admission of the eligible candidates will be finalized by NIFT as per the merit based on SAT/GMAT/GRE score and eligibility (as applicable).</td></tr>
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55% (50% for SC/ST candidates) marks in aggregate (of all the years/ semesters)</td><td>None (candidates appearing in final semester / final year may also apply as per Format -8)</td></tr>
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		Bachelor's degree in the relevant area of Design, Management or Technology (or) equivalent qualification from an institute/ university of national/ international repute	05	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 8.0 on a 10-point scale (7.5 for SC/ST candidates) or equivalent as determined by the Institute wherever letter grades are awarded; **OR** 75% (70% for SC/ST candidates) marks in aggregate (of all the years/semesters) where marks are awarded	10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the proposed area of research
21.	Is there an age limit for UG, PG or PhD admissions?	**UG Program (B.Des. and B.F.Tech.):** Maximum age should be less than 24 years as on 1st August of the year of admission. 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. **PG Programmes (M.Des, M.F.M., M.F.Tech.):** No age limit. **Ph.D.:** The maximum age limit under NTF criteria shall be 30 years as on 1st August of the year of admission. This age limit is not applicable to any other category.			
22.	What is the exam pattern for B.Des.?	**Stage 1:** (i) GAT – General Ability Test (Computer Based Test): evaluates quantitative ability, communication, analytical ability, English comprehension, GK & current affairs. (ii) CAT – Creative Ability Test (Pen & Paper): evaluates design aptitude, creativity, visualization, drawing, and innovative thinking. **Stage 2:** Situation Test- Shortlisted candidates for B.Des after the entrance examination are required to take a Situation Test which, the candidate will be asked to make a model with the given material. The model will be evaluated on space visualization, innovative and creative use of given materials, composition of elements, colour scheme, construction skill, finesse of the model and overall presentation, etc., **Final Merit** is based on GAT + CAT + Situation Test with assigned weightages.			

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23.	What is the exam pattern for B.F.Tech?	Admission to B.F.Tech. is based only on the GAT (Computer-Based Test). There is no CAT, no Situation Test, and no Interview. GAT assesses Quantitative Ability, Analytical Ability, Logical Reasoning, English Comprehension, and General Knowledge. Final merit list is 100% based on GAT score.
24.	What is the exam pattern for PG Program (M.Des, M.F.M, M.F.Tech)?	M.Des: Stage 1 includes GAT (CBT) + CAT (PBT). Shortlisted candidates appear for Stage 2: Personal Interview, conducted by NIFT panel. M.F.M & M.F.Tech.: Only GAT (CBT) followed by Personal Interview.
25.	What is the exam pattern for the Artisans Category?	The selection process for Artisans – The eligible candidates will have to appear for an Artisan Skill Test and Personal Interview. The Artisan Skill Test will be designed to test the knowledge and skill aptitude of the candidate. Special practical hands-on Artisan Skill Test will be conducted at the test centre pertaining to the trade of the Artisan.
26.	How are NRI/Foreign National/OCI candidates assessed?	NRI/Foreign/OCI/SAARC applicants are not required to appear for NIFT Entrance Examination. The admission of the eligible candidates will be finalized by NIFT as per the merit based on SAT/GMAT/GRE score and eligibility (as applicable).
27.	What is the exam pattern for Ph.D.?	Ph.D. Examination is conducted by NIFT and consists of 02 stages: (i) Written Test will be conducted in the subject area of Research Aptitude, Communication skills, Logical Reasoning and Research Disposition. (ii) Research Proposal Presentation and Personal Interviews (RPPI), where shortlisted candidates present their research proposal and discuss their research interests with a panel.
28.	Is the exam bilingual?	Yes. All papers are bilingual (Hindi and English). In case of any discrepancy between Hindi and English versions, the English version shall be treated as final.
29.	Can a candidate leave the examination hall early?	No. Candidates are not permitted to leave the examination hall before the completion of the test duration, regardless of whether they finish early. This ensures fairness and integrity in the test environment.
30.	How many cities can I choose for the exam?	Candidates are allowed to select **four (04) cities** in the order of their preference while filling the online application form. These cities should be chosen carefully, considering accessibility, travel convenience, and proximity. Once submitted, city preferences cannot be modified except during correction window (if permitted).
31.	Is city allotment based on my permanent or correspondence address?	Allotment depends solely on: (i) Preferred cities selected by the candidate, and (ii) Availability of seats in those cities. NTA attempts to allot the first preference, but if seats are unavailable, the next preferred city is allotted.
32.	What happens if none of the four preferred cities have seats available?	If all preferred cities are exhausted due to high demand or operational constraints, NTA may allot a nearby city based on availability of infrastructure and technical readiness. Such allotments are made only when unavoidable and cannot be changed afterward. No requests for change of Centre/city will be entertained.

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33.	When will the Admit Card for NIFTEE 2027 be released?	Admit Cards are expected to be released 3–4 days before the date of examination. Candidates must download the Admit Card only from the official NTA portal. No hard copies will be sent by post. Candidates are advised to regularly check the portal and their registered email/SMS for updates.
34.	What should I do if there is an error in my Admit Card?	If a candidate finds any discrepancy in name, photograph, signature, gender, date of birth, category, or PwD status, they must immediately contact the NTA Helpdesk : Phone : 011-40759000 / 69227700 Email: nift@nta.ac.in
35.	What documents must I carry on the day of the exam?	Candidates must carry the following items: (i) A printed copy of the Admit Card with self-declaration (if applicable), (ii) 01 valid photo ID proof (Aadhaar/Passport/PAN Card/Driving License), (iii) 02 recent passport-sized photographs (same as uploaded), (iv) PwD certificate/UDID card (if applicable), (v) For Artisans category—Artisan Card (if required). No candidate will be allowed entry without valid ID and Admit Card.
36.	Is biometric verification compulsory at the exam centre?	Biometric verification is mandatory for all candidates appearing for the exam. Biometric data is used only for identity verification and maintaining examination integrity.
37.	What time should I report to the examination centre?	Candidates must report 02 hours before the commencement of Examination as mentioned on the Admit Card. Late entry is strictly not permitted under any circumstances. Entry gates close at the time mentioned in the Admit Card to maintain discipline, proper frisking, biometric verification, and seating arrangements.
38.	Will frisking be done at the centre? What does it include?	Yes. All candidates will undergo frisking and metal detector checks. Females will be frisked by female staff in a designated area.
39.	What items are allowed inside the examination hall?	Candidates may only carry the following: (i) Admit Card printout, (ii) Valid ID proof, (iii) 2 photographs, (iv) Transparent water bottle, (v) PwD certificate (if applicable). No stationery is required for CBT. For CAT, the required drawing materials/ stationery are to be carried by the candidates as mentioned on the Admit Card.
40.	What items are strictly prohibited inside the exam hall?	Candidates must not carry: Mobile phones, smartwatches, Bluetooth devices, camera, earphones, calculators, pagers, written/printed material, log tables, docu pens, slide rules, bags, wallets, metallic items, food items, or any digital/electronic device. Wearing of digital watches is also prohibited. If found in possession, candidature may be cancelled.
41.	Are there any dress code guidelines for the exam?	While there is no strict dress code, candidates are advised to wear simple clothes without pockets or metallic items to facilitate smooth frisking. Large accessories, jewellery, caps, hoodies, and clothes with heavy embroidery or metal must be avoided.

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42.	Will rough sheets be provided at the exam centre?	In CBT exam, candidates will receive rough sheets and a simple ball point pen. Rough sheets must be returned after the examination. Rough sheets are barcoded. For CAT (drawing), special answer sheets/drawing sheets will be provided by the centre. No candidate is allowed to bring their own sheets.
43.	What happens if I forget to carry my Admit Card or ID?	Entry will be denied if the candidate does not carry the printed Admit Card and valid ID proof. No relaxation is permitted. Candidates must ensure documents are printed and kept ready one day before the exam.
44.	Can I change my exam centre after the Admit Card is issued?	No. Once the Admit Card is issued, no request for centre change will be entertained under any circumstances i.e. medical, personal, or travel-related. All candidates must appear at the allotted centre only.
45.	Can a candidate leave the exam hall before the time is over?	Early exit is not allowed. Candidates must remain seated until the test duration is completed, even if they finish early. This is necessary for maintaining fairness and preventing malpractice.
46.	Will there be arrangements for PwD candidates?	For CBT exam, the PwD/PwBD candidates are provided facilities as per Govt. norms including: (i) compensatory time, (ii) scribe facility *(if eligible and approved)*, (iii) wheelchair access subject to availability. Candidates must apply for scribe request in advance as per NTA instructions. **No Scribe is permitted in CAT.**
47.	What if I face technical issues during the CBT?	If any technical disruption occurs, candidates must immediately inform the invigilator. The centre will shift the candidate to another machine or restore the test from the last saved point. No extra time is given. No grievance will be entertained after leaving the centre.
48.	Will the exam be conducted outside India?	No. NIFTEE 2027 will be conducted only in India at designated NTA Test Centres. There are no overseas test centres for NIFT entrance examination.
49.	Who is shortlisted for Stage–2 of NIFTEE 2027?	Stage–2 is conducted only for shortlisted candidates, based on the performance in Stage–1. Shortlisting is programme-specific: B.Des → (GAT + CAT), M.Des → (GAT + CAT), M.F.M/M.F.Tech → (GAT only), NLEA → (GAT). Only shortlisted candidates receive Stage-2 admit cards.
50.	What is the Stage–2 process for B.Des.?	Stage–2 for B.Des. consists of the Situation Test, conducted in offline mode by NTA. Candidates are given specific materials to create a 3D model/design prototype within the given time. They must also write a mandatory write-up explaining concept, theme, inspiration, material usage, and construction process. The test evaluates creativity, innovation, visualization, aesthetics, material handling, and ability to translate ideas into physical form.

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51.	What skills are evaluated in the Situation Test?	Some of the major components assessed are: (i) Creativity and imagination, (ii) Ability to produce innovative ideas, (iii) Quality of 3D model making, (iv) Material handling skills, (v) Composition and arrangement skills, (vi) Cleanliness and finishing, (vii) Balance, proportions, stability of the model, (viii) Conceptual clarity demonstrated through the write-up. Poor finishing, irrelevant concepts, or non-adherence to guidelines may lead to deduction of marks.
52.	What is prohibited during the Situation Test?	Bringing bags, mobile phones, calculators, or reference sheets is strictly prohibited.
53.	What is the Stage–2 process for B.F.Tech?	There is no Stage–2 for B.F.Tech. Admission is based solely on the GAT score (CBT).
54.	What is the Studio Test for NLEA (B.Des. Lateral Entry)?	NIFT conducts a Studio Test for B.Des. (NLEA) shortlisted candidates. It evaluates design aptitude, product drawing, visualization, materials handling, and conceptual problem-solving. Followed by this, a Personal Interview is conducted to assess portfolio, academic background, technical knowledge, and suitability for entry into the 2nd year of B.Des.
55.	What is the Stage–2 process for NLEA (B.F.Tech.)?	Shortlisted candidates for B.F.Tech. (Lateral Entry) undergo the TAT (Technical Aptitude Test) which assesses understanding of engineering concepts, machine knowledge, textile/apparel basics, and logical reasoning. Followed by this, a Personal Interview is conducted to assess portfolio, academic background, technical knowledge, and suitability for entry into the 2nd year of B.F.Tech.
56.	What is the Stage–2 process for M.Des.?	Stage–2 consists of a Personal Interview conducted by NTA.
57.	What is the Stage–2 process for M.F.M. (Master of Fashion Management)?	Shortlisted candidates appear for a Personal Interview which assesses various skills.
58.	What is the Stage–2 process for M.F.Tech. (Master of Fashion Technology)?	Stage–2 includes a Personal Interview where candidates are assessed on various aspects.
59.	What does the examination process include for Artisans Category?	Candidates will have to appear for an Artisan Skill Test, personal interview at the Exam Centre opted by them for Artisan Skill Test. The Artisan Skill Test will be designed to test the knowledge and skill aptitude of the candidate. Special practical hands-on Artisan Skill Test will be conducted at the test centre pertaining to the trade of the Artisan which will be followed by the Personal Interview, evaluating experience, traditional knowledge, motivation, skill relevance, and potential to benefit from formal NIFT education. The process is designed to identify genuine artisans with demonstrable craft skills.

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60.	What is RPPI for Ph.D. applicants?	RPPI stands for Research Proposal Presentation & Interview. Shortlisted candidates (after the written test) present their research proposal before a panel of senior faculty members. They must explain research problem, methodology, scope, objectives, expected outcomes, and relevance to design/management/technology. This is followed by an interview assessing research aptitude, clarity of thought, domain expertise, and preparedness for doctoral work.
61.	Is it mandatory to attend Stage–2?	Yes. Stage–2 is compulsory for all shortlisted candidates (As per the programme if applicable). Failure to appear for Stage–2 (Situation Test, Studio Test, PI, or RPPI) will lead to disqualification from the final merit list, regardless of Stage–1 score. No re-test or alternative date is provided.
62.	What documents must candidates carry for Stage–2?	Candidates must carry: (i) Stage–2 Admit Card, (ii) 01 valid photo ID, (iii) 02 identical passport photos, (iv) Category certificate (SC/ST/OBC/EWS), (v) PwD certificate, (vi) Artisan Card (for Artisans category), (vii) Portfolio (if applicable for PG programs), (viii) Final year/appearing certificate (if claimed).
63.	Does NIFT provide materials for Situation Test or Studio Test?	Yes. NIFT provides all required materials for Situation Test and Studio Test. Candidates must use only the provided materials. For Studio Test, basic stationery (pencils, eraser, sharpener) may be allowed, depending on instructions given by NIFT. Personal or external craft items are strictly prohibited.
64.	How is the final merit list prepared after Stage–2?	The final merit list is prepared based on combined weightage of Stage–1 and Stage–2: B.Des: GAT + CAT + Situation Test. B.F.Tech: GAT only. M.Des: GAT + CAT + PI. M.F.M / M.F.Tech: GAT + PI. NLEA (B.Des): GAT + Studio Test + Interview. NLEA (B.F.Tech): GAT + TAT + Interview. Ph.D.: Written Test + RPPI. The weightage of components are already mentioned in the Admissions Guidelines-2027.
65.	How will I receive information regarding Stage–2 date and venue?	The Stage–2 schedule is uploaded by NIFT on its official website. Shortlisted candidates will also receive updates through registered e-mail/SMS. Stage–2 Admit Cards must be downloaded from the NIFT portal. Candidates must regularly check the NIFT website for updates; no individual hard copy or postal communication is sent.
66.	Can candidates request a change of date or venue for Stage–2?	No. Stage–2 date, time, and venue allotted by NIFT are final. No requests for postponement, re-test, or centre change are entertained, regardless of personal, academic, travel, or medical reasons.
67.	What happens if a candidate is found using prohibited materials in Stage–2?	Using external materials, referencing outside images, using mobile phones, taking photographs, or seeking assistance during Situation Test/Studio Test results in immediate disqualification. The candidate may be barred from admissions as per NIFT rules.
68.	Are the Stage–2 tests recorded or monitored?	Yes. Situation Tests, Studio Tests, and Personal Interviews may be monitored via CCTV, panel recording, and invigilation. This ensures fairness and transparency. Candidates must strictly follow instructions of the NIFT officials.

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69.	Will the provisional answer key be displayed for NIFTEE 2027?	Yes. NTA will display the Provisional Answer Key, along with the question papers and recorded responses, on the official NTA portal for candidate review. This is typically available for 2–3 days. Candidates can verify their responses and challenge any question they believe contains an error.
70.	How can candidates challenge the provisional answer key?	Candidates may challenge the Provisional Answer Key via the online link provided on the NTA website. Each challenge requires: (i) Question number, (ii) Detailed explanation/justification, (iii) Relevant proof/source, and (iv) Non-refundable fee payment of ₹200 per question. Challenges submitted through email/post will not be accepted.
71.	Is the answer key challenge fee refundable?	No. The fee of ₹200 per challenged question is non-refundable, even if the challenge is correct. This fee is charged for processing and expert review.
72.	Who examines the challenges submitted by candidates?	Challenges are reviewed by an independent panel of subject experts appointed by NTA. The experts evaluate all objections, verify the content, and recommend necessary corrections. NTA does not entertain further queries or personal communication regarding expert decisions.
73.	What happens after the expert panel reviews the challenges?	If a challenge is found valid, the Answer Key is revised/corrected. All such corrections become part of the Final Answer Key, which is used for evaluating candidate responses. After the Final Answer Key is published, no further changes are allowed.
74.	On what basis is the result prepared?	The result is compiled solely using the Final Answer Key approved by subject experts. No re-evaluation or re-checking is permitted thereafter. Marks from Stage–1 and Stage–2 (as applicable) are combined based on weightages prescribed by NIFT to prepare final merit ranks.
75.	Will there be normalization or percentile scores?	For NIFTEE 2027, if the GAT (CBT) is held in multiple shifts, NTA may apply normalization or equipercentile methods to ensure fairness across shifts. Normalised scores/percentiles (if used**) will be mentioned in the scorecard and used for ranking purposes**. CAT (PBT) and Situation Test/PI components are not normalized.
76.	When will the result of Stage–1 be declared?	Stage–1 results are typically declared within 2–3 weeks after the examination. The exact date will be announced on the official NTA portal. Shortlisted candidates will then proceed to Stage–2 as per NIFT schedule.
77.	Will separate scorecards be issued for Stage–1 and Stage–2?	No. Candidates will receive a single combined scorecard after the completion of all evaluation stages. It will include: (i) Component-wise marks, (ii) Final weighted score, (iii) Program-wise merit rank, and (iv) Category rank (if applicable).
78.	How is the final merit list prepared for UG programmes?	Final merit composition is: B.Des: GAT Score + CAT Score + Situation Test Score (with defined weightages). B.F.Tech: Based solely on GAT Score (100%). Shortlisted candidates proceed directly to NIFT counselling based on merit rank.

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79.	How is the final merit list prepared for PG programmes?	M.Des: GAT + CAT + Personal Interview. M.F.M: GAT + Personal Interview. M.F.Tech: GAT + Personal Interview. Weightages are prescribed by NIFT and notified each year in the Prospectus/Information Bulletin.
80.	How is the final merit list prepared for NLEA lateral entry programmes?	B.Des (NLEA): Merit = GAT + Studio Test + Personal Interview. B.F.Tech (NLEA): Merit = GAT + TAT + Personal Interview. Candidates must qualify in all components; absence in any component leads to disqualification.
81.	How is the merit prepared for Artisans category?	Merit is prepared based on the total score obtained in: (i) Artisan Skill Test, (ii) Personal Interview. The may be notified by NIFT. Appearing for both examinations i.e. the Artisan Skill Test and the Personal Interview (PI) is mandatory.
82.	What is the merit determination for NRI/Foreign Nationals / OCI/SAARC?	The selection of eligible candidates of this category for admission in NIFT will be based on their SAT/GMAT/GRE scores. The minimum requirement of SAT/GMAT/GRE score is 50%. Merit Rank will be the based on the SAT scores for B.Des. and B.F.Tech., GMAT Score for M.F.M and GRE scores for M.Des. and M.F.Tech.
83.	What is the evaluation process for Ph.D.?	Final merit is based on: (i) Written Test performance, and (ii) RPPI (Research Proposal Presentation & Interview). Academic qualifications, research readiness, and quality of the proposal carry significant weight.
84.	Will candidates be informed individually about their merit rank?	No. Candidates must download their scorecard from the NTA portal. NIFT and NTA do not send individual rank information via email, SMS, or post.
85.	Can candidates request rechecking/re-evaluation of their results?	No. There is no provision for rechecking, re-evaluation, copy inspection, or marks review under any circumstances. The evaluation system is fully automated and based on Final Answer Key.
86.	Will NTA or NIFT entertain queries regarding marks or ranking?	No. Once the results are declared, requests related to correction of marks, rechecking, change in rank, or personal review of evaluation are not entertained. Candidates must accept the declared result as final.
87.	Will category-wise results be published separately?	No. A single merit list is generated published. Candidates receive their All-India Rank and, wherever applicable, category rank on their scorecard. The counselling authority (NIFT) considers category information at the seat allocation stage.
88.	How can candidates download their scorecard?	Candidates can download their scorecard by logging into the official NTA portal using Application Number and Password. The scorecard must be preserved for counselling and admission. It will not be sent physically.
89.	What if my scorecard has discrepancies (name, category, etc.)?	Candidates must immediately inform the NTA Helpdesk : Phone : 011-40759000 / 69227700 , Email: nift@nta.ac.in regarding discrepancies. If documents do not support the claim during counselling (e.g., wrong category declared), seat allotment may be cancelled. Correct category certificate must be valid on the date of counselling.

90.	What if two candidates obtain the same score? (Tie-breaking rules)	**Method of resolving Tie** **(a) B.Des. / M.Des.** In case two candidates obtain equal overall scores, the marks secured in the test(s) with higher weightage will be compared to break the tie. For B.Des./ M.Des. candidates, if the overall scores are equal, the marks obtained in CAT will be considered first. If the marks in CAT are also identical, the GAT marks will be compared. If a tie still persists based on equal GAT scores for B.Des. / M.Des. candidates, the marks obtained in individual subjects will be compared in the following order: 1. Communication Ability and English Comprehension 2. Quantitative Ability 3. Analytical and Logical Ability 4. General Knowledge and Current Affairs **b) B.F.Tech./ MFM / M.F.Tech**. In case the equal scores in GAT of two candidates in B.F.Tech./ MFM/ M.F.Tech, the marks obtained in individual subjects will be compared in the following order to break the tie: 1. Communication Ability and English Comprehension 2. Quantitative Ability 3. Analytical and Logical Ability 4. General Knowledge and Current Affairs (c) **For Stage–2 (UG/PG):** Marks obtained in the Skill Test / Studio Test / Interview shall be given preference for making the final merit list and rank. If a tie persists after Stage 2 marks, the programme specific rules as mentioned above at Point (a)/Point (b) will be followed.
91.	How will I know if I am shortlisted for counselling?	After declaration of final results, candidates must download their scorecard and check their All-India Rank. NIFT will publish the counselling guidelines, schedule, and seat matrix on its website. Shortlisted candidates must register on the NIFT counselling portal. No separate email/SMS will be sent for shortlisting.
92.	What reservation policy is applicable for NIFTEE 2027?	Reservation will be applied as per the Govt. of India rules, subject to verification during NIFT counselling. Categories include: SC – 15%, ST – 7.5%, OBC-NCL – 27%, EWS – 10%, PwD – 5% horizontal, NRI/Foreign Nationals – Supernumerary, Artisans Category –Supernumerary, State Domicile Category (where applicable). Seats are filled strictly based on category eligibility and merit.
93.	What is the validity requirement for category certificates?	Category certificates (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS) must be valid on the date of counselling/admission. OBC-NCL/EWS candidates must bring a certificate, issued not earlier than 1st April, 2026 or as per latest Government Guidelines. Certificates must follow the prescribed Govt. of India format. State-specific formats or older certificates are NOT accepted.

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94.	Are OBC-NCL candidates required to submit their latest Non-Creamy Layer certificate?	Yes. OBC candidates must produce an OBC-NCL certificate, issued by a Competent Authority, confirming NON-CREAMY LAYER status. Without the latest NCL certificate, the candidate will be considered in Unreserved (UR) category during counselling.
95.	Who is eligible for EWS reservation?	Candidates belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) must provide a valid EWS certificate issued not earlier than 1st April, 2026 by the Competent Authority, confirming eligibility under the EWS criteria prescribed by Govt. of India
96.	Is there any reservation for PwD candidates?	Yes, 5% horizontal reservation for Person with Disability (PwD) (with 40% or more disability) cutting across all categories i.e. SCs, STs, OBCs (NCL) and Open Category. Academic programme will be allotted as per the recommendations of NIFT's Evaluation Committee. The seats will be allotted to the PwD candidates during the seat allocation process based on the Common Merit Rank (CMR) in the respective category. Unfilled PwD seats will be merged to the respective category i.e. Open (PwD) to Open, OBC(NCL) (PwD) to OBC (NCL), SC(PwD) to SC and ST(PwD) to ST in the spot round. PwD candidates must upload and bring the UDID Card or disability certificate in the prescribed format.
97.	Are scribe facilities available for PwD candidates?	Yes. Candidates with benchmark disabilities (blindness, locomotor disability affecting writing, or cerebral palsy) may avail scribe/reader/lab assistant facilities as per NTA guidelines. Candidates must request scribe approval during application or via NTA Helpdesk. Extra time (compensatory time) will be allowed.
98.	Who conducts the counselling for NIFTEE 2027?	Counselling is conducted exclusively by NIFT Headquarters through a centralized online counselling portal of NIC. NTA is not involved in counselling, seat allocation, fee payment, document verification, or admission process.
99.	How will candidates register for counselling?	After the release of final merit ranks, candidates must log in to the NIFT Counselling Portal, register using their required credentials and upload required documents. There is no registration fee for NIFT e-counselling. The portal link for NIFT e-counselling will be published on the NIFT website.
100.	What documents are required during counselling?	The documents and annexures to be uploaded on the e-counseling portal will be notified in the Guidelines for Seat Allocation Candidates to be published on the NIFT website and NIC e-counselling portal at the time of online counselling.
101.	How is the seat allotment done?	As per the Admissions Guidelines, the Admissions in NIFT is granted on the basis of Common Merit Rank (CMR), Academic Preferences / choices filled by candidates and availability of seat. Process includes: (i) Registration, (ii) Documents verification (iii) Choice filling (campus + programme), (iv) Seat allotment rounds, (v) Payment of seat acceptance/ academic fee, (vi) Physical document verification at the allotted campus.
102.	What happens if the information in the documents does not match the application form?	Any discrepancy may lead to rejection/cancellation of admission. Incorrect category claims, wrong date of birth, mismatched names, or failure to produce original documents will result in loss of the allotted seat.

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103.	Can I change my campus or programme after seat allotment?	Change is possible only during subsequent counselling rounds, subject to availability of seat. Once the final round is over and seat is confirmed, campus/program changes are not allowed.
104.	Is there a freeze/float/slide option in NIFT counselling?	NIFT may provide options similar to higher education counselling systems: Freeze (accept seat), Float (wait for higher preference), Slide (same campus, higher program preference). Exact rules will be notified in the Counselling Guidelines.
105.	What happens if I do not report for document verification?	Failure to report/upload documents within the stipulated time leads to forfeiture of the seat. No exceptions are made once the deadline passes.
106.	Is the admission provisional?	Yes. All admissions are provisional until physical verification of documents, certificates, fee payment, and eligibility conditions at the allotted campus. NIFT reserves the right to cancel admission if any discrepancy is detected at any stage.
107.	Can I withdraw or cancel my admission? Is the fee refundable?	Fee refund is governed by NIFT's fee refund policy. Refund amount depends on the stage of withdrawal, and deductions may apply. Requests must be made through the official portal only.
108.	Is migration from one NIFT campus to another allowed after admission?	The Student Permanent Transfer (SPT) is governed by the SPT guidelines. The required information / schedule for the SPT will be available on NIFT website (www.nift.ac.in) and Campus Management System (CMS) (www.cmsnift.com). Students may fill, in the Student Permanent Transfer form online through NIFT CMS. The permanent transfer will be effective from 3rd semester.
109.	Can NRI/Foreign National candidates participate in online e-counselling?	No. The seat to the NRI/Foreign/OCI/SAARC candidates will be allotted offline separately by NIFT as per the merit based on SAT/GMAT/GRE score and eligibility (as applicable).
110.	Where can I find latest updates, notices, and announcements related to NIFTEE 2027?	All updates are available on: (i) NTA Website https://www.nta.ac.in/ , (ii) NIFT Official Website https://nift.ac.in/ , (iii) NIFTEE Exam Portal https://exams.nta.nic.in/niftee/ Candidates must regularly check these for notices, corrigenda, exam-city updates, admit card releases, and counselling announcements.
111.	Does NTA send SMS/Email for every update?	SMS/Email alerts may be sent for major events, but they should not depend entirely on these alerts. Websites remain the primary source of information. They must regularly check the official website for the latest information, such as exam dates, admit cards, results, and other announcements. Ultimately, checking for updates is the candidate's own responsibility.
112.	Can I request a re-test if I miss the exam?	No. NTA does not conduct re-tests, irrespective of medical, travel, personal, or technical reasons (unless proven centre-level fault). Candidates must appear on the allotted date and time only.
113.	Can I bring a parent/guardian to the centre?	Parents are not allowed inside the centre premises. Candidates must report alone. Waiting areas outside the centre are strictly regulated.
114.	Is coaching mandatory for NIFTEE preparation?	No. NIFT/NTA do not recommend any coaching institute. A candidate can score well through self-study using sample papers, previous papers, and design aptitude practice.

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115.	Are calculators, smartwatches, or electronic devices allowed?	No. All digital and electronic devices i.e. mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, Bluetooth devices, digital pens, tablets are strictly prohibited. Violation may lead to disqualification.
116.	What if I face technical issues in downloading Admit Card or Scorecard?	Candidates should clear browser cache, try a different browser, or use another device. If still unresolved, they must contact NTA Helpdesk. Admit Cards/Scorecards are not emailed individually.
117.	Is smoking or chewing gum allowed inside the centre?	No. Smoking, chewing tobacco, betel nut, gutka, pan masala, or any such activity is strictly prohibited inside the exam premises.
118.	Does NIFT provide hostel accommodation after admission?	Hostel facilities depend on campus-specific availability. Not all campuses have full hostel capacity. Hostel allotment is separate from academic seat allotment and depends on administrative rules.
119.	What if my name appears differently in documents (Aadhaar, school records, passport)?	Any discrepancy may lead to rejection/cancellation of admission. Incorrect category claims, wrong date of birth, mismatched names, or failure to produce original documents will result in loss of the allotted seat. Candidate should ensure updating Adhaar data through UIDAI portal before online commencement of Application.
120.	Is there a helpline for exam-related queries?	Yes. For exam and application-related queries: NTA Helpdesk : Phone : 011-40759000 / 69227700 , Email: nift@nta.ac.in Counselling queries must be addressed to NIFT only.
121.	Can I send documents via e-mail for verification?	No. Only documents uploaded/submitted through the official counselling portal are considered. Documents sent via e-mail/post are not processed.