

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. 1 Is NIFT Degree recognized?**

A. Yes. NIFT has been granted statutory status under an Act of Parliament of India in 2006, empowering the Institute to award degrees and other academic distinctions. President of India is the 'Visitor' of the Institute under the Act. NIFT is also a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

**Q. 2 What is the Admission schedule?**

A. The Admission schedule is as under:

<b>ADMISSION CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Online Application</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016 to 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>Last Date for submission</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017
<b>Last date for online registration with late fee of Rs.5000/- (in addition to the applicable application fee) through Credit/Debit Card only. In case of Demand Draft, the print out of application alongwith Demand Draft should reach the given address before 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017
<b>Written Entrance Examination for all UG &amp; PG Programmes</b>	12th February, 2017
<b>Situation Test/ Group Discussion/ Interview</b>	April - May 2017
<b>Admit Card (Online only)</b>	21st January 2017 (1300 Hrs)
<b>Declaration of Final Result (Online)</b>	End of May/ June 2017
<b>Counselling</b>	June 2017 onwards

**Q. 3 What is the minimum age required for Undergraduate & PG course?**

A. For Bachelor Programmes : Maximum Age is 23 years as on 1st October, 2016. The upper age limit may be relaxed for a period of 5 (five) years for the candidates of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe/ Differently Abled Person (PHP).

For Master Programmes there is no age limit.

**Q. 4 What is the eligibility criterion for admission?**

A. For UG programs, 10+2 or equivalent, and for PG programs, UG degree is required. For further details please refer to page no. 19 of the prospectus.

**Q. 5 How can I get the NIFT prospectus?**

A. The prospectus is available on the NIFT website ([www.nift.ac.in](http://www.nift.ac.in)).

**Q. 6 What if I forget to take a printout of the Online application form after submission?**

A. Candidates can view the application by clicking the button "Action 4: View Application" and can take a printout of the same for their record any time.

**Q. 7 How may programmes can be selected?**

A. At one time only one programmes can be selected.

**Q. 8 Do you have any agency or representatives for admission? Is there any management quota?**

A. No. Admissions are purely on merit based. Please do not be fooled by misrepresentation by any person(s). NIFT does not have any management quota.

**Q. 9 Do you have reservation of seats for SC/ST?**

A. Seats reserved for SC / ST / Differently Abled Candidates (PHP) / Foreign Nationals / SAARC / NRI in each programme are as under :

<b>SC</b>	15 %
<b>ST</b>	7.5%
<b>OBC (NonCreamy)</b>	27 %
<b>Differently Abled Person (PHP)</b>	3% horizontal reservation for Differently Abled Person (with 40% or more disability) cutting across all sections i.e. SCs, STs, OBCs Non-Creamy and General category. Campus and programme will be allotted on rotation.
<b>Foreign Nationals/ SAARC/NRI</b>	15 % (Supernumerary)
<b>State Domicile</b>	20 % (Supernumerary)
<b>State Domicile in Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	35 % within 30 seats

Once category is filled up in the application form, it cannot be changed at any stage.

**Q. 10 I belong to middle class / lower middle class background. Is NIFT for me? Is it expensive?**

A. Students from any background can study comfortably in NIFT and make their career. The NIFT fee amount is among the lowest in similar Institutes. Moreover you can avail of education loans. The repayment of loan starts after you are employed. So you can finance your own education.

**Q. 11 Which banks are tied-up for educational loans?**

A. Union Bank of India provides pre-sanctioned loans for candidates who qualify for the NIFT admission. You can apply as soon as you clear the NIFT entrance test.

**Q. 12 How can I approach Union Bank of India for student loans?**

A. You can contact any UBI branch across the country with your Common Merit Rank (CMR) for student loans on special rates.

**Q. 13 What will decide my domicile status?**

A. State domicile seats are offered at the following NIFT Campuses:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>NIFT Campus</b>	<b>State</b>
1	Patna	Bihar
2	Kannur	Kerala
3	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh
4	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
5	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
6	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
7	Shillong	Meghalaya
8	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

The domicile of the student will be the state in which the candidate has completed his/her class 12th examination/ graduation/qualifying degree. A certificate from the school /college may be obtained. In case the candidate has obtained the qualifying certificate/ degree through Distance Learning mode, the address of the school attended regularly by the candidate will determine his/her domicile status.

**Q. 14 Can I change the examination centre after submission of application form?**

A. No, requests for change in the examination centre will not be entertained at any stage.