What is CDS Exam?

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts a national-level examination called the Combined Defence Services (CDS) Exam to select candidates for admission to Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Air Force Academy (IAFA), Indian Naval Academy (INA), and Officer Training Academy (OTA).

The CDS Exam is conducted two times a year, known as CDS 1 and CDS 2, and the CDS Exam Date 2023 for both exams has been announced by the UPSC. UPSC will conduct **CDS 1 2023 on 16th April 2023** and **CDS 2 2023 on 3rd September 2023**. This article aims to give a thorough overview of the CDS Exam, including eligibility requirements, exam syllabus, format, and preparation tips.

Latest Update:

24 March 2023: CDS 1 Admit Card Released [here](#).

4 May 2023: CDS 1 Result 2023 Released.

CDS Exam Overview

Organization	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Full-Form	Combined Defence Services
Number of Vacancies	341 (CDS 1 2023)

CDS Exam Date	CDS (1) Date -16th April 2023, CDS (2) Date – 03rd September 2023
Application Mode	Online
Application Fee	INR 200/-
Exam Mode	Offline
Recruitment Process	Written examination Intelligence and Personality Test (Interview) Medical examination Final merit list
Education Qualification	To be eligible to appear for the Common Defense Services (CDS) Exam 2023, candidates must have a minimum educational qualification of a bachelor's degree from a recognized university or institution.
Age Limit	Candidates must be between 20 and 24 years old.
Official website	upsc.gov.in

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CDS Exam Date 2023

The Union Public Service Commission has announced the dates for the 2023 Combined Defense Services I and II exams. According to the calendar, the online registration for CDS I 2023 will start on 21st December 2022 and end on 10th January 2023. Make sure to take note of all the important dates for the 2023 CDS exam and set reminders.

Important Events	CDS 1 Dates	CDS 2 Dates
CDS Notification 2023	21st December 2022	17th May 2023
Online Registration Starts	21st December 2022	17th May 2023
Online Registration Ends	10th January 2023	06th June 2023
Online Application Withdrawn	18th to 24th January 2023	To be notified
CDS Admit Card release	24th March 2023	August 2023 (Tentative)
CDS Exam Date 2023	16th April 2023	03rd September 2023
CDS Result 2023	4th May 2023	September 2023 (Tentative)

Interview date	To be notified	To be notified
Final Result	To be notified	To be notified

CDS Exam Centre Details

The CDS Examination I will take place at designated centers. Candidates are required to select their preferred center while completing the CDS 1 application form. The listed centers below were previously announced, and any updates regarding additions or deletions will be communicated through this platform.

Agartala	Ghaziabad	Panaji (Goa)
Agra	Gorakhpur	Patna
Ajmer	Gurgaon	Port Blair
Ahmedabad	Gwalior	Prayagraj (Allahabad)
Aizawl	Hyderabad	Puducherry
Aligarh	Imphal	Pune

Almora (Uttarakhand)	Indore	Raipur
Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh)	Itanagar	Rajkot
Aurangabad	Jabalpur	Ranchi
Bengaluru	Jaipur	Sambalpur
Bareilly	Jammu	Shillong
Bhopal	Jodhpur	Shimla
Bilaspur	Jorhat	Siliguri
Chandigarh	Kochi	Srinagar
Chennai	Kohima	Srinagar (Uttarakhand)
Coimbatore	Kolkata	Thane
Cuttack	Kozhikode	Thiruvananthapuram

Dehradun	Leh	Tiruchirapalli
Delhi	Lucknow	Tirupati
Dharwad	Ludhiana	Udaipur
Dispur	Madurai	Varanasi
Faridabad	Mumbai	Vellore
Gangtok	Mysore	Vijayawada
Gaya	Nagpur	Visakhapatnam
Gautam Buddh Nagar	Navi Mumbai	Warangal

CDS Exam Pattern

The CDS Exam Pattern is classified into two parts.

- Theoretical Examination
- Intelligence and Personality Examination.

The Officer Training Academy(OTA) exam pattern differs from Indian Military Academy(IMA), Indian Naval Academy(INA), and Air Force Academy(AFA). IMA, INA, and AFA have three subjects. The total marks for the exam are 300, and the candidate will have to complete the exam in 6hrs.

Subjects	Marks	Time Scale
General Knowledge	100	2 hours
English	100	2 hours
Elementary Mathematics	100	2 hours

OTA has two subjects. The total marks for the exam are 200, and the candidate will have to complete the exam in 4hrs.

Subjects	Marks	Time Scale
General Knowledge	100	2 hours
English	100	2 hours