

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016
(ONLY FOR THE INDIAN NATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD IN CLASS X)

THE NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION for the students studying abroad in Class X is meant to identify and nurture talent. The examination is conducted every year at two levels: Stage-I (State Level) and Stage-II (National Level), however, the students studying abroad are exempted for State Level Stage-I of NTS examinations as per NTS Scheme.

Scholarships: About One thousand scholarships are awarded for different stages of education as follows:

- (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
- (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
- (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. be fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.

Eligibility for Scholarship: If a candidate is selected, the scholarship shall be paid for pursuing studies in India only.

Reservation: 15% for students belonging to the SC category, 7.5% for students belonging to the ST category and 3% for Physically Challenged Group of Students.

Qualifying Marks: Qualifying marks for candidates from General category is 40% in each paper and for candidates from SC, ST, PH is 35% in each paper.

Language Test Qualifying in nature and marks obtained for Language Test will not be counted for final merit.

Important Dates:

National Level Stage-II NTS Exam	Dates
Last Date for Submission of Application Form	29 th February 2016
Date of Examination	08 th May, 2016 (Sunday) at 36 centres only in India

Examination: The pattern of stage II Examination will be as under:

Paper	Test	No. of Questions	No. of Marks	Duration (in minutes)
Paper-I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	50	50	45
Paper-II	Language Test (LT) English/Hindi	50	50	45
Paper-III	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	100	90

At Stage-II (National Level) Exam, there will be negative marking in each paper. For each wrong answer 1/3rd marks will be deducted. No marks will be deducted for unattempted questions.

Indian Students Studying Abroad in Class X can appear directly for Stage II NTS Examination under conditions prescribed by the NCERT website. Details of the exam are also available on NCERT website (www.ncert.nic.in). Candidates may fill up the Application Form, available on the NCERT website and send to the undersigned along with a photocopy of the mark sheet of previous examination through post **latest by February 29th, 2016.**

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**Instructions for the Candidates/Principal of Schools
For Filling up the Application Form For
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(For the Students Studying in Class X)**

Instructions for Indian Students Studying Abroad

1. Use Legal (8.5" x 14") size paper for taking print.
2. Incomplete/wrongly filled in application forms are liable to be rejected.
3. The **Indian Students Studying Abroad** should fill the relevant items of the application forms and should forward it to **NCERT** along with **Class IX mark sheet** latest by **February 29, 2016** for consideration.
4. Please mention the name of State/ UT, where the candidate wants to appear in the national level NTS examination, in the covering letter.
5. Applicants are requested to refer/consult the application form, published by the States/ UTs, for caste category reservation. Some **options of Caste Category (like OBC, Other 1 and Other 2), given in the form** are applicable for the State/ UT only. No reservation will be given against these categories by the NCERT in the national level examination.
6. NCERT is not responsible, if any other item, which is not given in the common application form, has been included by the State/UT.

Coding Plan

Read Instructions carefully before filling up the Application Form

- Use only Blue or Black Ball Point Pen. WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS. Do not mark or write outside the boxes.
- Leave one box blank between two words. **Limit your name and/or address within the space provided for it.** Please see example as given below.
- Cross (x) only one of the appropriate boxes in item nos.4,5,6, 7, 10, 11 and 21.
- Please write code number in item nos. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as given overleaf.
- It is the responsibility of the candidate and the Principal of the school to deposit the filled in form with the State concerned Officer before the last date. **No request for condoning delay in submission will be entertained whether it is due to the fault of the Candidate or the Headmaster/Principal of his/her institution.**
- Incomplete or defective applications are liable to be rejected.

Example for writing Name and Address

Father's Name:

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Postal Address: Do not try to write complete address in one line. Break it appropriately as shown below.

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Medium of Examination (Refer to item 12)		Education of Father or Mother (Refer to item Nos. 13 & 15)	
Medium of Examination Code		Education	Code
Assamese	11	No formal Education	1
Bangla	12	Up to Primary	2
English	13	Upper Primary	3
Gujarati	14	Secondary	4
Hindi	15	Senior Secondary	5
Kannada	16	Graduation	6
Marathi	17	Post graduation	7
Malayalam	18	Doctoral	8
Oriya	19	Professional degree (Engineering, Law, Medicine, MCA, MBA, etc.)	9
Punjabi	20		
Tamil	21		
Telugu	22		
Urdu	23		
Father's/Mother's Occupation (Refer to item Nos. 14 & 16)			
Occupation		Code	
Professional			1
Executive and Managerial			2
Clerical			3
Business			4
Agriculture, Fishery			5
Production and Transport			6
Operators and Labourers			7
Not employed			8

*TYPE OF SCHOOL/INSTITUTION (Refer to item No. 10)

GOVERNMENT	A Government School is that which is run by the State Government or Central Government or Public Sector Undertaking or an Autonomous Organization completely financed by the Government.
LOCAL BODY	A Local Body School is that which is run by Panchayati Raj and local body institutions such as Zila Parishad, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee, Notified Area Committee and Cantonment Board.
PRIVATE AIDED	A Private Aided School is that which is run by an individual or a private organization and receives grant from government or local body.
PRIVATE UNAIDED	Private Unaided School is that which is managed by an individual or a private organization and does not receive any grant either from government or local body.

Region	State/UT	Code	
North-East	Arunachal Pradesh	11	
	Assam	12	
	Manipur	13	
	Meghalaya	14	
	Mizoram	15	
	Nagaland	16	
	Sikkim	17	
	Tripura	18	
	East	A & N Islands	19
		Bihar	20
Jharkhand		21	
Orissa		22	
West Bengal		23	
North		Chandigarh	24
		Delhi	25
		Jammu and Kashmir	26
		Haryana	27
		Himachal Pradesh	28
	Punjab	29	
	Rajasthan	30	
	Uttar Pradesh	31	
	Uttarakhand	32	
	West	Chhattisgarh	33
Daman & Diu		34	
D & N Haveli		35	
Goa		36	
Gujarat		37	
Madhya Pradesh		38	
Maharashtra		39	
South		Andhra Pradesh	40
		Karnataka	41
		Kerala	42
	Lakshadweep	43	
	Puducherry	44	
	Tamil Nadu	45	
	Telangana	46	
Abroad		47	

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