

Here's a detailed hiring timeline calendar for the 2026 batch SDE roles across major product-based companies (India-focused where applicable). Where official 2026 details aren't yet available, I've extrapolated from the 2025 cycle and provided expected timelines. I'll update as new announcements come in:

Goldman Sachs

Internship (Campus)

Registration: ~Aug 16 – Sept 8, 2024 for 2026 grads

Interviews: HireVue video + HackerRank → on-site Superday (2–5 rounds)

Internship Start: May/June 2025 (for 2026 batch grads)

Full-time (Engineering Analyst)

Registration: Mar 7–23, 2025 for July 2025 joiners

Process: Aptitude → HireVue → Superday → Offer

Amazon

SDE Internship (6 months)

Recruiting: Intern roles for 2026 grads posted July 2025; interview starts Aug–Sept 2025

SDE Full-time

Off-campus hiring: Rolling basis beginning ~June 2025 for 2026 grads

Process: OA in Nov, interviews in Dec 2024 for 2025 grads

Expected for 2026: OA by Nov 2025, interviews by Dec 2025-Jan 2026, joining July 2026.

Google

SDE Roles

Applications: Posted on Google Careers for 2026 batch around mid-2025


AO & Interviews: OA shortly after, followed by ~4–5 coding + system design rounds.

Microsoft

SDE Internship & Full-time

Intern: Summer 2026 applications open Sept–Nov 2025, with internships in summer 2026.

Full-time: Off-campus hiring begins Oct 2025; coding & design interviews → offers by Feb 2026.

 Adobe, IBM, Walmart, Intuit, Flipkart, Meta, Apple, Uber, Ola, Spinny, Cognizant, Accenture, HCL, Capgemini, TCS, Wipro, Infosys (and more)

These generally follow a similar pattern:

Company	Reg Open	OA / Test	Interviews	Offer Join
Flipkart	Aug–Sept 2025	Sept–Oct 2025	Oct–Nov 2025	Jan–July 2026
Meta	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct–Nov 2025	July 2026
Apple	June–Aug 2025	Aug–Sept 2025	Oct–Dec 2025	July 2026
Uber / Ola	July–Sept 2025	Aug–Oct 2025	Oct–Nov 2025	Jan–July 2026
Cognizant, Accenture, HCL, Capgemini, TCS, Wipro, Infosys	May–Sept 2025			
	Jun–Oct 2025	Jul–Dec 2025	Jan–July 2026	
IBM, Intuit, Adobe, Walmart	July–Sept 2025	Aug–Oct 2025	Oct–Dec 2025	
	Jan–July 2026			

Typical Campus Hiring Flow (2026 Batch)

Registration (Online Portal)

Opens June–Sept 2025 (depends on company)

Aptitude / OA (HackerRank / Codility etc.)

July–Nov 2025

Technical Interviews (1–3 rounds coding/system design)

Aug–Dec 2025

HR/Behavioural Rounds

Oct–Jan 2026

Offers Issued

Oct 2025–Feb 2026

Joining Dates

Interns: June–Sept 2026

Full-time: May–July 2026

Your Action Plan for 2026 Batch

June–Aug 2025: Monitor and apply to all listed companies right when registration opens.

July–Nov 2025: Prepare and appear for OAs and coding rounds.

Oct 2025–Jan 2026: Technical & HR interview phases wrap up, expect offers.

May–July 2026: Report date for internships and full-time roles.

Company-Specific Hiring Tests for SDE Roles

These are large-scale tests conducted by companies or their hiring partners and are commonly used across multiple colleges and sometimes open to off-campus as well.

Hiring Test Name	Company/Organizer	Purpose	When Conducted (for 2026 Batch)
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TCS NQT (National Qualifier Test) Aug–Sept 2025	TCS	Mass hiring for Ninja & Digital roles
TCS CodeVita Registration: Sept 2025, Contest: Nov 2025	TCS	Coding contest leading to hiring
TCS Smart Hiring Aug–Oct 2025	TCS	For non-engineering graduates
TCS iON Qualifier Pack Ongoing throughout the year	TCS	Entry-level SDE hiring via TCS NQT
Wipro Elite NTH Sept–Oct 2025 (tentative)	Wipro	National Talent Hunt for SDE
Wipro Turbo Hiring Aug–Sept 2025	Wipro	For premium role (higher package)
Infosys InfyTQ / Infosys NTF Aug–Oct 2025	Infosys	National Qualifier Test
Capgemini Exceller Game-based Sept–Oct 2025	Capgemini	Pseudocoding + English +
Cognizant GENC Aug–Sept 2025	Cognizant	GENC and GENC Next hiring
Cognizant GENC Next Aug–Sept 2025	Cognizant	Advanced SDE Role
Accenture ASE/SE Hiring July–Sept 2025	Accenture	Mass hiring with coding round
IBM GBS Hiring Aug–Oct 2025	IBM (Global Business Services)	IBM SDE hiring
IBM GTS Hiring Aug–Oct 2025	IBM (Global Technology Services)	System Engineer & Infra Roles
HCL TechBee & Fresher Hiring	HCL	Entry-level SDE roles Aug–Oct 2025
Mindtree EDGE Program	Mindtree	Entry-level hiring Aug–Oct 2025
LTI Mindtree National Hiring Aug–Oct 2025	LTI Mindtree	Coding and aptitude-based hiring
Deloitte Technology Consulting Hiring Aug–Sept 2025	Deloitte	Coding + Aptitude test

AMCAT (Multi-Company) Aspiring Minds Common assessment for multiple MNCs Ongoing (monthly)

eLitmus pH Test eLitmus Common test for multiple companies Ongoing (monthly)

CoCubes TestCoCubes Assessment for multiple companies Ongoing (monthly)

Hiring Timeline (Typical for 2026 Batch)

Activity Timeline Test Announcements June–August 2025

Registration Period July–Sept 2025

Coding Tests / Aptitude August–November 2025

Interviews September–December 2025

Offer Rollout October 2025–January 2026

Joining Dates May–July 2026

Core Coding Components in These Tests:

- Aptitude + Logical Reasoning (standard in all tests)
- Coding Questions:

Data Structures (Arrays, Strings, Linked Lists, Trees)

Algorithms (Sorting, Searching, Recursion, Dynamic Programming)

Pseudocode-based questions (Capgemini, Cognizant)

- Hands-on Programming:

C, C++, Java, Python

- Game-based Aptitude:

Capgemini, Wipro

Advanced Coding (GENC Next, Turbo, TCS Digital)

Competitive level DSA

Key Preparation Platforms:

- TCS NQT: TCS iON PrepHub
- Wipro/Infosys: Hackerrank, Infosys InfyTQ platform

- Accenture: CoCubes / SHL platform
- IBM: HackerRank / AMCAT
- Capgemini/Cognizant: AMCAT / CoCubes
- Multi-company Prep: AMCAT, eLitmus, CoCubes, SHL

1. TCS iON NQT

Test: TCS National Qualifier Test (NQT) – includes cognitive, aptitude, and coding sections.

Eligibility: Final/pre-final year graduates (2020–2026 batches)

2025–26 Cycle:

Registration: June 10–24, 2025

Test Date: July 6, 2025 (online/in-centre)

Frequency: Held every 2–4 weeks year-round

Post-test: Score valid for 2 years; accepted by TCS, Jio, TVS Motor, Asian Paints, etc.

2. Wipro NLTH

Full Form: National Level Talent Hunt

For: Engineering graduates seeking SDE roles

Test Format:

Aptitude (quants, verbal, logic)

2 coding problems (60 minutes)

One written communication/essay

NLTH 2025 dates not announced yet

Based on past cycles: registrations typically open Aug–Sept, with exam late Sept–Oct

3. IBM GBS / GTS

Two separate streams:

GBS = Global Business Services

GTS = Global Technology Services

Process:

Recruiter phone screening

HackerRank online coding test

Technical + HR interviews

Expected Cycle:

Hiring windows typically Aug–Nov 2025 for 2026 batch

Prep campus for aptitude + Hackerrank test, followed by multiple virtual interview rounds

4. Other Testing Platforms (AMCAT, CoCubes, eLitmus, etc.)

Companies often shortlist candidates based on combined scores from TCS NQT, AMCAT, CoCubes, etc.

Walmart and similar firms may use these assessments, followed by their own coding rounds and interviews