

FAQs

Academic Eligibility

- 1) Question : *What is the minimum requirement in +2 /qualifying examination?*
Answer : **A candidate should have a minimum of 60% aggregate in qualifying examination, shall include all subjects as mentioned in qualifying examination Mark sheet.**
- 2) Question : *Is Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics compulsory in qualifying examination?*
Answer : **Candidates must have passed the qualifying examination, i.e. Senior Secondary [10+2] or equivalent from any system of education as recognized by the Association of Indian Universities with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects and any one of these as optional subjects Chemistry, Bio-technology, Computer Science, Biology.**
- 3) Question : *What type of document to be submitted to show the proof of 3years study abroad (for Indian Nationals studying abroad)*
Answer : **A certificate on the school letter head duly signed by the Headmaster/ Headmistress/ Principal with the seal of the school where the student last studied giving the details of the total number of years and the classes studied.**

Residential Eligibility

- 1) Question : *I am a foreign national studying in India. Am I eligible for DASA?*
Answer : **YES. As long as you hold a valid foreign passport/visa etc., you are eligible for DASA. However you should satisfy other mandatory conditions.**
- 2) Question : *Proof of residential requirement (For Foreign Nationals)*
Answer : **copy of the passport issued by their respective countries.**

SAT II

- 1) Question : *What is SAT-II exam? Which subjects should be taken in SAT-II?*
Answer : **SAT-II is also known as SAT subject tests. This is administered by 'Collegeboard' USA. (please see www.collegeboard.com for more details).
For DASA admissions, a candidate should have taken Mathematics level II, Physics and Chemistry in SAT subject tests.**
- 2) Question : *Is there any minimum scores set for SAT-II (SAT Subject Tests)?*
Answer : **No minimum has been specified. Along with other eligibility conditions, a valid SAT Score will entitle your application to be considered for merit preparation.**

- 3) Question : *When can a candidate take SAT subject tests?*
Answer : **As of now SAT subject tests are slated for 1st May, 2010 and 5th June, 2010. For the test on 1st May, last date for registration is 15th April, 2010. For the test on 5th June, 2010 last date for registration is 5th May, 2010 or latest by 19th may, 2010. (For more details and correct information on SAT II Examination please see: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>)**
- 4) Question : *Where can I write my SAT subject tests?*
Answer : **Please use the link given here: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-code-search> in this web page, select 'test centers' in the 'search by' field. In the 'Select region' field, select the country where you want to write the test. A list of test centers would be displayed.**
- 5) Question : *What does the SAT stand for?*
Answer : **Initially, SAT was an acronym for the Scholastic Aptitude Test. In 1993, the test was renamed the SAT I: Reasoning Test. At the same time, the former Achievement Tests were renamed the SAT II: Subject Tests. SAT has become a simple way of referring to the SAT I: Reasoning Test.**
- 6) Question : *Who administers the SAT?*
Answer : **The "College Entrance Examination Board" USA on behalf of ETS (Education Testing Services) conducts the SAT.**
- 7) Question : *Are all SAT questions multiple – choice?*
Answer : **All of the SAT is multiple-choice except for 10 student – produced response math questions. These questions ask you to fill in or "grid-in" your own answers using a special section of the answer sheet.**
- 8) Question : *How many times can you take the test?*
Answer : **You can take the test as many times as you want. Your score report will show your current test score, plus scores for up to six SAT and six subject test administration dates. SAT is held about 6-7 times a year.**
- 9) Question : *Can I register for the first time by phone?*
Answer : **No. telephone registration is automated, so we need to have your previous record in order to process the registration request.**
- 10) Question : *How can I guarantee that I'll get my first choice of test center when I register?*
Answer : **Test center assignment is done on a "first come, first served" basis. So although College Board cannot guarantee that you'll get your first choice of test center when you register, registering early gives you the best chance of getting the test center you want. Remember that you can register in advance for any test date during the year, not just the next schedule date. You can also register online for the following year's test dates beginning in May.**
- 11) Question : *How is SAT scored?*
Answer : **Each section of your SAT (critical reading mathematics and writing) will be scored on a 200-to 800- point scale, for a possible total of 2400. You will also get two "sub scores" on the writing section: a multiple –choice score**

from 20 to 80, and an easy score from 2 to 12.

But how do you get these scores? Two steps happen before you see final score.

First, your raw score is arrived by:

- Adding points for correct answers.
- Subtracting a fraction of a point for wrong answers.

Remember: Questions that you skipped don't count either for or against your score, and points aren't taken away for wrong answers on the math questions where you needed to fill the answers in a grid. Then your raw score will be taken and turned it into a scaled score. This is where the score of 200-80 points comes from. And it is done through a statistical process called equating. This process makes it possible to compare your score with the scores of other students who took alternative versions of the test and to your own scores on previous tests.

12) Question : *How is SAT related to College admission?*

Answer : **The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions. Taking the SAT is the first step in finding the right college for you. The place where you can further develop your skills and pursue your passions. But SAT scores are just one of many factors that colleges consider when making their admission decisions. High school grades and SAT scores is the best predictor of your academic success in college.**

13) Question : *How much time will I have to take SAT?*

Answer : **The SAT is made up of 10 sections:
A 25-minute essay.
Six 25-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
Two 20-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
A 10-minute multiple choice writing section.
Total test time: 3 hours and 45 minutes.
You will also get three short breaks during the testing.
So you don't forget to bring a snack.
Testing accommodations are available for students with a documented need.**

14) Question : *What is the "un scored sections"?*

Answer : **Each SAT exam includes an extra 25-minute critical reading, mathematics or writing multiple choice sections that does not count towards your score.**

15) Question : *Why to take SAT?*

Answer : **As the nation's most widely used college admission test, the SAT is the first step towards higher education for students of all backgrounds. It's taken by more than 2 million students every year and is accepted by virtually all colleges and universities. There are number of reasons to take the SAT, but here are some of the best. It tests what you already know. The SAT tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills that you learn in school and that are critical for success in college and beyond. It's fair to everyone. The questions are thoroughly researched and tested to make sure students from all backgrounds have an equal chance to succeed. It's more than just a test.**

The SAT also provides the opportunity for you to connect to scholarship opportunities, place out of certain college courses and learn more about your academic strengths.

Fee Payment

- 1) Question : *What is the mode of payment of fees?*
Answer : **Three options are provided. (i) By Demand Draft, (ii) By Swift money transfer and (iii) by debit/credit card. Necessary instructions have been provided in the information brochure**

- 2) Question : *Please provide me the Demand draft details.*
Answer : **For candidates from Non-SAARC countries, the DD should be for \$4250 in favor of NITK DASA, payable at Mangalore/New York. For candidates from SAARC countries, the DD should be for \$2250. For candidates from Nepal and Bhutan, the DD should be in Indian rupees equivalent to \$2400, payable at Mangalore.**

Application Form Filling

- 1) Question : *Can I update mandatory fields in the application form after submission?*
Answer : **No. Once mandatory fields are submitted can not be changed. Also it may be noted that in any case, you cannot submit the online application form, without filling the mandatory fields.**

- 2) Question : *Is submission of online application sufficient for seat allocation?*
Answer : **No. A printed copy of the submitted online application form along with other supporting documents is a must and should be sent to NITK, Surathkal on or before 30th June, 2010.**

- 3) Question : *Do you require photographs in application?*
Answer : **YES. A passport size photograph needs to be uploaded. Similarly a passport size photograph (same as that of uploaded one) has to be pasted on the print copy of the application form.**

- 4) Question : *I am having trouble filling/uploading files online.*
Answer : **Please note that the online application is heavily dependent on the browser and its version. Please ensure you use IE 6 or Mozilla Firefox version 3 only. Please refresh the application before you start.**

- 5) Question : *Unable to upload files.*
Answer : **Apart from the right version of browser, please also ensure that the files are of the type jpg/jpeg only and that the size of the files is less than 1.5 MB.**

About reporting the problem

1) Question : *How to report any problem?*

Answer : **Please send an email to dasa@nitk.ac.in giving following details.**

- i. **Problem overview**
- ii. **Exact error message that appears on the screen**
- iii. **Browser and version that you are using**
- iv. **Detailed description (give all details to help us rectify the problem)**