



Press Release **National Testing Agency and the examinations ahead**

National Testing Agency (NTA) was approved by the Union Cabinet in November 2017 as an Autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational Institutions.

The NTA will bring qualitative difference in the examination process by its focus on research and scientific test design using services of Experts, Researchers, Statisticians, Psychometricians, Test Item Writers and Education Specialists. The item writers would be trained to ensure that the quality of questions is as per the test design. The experts, statisticians and item writers/subject matter experts are already identified for being inducted into NTA.

The syllabus and the pattern of question paper would remain the same.

There will be NO increase in the exam fees currently being charged.

Features of exams to be conducted by NTA:

- i) For the first time in the history of competitive examinations, the JEE (Main) and NEET (UG) will be **conducted twice** before admissions in the next academic session. This gives a choice to the students.
- ii) This will give **more chances to students** thereby giving adequate opportunity to bring out his/her best and reducing stress which develops due to single exam conducted on one single day in the year. However, sitting in both the tests will not be compulsory. The two tests (each for JEE (Main) & NEET (UG)) will be equated using psychometric methods, standardisation techniques and best of the equated scores will be used for the admissions.
- iii) The examinations for all candidates will **be conducted in online (computer based) mode** only. (starting from next exam UGC-NET exam)
- iv) All the tests (UGC- NET (December), JEE (Main) & NEET (UG)) will be conducted **in multiple sittings and a candidate will have an option of dates to choose from.** Scores of different candidates in multiple sittings will also be equated using standardisation techniques.



- v) These examinations will use **highly secured IT software** and encryption to ensure delivery of tests just in time. This will **ensure no leakages and other malpractices.**
- vi) NTA will establish a **network of test practice centres** for students of rural areas so that everyone will have an opportunity to practice before the exam. Schools/engineering colleges with computer centres would be identified and kept open on Saturday/Sunday **starting from 3rd week of August. Any student can use the facility free of charge.**
- vii) All tests would be set in **a scientific manner with the test items developed jointly by the subject matter experts and psychometricians.** Before developing the question papers, the item writers for the exams will be given feedback on the functioning of the previous years' items so that they are able to make test items which are more valid and reliable. **All the above mentioned examinations will be held in existing number of languages.**

Exams and tentative schedule

In order to allow adequate time for preparing for the exams, the tentative schedule for exams is being declared well in advance:

1. **UGC-NET in Dec 2018: (tentative schedule)**

Online submission of application forms	01.09.2018 to 30.09.2018
Dates of examination	02.12.2018 to 16.12.2018 (two shifts per day on Saturdays and Sundays)
Declaration of results	Last week of January 2019

2. **JEE (Main) in Jan 2019 and April 2019: tentative schedule**

A. Jan 2019 Exam

Online submission of application forms	01.09.2018 to 30.09.2018
Dates of examination	Between 06.01.2019 to 20.01.2019 (8 different sittings, and candidate can choose any one)
Declaration of results	First week of Feb 2019

B. April 2019 Exam



Online submission of application forms	Second week of Feb 2019
Dates of examination	Between 07.04.2019 to 21.04.2019 (8 different sittings, and candidate can choose any one)
Declaration of results	First week of May 2019

3. NEET (UG) in Feb 2019 and May 2019

A. Feb 2019 Exam

Online submission of application forms	01.10.2018 to 31.10.2018
Dates of examination	Between 03.02.2019 to 17.02.2019 (8 different sittings, and candidate can choose any one)
Declaration of results	First week of Mar 2019

B. May 2019 Exam

Online submission of application forms	Second week of Mar 2019
Dates of examination	Between 12.05.2019 to 26.05.2019 (8 different sittings, and candidate can choose any one)
Declaration of results	First week of June 2019

4. CMAT & GPAT in Jan 2019

Online submission of application forms	22.10.2018 to 15.12.2018
Dates of examination	27.01.2019
Declaration of results	First week of Feb 2019
