

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (FAQs) FOR SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026

SECTION-1		
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1.	Authentication of Mobile Number.	When a Candidate registers, he/she will have to enter the OTP received at their registered Mobile Number.
2.	Correction Facility	Correction facility will be given as per schedule mentioned in Information Bulletin.
3.	Choice of Cities	The Choice of exam cities will be displayed to the candidates as filled in the Online Application Form.
4.	Parents / Guardian Income details	Family Annual Income (inclusive of Father's and Mother's annual income). This is a mandatory field.
5.	Online Application Form	Application Form can be filled by following Steps mentioned below: Step 1 – Registration Form Step 2 – Application Form And this includes filling of personal details, applying for examination cities, qualification details, additional details (if any), Step 3 – Uploading Scanned of following: • Candidate Photograph • Candidate Signature • Lef hand Thumb Impression • Category Certificate • Income Certificate
SECTION-II (GENERAL QUERIES)		
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6.	What is SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	The government has approved a new scheme named SHTESHTA (Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Areas) for the purpose of providing seats for the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools in the country. Every year, it is expected that about (3000) students would be selected for admission in Class 9 and Class 11 under the scheme. The objective of the Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) is as follows: • To enhance the reach of the development initiative of the government. • To fill the gap in service-deprived Scheduled Castes (SCs) dominant areas in the sector of education by collaborating with voluntary organizations. • To provide an environment for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of the Scheduled Castes (SCs). To provide access to high-quality education to bright Scheduled Caste (SC) students so that they can explore future opportunities.

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7.	What is the responsibility of NTA for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	Role of NTA is confined to registration of candidates and conduct of exam. Further, finalization of answer keys processing and declaration of results is being done by NTA. Admission and Counselling of the candidates is being done by MoSJ&E. NTA has no role to play in Admission and Counselling or other downstream processes.
8.	When will the Online Application form for SHRESHTA (NETS)-2026 be available?	The Online Application Form for SHRESHTA (NETS)-2026 is available between 10.10.2025 to 30.10.2025 on the website https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/
9.	When will SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026 Examination be conducted?	In the Month of December, 2025
10.	Whether the examination will be offline or online?	SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026 Examination will be held in pen and paper mode (Offline) in OMR sheet.
11.	How to fill up the 'Online' Application Form for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026? Are there any guidelines for the students before filling out the application form?	Yes, instructions to apply online for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026 are available in the Information Bulletin under the heading ' <i>Important Information at Glance</i> '. <i>Read them carefully.</i> For more details, please go through the Information Bulletin Chapter –15 (Replica of Application Form)
12.	What would be the language of Question Paper?	Bilingual (English and Hindi).
13.	What should I do, if 'continuous timeout' or 'file not found error' occurs while filling the online Application Form of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	Use an updated version of Mozilla Firefox/Internet Explorer and a good internet connection while filling out the Application Form. In case of Continuous-time out clear cookies and history of the browser and fill in off-peak hours.
14.	Are Candidates required to send / submit any document(s) including Confirmation Page to NTA through Post/ Fax/ By Hand?	Candidates are not required to send/submit any document(s) including Confirmation Page to NTA through Post/Fax/WhatsApp/Email/by Hand.
15.	Is it mandatory to upload SC Category Certificate?	Yes, Uploading of SC Category Certificate is mandatory.
16.	Will NTA reserve its discretion to fix the center in a city which is given in Chapter-14?	As far as possible, the Exam Centres are allotted as per the choice of cities of the candidates made in their online Application form. Efforts are made to allot the Centre as per their choice (s) and within city jurisdiction. However, due to administrative/logistic reasons, a different city may be allotted.
17.	Can a centre be allotted by the NTA manually?	No.
18.	In case, the Candidate has uploaded a Blue Signature instead of a Black Signature in the application form of SHRESHTA-2026. Is it okay?	Yes, you can upload signature either in black or blue.

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19.	Is there any helpline for SHRESHTA (NETS) -2026 examination for the aspirants?	Yes. Details of Helpline Numbers and Email are as follows: The Helpline Nos.- 011-69227700 and 011-40759000 E-mail: shreshta@nta.ac.in
20.	Can the Candidate correct / change his/her particulars including the City of Exam Centre in the Online Application Form?	One time correction window will be provided as per the schedule mentioned in the Information Bulletin for correcting the particulars.
21.	Can anyone cancel the application submitted for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	Online Application forms once submitted successfully cannot be cancelled/ withdrawn.
22.	Can anyone submit the multiple Application forms with the same mobile no.?	From one mobile number one applications can be submitted.
23.	Is it mandatory to select dropdown about Parents Annual Income?	Yes
24.	How will the Candidate get the Confirmation Page of the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	The Confirmation Page of the online Application Form will be generated only after completion of all the three steps by the Candidate.
25.	If one does not get Admit Card, whom should be contacted?	The Candidates may please note that Admit Cards will not be sent by post. The Candidate has to download the Admit Card from the NTA website https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/ . For any assistance candidate can call the NTA Helpline numbers: 011-40759000 or 011-69227700 or write to NTA at: shreshta@nta.ac.in
26.	What do the Candidates need to bring to the exam center?	The candidate is required to bring the following to the Examination Centre: • Admit Card along with passport size photograph affixed on it. • One passport-size photograph is to be affixed on the attendance sheet. • Candidate are advised not to bring any other items to the Examination Centres. There will be no arrangement for the safekeeping of any material at the Centre. Neither NTA nor the Centre will be responsible for any loss, delay, etc.
27.	Will any candidate be able to leave early if he/she finishes the test before the allocated test time?	No, the candidate will not be allowed to leave the examination hall/room before the test concludes.
28.	Is there any Negative Marking in the SHRESHTA (NETS) -2026?	<i>There is no negative marking.</i>
29.	What is the duration / timing / shift of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	Duration, Shift & Timing of examination is available at Important dates (IMPORTANT AT A GLANCE) in the Information Bulletin of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026. Please refer to Information Bulletin for details.

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30.	How will one know the result of the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	The result of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026 will be uploaded on the NTA website www.nta.ac.in and https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/ , as per schedule.

SECTION- III (ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA)

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31.	What is the minimum eligibility criteria/qualification for appearing in SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	Only those candidates who have passed/appearing in Class VIII for taking admission in Class IX and those appearing/passed in class X for taking admission in Class XI whose parental income is up to Rs. 2.50 lakh. This scheme is only for those candidates who have passed or are appearing in session 2026-2027. For more details refer to the Information Bulletin.																				
32.	What is the age limit/relaxation criteria for the candidates appearing in SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	For Class VIII – Born between 01-04-2010 to 31-03-2014 For Class X – Born between 01-04-2008 to 31-03-2012																				
33.	What will be the pattern of examination?	The Question Paper has four sections. <table><tr><td rowspan="5">Subject wise distribution of Questions, Total Number of Question and Marks</td><td>Subject</td><td>Number of Question</td><td>Marks</td></tr><tr><td>Mathematics</td><td>30</td><td>120</td></tr><tr><td>Science</td><td>20</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>Social Science</td><td>25</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>General Awareness/ Knowledge</td><td>25</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>100</td><td>400</td></tr></table>	Subject wise distribution of Questions, Total Number of Question and Marks	Subject	Number of Question	Marks	Mathematics	30	120	Science	20	80	Social Science	25	100	General Awareness/ Knowledge	25	100		Total	100	400
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34.	Whether the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026 will be held in a different medium?	Yes, Exam will be bilingual (Hindi and English).																				

Section – IV Fee/Payment Queries

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35.	Is there any Application Fee for appearing in the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2026?	No, there is no fee.

Section – V Clarification Regarding AADHAAR

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36.	Is AADHAAR mandatory for SHRESHTA (NETS) -2026?	The Aadhaar number is one of the types of identification and is not mandatory. Candidates may also enter their, Digi locker, Indian Passport number, Pan Card, School ID card, Ration Card number or any other valid Government identity number.