

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) - GENERAL
All India Sainik School Entrance Exam (AISSEE)- 2023

IMPORTANT: All Candidates are requested to read COVID-19 related guidelines/advisory available on NTA website and on the Admit Card

This document is merely an attempt to provide answers to some common questions posted to us, by the candidates. However, this list is neither exhaustive nor does it purport to be a source of complete information on the subject. Hence candidates are advised, in their own interest to refer to the Information Bulletin on the NTA website <https://aissee.nta.nic.in> and ensure that they meet eligibility criteria. FAQs may be referred for a quick reference only.

Sr No	Questions	Answers
GENERAL		
1	What is AISSEE 2023?	AISSEE 2023 is an entrance exam for admission to 33 Sainik Schools and Sainik School Stream of 18 approved New Sainik Schools under the aegis of the Sainik School Society.
2	Admission through AISSEE 2023, is done at what levels?	Admission to Sainik Schools is at Class VI and at Class IX levels only, for the academic year 2023-24. Admission to Sainik School stream of the approved New Sainik Schools is open for Class VI only for the academic year 2023-24
3	Is the exam common for admission to both SSSs and approved NSSs?	Yes.
4	What are these approved New Sainik Schools?	Please refer to FAQs on admission to approved NSSs.
5	What is the process for admission to Sainik Schools?	Admission to Sainik Schools is through AISSEE 2023 followed by E-Counselling, Medical Fitness certified by Competent Medical Authority and verification of documents. Final selection will be on the basis of the position in the Merit List of AISSEE 2023.
6	What is the eligibility criteria for applying to AISSEE 2023?	<p>a)Eligibility criteria for admission to Class VI of Sainik Schools:</p> <p>A candidate should be between 10 and 12 years as on 31 March 2023, i.e. he/she should have been born between 01 April 2011 and 31 March 2013 (both days inclusive) for admission to the academic year 2023-24.</p> <p>Admission for Girls is open for Class VI. Age criteria is same as boys.</p> <p>b)Eligibility criteria for Class IX of Sainik Schools of Sainik Schools:</p> <p>A candidate should be between 13 and 15 years as on 31 March 2023, for admission to Class IX, i.e. he should have been born between 01 April 2008 and 31 March 2010 (both days inclusive) for admission to the academic year 2023-24. Admission to Class IX is not</p>

		<p>open for girls.</p> <p>He should have passed Class VIII exam from a recognized school at the time of admission.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria for Class VI of approved New Sainik Schools under the 40% route</p> <p>Same as at (a) above, applicable to Sainik Schools.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria for Class VI of approved New Sainik Schools under the 60% route</p> <p>Same as at (a) above, applicable to Sainik Schools Plus</p> <p>a) A candidate should be currently studying in the approved New Sainik School where he seeks admission.</p> <p>b) He should have passed/appearing in Class V exam as on 31.03.2023.</p>				
7	What is the exam application fee?	Category			Fee per candidate (Rs)	
		General/Wards of Defence personnel and ex-servicemen/OBC(NCL) as per central List			Rs 650/- per	
		SC/ST			Rs.500/-	
8	What is the date of the exam?	8 th January 2023(Sunday)				
9	What are the exam timings	For Class VI: From 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm For Class IX: From 02.00 pm to 05.00 pm				
10	What is the mode of conducting the test?	The test will be conducted in paper pen mode.				
11	What is the scheme of the exam for Class VI?	Sec.	Subject	No. of Qns.	Marks per Qn.	Total marks
		A	Language	25	2	50
		B	Mathematics	50	3	150
		C	General Knowledge	25	2	50
		D	Intelligence	25	2	50
			Total	125		300
12	What is the scheme of the exam for Class IX	Sec.	Subject	No. of Qns.	Marks per Qn.	Total marks
		A	Mathematics	50	4	200
		B	English	25	2	50
		C	General Sciences	25	2	50
		D	Social Studies	25	2	50
		E	Intelligence	25	2	50

		Total	150	400
13	What is the syllabus?	Please Check Appendix II and III of the Information Bulletin on: https://aissee.nta.nic.in		
14	What is the medium of the question paper for Class VI Exam?	Medium of the question paper of the exam for admission to Class VI will be any one of the following languages, opted by the candidates in their application form: English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Odiya, Gujarati, Assamese, Punjabi, Bengali and Urdu		
15	What is the medium of the question paper for Class IX exam?	English only		
16	Who is conducting AISSEE?	National Testing Agency, a body under the Ministry of Education is conducting AISSEE 2023.		
17	What is the role of NTA?	Role of NTA is confined to registration of candidates for the exam, conduct of exam and declaration of results and merit list. It has no role to play in the admission process.		
APPLICATION FORM RELATED				
18	Is the application common for both Sainik School aspirants and approved New Sainik School aspirants?	Yes. Candidates are required to fill the same form, online at https://aissee.nta.nic.in whether they want to apply for Sainik School or approved New Sainik School or both. They are required to fill only one form, whether they want to apply for SS or approved NSS or both.		
19	I am a candidate who is currently studying in an approved NSS. Can I apply for both Sainik schools and Approved New Sainik Schools?	You have the option to apply for SS, or approved NSS or both. You have the following options: You can apply to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sainik Schools(SS) only 2. SS + Approved NSS 40% route(in that order of priority) 3. SS+ Approved NSS-40% route+ Approved NSS-60% route(In that order of priority) 4. SS+ Approved NSS-60% route(in that order of priority) 5. Approved NSS-40% route +Approved NSS-60% route(in that order of priority) 6. Approved NSS-60% route only 7. Approved NSS-40% route only You are required to indicate the combination opted by you in your application form.		
20	I am a candidate who is not currently studying in a Sainik School or an approved NSS. Can I apply for both Sainik schools and approved New Sainik Schools?	You have the option to apply for SS, or approved NSS or both. You have the following options: You can apply to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sainik Schools only b) Sainik Schools + Approved NSSs 40% route(in that order of priority) c) Approved NSS 40% route only You are required to indicate the combination opted by you in your application form.		
21	Do I have to choose the Sainik	In case the combination opted by you includes Sainik		

	School, right upfront while applying or can I choose at the time of counselling?	Schools, you will be required to select the SS at the time of applying.
22	Is the exam fee same whether I apply for Sainik School or approved NSS or both?	Yes.
23	Is there any link between the medium opted for the exam(For Class VI) and the exam cities I can choose? Or in other words, if I choose Marathi as my medium of exam in Class VI, do I have to choose an exam city in Maharashtra only?	No. There is no connection between the medium that you opt for the exam for admission to Class VI and the exam city that you can opt. You can choose any of the 13 languages listed in the Information Bulletin as the medium of your paper for the exam for admission to Class VI and opt for any of the exam cities listed in Annexure IV of the Information Bulletin.
24	Is there any link between the medium opted for the exam (For Class VI) and the Sainik School that I can opt for? Or in other words, if I choose say Sainik School, Amaravatinagar in Tamil Nadu, do I have to choose only Tamil as the medium of the paper or can I choose any of the specified languages?	No. There is no connection between the medium that you opt for the exam for admission to Class VI and the Sainik School that you can opt. You can choose any of the 13 languages listed in the Information Bulletin as the medium of your paper for the exam for admission to Class VI and opt for any of the Sainik Schools. However, please check your domicile and the tentative vacancies/seats in your Class, Category, Gender in the School that you are applying for, given in Annexure VI of the Information Bulletin.
25	Can I choose any listed exam city as my exam city? Is it necessary to choose only those exam cities, in the State where the SS opted is located?	<p>You are required to select any four cities, from the list of exam cities, for appearing in the exam. Please refer to Annexure IV of the Information Bulletin for the list of exam cities.</p> <p>There is no linkage between the exam city opted by a candidate and the Sainik School opted by him.</p> <p>In other words, if a candidate opts for, say, Sainik School Kodagu, it is not necessary that he should select an exam city in the State of Karnataka. He is free to select any four cities of his choice given at Annexure IV, as his exam city, whether located in Karnataka or otherwise.</p> <p>There is no restriction on the choice of exam cities.</p>
26	Can I withdraw my application form and get refund of the fee paid?	No. You can neither withdraw your application nor get refund of the application fee paid.
27	Can I apply for more than one Sainik School?	No. You can choose only one Sainik School in the application form. Make sure that the school opted by you, has vacant seats for the Class in which you are seeking admission, in your category/gender. Please refer to Tentative list of Vacancies in Annexure VI of the Information Bulletin in this regard before you apply.
28	I am applying for Sainik School. What documents do I need to upload while applying?	<p>Applicants for Sainik Schools are required to upload the following documents while applying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photograph

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Signature 3. Thumb impression 4. Domicile certificate 5. Date of birth certificate 6. Category certificate, if applicable 7. Service Certificate in case of wards of Defence personnel/ex-servicemen, if applicable.
29	I made an error in filling the details in the form? How do I correct it?	You can correct the details through the correction window at https://aissee.nta.nic.in during the period when the window will be open. Please refer to the Information Bulletin and be in touch with the NTA website for the specific dates when the correction window will be open.
30	What are the details that I can correct through the Correction Window?	You can change any of the details that had earlier been filled in in the exam form through the Correction Window at https://aissee.nta.nic.in , during the period when it is open. You can also upload the correct document/s through the correction window, in case there was an error in the documents you had earlier uploaded. No correction can be carried out either through email or fax or letter. Please read the Information Bulletin and check the NTA website for updates.
31	I have made double/excess payment of fee. When do I get refund?	Extra payment, if any, made by you will be refunded to you, soon after the closure of the correction window, after fee reconciliation. In case you do not receive the refund as stated above, you may write to us at aissee@nta.ac.in stating your application number, name, transaction reference number, date of the transaction, name of the bank/payment gateway through which payment was made.
32	I have forgotten my application number. How do I get it?	On the log in screen of the portal, https://aissee.nta.nic.in , click the “forgot application number” button and follow the procedure given there. You will get your application number.
ADMIT CARD RELATED		
33	How do I get my admit card	The admit card will be uploaded on NTA website https://aissee.nta.nic.in as per the announcement on NTA website. Candidates need to check the admit card carefully for all particulars e.g Roll No. Name, Medium, Date of Birth, Gender, Examination City/Centre, Date and time of the exam, Category, etc. No physical admit cards will be sent by post.
34	If I do not get my Admit Card, whom should I contact?	Send an email to aissee@nta.ac.in or call NTA Help Desk at 011-40759000 or 011 6922 7700.
35	Whom can I contact in case my admit card has some issue, or I am not able to download my admit card?	Send an email to aissee@nta.ac.in or call NTA Help Desk at 011- 40759000, or 011 6922 7700
36	Where can I get the details of the	Please check your admit card for the same.

	exam centre?	
37	Can I change my exam city after receiving admit card?	No, you will not be allowed to change your exam city once admit card has been issued.
CONDUCT OF EXAM RELATED		
38	Am I required to affix my photograph on the Admit Card?	Admit Card contains a Declaration cum Undertaking regarding COVID 19. You are required to affix your photograph and left hand thumb impression at the foot of the Declaration/Undertaking and also get the signature of your parent affixed at the space provided, before reaching the centre. You will be required to sign on the admit card in the presence of the Invigilator at the exam centre.
39	What is the reporting time at the exam centre?	Please check your admit card which will be issued through https://aissee.nta.nic.in , for your reporting time.
40	What is the latest time for entry into the exam centre	01.30 pm on the day of the exam.
41	Can I leave the test hall, if I complete the test before time?	No. You cannot leave the test hall until the test concludes and the invigilator allows you to go.
42	What are the items which are permitted inside the test hall?	You are permitted to carry, only the following items to the test centre: * Pen (Black/Blue) * Personal transparent water bottle (500 ml) * Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml) *Admit Card along with Self Declaration (Undertaking) downloaded from the NTA website (a clear printout on A4 size paper) duly filled in and photo affixed. * Valid ID cards *Photograph for affixing on the attendance register
43	Will I be given fresh mask at the test centre?	Yes. You are required to wear the mask given at the test centre during the test.
44	Should I carry some blank sheets to the exam centre for doing rough work?	No. You can do the rough work in the space provided in the test booklet.
45	Should I carry a calculator?	No
46	If I commit an error in writing my roll number on my OMR answer sheet, what should I do? How do I correct it?	You should be careful while filling the details on your OMR answer sheet. In case you commit an error in writing the details, inform the invigilator in the room immediately. However, the OMR answer sheet will not be replaced.
47	Will the question paper be bi-lingual or only in English for Class VI exam?	Class VI: For those who opted for English or Hindi, the question paper will be in English and in Hindi. For those who opted for specified language, the question paper will be in the specified language and in English. In case of any discrepancy or error in the version of the paper in the opted language, English version shall prevail.
48	Will the question paper be bi-lingual	It will be in English only.

	or only in English for Class IX exam?	
49	Do I have to surrender the admit card to the invigilator at the exam centre?	Yes. You are required to hand over your admit card to the invigilator after the conclusion of the exam.
50	Can I take the question paper booklet with me, after the exam?	Yes
51	Am I required to carry a photograph to affix on the attendance register?	Yes. You will be required to affix your photograph on the attendance register.
52	Will there be negative marking for wrong answers?	No. There would be no negative marking for wrong answers.
53	Can I take the OMR answer sheet with me after the conclusion of the exam?	No. You are required to handover your OMR answer sheet to the invigilator after the conclusion of the exam, before leaving.
POST EXAM RELATED		
54	Will I get an opportunity to view my responses, the questions, and the answers? Will I get an opportunity to challenge the answers in case I feel that the answer to any question is incorrect, in my opinion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the conduct of test, the scanned OMR answer sheets of candidates will be made available on the NTA website. Exact date of display of scanned images of OMR Answer Sheets, would be communicated after the examination on NTA website. - Candidates will be able to view their respective OMR answer sheet free of cost. In case they want to make any representation against the OMR grading, they can do so by applying for it and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs 100/-. - After exam, experts shall verify the answer keys for the question paper administered. - NTA will display the Questions and Provisional Answer Keys on the NTA website, on a date communicated to candidates through NTA website and public notice/press release in advance. - Candidates, who are not satisfied with the answer key, may challenge by filling online application form and paying a non-refundable sum of Rs.200/- per question, through the given window. Applications received by hand or by fax or email will not be considered. - Experts test the challenges received, and if needed key is revised. - The result will be compiled on the basis of final answer keys. - No grievance with regard to answer key(s) after declaration of result will be entertained. The NTA's decision on the challenges shall be final and no further communication will be entertained. - Candidates are advised to remain in touch with the NTA website www.nta.ac.in or http://aissee.nta.nic.in for the exact dates and other updates.
55	What is the evaluation methodology?	Responses will be processed based on the answer keys verified and finalised.

		<p>There will be no negative marking for wrong answer.</p> <p>NTA shall address discrepancies if any in the following manner</p> <p>If more than one option are found to be correct, post challenge or during key verification - Marks will be awarded to only those students who have marked any of the correct options.</p> <p>If all options are found to be correct – Full marks to be awarded to all students, who have attempted the question.</p> <p>If none of the options is correct/Question is found to be wrong – All students who appeared in the exam would be awarded full marks</p>
56	What are the passing marks in the exam for those seeking admission to Sainik Schools ?	A candidate is eligible for admission to the Sainik Schools if he/ she secures a minimum of 25% marks in each subject of the exam and 40% marks in aggregate of all the subjects of AISSEE 2023. However, admission will be based on relative merit (in AISSEE) of candidate in his/ her category in the school opted by him/ her, medical fitness and verification of requisite documents. However, no minimum marks are prescribed for candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe category. They will be admitted on the basis of inter-se merit at the Entrance Examination within their respective categories, subject to medical fitness and verification of requisite documents.
57	How is the Merit list prepared for admission to SS?	Merit List is prepared School wise, category wise, for home state and Other states (separately for boys and girls), based on the marks secured in AISSEE 2023.
58	When will results be declared?	Date of declaration of results will be announced on the NTA website. Be in touch with the NTA website for updates.
59	Can I apply for re-checking my answers, after results?	No.
60	What is the admission procedure post results?	<p>All those qualify the exam, are required to register online for e-counelling, whether they are seeking admission to SSs or NSSs(under 40% or 60% route)</p> <p>Candidates are advised to be in touch with the website at https://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in for this purpose.</p> <p>It will be followed by medical examination and verification of documents.</p>
61	What about the validity of Category certificate in respect of OBC(NCL) candidates?	A candidate should be in possession of a valid category certificate as per existing Central & State Govt. norms (as applicable) at the time of online filling of application form of AISSEE -23 and also at the time of admission.

62	Whom should I contact in case of any need?	You can write to us at aissee@nta.ac.in or call NTA Help Desk at: 011-40759000 or 011 6922 7700 Candidates are advised to be in touch with the NTA website www.nta.ac.in , or https://aissee.nta.nic.in , tps://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in for latest updates.
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