

**SEAT ALLOCATION RULES**

**FOR THE**

**UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

**OFFERED BY THE**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY**

**FOR**

**ADMISSIONS – 2023**

## I. GENERAL

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

<b>ELIGIBILITY TABLE</b>	
<b>Qualifying Examination</b>	<b>Admitting Institutes</b>
NIFT Entrance Examination including Situation Test and Personal Interview 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 following 18 NIFT Campuses across the country admitting candidates through Seat Allocation process.

1.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bengaluru
2.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bhopal
3.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bhubaneshwar
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
18	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Daman

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

The Admission Seat Allocation Rules stated herein will be followed for allocating seats for the all academic programs for the Academic Year -2023.

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

In the context of seat allocation, an “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 of the highest possible preference of academic program is allocated to the candidate considering the following factors:

- (i) The category of the candidate [Open, Open-EWS, Open -PwD OBC-NCL, , OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, SC-PwD, ST, ST-PwD, State Domicile, Kashmiri migrant foreign national/NRI or artisan/children of artisan].
- (ii) The merit 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 Assessment 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 Admissions shall be doing so at their own risk and cost. There is only ONE official NIFT website, viz., [www.nift.ac.in](http://www.nift.ac.in).**

### III. CANDIDATES WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN SEAT ALLOCATION

4. Each and every candidate who satisfies eligibility criteria as per the Prospectus and qualified Entrance Exam for Academic Programme for Admissions – 2023 is eligible for participation in seat allocation.

### IV. PARTITIONING OF CANDIDATES INTO Open, Open-PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, ST, NRI, Artisan

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 Open:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals of general category who do NOT belong to Open -EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce Open -EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities.
- (ii) **Category tag Open-PwD:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals who do NOT belong to Open -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 Open -EWS:** This is assigned to Indian Nationals of General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as per Govt. norms, and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid Open -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 studio test and Interview.

#### **(b) For Foreign Nationals**

- i. Candidates who are NOT Indian Nationals and have studied 10 +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., Open -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. 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 .
  - b. 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.

- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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, Open -EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, OPEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD, State Domicile, Foreign National/NRI Artisan/Children of Artisan & Kashmiri Migrant.
- 9. The category tags of candidates who are eligible for various Program- Sections are as shown in the table below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Category tag(s) of eligible candidates</b>
OPEN	Open, Open -EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, Open -PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD
Open -EWS	Open –EWS, EWS-PWD
OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD
SC	SC, SC-PwD
ST	ST, ST-PwD
OPEN-PwD	Open -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 :

<b>Campus</b>	<b>State Eligible</b>
Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
Bhubaneswar	Odisha
Daman	Daman Diu & Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep
Jodhpur	Rajasthan
Kangra	Himachal Pradesh
Kannur	Kerala
Patna	Bihar
Shillong	Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh
Srinagar	Kashmir, Ladakh, Jammu, Kashmiri migrants
Panchkula	Haryana

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

For 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 candidate of union territories of Kashmir, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmiri migrant. Domicile quota seats, not filled after first round of Seat Allocation may be transferred to the respective categories if there are no eligible Domicile quota candidates.

### 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 & Kashmiri migrant.
	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 Open, Open -EWS, Open -PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL- PwD, SC, SC- PwD, ST or ST-PwD, EWS-PwD. Foreign National/NRI tag candidates are not included in the CMR prepared.
- (ii) **Open -EWS Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag Open -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) **Open-PwD Rank list:** It includes candidates who are assigned the tag Open -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 have passed the Entrance Exam, Situation test, Studio test and Personal Interview are considered while preparing rank lists and are allowed to fill-in their preferences.

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

14. The following table shows the sequence of seat allocation for all candidates at the NIFT:

SN	Candidate's category tag	Rank list(s) in which the candidate appears	Sequence of SEAT CATEGORIES for allocation
1	Open	CMR	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile quota)
2	Open -EWS	CMR Open -EWS	1. OPEN (All India quota) 2. OPEN (Domicile quota) 3. Open -EWS (All India quota)
3	Open -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-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)

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

15. 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 regular candidates.
16. Seats to be allocated to Foreign National/NRI tag candidates will be supernumerary.
17. The total number of supernumerary seats allotted in each NIFT, including those allotted to Foreign Nationals / NRI candidates is limited to 5 seats or 3 Seats of the respective NIFT Campuses as mentioned in the Prospectus.

## **IX. SEAT ALLOCATION TO THE CANDIDATES UNDER NRI SPONSORED CATEGORY**

18. NRI seats being supernumerary, will not be converted to any other category. However, seats remaining unfilled after Admission of all eligible NRI candidates in the NRI category after the described process will be offered to all eligible candidates as NRI sponsored seats on the basis of Common Merit Rank (CMR) during seat allocation. All candidates having Common Merit Rank (CMR) in the NIFT Entrance Examination may opt for NRI sponsored seats subject to fulfilling the criteria, submission of necessary documents and the enhanced fee during seat allocation. The fee details are mentioned in the NIFT Prospectus-2023 at page No 181.

There will be no reservation in these seats as these are supernumerary seats. The following documents are required to be uploaded by the candidates opting for NRI sponsored seats (self-attested):

1. Undertaking to be signed by sponsoring Foreign Nationals/NRI (**Annexure-III**)
2. Photocopy of first & last page of the passport of the sponsoring person.
3. Copy of the valid visa of the sponsoring Foreign Nationals/NRI.

Once selected under this category, candidates shall pay the fee at the time of admission for the first academic year consisting of two semesters. No other benefit/ concession will be applicable to these candidates and they will not be considered for admission under any other category. These candidates will not be eligible for any financial assistance under any scheme of NIFT. **IF ADMISSION IS ACCEPTED UNDER THIS CATEGORY AND LATER WITHDRAWN ENTIRE FEES PAID WILL BE FORFEITED.**

## **X. DE-RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

19. Unfilled Open -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 after the second 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 & Domicile- Open seats to Open.
  - vi. Unfilled Domicile, SC & ST seats to SC & ST category respectively.

## **XI. 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.

## **XII. UPGRADATION OF RESERVE CATEGORY APPLICANTS (SC/ST/OBC) IN SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS OF SEAT ALLOCATION**

22. As indicated in Admission Seat Allocation 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.

## **XIII. REGISTRATION and FILLING-IN OF preferences OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

24. For registration and filling-in of preferences of academic programs in various campuses, candidates should login to the portal <https://niftadmissions.in> using the NIFT Entrance Exam Login ID and password. Detailed instructions will be provided on the website.

25. Filling-in of preferences on the online portal is free of cost, i.e., candidates are NOT required to pay any fee. The candidate must upload the following required documents on the NIFT portal at the time of registration:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) <b>An undertaking for Anti-Ragging (Annexure-II)</b></li><li>ii) <b>An undertaking for refund of Fees (Annexure-IV)</b></li><li>iii) <b>Medical Certificate (Annexure-IX)</b></li></ul> | } | Attached with Seat Allocation Rules |
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Seat will be confirmed 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. However, the admission and allocated seat to a candidate is provisional till physical verification of the documents has been completed by the respective campus to which the candidate has been admitted.

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 preferences filled-in is made available. Hence, it is important for candidates to carefully priorities the academic programs while filling-in the preferences.

27. Candidates are given time to fill-in their preferences. Detailed timeline will be declared and will be available on the NIFT Admission website. This time period for filling preferences will NOT be extended. During this period, each candidate must fill their preferences carefully – (s)he must select only those academic program which (s)he is willing to join.

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

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

#### **XIV. PROVISIONAL OFFER OF SEAT AND ITS CONFIRMATION**

29. It is the candidate’s responsibility to login to NIFT Seat Allocation portal and check if a seat has been allocated to her/him in a given round of seat allocation. Schedule of NIFT activities will be available on NIFT’s website. 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.
- i. A candidate who has been allocated a seat needs to check and confirm by login checking the “Provisional Seat Allotment 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 preference of academic program for subsequent round(s), if any, of seat allocation (see section XV) . The default option for all 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. 1,83,200/-. Candidates allotted NRI / NRI Sponsored seats must pay of Rs. 9,72,000/- for admission at Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai and Rs. 6,88,400/- for admission at Daman, Patna, Kangra, Bhopal, Kannur, Shillong, Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar, Panchkula and Raebareli.
  - iii. Candidates should remit seat acceptance fee online through the Admission portal only.
  - iv. Candidates must complete all the above steps in the time frame indicated to secure allocated seat.

#### **XV. 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.**

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 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 -2023.

## **XVI. 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 preference of academic program for subsequent round(s), of seat allocation (*in case if the candidate has been allocated seat as per his/her first preference, 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 seat allocation. The default option for all candidates will be '**UPGRADE**'.
  - 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 seat allocation.
  - 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 seat allocation for the allotted campus only.
  - 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 credentials, 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 seat as per their first preference.
36. A candidate can change from UPGRADE to SLIDE/FREEZE and slide to FREEZE online through admission portal.
37. If a candidate opts FREEZE against a seat, the option will be final and **cannot be changed**.

38. 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 Open -EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD state code of eligibility 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 Degree / Certificate obtained from a University / Board of any country other than India along with an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, any seat allocated to them will be cancelled. Such candidates may be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) if documents are updated.

#### **XVII. REPORTING AT THE ADMITTING CAMPUS**

39. At the conclusion of seat allocation rounds, candidates will be able to download the **“Provisional Admission Letter”** for the chosen academic program. Candidate will have to report at the admitting campus, complete all the admission formalities, get the admission confirmed and begin the academic session. **The candidate will join the Orientation Programme at the allotted Campus as per the details mentioned on the “Provisional Admission Letter” with the original documents which were uploaded to the portal at the time of the seat allocation process for verification.**

#### **XVIII. REMITTANCE OF SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE**

40. Candidates should pay the Seat acceptance fee online through the Admissions Portal only. 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.
41. Seat acceptance fee, once paid, is not refundable. However, if a candidate later withdraws before the declared date for last withdrawal, then the fee will be refunded after deducting the NIFT registration fee of Rs 9300/-. Withdrawal or cancellation of seat after the date of last withdrawal will lead to forfeiture of the seat acceptance fee. Similarly, if a candidate’s seat is cancelled any time before the declared date for last withdrawal due to not meeting the eligibility criteria or discrepancy(ies) in the uploaded documents, then the fee will be refunded after deducting the NIFT registration fee of Rs 9300/-.

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount refunded</b>
1.	Withdrawal Request after confirmation of seat received online on portal till the date announced. Withdrawal request through any other means will not be considered.	Full Fee except Registration Fee of Rs.9300/-
2.	After the last date of withdrawal as announced.	Only Security deposit

**The date of last withdrawal will be notified on the NIFT website only**

## **XIX. WITHDRAWAL OPTION**

42. A candidate who has accepted a seat allotted by NIFT, can withdraw the seat by reporting online at any time during the seat allocation process. However, refund of fees paid will be considered as per para 41.
43. 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.
44. For exercising withdraw option, candidates have to complete the following steps.
  - i. Candidate needs to process withdrawal of seat allocated and confirm the same on the NIFT portal. 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).*

## **XX. CHANGE OF CLASS XII PASSING STATUS**

45. It is possible that the Class XII passing status of a candidate is revised [due to re-totalling, re-evaluation, etc.] by the Class XII examination board AFTER the seat allocation begins. The following Admission Seat Allocation 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, then the candidate will be made ineligible at the time of seat acceptance or 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.

## **XXI. DOCUMENT VALIDITY / VERIFICATION**

46. During the process of document verification, if the mismatch between the documents uploaded on the Admission registration site and that physically verified is found to be due to willful forgery/act of cheating, offer of admission will be withdrawn and the candidate will forfeit all fees paid.



47. 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 above:

Category tag		Reason
Assigned	Changed to	
Open -PwD	Open	Invalid PwD certificate
Open -EWS	Open	Invalid EWS certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	OBC-NCL	Invalid PwD certificate but valid NCL certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	Open -PwD	Valid certificate but invalid OBC (NCL) Certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	Open	Both PwD and OBC-NCL certificates are invalid
SC-PwD	SC	Invalid PwD certificate but valid SC certificate
SC-PwD	Open -PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid SC certificate
SC-PwD	Open	Both PwD and SC certificates are invalid
ST-PwD	ST	Invalid PwD certificate but valid ST certificate
ST-PwD	Open -PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid ST certificate
ST-PwD	Open	Both PwD and ST certificates are invalid
OBC-NCL	Open	Invalid OBC-NCL certificate
SC	Open	Invalid SC certificate
ST	Open	Invalid ST certificate

48. 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:
- 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 Open 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 Open -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., Open, Open - EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST), provided all other criteria are satisfied [e.g., present in the respective rank list, etc.].

d. 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.

49. The following rules will be applied if the candidate's state code of eligibility changes:

- 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:

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Allocated seat quota</b>	<b>Action</b>
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.

## **XXII. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR IN NIFT ENTRANCE EXAM IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

50. Candidates whose admission is cancelled after being admitted to the Institute, for any reason other than fraud/cheating will be eligible to appear for NIFT Entrance Exam in subsequent years.
51. Candidates who produce forged documents or indulge in acts of cheating are debarred from appearing in NIFT Entrance Exam in subsequent year(s).

## **XXIII. CHANGE OF NATIONALITY**

### **52. At the Time of Registration**

During online registration, if a candidate modifies his/her nationality, the following Admission Seat Allocation 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.

**Note: Seat allocation process for the Foreign National / NRI and Artisans / Children of Artisans will be conducted separately. The Notification for seat allocation process for Foreign National / NRI and Artisans / Children of Artisans will be published on NIFT Website and Admissions Portal separately.**

53. **In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any rule or guideline, the decision of NIFT will be final.**

**UNDERTAKING FROM THE STUDENTS, AS PER PROVISIONS OF ANTI-RAGGING VERDICT BY THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT**

I Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ Merit \_\_\_\_\_

Rank seeking admission in the programme \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby undertake this day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ the following with respect to above subject:

1. That I have read and understood the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on anti-ragging and the measures proposed to be taken in the above reference.
2. That I understand the meaning of ragging and know that ragging in any form is a punishable offence and the same is punishable with imprisonment and/or, fine and is prohibited by the Directives of the Court of Law.
3. I understand that if any information is brought to the notice of NIFT authorities regarding my participation in any ragging activities, the NIFT authorities are bound by law to report the same to the concerned Police Authorities for investigation and prosecution.
4. That I have not been found or charged for any involvement in any kind of ragging in the past. However, I undertake to face disciplinary action/legal proceedings including expulsion from the Institute if the above statement is found to be untrue or the facts are concealed, at any stage in future.
5. That I shall not resort to ragging in any form at any place and shall abide by the rules/laws prescribed by the Courts, Government of India and the NIFT authorities for the purpose from time to time.

Signature of the candidate

Date:

**Thereby fully endorse the undertaking made by my child/ward.**

Signature of the Mother/Father/Guardian

Signature of the Witness:

1.

2.

**UNDERTAKING FOR NRI SPONSORED SEATS**

- a. I....., certify that I am a Foreign National or Non Resident Indian as specified in the Income Tax Act, 1961. My present address is .....  
.....A self-attested copy of first & last pages of the passport and a copy of a valid visa is enclosed herewith.
  
- b. I..... certify that Mr./Ms.\_\_\_\_\_ (name of the candidate) S/o/ D/o..... date of birth..... applying for admission at NIFT is my ..... (name of the relation).
  
- c. I....., do hereby certify that I am willing to bear the expenditure of.....(Name of the candidate), for his/her entire study at NIFT.
  
- d. The particulars of my registration with the concerned tax Authorities of the Country of my domicile are as follows:  
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- e. I am aware that .....(Name of the candidate) shall be granted admission to a campus of NIFT as per merit.
  
- 6. I also certify that I have carefully read and understood all the conditions relating to NRI admissions, fee and study at NIFT. I undertake to follow the same faithfully and any amendments to these, in future, relating to NRI Students, would be acceptable to me.

(Name and Signature)

Address:

Date :

Place :

**UNDERTAKING FOR REFUND OF FEE**

1. I confirm and state that the certificates furnished by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. No part of it is false or fabricated and nothing has been concealed. I hereby undertake that if any certificate submitted by me is found to be false/fabricated or not conforming to the stipulated standards mentioned in the Admission Guidelines, my admission will be cancelled without any notice and the fee paid by me will be forfeited.
2. I confirm and state that I have undergone the admission formalities as laid down in the Prospectus-2023 of NIFT. I understand that if I fail to submit the proof of eligibility by the stipulated date, my admission will be automatically cancelled.
3. There fund against withdrawal of seat will be governed as under:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Amount to be refunded</b>
Before commencement of Final round of seat allocation. Date to be declared on NIFT website later.	Full fee, except registration fee
Candidate who withdraw after date decided by NIFT	Only security deposit

4. I accept that the refund against my withdrawal of the allotted seat shall be refunded as per the above guideline.
5. I also undertake that I will not bring any outside pressure on NIFT authorities in any regard and if found, it will make me liable for disciplinary action which may include expulsion from NIFT.
6. I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the NIFT as amended from time to time.
7. I hereby declare that I have read and understood the content of the undertaking and I am aware of its implications.

(Signature of the Candidate)

(Signature of the Parent / Guardians)

**Place :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS**

Candidate must fill the details of the Form-A before medical examination by the Medical Officer in any Government Hospital. Form B is to be filled by the Medical Officer. The officer will also certify the fitness of the candidate and attest the photograph of the candidate.

**FORM A**

1.	Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS)	
2.	Age and place of birth	
3.	Present Residential Address	
4.	Permanent Residential Address	
5.	Details of having suffered from any major illness in last five years. Any skin related problem Enlargement or suppression of gland Asthma Heart disease Lung disease Fainting attacks/Epilepsy Rheumatism Appendicitis? ( Give details) b) Any other disease or accident requiring confinement to bed and medical for surgical treatment? ( Give details)	
6.	a) Details of vaccination in last three year. b) Details of vaccination for Covid-19. (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose)	
7.	Have you or any of your immediate family member has been afflicted with Rheumatism/Arthritis, Asthma Epilepsy or mental illness of any kind?	
8.	Have you at any time suffered from any form of psychiatric disorder? Give details.	
9.	Furnish the following particulars concerning your family: Father's age and state of health	
10.	If not alive, Father's age at the time of his death and cause.	
11.	Mother's age and state of health	
12.	If not alive, Mother's age at the time of her death and cause.	

I declare that the above information is the best of my belief, true and correct. I also affirm that I have not received a disability certificate on account of any disease or other condition.

**(CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE)****Signature of Medical Officer with stamp**

**FORM B**

1.	Candidate's Eyesight	
2.	Any known Allergies ( details)	
3.	Last Surgical Intervention ( if any) with cause/reason	
4.	Any chronic medical condition	
5.	Any congenital medical condition	
6.	Any Disability (orthopedic) Muscular, nerve etc.)	

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS**

I hereby certify that I have medically examined Ms./Mr./Mx.....for admission in the National Institute of Fashion Technology. The candidate has no disease (communicable or otherwise) or any constitutional weakness or bodily infirmity except ..... I further certify that I am not related to the candidate and not known to any member of his/ her family.

Photograph of the candidate attested by the Medical Officer

**Signature of Medical Officer with stamp**