

ABOUT N.T.S.E

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was established by the Government of India in the year 1961 with a view to bringing about qualitative improvement in school education in the country. No sooner the Council was set up than it mounted a number of programs in this direction. One such program was to identify and nurture the talented students. This program took up the shape of a scheme called National Science Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) in the year 1963 which provided for the identification of talented students and awarding them with scholarships.

Consequent upon the introduction of 10+2+3 pattern of education, the NSTS scheme also underwent a change in the year 1976. It was no longer confined to only basic sciences but was extended to social sciences, engineering and medicine as well. It was renamed as National Talent Search Scheme (NTSS). Since the education system in the country was undergoing a change, the scheme was made open to the students of Classes X, XI and XII and separate examinations were conducted for each class. The number of scholarships was raised to 500. The selection procedure was also changed. Now the candidates were subjected to two objective type written tests namely the Mental Ability Test (MAT) and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). A stipulated number of candidates qualifying these two tests were subjected to face-to-face interview. The final awards were made on the basis of composite scores obtained in the MAT, the SAT and the interview.

The number of scholarships was again enhanced from 500 to 550 in the year 1981. Yet another change in the scheme was made in the year 2006 wherein the NTS examination was held at the end of Class VIII. From the year 2008 examination, a provision of 3 per cent reservation has been made for physically challenged students.

From the year 2012-13

- NTSE will be conducted for Class X students
- The examination will consist of Mental Ability Test(MAT) and Scholastic Ability Test(SAT)
- Quota for State/UT will be computed proportionally on the basis of students enrolment in Class IX and X
- The amount of scholarship will be Rs. 500/- per month for all the students studying in Class XI onwards(irrespective of class/course) except for Ph.D., wherein it is paid as per UGC norms.

The scholarships under the present scheme are awarded to the candidates for pursuing courses in sciences and social sciences up to doctoral level and in professional courses like medicine and engineering up to second-degree level subject to the fulfilment of the conditions provided in this brochure.

Who can apply - The Eligibility Criteria

Gender	Girls and Boys both can apply for NTSE 2015-16
Region	All India and NRI Students

Class	Class 10 The scholarship is for higher studies in Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages Commerce, vocational studies and fine arts.
Details	Students studying overseas but are Indian citizens can participate in NTSE second stage directly.

Reward

NTSE- National Talent Search Examination Rewards

- NTSE Scholarship amount has been increased from this year onwards. The Students who qualify NTSE Exam will be paid the scholarship on per month basis as follows:
 - Rs. 1250 per month for Class 11& 12
 - Rs. 2000 per month for Undergraduate & Post Graduate Students
 - For Ph.D students the scholarship would be paid in accordance to the UGC norms
- The NTSE scholarship will be paid to students studying in Class 11 onwards (irrespective of class/course).

Application Mode and Process

NTSE Application Process

- The students have to take the **NTSE 2015-16 Application Form** from the State/UT Liaison Officer.
- The student has to fill in the required details in the NTSE Application form and the completed application form should be signed by the Principal of the school.
- As NTSE Stage 1 is conducted by Individual State & UT so the last date to submit the NTSE Application form may differ.
- The student has to confirm the last date to submit NTSE application form from their respective State Liaison officer.

For Indian Students studying abroad

- They should fill the relevant items of the application forms and should forward it to NCERT along with Class 9 mark sheet latest by **February 28, 2015**.
- **Mention the State/ UT preferred in the Covering Letter:** The students has to mention the name of State/ UT, where the candidate wants to appear in the national level NTS examination, in the covering letter.

Application Fees for NTSE

- Stage 1 of NTSE is conducted by different State/UTs so the application fee has to be paid to them directly.
- There is no fee for taking NTSE Stage 2 exam conducted by NCERT.

Selection Process

NTSE 2015-16 Exam pattern

- The Examination will be Consist of Mental Ability Test (MAT) and Scholastic Ability Test (SAT)

	Marks	No. of Questions	Duration
Mental Ability Test- MAT	50	50	45 minutes
Scholastic Ability Test- SAT <u>Language Comprehensive Test</u>	50	50	45 minutes
Scholastic Ability Test- SAT <u>Aptitude Test</u>	100	100	90 minutes

- **Aptitude Test** - The aptitude test will consist questions from History, Geography, Political Science, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics.
- **Negative Marking in NTSE:** There will be negative marking of 1/3 for every wrong answer and no negative marks would be awarded for unanswered questions.
- **Language of NTSE Examination:** The Examination is conducted in various languages that are: Assamese, Bangla, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

Reservation for NTSE & Quota for States/ UT: Quota would be calculated on the basis of student's enrolment in Class 9 and Class 10

Address

In Charge, National Talent Search Scheme Cell, Education Survey Division,
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Contact NTSE

NTS National Level Exam

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State Level NTS Examination Enquiry : Contact the Liaison Officer of your State -Region wise list of State Liaison Officers for NTSE

NTSE Scholarship

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