

SEAT ALLOCATION RULES
FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
OFFERED BY THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

I. GENERAL

1. NIFT offers several academic programs at the UG/ PG level for which admission is on the basis of an Entrance Examination.

ELIGIBILITY TABLE	
Qualifying Examination	Admitting Institutes
NIFT Entrance Examination including Situation Test and GD/PI as applicable	All NIFT Campuses
Qualifying in the above mentioned examinations does not guarantee admission in any of the Campuses. Each academic program has additional eligibility requirements. Candidates have to meet all the eligibility requirements to obtain Admission.	

There are 17 NIFT Campuses whose names are listed at **Annexure I**

The academic programs, along with the category-wise intake capacity, will be announced on the online portal <https://niftadmissions.in>

The Admission Counseling Rules stated herein will be followed for allocating seats for the above referenced academic programs for the Academic Year -22.

2. A candidate chooses and applies to a series of academic programs in a certain order of preference.

In the context of seat allocation, "academic program" refers to the combination of academic program/ course and campus.

For example, a 4-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des) in Fashion Communication at NIFT Delhi is referred to as an "academic program".

For example, a 4- year Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B.F.Tech) in Apparel Production at NIFT Bengaluru is one academic programme.

For example, a 2-year Master of Fashion Technology (M.F. Tech), Master of Design (M. Des) or Master of Fashion Management (MFM) at NIFT Bengaluru are each separate academic programs.

A seat to the highest possible choice of academic program is allocated to the candidate considering the following factors:

- (i) The category [Open, Gen-EWS, Gen-PwD OBC-NCL, , OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, SC-PwD, ST, ST-PwD, State Domicile, Foreign National/NRI and Artisan/Children of Artisan] of the candidate.
- (ii) The rank of the candidate in respective Rank list(s).
- (iii) The order of preference of academic programs chosen by the candidate.
- (iv) The availability of seats in different seat categories / seat quotas for which the

candidate is eligible.

- (v) Recommendation of the PWD Committee for PWD candidates.
- (vi) Other seat allocation rules as mentioned in this document.

II. ENTITIES

- 3. The Admission Department, NIFT-Head Office :
 - (i) Conducts Entrance Examination
 - (ii) Frames the policies and norms for seat allocation to NIFT.

No agency other than NIFT is responsible for seat allocation. Candidates seeking information / assistance from any agency / agent other than NIFT shall be doing so at their own risk and cost. There is only ONE official NIFT website, viz., www.nift.ac.in.

III. CANDIDATES WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN SEAT ALLOCATION

- 4. Each and every candidate who satisfies one or more of the following criteria is eligible for participation in joint seat allocation :

Criterion for UG Candidates

- (i): Qualified in NIFT Entrance Exam for academic programs

AND

Satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination" criteria as given in **Annexure 2**

OR

- (ii) Appeared for SAT (for Bachelor Programme) and has a valid score received by NIFT

OR

- (iii) Qualified the Entrance Exam for the Artisan/Children of Artisans Category.

- (iv) Qualified in NLEA Entrance Exam

AND

- Passed Secondary School Examination/10th
- 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

Passed Senior Secondary/12th recognized by AIU.

AND

Candidate who have completed 2 years regular UG Diploma Programme at NIFT after passing Senior Secondary Examination / 12th standard.

Criterion for PG Candidates

- Qualified in NIFT Entrance Exam or Appeared for GMAT and has a valid score received by NIFT and
- Has a valid UG Degree

Class XII and equivalent examinations are given in **Annexure 2**

IV. PARTITIONING OF CANDIDATES

5. For the purpose of seat allocation, qualified candidates are partitioned into different categories, presence or absence of disability and nationality. On the basis of such a partition, each candidate is assigned a category tag as given below.

(a) For Indian Nationals

- (i) **Category tag GEN:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals of general category who do NOT belong to GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities.
- (ii) **Category tag GEN-PwD:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who do NOT belong to GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce valid GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid PwD certificate to be assigned this tag.
- (iii) **Category tag GEN-EWS:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals of General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as defined in **Annexure 3**, and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid GEN-EWS certificate to be assigned this tag.
- (iv) **Category tag OBC-NCL:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid OBC- NCL certificate to be assigned this tag. The backward class must be in the Central List of OBCs.
- (v) **Category tag OBC-NCL-PwD:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid OBC-NCL and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. The backward class must be in the Central List of OBCs. Thus, candidates belonging to the Non- Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags OBC-NCL or OBC- NCL-PwD.
- (vi) **Category tag SC:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to Scheduled Castes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid SC certificate to be assigned this tag.
- (vii) **Category tag SC-PwD:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to Scheduled Castes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid SC and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging

to the scheduled castes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags SC or SC- PwD.

- (viii) **Category tag ST:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to ~~Scheduled~~ Tribes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid ST certificate to be assigned this tag.
- (ix) **Category tag ST-PwD:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who belong to Scheduled Tribes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid ST and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the scheduled tribes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags ST or ST- PwD.
- (x) **Category tag Foreign National/NRI:** This is assigned to candidates of Indian Origin who are either citizen of India and ordinarily Non-resident or Foreign National or OCI card holders or wards of such individuals.
- (xi) **Category tag Artisan/Children of Artisan:** This is assigned to candidates who hold artisan card issued by the Office of DC Handicrafts or are wards of such individuals and have qualified the Artisan Entrance Exam.

(b) For Foreign Nationals

- i. Candidates who are NOT Indian Nationals and have studied 10 plus 2 level or equivalent abroad are assigned Foreign National/NRI tag for the purpose of seat allocation to NIFT. These candidates are not eligible for benefits of any kind of reservation (e.g., GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST or PwD).
 - ii. The candidates who are NOT Indian Nationals, but either of the parents are Indian national, or who have or their parent(s) have an OCI/PIO card at the time of registration, are treated as Foreign National/NRI category candidate for seat allocation to NIFT. However, OCI/PIO candidates passing the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from an institution abroad are eligible for Foreign National/NRI Seats or All India quota seats (but NOT for Domicile quota seats).
6. For candidates who have qualified in Entrance Exam, the category of a candidate as entered in the database during registration will be considered based on document verification by the Admission Department, NIFT Head Office.
7. For the purpose of allocating seats NIFT candidates are also assigned a state code of eligibility.
- a. State code of eligibility means the code of the state from where the candidate has passed Class XII (or equivalent) examination by virtue of which the candidate becomes eligible to appear in Entrance Exam . The codes of the states are same as those given in the Entrance Exam NIFT Prospectus.

It is important to note that the state code of eligibility does NOT depend upon the native place or the place of residence of the candidate. For example, if a candidate appears for the Class XII examination in New Delhi and is a resident of NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh, the candidate's state code of eligibility will be that of Delhi and NOT that of Uttar Pradesh.

- b. If a candidate has passed Class XII (or equivalent) examination from one state but appeared for improvement from another state, the candidate's state code of eligibility will be from where the candidate first passed the Class XII (or equivalent) examination and NOT the state from where the candidate has appeared for improvement.
- c. For Indian Nationals passing the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from an institution abroad, the state code of eligibility will be determined on the basis of permanent address in India as given in the passport of the candidate.
For Indian National passing the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from Nepal/Bhutan, the state code of eligibility will be determined on the basis of permanent address in India as given in the passport of the candidate.
- d. The state code of eligibility of OCI/PIO passing Class XII (or equivalent) examination in India is at par with Indian National. However, OCI/PIO are eligible for Foreign National/NRI seats or All India quota seats (but NOT for Domicile quota seats) in all NIFT Campuses.

V. DIVISION OF SEATS INTO PROGRAM-SECTIONS

8. The total intake (i.e., number of seats) for an academic program is divided into different Program-Sections. These are OPEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, OPEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD, State Domicile, Foreign National/NRI & Artisan/Children of Artisan.
9. The category tags of candidates who are eligible for various Program- Sections are as shown in the table below:

Program-Section	Category tag(s) of eligible candidates
OPEN	GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD
GEN-EWS	GEN-EWS
OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD
SC	SC, SC-PwD
ST	ST, ST-PwD
OPEN-PwD	GEN-PwD, , OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD
OBC-NCL-PwD	OBC-NCL-PwD
SC-PwD	SC-PwD
ST-PwD	ST-PwD
Foreign National/ NRI	Foreign National/NRI/OCI/PIO
Artisan	Artisan/Children of Artisan

10. In addition to the division of program seats (based on categories of candidates) as described above, seats for academic programs offered by NIFT are divided into Domicile quota and All India quota.

"Domicile quota" is ONLY for candidates whose Domicile State, as determined by the State Code of Eligibility, is same as the state in which the Campus is located. The list of

NIFT Campuses which have Domicile quota seats is given below :

<u>Campus</u>	<u>State Eligible</u>
Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
Bhubaneswar	Odisha
Jodhpur	Rajasthan
Kangra	Himachal Pradesh
Kannur	Kerala
Patna	Bihar
Shillong	Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh
Srinagar	Kashmir, Ladakh, Jammu
Panchkula	Haryana

“All India Quota” includes all the States and Union Territories

In all the Campuses not mentioned above, there is only one seat quota viz., All India quota. A special quota of 35% seats in NIFT Srinagar (J&K) shall be reserved for eligible students of union territories of Kashmir, Ladakh, and Jammu. Domicile quota seats, not filled after first round of counselling and there are no eligible candidates of Domicile quota, will be transferred to the Open Category.

Eligibility of candidates for different seat quotas in NIFT

Institute	Quota	Eligible Candidates
All NIFT (except NIFT Srinagar)	Domicile Quota	Candidates whose Domicile State is same as the State in which the Institute is located. 20% seats are earmarked.
	All India Quota	All candidates
NIFT Srinagar	Domicile Quota	A special quota of 35% seats in NIFT Srinagar (J&K) shall be reserved for eligible candidates of union territories of Kashmir, Ladakh & Jammu.
	All India Quota	All candidates

11. The number of seats available for different candidate categories / quotas (i.e., seat matrix) will be announced online at <https://niftadmissions.in>

VI. RANK LISTS

12. The following **TYPES** of rank lists will be prepared:

- (i) **Common Merit Rank (CMR):** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN, GEN-EWS, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL- PwD, SC, SC- PwD, ST or ST-PwD. Foreign National/NRI tag candidates are not included in the CMR prepared.
- (ii) **GEN-EWS Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-EWS.
- (iii) **OBC-NCL Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag OBC-NCL or OBC-NCL-PwD.
- (iv) **SC Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag SC or SC- PwD.
- (v) **ST Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag ST or ST- PwD.
- (vi) **CMR-PwD Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, or ST-PwD.
- (vii) **OBC-NCL-PwD Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag OBC-NCL-PwD.
- (viii) **SC-PwD Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag SC- PwD.
- (ix) **ST-PwD Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag ST- PwD.
- (x) **Foreign National/ NRI:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag Foreign National/ NRI.
- (xi) **Artisan/Children of Artisan:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag Artisan/Children of Artisan.
- (xii) **NLEA:-** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag NLEA.

13. Rank lists as mentioned in point no.12 for admission to NIFT are prepared as follows:-
- (i) One set of nine rank lists each based on the performance of candidates in Entrance Exam for B.Des, B.F.Tech., M.F.Tech, MFM & M.Des Paper respectively.
 - (ii) One set of rank lists based on the application received for Foreign National/NRI category.
 - (iii) One set of rank lists based on the application received for Artisan/Children of Artisan category.
 - (iv) One set of nine rank lists based on application received for NLEA category.

All the candidates who appeared for Entrance Exam are considered while preparing rank lists and are allowed to fill-in their choices.

VII. SEQUENCE IN WHICH SEAT CATEGORIES ARE CONSIDERED FOR SEAT ALLOCATION

14. The table given below shows the Admission Counseling rules for seat allocation for the following:
- (i) Foreign National/NRI to academic UG and PG Programs at the 17 NIFT Campuses.
 - (ii) All candidates to academic UG and PG Programs at the 17 NIFT Campuses.
 - (iii) Domicile candidates to academic UG and PG Programs at the NIFT Campuses that have domicile seats.
 - (iv) All India candidates to academic UG and PG Programs at the 17 NIFT

Campuses.

(v) Artisan/Children of Artisan academic UG Programs at the 17 NIFT Campuses.

15. The following table shows the Admission Counseling Rules for seat allocation for Domicile candidates at the NIFT:

Sl. No	Candidate's category tag	Rank list(s) in which the candidate appears	Sequence of SEAT CATEGORIES for allocation
1	GEN	CMR	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile quota)
2	GEN-EWS	CMR GEN- EWS	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile quota) 3. GEN-EWS (All India quota)
3	GEN-PwD	CMR CMR- PwD	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile quota) 3. OPEN-PwD (All India quota)
4	OBC-NCL	CMR OBC- NCL	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. OBC-NCL (All India quota) 4. OBC-NCL (Domicile State quota)
5	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL	1. OBC-NCL (All India quota) 2. OBC-NCL (Domicile State quota)
6	OBC-NCL-PwD	CMR CMR- PwD OBC- NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. OPEN-PwD (All India quota) 4. OBC-NCL (All India quota) 5. OBC-NCL (Domicile State quota) 6. OBC-NCL-PwD (All India quota)

7	SC	CMR SC	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. SC (All India quota) 4. SC (Domicile State quota)
8	SC-PwD	CMR CMR- PwD SC SC-PwD	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. OPEN-PwD (All India quota) 4. SC (All India quota) 5. SC (Domicile State quota) 6. SC-PwD (All India quota)
9	ST	CMR ST	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. ST (All India quota) 4. ST (Domicile State quota)
10	ST-PwD	CMR CMR- PwD ST ST-PwD	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile State quota) 3. OPEN-PwD (All India quota) 4. ST (All India quota) 5. ST (Domicile State quota) 6. ST-PwD (All India quota)

VIII. SEAT ALLOCATION FOR THE CANDIDATES WITH FOREIGN NATIONAL/ NRI TAG

16. For consideration for seat allocation, Foreign National/ NRI tag candidates should be Foreign National/NRI and satisfy all the eligibility requirements meant for a Foreign National/NRI category candidate. Seat allocation to Foreign National/NRI tag candidates is carried out before the seat allocation of all Indian national candidates is completed for the Foreign National/NRI Category Seats.
17. Seats to be allocated to Foreign National/NRI tag candidates will be supernumerary.
18. The total number of supernumerary seats allotted in each NIFT, including those allotted to Foreign tag candidates, is limited to 5 seats or 3 Seats of the respective NIFT as listed at Annexure.

IX. DE-RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

19. Unfilled GEN-EWS and OBC-NCL category seats will be de-reserved and treated as OPEN category seats for allocation after second round of seat allocation. Unfilled OBC-PwD, SC-PwD and ST-PwD category seats will be de-reserved and treated as OBC, SC and ST seats respectively. Unfilled Domicile category seats will be de-reserved and converted to open, SC and ST seats respectively. Unfilled SC and ST category seats will not be de-reserved.
20. The following rules for de-reservation of seats will be applicable for every round of seat allocation.
 - i. Unfilled OPEN-PwD category seats for an academic program will be de-reserved and treated as OPEN category seats for allocation.
 - ii. Unfilled OBC-NCL-PwD category seats for an academic program will be de-reserved and treated as OBC-NCL category seats for allocation.
 - iii. Unfilled SC-PwD category seats for an academic program will be de-reserved and treated as SC category seats for allocation.
 - iv. Unfilled ST-PwD category seats for an academic program will be de-reserved and treated as ST category seats for allocation.
 - v. Unfilled Domicile OBC NCL & Gen seats to Open.
 - vi. Unfilled Domicile SC & ST seats to SC & ST category respectively.

X. CHANGE OF PERSONAL AND OTHER DETAILS

21. Candidates will NOT be allowed to change their personal details such as name, father's / mother's / guardian's name, date of birth, Class XII & **UG Degree and Diploma** (or equivalent) examination board and (birth) category once registered at NIFT website.

XI UPGRADATION OF RESERVE CATEGORY APPLICANTS (SC/ST/OBC) IN SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS OF COUNSELLING

22. As indicated in Admission Counseling Rules 14, and 15, candidates may become eligible for seat allocation in more than one Program-Section depending upon their category tag and rank lists in which they appear. If the allocated seat is not in the first Program-Section, in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, candidates will be automatically considered for upgradation of Program-Section.

Meaning of "upgradation of Program-Section": Suppose a candidate with the category tag SC has been allocated a seat under the Program-Section SC. Also, suppose that this candidate appears in two rank lists: **CMR** and SC. For this candidate, in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, an attempt will be made to offer a seat in the Program-Section OPEN.

23. The academic program / Campus allocated to a candidate will NOT change because of upgradation of Program-Section.

XII. REGISTRATION and FILLING-IN OF CHOICES OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

24. For registration and filling-in of choices of academic programs in various campuses, candidates should login to the portal <https://niftadmissions.in> using the NIFT Entrance Exam Login ID and password. The detailed instructions will be provided on the website.
25. Filling-in of choices on the online portal is free of cost, i.e., candidates are NOT required to pay any fee. The candidate must upload the required documents (as per **Annexure 4**) on the NIFT portal.
Seat will be confirmed by NIFT Campuses after verification of the uploaded documents and ensuring that the candidate meets all the eligibility criteria. If all the documents are found to be valid and the eligibility criteria are met by the candidate, the allocated seat will be confirmed and the candidate will be notified on the online portal.
26. A candidate may be eligible for seat allocation based on Entrance Exam, Artisan or Foreign National/ NRI Category application. Even for candidates who are eligible to participate in Seat Allocation based on any two or any three of the above examinations, only ONE seat from among the choices filled-in is made available. Hence, it is important for candidates to carefully prioritize the academic programs while filling-in the choices.
27. Candidates are given a 10-day window to fill-in their choices [see the timeline at **Annexure 5**] which includes a mock seat allocation on the 7th day. This 10-day window will NOT be extended. During this period, each candidate must fill choices carefully – (s)he must select only those academic programs in her/ his choices which (s)he is willing to join.

Candidates are advised to visit the NIFT website for fee structure and fee waiver related rules applicable for Campuses especially under NRI sponsored seat category.

Candidates should take advantage of the mock seat allocation and choose as many academic programs as possible that they are willing to join in the order of preference.

28. Candidates MUST “lock” their choices on/before the last day of choice filling. If candidates do NOT lock their choices, last saved choices will be locked automatically upon reaching the deadline for choice filling. Candidates will NOT be allowed to edit their choice list after the deadline for choice filling, i.e., candidates CANNOT change the order of their choices OR add any more course in OR delete any course from their choice list after the deadline for choice filling or after they have locked their choices. Candidates are strongly discouraged from sharing their login information with others

XIII PROVISIONAL OFFER OF SEAT AND ITS CONFIRMATION

29. It is candidate’s responsibility to login to NIFT Counselling portal and check if a seat is allocated to her/him in a given round of seat allocation. Schedule of NIFT activities is available at **Annexure 5**. If the candidate is allocated a seat, following steps are required in order to get the confirmation of allocated seat before the last date/time specified for the given round [see **Annexure 5** for the timeline].
 - i. A candidate who has been allocated a seat needs to download the “Provisional Seat Allocation Letter”. The candidate needs to accept the seat allocated to her/him and opt for any one of the options ‘**Freeze**’, ‘**Slide**’ or **upgrade** for the choice of academic program for subsequent round(s), if any, of seat allocation (see section XX). The default

choice for candidates is upgrade. If desired the candidate may choose the Freeze or Slide option.

- ii. The candidate must pay the seat acceptance fee of Rs. 174700/- for all candidates except Foreign National/NRI and Rs. 925900/- for candidates applying for admission at Bengaluru. Chennai, Delhi, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai & Rs. 655700/- for candidates applying for admission at Patna, Kangra, Bhopal, Kannur, Shillong, Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar and Panchkula for Foreign/ NRI candidates.
- iii. Candidates should remit seat acceptance fee using Net Banking / Debit card / Credit card.
- iv. The candidates MUST complete all the above steps before their details are forwarded to the reporting authorities for verification and final confirmation of the seat.

XIV Failure to report online for seat acceptance will be considered as if the candidate has rejected the offer.

30. In case of any discrepancies in the uploaded documents, query(ies) may be raised and will be notified to the candidate on the online portal. Candidate must respond to the query(ies) (by uploading new/modified document(s), if required) within the last date/time specified. Additional query(ies) may be raised in case discrepancy(ies) still persist(s). In such cases, the candidate must respond to the additional query(ies) within the last date/time specified. The allocated seat will be confirmed or cancelled based on the validity of the document(s) uploaded in response to the query(ies) and candidate meeting the eligibility criteria. **Failure to reply to the query(ies) raised would lead to seat cancellation and the candidate will be out of Seat Allocation process of Admissions-**

31. Seat allocated will be cancelled if, at any time, any of the documents / certificates is found to be invalid / fraudulent and/or the candidate does not meet all the eligibility norms.
32. **Option to reject (or not accept) the allocated seat:** Candidates who want to reject the allocated seat can do so by NOT completing the steps for online reporting (clause 41) and not remitting the seat acceptance fee.
33. Candidates who reject an allocated seat cannot participate in any further rounds of Seat Allocation for the Academic Year -22.

XV. UPGRADE, FREEZE AND SLIDE OPTIONS

34. At the time of accepting the seat online, a candidate has to opt for any one of the options 'freeze', 'slide' or 'upgrade' for the choice of academic program for subsequent round(s), of seat allocation (*in case if the candidate has been allocated seat as per his/her first choice, above option will not be available*). Upgrade option is the default option applicable to all candidates.

- i. **Upgrade:** Candidates accept the offered seat and indicate that, if admission to an academic program of better/ higher preference in any Campus is offered, they will accept it, else, they will continue with the currently accepted academic program. Such candidates will be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.

- ii. **Freeze:** Candidates accept the offered seat and indicate that they are content with the allocated academic program and that they do not want to participate in further rounds of seat allocation. Such candidates will NOT be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.
- iii. **Slide:** Candidates accept the offered seat and indicate that, if admission to an academic program of better / higher preference is offered within the same Campus, they will accept it. Such candidates will be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.
- iv. For candidates who choose the upgrade or slide option, allocation of a seat in an academic program of his/her higher preference would automatically result in the forfeiture of the seat accepted by the candidate in the earlier round.

(Candidates are advised to keep their log-in credential, i.e., login Id and password, strictly confidential to avoid any misuse).

- 35. Slide and upgrade options will be available to only those candidates who are NOT offered admission to their first choice.
- 36. Slide and Upgrade options are NOT available in the last round of seat acceptance.
- 37. Except in the last round of seat allocation, a candidate can change from Upgrade to slide/freeze and slide to freeze by online reporting.
- 38. If a candidate opts freeze against a seat, the option will be final and **cannot be changed**.
- 39. During the seat allotment period of a particular round of seat allocation, if there is a change in the credentials of a candidate due to failure in producing valid certificate of category GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD/ OCI/PIO/state code of eligibility or declaration of gender and the allotted seat gets cancelled then the candidate will be considered for seat allocation in subsequent round(s) as per the updated credentials. In such cases, the candidate must report again online for accepting the freshly allocated seat (with a new undertaking for choosing upgrade or slide or freeze).

If a Foreign candidate fails to produce valid proof of Foreign nationality (i.e., Foreign passport or citizenship certificate) AND a valid 10 plus 2 or equivalent passing certificate from abroad, any seat allocated to them will be cancelled. Such candidates will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any)

REPORTING AT THE ADMITTING CAMPUS

- 40. At the conclusion of seat allocation rounds, candidates will have to report at the admitting campus, complete all the admission formalities of the Institute, get the admission confirmed and begin the academic session. **Candidate joins the Orientation Programme at allotted Campus with the original documents which were uploaded in the portal at the time of seat allocation process for verification. Academic Calendar will be available in the NIFT Website www.nift.ac.in**
Reporting schedules and the mode of reporting at the admitting campus will be announced on the website www.nift.ac.in.

XVI. REMITTANCE OF SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE

41. For payment of seat acceptance fee, candidates should either use Net Banking or use Debit card / Credit card facilities available on NIFT portal. Candidates have to remit seat acceptance fee only once. Thus, candidates who are allocated another seat in subsequent rounds [because they chose the upgrade or slide option] do NOT have to pay seat acceptance fee again.
42. Seat acceptance fee, once paid, is not refundable. However, if a candidate later withdraws before the last round of counselling, then the fee will be refunded after deducting the NIFT processing charges of Rs 9300/-. Withdrawal or cancellation of seat in the last round of counselling will lead to forfeiture of the seat acceptance fee. Similarly, if a candidate's seat is cancelled any time before the last round of counselling due to not meeting the eligibility criteria or discrepancy(ies) in the uploaded documents, then the fee will be refunded after deducting the NIFT processing charges of Rs 9300/-.

All Candidates

S.No	Particulars	Amount refunded
1.	If Seat/Admission not taken after Registration	Full seat acceptance Fee
2.	Withdrawal Request after confirmation of seat Requests Received online on portal till before commencement of the last round of counselling. No physical request will be entertained.	Full Fee except Registration Fee of Rs.9300/-
3.	After commencement of last round of counselling	Only Security deposit

XVII. WITHDRAWAL OPTION

44. A candidate who has already accepted a seat allotted by NIFT, can withdraw the seat by reporting online starting from the 2nd round and upto the penultimate round of seat allocation (i.e., if NIFT conducts a total of five rounds of seat allocation, candidates can withdraw up until during fourth round of seat acceptance period. Please see **Annexure 5** for the timeline).
45. Candidates who have exercised withdraw option will not be considered for subsequent rounds of seat allotment. Seat acceptance fee will be refunded to these candidates as per guidelines.
46. Candidate can withdraw before the announcement of the last round of counseling. There is no option of withdrawal of an accepted/allotted seat after the announcement of last round of seat allocation. In case a candidate fails to report after admission to the NIFT Campus full fee will be forfeited.
47. For exercising withdraw option, candidates have to complete the following two steps.
- Candidate needs to confirm on the NIFT portal that they withdraw from the seat allocation process. Once the candidate has withdrawn, the seat allocated to the candidate shall stand cancelled. The candidate will be out of the Seat Allocation

- process, and she/he will NOT be considered in any further rounds of allocation.
- ii. Seat acceptance fee shall be refunded if due to same account/payment mode vide which it was paid.

(Candidates are advised to keep their log-in credential, i.e., login Id and password, strictly confidential to avoid any misuse).

XVIII. CHANGE OF CLASS XII PASSING STATUS

48. It is possible that the Class XII passing status of a candidate is revised [due to re-totaling, re-evaluation, etc.] by the Class XII examination board AFTER the seat allocation begins. The following Admission Counseling Rules apply consequent to such a revision of passing status only during the seat allotment:

- i. Due to revision of passing status, if a candidate becomes ineligible because of not satisfying the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination" requirement [Annexure 2 then the candidate will be made ineligible at the time of seat acceptance or at a later stage.
- ii. Due to revision of passing status, if a candidate satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination" requirement for and becomes eligible for admission, then such a candidate has to approach NIFT with the revised passing certificate. The candidate will be considered for allotment and allocated a seat in subsequent rounds.
- iii. If a candidate, who was eligible, continues to be eligible even after revision of Class XII passing status, there will not be any change in seat allocation.

XIX. DOCUMENT VALIDITY / VERIFICATION

49. During the process of document verification, if the mismatch between the document uploaded on the Admission registration site and that physically verified is found to be due to wilful forgery / act of cheating, offer of admission will be withdrawn and the candidate is debarred from further rounds of seat allocation.
50. For candidates whose category document is found to be invalid OR who do not produce a (valid) category document [as per the format given on NIFT web portal], the category tag will be changed (for the purpose of seat allocation) as shown below:

Category tag		Reason
Assigned	Changed to	
GEN-PwD	GEN	Invalid PwD certificate
GEN-EWS	GEN	Invalid EWS certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	OBC-NCL	Invalid PwD certificate but valid OBC-NCL certificate

OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid OBC-NCL certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and OBC-NCL certificates are invalid
SC-PwD	SC	Invalid PwD certificate but valid SC certificate
SC-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid SC certificate
SC-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and SC certificates are invalid
ST-PwD	ST	Invalid PwD certificate but valid ST certificate
ST-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid ST certificate
ST-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and ST certificates are invalid
OBC-NCL	GEN	Invalid OBC-NCL certificate
SC	GEN	Invalid SC certificate
ST	GEN	Invalid ST certificate

51. If the documents are found to be invalid for reasons other than wilful forgery / act of cheating, then the following rules will be applied in addition to the change of category tag or gender or nationality:

a. If the EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD certificate is found to be invalid or not produced **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated in the OPEN category, then the offer of admission will be confirmed.

b. If the OBC-NCL certificate is found to be invalid or not produced **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated in OBC-NCL category, then

i. Allocated seat will be cancelled.

ii. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation as a GEN candidate in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), provided all other criteria are satisfied [e.g., present in the respective rank list, etc.].

The rule as stated above in (B) for OBC-NCL will be applied similarly if the GEN-EWS, SC or ST certificate is found to be invalid or not produced.

c. If the PwD certificate is found to be invalid or not produced **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated under the PwD category, then

i. Allocated seat will be cancelled.

ii. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), in his/her respective parent category (viz., GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST), provided all other criteria are satisfied [e.g., present in the respective rank list, etc.].

d. A candidate who has declared his/her nationality as OCI/PIO at the time of registration, but fails to produce a valid OCI/PIO certificate, any seat allocated to him/her will be cancelled and (s)he will be considered for seat allocation in subsequent rounds based on updated credentials.

e. If a Foreign candidate fails to produce valid proof of foreign nationality (i.e., foreign passport or citizenship certificate) AND a valid 10 plus 2 and requisite degree or equivalent passing certificate from abroad, any seat allocated to her/ him will be cancelled. Such candidates will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) based on updated credentials, provided they meet the admissions criterion.

52. The following rules will be applied if there is an error in the state code of eligibility:
- i. The state code of eligibility will be corrected in the NIFT database.
 - ii. Retention / cancellation of seat will be as determined by the following table:

Eligibility	Allocated seat quota	Action
All India quota	Domicile quota	Seat will be cancelled
Domicile quota	All India quota	Seat will NOT be cancelled
All India quota	All India quota	Seat will NOT be cancelled
Domicile quota	Domicile quota	Seat will NOT be cancelled

iii. Candidate will be considered for seat allocation in subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), provided all other requirements are satisfied.

XX. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR IN NIFT ENTRANCE EXAM IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS

53. Candidates whose admission is cancelled after being admitted to the Institute, for any reason whatsoever, become ineligible to appear for NIFT Entrance Exam in subsequent years.
54. Candidates who produce forged documents or indulge in acts of cheating are debarred from appearing in NIFT Entrance Exam in next [and subsequent] year(s).

XXI. CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

55. At the Time of Registration

During online registration, if a candidate modifies his/her nationality, the following Admission Counseling rules apply:

- (a) If a candidate chooses his/her nationality as Foreign national:
 - i. The candidate won't be able to apply for NIFT Seat allocation and will be considered for Foreign National/NRI Category seats only.
 - ii. The candidate will have to present passport/certificate of nationality at the time of online reporting, failing which, the allotted seat will be cancelled.
 - iii. The candidate won't get the benefit of birth-category even if he/she has declared one.

- iv. The candidate won't get the benefit given to persons with disability (PwD) even if he/she is a PwD candidate.
- (b) If a candidate chooses his/her nationality as OCI/PIO:
 - i. The candidate won't get the benefit of birth-category even if he/she has declared one.
 - ii. The candidate has to upload OCI certificate/PIO card at the time of online reporting, on failing which, allotted seat will be cancelled.

ANNEXURE 1

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY CAMPUSES ADMITTING CANDIDATES THROUGH SEAT ALLOCATION

National Institute of Fashion Technology	
1.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bengaluru
2.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bhopal
3.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bhubhaneshwar
4.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai
5.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Gandhinagar
6.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Hyderabad,
7.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Jodhpur
8.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kangra
9.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kannur
10.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kolkata
11.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Mumbai
12.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi
13.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Patna
14.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Raebareli
15.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Shillong
16.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar
17.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Panchkula

ANNEXURE 2

Minimum Educational Qualification

UG Candidates must **PASS** class XII exam with the following subjects:

- Bachelor of Design (B.Des) Programme - Any Subjects
- Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B.F.Tech) Programme – Physics & Mathematics

PG Candidates must fulfil the prescribed educational qualification criteria for the concerned Master's Programmes:

- **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.
- **MFM:** Undergraduate Degree in any discipline from any Institute/University recognised by law in India.
Or
Undergraduate Diploma of minimum three years duration from NIFT/ NID.
- **M.F. Tech:** B.F.Tech from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
Or
B.E./B. Tech from any Institute /University recognized by law of India

ANNEXURE 3

Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs)

The provision of reservation for EWS is incorporated by the institutes participating NIFT according to the following guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

1. In pursuance of insertion of clauses 15(6) and 16(6) in the Constitution vide the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 and in order to enable the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) who are not covered under the existing schemes of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, to receive the benefits of reservation on a preferential basis in civil posts and services in the Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions, it has been decided by the Government to provide 10% reservation to EWSs in civil posts and services in Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions.
2. Persons who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and whose family has gross annual income below Rs. 8.00 lakh are to be identified as EWSs for the benefit of reservation. Family for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years. The income shall include income from all sources i.e., salary, agriculture, business, profession etc. and it will be income for the financial year prior to the year of application. Also persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWSs, irrespective of family income:
 - i. 5 acres of Agricultural Land and above;
 - ii. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
 - iii. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities.
 - iv. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.
3. The income and assets of the families as mentioned in para 2 would be required to be certified by an officer not below the rank of Tehsildar in the States/UTs. The officer who issues the certificates would do the same after carefully verifying all relevant documents following due process as prescribed by the respective State/UT.
4. Every Educational Institution shall, with the prior approval of the appropriate authority, increase the number of seats over and above its annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty so that the number of seats available, excluding those reserved for the persons belonging to the EWSs, are not less than the total seats available in the academic session immediately preceding the date of the coming into force of the O.M. from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
5. Instructions regarding reservations in employment and admission to educational institutions will be issued by DoPT and Ministry of HRD respectively.

ANNEXURE - 4

List of Documents to be uploaded by Candidates for Registration for participating in Seat Allocation:-

1. Class X Mark Sheet/Certificate(for Date of Birth)
2. Class XII Mark Sheet and Certificate (Qualifying Examination)
3. Certificate of category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS), if applicable, as per Government of India format, available on the JoSAA- website, issued by the competent authority.
In case of OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS category, the certificate must be issued on or after 01 April 2021

Please note that

(i) Caste certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL) issued by Maharashtra State must be validated by Social Welfare department (in case of SC and OBC-NCL category) and Tribal Welfare department(in case of ST category) of Maharashtra Government. The SC/ST/OBC-NCL candidates of Maharashtra State have to produce their caste validity certificate in the format available on Seat Allocation website.

(ii) ST certificates from Tamil Nadu state must be issued by the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer.

4. Original Certificate for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), if applicable, issued by the competent authority. Refer NIFT website for format.
5. Medical Certificate (in specified Format available on Seat Allocation format- **Annexure - 7**)
6. OCI/PIO card, if applicable
7. Passport (if applicable)

In addition to the above documents, the verifying officials will also check the special eligibility conditions if any, for all the choices including the above for the seat allotted to the candidate.

Note: If the original certificates are not in English/Hindi, English/Hindi version/ translation of such certificates, duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority of the graduating Institute, will be required during the verification of documents.

ANNEXURE 5

Schedule of Events of Joint Seat Allocation-

Date	Time (IST)	Event
D Day		Candidate registration/choice filling for academic programs starts
D plus 7,	10:00	Display of Mock Seat Allocation-1 based on the choices filled-in by candidates as on D plus 6, , 17:00 IST
D plus 10,	17:00	Candidate registration and choice filling for academic programs ends
D plus 11,		Reconciliation of data, verification and validation of allocated seats
D plus 12,	10:00	Seat Allocation (Round 1)
D plus 12, – D plus 14,	By 17:00	Online reporting: fee payment / response by candidateto query (if required) (Round 1)
D plus 15,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 1)
D plus 16,	10:00	Display of seats filled / availability status
	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 2)
D plus 17, and D plus 18,	By 17:00,	Online reporting: fee payment / response by candidateto query (if required) (Round 2)
D plus 19,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 2)
D plus 17 – D plus 19,	By 17:00	Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 2)
D plus 21,	10:00	Display of seats filled / availability status
	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 3)
D plus 22, – D plus 23,	By 17:00	Online reporting: fee payment / response by candidateto query (if required) (Round 3)
D plus 24,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 3)
D plus 22 – D plus 24,	By 17:00	Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 3)
D plus 25,	10:00	Display of seats filled / availability status
	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 4)
D plus 26, – D plus 27,	By 17:00	Online reporting: fee payment / response by candidateto query (if required) (Round 4)
D plus 28,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 4)
D plus 26 – D plus 29,	By 17:00	Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 4) LASTROUND FOR SEAT WITHDRAWAL / EXIT OPTION (Round 4)
D plus 30,	10:00	Display of seats filled / availability status
	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 5 : FINAL ROUND)
D plus 31 – D plus 32,	By 17:00	Online reporting: fee payment / response by candidateto query (if required) (Round 5)

D plus 33,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 5)
	By 20:00	Notification of the decision on seat confirmation for Round 5
D plus 34,	By 17:00	Last day to respond to query (Round 6) (FINAL ROUND for IITs)
D plus 35,	By 17:00	Admission Process: Document verification for acceptance of seat or withdrawal of seat by physical mode at Admitting/Allotted Campuses ONLY (Round 5)

ANNEXURE 6

Class XII and equivalent examinations

1. The final examination of the 10 plus 2 system, conducted by a Central or State Board recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU <http://www.aiuweb.org/>).
2. Intermediate or two-year Pre-University examination conducted by a Board or University recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.
3. Final examination of the two-year course of the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy.
4. Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling with a minimum of five subjects.
5. Any Public School, Board or University examination in India or in a Foreign country recognized as equivalent to the 10plus2 system by the AIU.
6. H.S.C. vocational examination.
7. A Diploma recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE <http://www.aicte-india.org/>) or a State Board of Technical Education of at least 3 years duration.
8. General Certificate Education (GCE) examination (London, Cambridge or Sri Lanka) at the Advanced (A) level.
9. High School Certificate Examination of the Cambridge University or International Baccalaureate Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Office, Geneva.
10. Candidates who have completed Class XII (or equivalent) examination outside India or from a Board not specified above should produce a certificate from the AIU to the effect that the examination they have passed is equivalent to the Class XII examination.

In case the Class XII examination is not a public examination, the candidate must have passed at least one public (Board or Pre-University) examination earlier.

ANNEXURE 7

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (to be issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner)

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Candidates should have good general physique. In particular,

- Chest measurement should not be less than 70 cm, with satisfactory limits of expansion and contraction.
- Vision should be normal. In case of defective vision, it should be corrected to 6/9 in both eyes or 6/6 in the better eye. Colour blind and unocular(having vision in only one eye)persons are restricted from admission to certain courses.
- Hearing should be normal. Defective hearing should be corrected.
- Heart and lungs should not have any abnormality and there should be no history of mental illness and epileptic fits.

1	Name of the candidate:				
2	Identification Mark (a mole, scar or birthmark), if any				
3	Major illness/operation, if any (specify nature of illness/operation)				
4	Height in cm:	Weight in kg:	Blood Group:		
5	Past History	(a) Mental illness (b) Epileptic Fit			
6	Chest (a) Inspiration in cm		(b) Expiration in cm		
7	Hearing				
8	Vision with or without glasses:	Right Eye	Left Eye	Colour Blindness	Unocular vision(having vision in only one eye)
9	Respiratory System				
10	Nervous System				
11	Heart (a) Sounds		(b) Murmur		
12	Abdomen (a) Liver (b) Spleen	Hernia	Hydrocele		
13	Any other defects:				

Certificate of Medical Fitness

- The candidate fulfils the prescribed standard physical fitness, medical fitness and is FIT for admission to Engineering/Architecture/ Pharmaceuticals/ Science Course
- The candidate does not fulfil the prescribed standard of physical fitness/medical fitness and is unfit/temporarily unfit for admission due to following defects:

Name of the DD plus or
Seal

Signature

Registration number