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PRESS RELEASE

The Council of Architecture (CoA) is established by the Parliament of India under the Architects Act, 1972 and vested with the responsibility of prescribing and monitoring standards of architectural education and profession and registration of Architects all over India. The Council consists of representatives of all State Govts/ UTs, Central Government IIA, AICTE, CPWD, Ministry of Defence, Institution of Engineers and Institution of Surveyors, as well as of Architectural institutions approved by CoA.

The Council has prescribed minimum Standards for grant of recognized qualifications by the Architectural Institutions in the country. As per minimum standards prescribed by the Council, qualifying in an aptitude test in Architecture is mandatory for admission to B.Arch. Course. The CoA, being the competent statutory authority for fixing norms and standards for architectural institutions has the necessary expertise to hold a Common Aptitude Test in Architecture.

National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) is being conducted by CoA, at national level, to provide a single window system for appearing in aptitude test to students and institutions for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch Degree Course at all approved Institutions all over country. The purpose of conducting NATA is to provide a single scheme of examination for holding aptitude test and to facilitate prospective students all over the country to apply for admissions in architectural institutional in the country. However, actual admissions shall be carried out only by the concerned designated authorities of the respective states/ institutions based on NATA.

NATA was introduced by the Council to mitigate the burden of students all over the country who were made to appear for different Aptitude Tests in different states for admission to 5-year B.Arch. degree course. NATA also ensures that the eligibility criteria for admission to five-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course, as stipulated in the Regulations by CoA and duly approved by the Central Government, are strictly adhered to and followed all over the country in Architectural Institutions.

The National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) measures the aptitude of the applicant for specific field of study, i.e. Architecture. The test measures drawing and observation skills, sense of proportion, aesthetic sensitivity, Mathematics and critical thinking ability that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are related to the specific field of study, i.e. Architecture.

The Council has been conducting the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) since 2006, as an online examination spread over a period of 5 months. NATA has been adopted by a majority of Universities, Government Institutions and all the private institutions as the eligibility examination for admission to 1st year of 5-Year B.Arch. Degree Course and has been a major success.

The Council after carefully considering the various suggestions, anomalies regarding conduct of NATA in the past, in order to further improve and strengthen the conduct of exam, and to attract bright students into studying Architecture, has decided to conduct NATA as a one day examination (Pencil & Paper based) all over the country on similar lines with other national level entrance exams all over the country. NATA-2017 for the academic session 2017-2018 shall be conducted as one-day examination (offline) all over the country on 16.04.2017 (Sunday).

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NATA shall consist of 2 Parts, paper based carrying maximum marks of 200. Part 1 of NATA shall consist of multiple choice 60 questions of 2 marks each (MCQ type) on Mathematics and General Aptitude for a duration of 90 minutes, while Part 2 which is on Drawing and Observation Skills shall carry 2 questions of 40 marks each- duration 90 minutes. NATA Examination shall be conducted at around 70 cities spread all over the country. The Candidates shall have to furnish a choice of three cities for the test centre and the centre shall be allocated by the Council on the basis of number of applications received from a particular city/state.

NATA 2017 Score shall be valid for admission to B.Arch. Course in Academic Year 2017-2018. Qualifying Marks would be decided on percentile based on post exam statistics. Marks scored along with percentile and rank would be published on NATA website.

The candidates can fill in the Application Form on NATA website and remit NATA Exam Fee of Rs.1250/- online. NATA brochure and other information about submission of online application, eligibility etc. shall be available at the NATA portal "www.nata.nic.in" and on Council's website www.coa.gov.in.

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