

CDS 2024

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts the "Combined Defence Services" (CDS) Examination twice a year for recruiting candidates for the Indian Military Academy, Officers Training Academy, Indian Naval Academy and Indian Air Force Academy. **The CDS 1 Notification 2024 will be released on 20th December 2023 and CDS 1 Exam is to be held on 21st April 2024.** Successful candidates are admitted into the respective Academies after an interview conducted by the Services Selection Board (SSB).

CDS Exam will be conducted in offline mode and there will be Multiple Choice Questions asked in the examination. Check an overview glimpse of CDS Exam from the below table.

CDS Syllabus 2024- Overview	
Exam Conducting Body	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Exam Name	Combined Defence Services (CDS)
Mode of exam	Offline
Number of sections	Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Naval Academy (INA) and Air Force Academy (AFA) – Three Officers' Training Academy (OTA) – Two
Total marks of the test	IMA, INA and AFA – 300 OTA - 200
Nature of questions	Objective type
CDS 1 2024 Exam Date	21st April 2024
Language of question paper	Hindi and English
Duration of the test	2 hours for each section of test

Subject	Duration	Maximum marks
English	2 hours	100
General Knowledge	2 hours	100
Elementary Mathematics	2 hours	100

CDS Exam Pattern for OTA

Subject	Duration	Maximum marks
English	2 hours	100
General Knowledge	2 hours	100

CDS I 2024 Exam Age Limit

Institution	Age Limit	Eligibility	Marital Status
Indian Military Academy	19 to 24 years	Bachelor's degree from a recognized university	Unmarried
Air Force Academy	20 to 24 years	B.E/B.Tech from a recognized university OR Degree from a recognized university with Physics & Mathematics as subjects	Unmarried
Indian Naval Academy	19 to 24 years	B.E/B.Tech from a recognized university or equivalent	Unmarried
Officers Training Academy	19 to 25 years	Bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent	Unmarried
Officers Training Academy (SSC Women Non-Technical Course)	19 to 25 years	Bachelor's degree from a recognized	Unmarried, issueless widows and issueless divorcees who have not remarried



UPSC CDS 2024 Notification

Aspirants who are interested in joining Indian Military Academy, Indian Naval Academy, Air Force Academy or Officers Training Academy need to know that the application form is available on the UPSC website between 20 December 2023 and 09 January 2024

Exam Name	CDS 2024
Organization	UPSC
Application Form Date	20 December 2023 to 09 January 2024
Application Link	Check Here
Exam Date	21 April 2024
Official Website	https://upsc.gov.in/

CDS 2024 Exam Pattern

Exam Mode	Offline (Pen-and-paper mode)
Number of Papers	3 (English, General Knowledge, Elementary Mathematics)
Total Marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English – 100• General Knowledge – 100• Elementary Mathematics – 100
Duration	2 hours for each paper
Language	English for each paper
Sections	English, General Knowledge, Elementary Mathematics
Type of Questions	Objective type
Negative Marking	1/3rd mark deducted for each incorrect answer
Marking Scheme	+1 mark for each correct answer