

CDS 2 2024: Result OUT, Analysis, Expected Cut Off, Syllabus, Pattern & More



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The UPSC released the **CDS 2 2024 result** on **September 20, 2024**. Scroll down to know more about the CDS 2 exam 2024 including the admit card, exam date, syllabus, pattern, answer key, result, etc.



CDS 2024

UPSC CDS 2024: The UPSC CDS 2 result has been released on September 20, 2024. Candidates can check their result from the official website or via direct link provided below.

The **Combined Defence Services (CDS) Exam** is a national-level entrance examination conducted by the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** twice a year. The exam is conducted to recruit officers for the **Indian Armed Forces**, which includes the **Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force**. The CDS exam is conducted in two stages: a written test and an interview. The written test is conducted in an offline mode and comprises three papers: English, General Knowledge, and Elementary Mathematics. Each paper is of 2 hours



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duration and carries 100 marks. The interview is conducted by the Services Selection Board (SSB) and comprises a series of tests that assess a candidate's personality, intelligence, and leadership qualities.

Earlier, the UPSC conducted the CDS 1 2024 exam on April 21, 2024. The candidates who appeared for the exam can check the exam analysis and students' reaction video taken after the exam in the article. The [UPSC CDS 1 answer key](#) is provided in the article.

[Direct link to check UPSC CDS 2 result 2024](#)

Also Read:

[CDS 2 Result 2024 Live Updates](#)

[CDS 2 exam pattern](#)

CDS 2024 Highlights

Candidates selected through CDS join as commissioned officers. They undergo training in the respective defence academies. The table below provides some important exam highlights for CDS 2024.

CDS 2024 Exam Highlights	
Exam name	Combined Defence Services Examination
Conducting institute	Union Public Service Commission
Exam Level	National
CDS syllabus	Maths, English and General Ability Test (GAT)
CDS pattern	The written exam conducted in pen-and-paper mode
No. of test cities	More than 70
Exam frequency	Twice a year
Exam fees	INR 200 (SC/ST/Women candidates/Sons of JCOs/NCOs/ORs are exempted from fee payment)
Eligibility	Passed graduation or are appearing in the same



Exam purpose	Admission of candidates for Indian Military Academy, Indian Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Officers Training
Exam website	upsc.gov.in

Also Read: [CDS 1 Maths Question Paper 2024](#)

UPSC CDS 2 2024 Exam Date

UPSC CDS 2 2024 Events	CDS 2 2024 Dates
CDS 2 notification 2024 release date	May 15, 2024
CDS 2 application form 2024 date	May 15, 2024
The last date to apply for the CDS 2 application form	June 04, 2024
CDS 2 application form correction facility date	Closed
CDS 2 application withdrawal dates	Withdrawal Not Allowed
CDS 2 admit card 2024	23-Aug-2024
CDS 2 exam date 2024	September 1, 2024

Also Read:

- [CDS Vacancies](#)
- [CDS Salary](#)
- [CDS Selection process](#)

UPSC CDS 2 Answer Key 2024





[CDS 2 Answer Key 2024](#) will be released after the completion of the exam process for the **CDS 2 exam**. However, the unofficial answer key for the CDS exam by the coaching centres will be provided on this page on September 1, 2024. Candidates can check below the steps to download the CDS answer key.

- Go to the Official website-upsc.gov.in



- Go to the answer key sections
- Click the given links for the CDS answer key
- **On a new page, the answer key opens in PDF format**
- Download the answer key and save it

Candidates can check the CDS 2 2024 English and GK Answer key by Major Kalshi.

CDS 2 English, GK and Maths Question Paper & Answer Keys 2024	
CDS 2 English Question Paper 2024	 Click Here
CDS 2 English Answer Key for all Sets (by Major Kalshi)	 Click Here
CDS 2 GK Question Paper 2024	 Click Here
CDS 2 GK Answer Key for all Sets (by Major Kalshi)	Available Soon
CDS 2 Maths Question Paper	 Click Here
CDS 2 Maths Answer Key for all Sets (by Major Kalshi)	Available Soon

CDS 2 2024 Exam Analysis & Students Reaction Video for Maths



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CDS 2 2024 Exam Analysis & Students Reaction Video for English and GK

The candidates can check the exam analysis and students' reaction video below:

UPSC CDS 2 Admit Card 2024 Out

The UPSC released the **CDS 2 admit card 2024** for the exam scheduled on **September 1, 2024**, a week before the exam. The candidates can download their CDS 2 hall ticket by following the steps given below:

- Go to the official **website-upsc.gov.in**
- Click on the UPSC CDS 2 2024 Admit Card link
- The login page will appear on the screen
- Fill out the details required- application/registration number and date of birth
- Fill out the captcha available on the screen
- Click on the submit button
- The UPSC CDS 2 admit card will appear on the screen
- Download the CDS 2 admit card and save it for later use

Also Read: [CDS Recruitment](#)



CDS 2 2024 Admit Card Download Link

The candidates who have successfully submitted their application form for the **CDS 2 2024 exam** will be able to download the CDS 2 2024 admit card. The direct link to download the **CDS 2 admit card 2024** will be provided below in the article as soon as it is released on the official website. The direct link will redirect the candidates to the login page where the candidates can download the CDS admit card using their login credentials.

CDS 2024 Admit Card Direct Link:

https://upsconline.nic.in/eadmitcard/admitcard_cdsii_2024/instructions.php

Also Read: [UGC NET 2024 Exam](#)

CDS 2 Exam Pattern 2024

Candidates can check the CDS 2 2024 exam pattern in the table below:

Parameters	Details
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
Language of question paper	Hindi and English
Duration of the test	Two hours for each section of the test

CDS Negative Marking Scheme

The UPSC follows negative marking scheme for the CDS exam. Check the CDS 2 negative marking scheme below:

- For the incorrect answer, 1/3 mark is deducted



- **Candidates marking more than one option are treated as incorrect**
- If a question is left unanswered, there will be no negative marking

Also Read: [Airforce Group XY 2024](#)

Section Wise Marking Scheme

The section-wise marking scheme of the CDS exam has been given below for the candidates. The section-wise marking scheme will help the aspirants to understand the complex structure of the marking scheme:

Specifications	English	GK	Mathematics
Maximum marks	100	100	100
Marks for the correct answer	+1 mark for each correct option	+1 mark for each correct option	+1 mark for each correct option
Negative marking	-0.33 marks for each wrong answer	-0.33 marks for each wrong answer	-0.33 marks for each wrong answer

CDS Exam Pattern 2024 for SSB Interview

The candidates who will join the Indian defence as commissioned officers will be promoted according to the norms and time period of the service. The candidates can check the rank-wise post list below:

- Captain - Two years of commissioned service
- Major - Six years of commissioned service
- Lieutenant Colonel - Thirteen years of commissioned service
- Colonel - Fifteen years of commissioned service
- Colonel (TS) - Twenty-six years of commissioned service
- Major General - Twenty-five years of commissioned service
- Brigadier - Twenty-three years of commissioned service
- Lieutenant General - Twenty-eight years of commissioned service
- General - No restrictions
- Lieutenant - Promotion only after completion of training

Also Read: [SSC JE 2024](#)



CDS Syllabus for IMA, INA & AFA: PDF Link

Candidates who are willing to join the **Indian defence forces** must prepare for the written exam well and the CDS syllabus can help the candidates in preparing for the written exam. The syllabus contains topics from all three subjects- English, Elementary Maths, and General Knowledge. **CDS Syllabus PDF** can be downloaded for free through the link available below. Candidates must strategise their preparation according to the CDS syllabus to ensure they are preparing in the right direction.

CDS Syllabus PDF:  [Click Here](#)

CDS English Syllabus 2024

The questions in this section are designed to test the candidate's understanding of English. The CDS syllabus for the English Language is given below.

Antonyms	Sentence improvement	Comprehension
Synonyms	Word substitution	Ordering of sentences
Spotting Errors	Selecting Words	Ordering of words in a sentence

CDS General Knowledge Syllabus 2024

The General Knowledge tests the candidate's knowledge regarding current affairs. The paper includes questions from the History of India and the Geography of nature. The CDS syllabus for General Knowledge is given below.

Economics	Physics	Current Awareness
Politics	Chemistry	Sociology
History	Defence	Award
Geography	Environment	Sport
Biology	Cultural	Book
Statement true/false	--	--

CDS Syllabus Elementary Mathematics 2024



Questions in Elementary Mathematics are asked from Arithmetic, Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, [Mensuration](#), and Statistics.

CDS OTA Syllabus for English 2024

The syllabus for English subjects has been given below for the candidates. However, the English syllabus is quite similar to IMA, INA, and AFA. But the candidates should go through the syllabus to know accurate information about the **English syllabus for OTA CDS**:

- Sentence Arrangement
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Jumble Words
- Idioms and Phrases
- Ordering Sentences
- Ordering Words
- Fill up the blanks

Also Read: [UGC NET Re-Exam Date](#)

CDS OTA Syllabus for General Knowledge 2024

The General Ability Test (GAT) is taken to analyse the candidate's awareness about different topics that are currently going on, subjects that he or she has studied earlier, social awareness, and more. The candidates must go through the **GAT OTA syllabus** given below to understand the syllabus:

- Current Affairs
- History
- Polity
- Geography
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Sociology
- Defence Related Awareness



- Sports and Culture
- Environmental Studies

Also Read: [NDA 2 Admit Card 2024](#)

CDS 1 2024 Exam Analysis & Students Reaction

The candidates can check the exam analysis and students' reaction video below:

CDS 1 Exam Analysis for GK and English

Shiksha team visited one of the exam centres in Delhi. Check the student reaction after the exam below:

- Yash Tomar Said, " The CDS exam for OTA was moderate in nature. However, the GK paper was moderate to difficult. The questions were asked from economics in General Awareness. The English paper was easy and dowable in nature."
- Adhirat Deshwal, "The exam pattern was a bit different in English from the previous year's exam i. No questions were asked from modern history. The English paper was moderate to difficult and the question, synonyms, and antonyms were dominant in the English question Paper."

CDS 1 Maths Exam Analysis & Students' Reaction



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CDS Vacancy 2024

The final UPSC CDS 2024 vacancy will be announced simultaneously with the release of the official notification on upsc.gov.in. The Union Public Service would release [UPSC CDS vacancies 2024](#) separately for both sessions. CDS 2024 openings for the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Naval Academy (INA), Air Force Academy (AFA), and Officers' Training Academy (OTA) Men & Women will be available here for each session.

UPSC CDS 2024 Eligibility Criteria

UPSC prescribes CDS eligibility criteria in terms of nationality, age limit, and educational qualification. To apply for the exam, candidates need to meet the eligibility parameters. [CDS eligibility](#) criteria are given below.

Nationality

The candidates who are willing to apply for the CDS 2024 exam must be

- An Indian citizen, or
- A Tibetan refugee, (before January 1962), or
- A subject to Nepal or Bhutan, or
- Migrants from Pakistan, Burma, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and East African countries of Kenya, and Uganda, to permanently settle in India.



UPSC CDS Age Limit 2024

- CDS 2 2024 age limit for Indian Military Academy (IMA) is that unmarried male candidates born not earlier than January 2, 2000, and not later than January 1, 2005, are eligible to apply
- CDS 2 2024 age limit for Indian Naval Academy (INA) is that **unmarried male candidates born not earlier than January 2, 2000, and not later than January 1, 2005, are eligible to apply**
- Candidates applying for Air Force Academy should be between 20 to 24 years old as of January 1, 2024. They must have been born not earlier than January 2, 2000, and not later than January 1, 2004 For Officers' Training Academy (SSC Course for men), unmarried male candidates born not earlier than January 2, 1999, and not later than January 1, 2005, are eligible to apply
- For Officers' Training Academy (SSC Women Non-Technical Course), candidates should be unmarried and born not earlier than January 2, 1999, and not later than January 1, 2005

Also Read: [What is the Full Form of CDS exam?](#)

UPSC CDS Qualification

- For IMA and Officers' Training Academy, the **required educational qualification is Graduation in any discipline from a recognised university**
- For Indian Naval Academy, candidates must have a degree in Engineering from a recognised university
- For Air Force Academy, candidates must have a degree in Engineering from a recognised university. They must have studied Physics and Mathematics in Class 12

UPSC CDS Physical Standards 2024

The candidates who want to appear for the CDS exam must go through the CDS physical standards before applying for the CDS exam so that they can check that they are eligible to qualify for the eligibility criteria

CDS 2024 Male Height and Weight

The height and weight standards for the army and navy (male) have been given below for the CDS exam aspiring candidates. The candidates can refer to the table for the CDS age-wise weight and height below:



Height/Age	18 years	20 years	22 years	24 years
152	44	46	47	48
155	46	48	49	50
157	47	49	50	51
160	48	50	51	52
162	50	52	51	54
165	52	53	55	56
168	53	55	57	58
170	55	57	58	59
173	57	59	60	61
175	59	61	62	62
178	61	62	63	64
180	63	64	65	66
183	65	67	67	68
185	67	69	70	71
188	70	71	72	74
190	72	73	74	76
193	74	76	77	78
195	77	78	79	81

Also Read: [NDA 2024](#)



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CDS 2024 Female Height and Weight

The height and weight standards for the army and navy (female) have been given below for the CDS exam aspiring candidates. The candidates can refer to the table for the CDS age-wise weight and height below:

Height/Age	20 years	25 years	30 years
148	39	41	43
150	40	42	43.5
153	42	43.5	45
155	43	44	46
158	45	46	48
160	46	47	49
163	47	49	51
165	49	51	53
168	50	52	54

CDS Eyesight 2024

Candidates who want to appear in CDS 2024 must know about visual standards so that they can verify that they are eligible to appear for the CDS exam or not. The UPSC has divided visual standards into three parts – IMA & OTA, Naval Candidates, and Air Force. The details of the visual standards have been given below:

CDS 2024 Eyesight : IMA and OTA

- Uncorrected vision (max allowed) - 6/60 & 6/60
- BCVA - Right 6/6 & Left 6/6
- Myopia -
- Hypermetropia -



- Lasik/equivalent surgery - Permitted
- Colour perception: CP II

CDS 2024 Eyesight: Navy

- Uncorrected without glasses: 6/12, 6/12
- Corrected with glasses: 6/6, 6/6
- Myopia Limit: -1.5D
- Hypermetropia Limit: +1.5D
- Binocular Vision: III
- Limits of Colour Perception: I

CDS 2024 Eyesight: Air Force

Candidates who wear spectacles regularly are not eligible for India Air Force. The visual standards for the Air Force have been given below:

- Hypermetropia Colour Vision CP-1
- Hypermetropia: +2.0 d Sph
- Manifest Myopia: Nil
- Retinoscopic Myopia- 0.5 in any meridian
- Astigmatism : +0.75 D Cyl (with + 2.0 D- Max)

Also Read: [CDS Maths Syllabus](#)

Maddox Rod Test

at 33 cms:

- Exo-16 prism D
- Eso-6 prism D
- Hyper-1 prism D
- Hypo-1 prism D

at 6 meters:

- Exo-6 prism D
- Eso-6 prism D



- Hyper-1 prism D
- Hypo-1prism D

CDS 2024 Career Growth in INA & IMA

Candidates who want to join the Indian Naval Academy or Indian Military Academy must check their CDS 2024 career growth in the table below:

Ranks	Time Duration
Lieutenant	After completing training
Captain	2 years of Commissioned Service
Major	6 years of Commissioned Service
Lieutenant Colonel	13 years of Commissioned Service
Colonel (TS)	26 years of Commissioned Service
Colonel	15 years of Commissioned Service
Brigadier	23 years of Commissioned Service
Major General	25 years of Commissioned Service
Lieutenant General	28 years of Commissioned Service
General	No restrictions

CDS 2024 Career Growth in AFA

The candidates who are willing to join the Air Force Academy can check the career growth in the AFA in the table below:

CDS Rank – AFA	Time Duration
Flying Officer	On Commission
Flight Lieutenant	2 Years of commissioned service
Squadron Leader	6 years of commissioned service
Wing Commander	13 years of commissioned service
Group Captain	26 years of commissioned service



Air Commodore	-
Air Vice Marshal	-
Air Chief Marshal HAG Scale	-
Air Chief Marshal Apex Scale	-
Air Chief Marshal	-

CDS 2024 Exam Centres

The candidates can check the exam cities in which the CDS 2024 exam will be conducted in the table below:

State	Examination Centre
Tripura	Agartala
Gujarat	Ahmedabad
Mizoram	Aizawl
Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad
Karnataka	Bengaluru
Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
Punjab	Chandigarh
Tamil Nadu	Chennai
Tamil Nadu	Cuttack
Uttarakhand	Dehradun
Delhi	Delhi
Karnataka	Dharwad
Assam	Dispur
Sikkim	Gangtok
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
Manipur	Imphal



Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
Rajasthan	Jaipur
Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu
Assam	Jorhat
Kerala	Kochi
Nagaland	Kohima
West Bengal	Kolkata
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
Tamil Nadu	Madurai
Maharashtra	Mumbai
Maharashtra	Nagpur
Goa	Panaji
Bihar	Patna
Andaman and Nicobar	Port Blair
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Jharkhand	Ranchi
Odisha	Sambalpur
Meghalaya	Shillong
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
Arunachal Pradesh	Tirupati
Rajasthan	Udaipur
Arunachal Pradesh	Visakhapatnam

Comparison Between Similar Defence Exams

The candidates preparing for the Defence exams can check the similar exams to CDS. The comparison between CDS (Combined Defense Services), AFCAT (Air Force Common



Admission Test), and NDA (National Defense Academy) is given below in the table:

Criteria	CDS	AFCAT	NDA
Full Form	Combined Defense Services	Air Force Common Admission Test	National Defense Academy
Conducting Authority	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Indian Air Force	UPSC (Written Exam) and Services Selection Board (SSB) for Interviews
Level	Graduate Level	Graduate Level	10+2 (12th Grade) Level
Branches	Army, Navy, Air Force	Indian Air Force	Army, Navy, Air Force
Age Limit	19-25 years	20-26 years	16.5-19.5 years (10+2 level)
Eligibility	Graduation in any discipline	Graduation in any discipline	10+2 (12th Grade) pass
Exam Pattern	Written Exam (English, GK, Maths) + SSB Interview	Written Exam (Verbal Ability, Numerical Ability, Reasoning, GK) + EKT (for technical branches) + SSB Interview	Written Exam (Maths, General Ability) + SSB Interview
Selection Process	Written Exam, SSB Interview, and Medical Examination	Written Exam, EKT (for technical branches), SSB Interview, and Medical Examination	Written Exam, SSB Interview, and Medical Examination
Training Academy	Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Naval Academy (INA), Air Force Academy (AFA), Officers' Training Academy (OTA)	Air Force Academy (AFA)	National Defense Academy (NDA)



Commission Offered	Permanent Commission (PC) for men and Short Service Commission (SSC) for women	Short Service Commission (SSC)	Permanent Commission (PC)
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UPSC CDS Expected Cut Off 2024

The candidates can check the expected cut off for the UPSC CDS 2024 exam in the table below. The CDS expected cut off 2024 is based on the difficulty level of the CDS exam and more. The candidates can check the **UPSC CDS 1 written exam expected cut** off below in the table. The **expected cut-off for the CDS written exam** has been given based on the difficulty level and other **UPSC CDS cut-off** deciding factors:

CDS Written Exam Expected Cut Off 2024		
CDS 1 Expected Cutoff 2024	CDS 1 Written Exam	CDS 1 Final Cutoff
CDS Cut off AFA	135-142	260-270
CDS Cut off IMA	110-125	245-255
CDS Cut off INA	108-115	230-244
CDS Cut off OTA (female)	90-95	158-165
CDS Cut off OTA (male)	90-94	160-170

UPSC CDS Result 2024

The UPSC released the UPSC CDS result in the form of a PDF that comprises the roll numbers of the qualified candidates. The candidates can download the CDS 1 result by following the steps given below:

- Go to the official website
- Click on the CDS 1 result link
- The CDS 1 Result PDF link will appear on the screen
- Click on the CDS 1 result PDF link
- The UPSC CDS result PDF will appear on the screen
- Download the UPSC CDS result and save it for later use

Direct Link for CDS 1 Result PDF: [📄 Click Here](#)



CDS Application Form 2024

UPSC released the **CDS application** along with the notification on the official website on December 20, 2023. The candidates can apply for the CDS exam till January 9, 2024 by following the steps that have been provided in the article below.

How to register for the CDS application form?

The steps to fill out the application form are given below:

- Go to the official website for application- **upsconline.nic.in**
- Log in to your registered account or register for the OTR (the steps to register for UPSC OTR has been given below in the article)
- Click on the CDS 2 exam link
- Fill out the details asked
- Upload the photograph, signature, and Photo Identity card
- Make the application fee for the CDS 2 exam
- Choose the CDS 2 exam centre
- Finally, submit the application form
- A confirmation message will be sent to the candidate's registered mobile number and email id

Direct Link to Apply for the CDS 1 2024 exam: Closed

CDS 2024 FAQs

Q: When will the CDS 2 2024 admit card be released?

A: The CDS 2 admit card will be released by the end of August 2024. The candidates will be able to download the CDS admit card by following the steps given below:

- Go to the official website
- Click on the CDS 2 admit card link
- The UPSC CDS login page will appear on the screen
- Fill out the login credentials
- Fill out the captcha available on screen
- Click on the submit button



- The CDS 2 admit card will appear on the screen
- Download the CDS admit card and save it for later use

Q: What is the CDS 2 exam date?

A: The UPSC CDS 2 exam will be conducted on Septmeber 1, 2024. The exam will be conducted for AFA (Air Force Academy), IMA (Indian Military Academy), INA (Indian Naval Academy), OTA (Officers' Training Academy) in a single day. However, the OTA exam will be conducted for for 4 hours whereas, the AFA, IMA, and INA for 6 hours.

Q: What is the CDS exam shift timing?

A: The shift timing for the CDS exam are given below in the table:

Paper	Exam Timings
English	9.00 am to 11.00 am
GK	12.00 pm to 2.00 pm
Elementary Mathematics	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

