

UPSC Annual Programme of Examinations & Recruitment Tests 2026–2027

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1. Major Examination Schedules (2026–2027)

Examination / Recruitment Test	Notification Date	Last Date (Apply)	Exam Date (Prelims/Stage-1)	Duration
Civil Services (Preliminary) Exam 2026 Indian Forest Service (Prelims)	11 Feb 2026	03 Mar 2026	24 May 2026 (Sunday)	1 Day
Civil Services (Main) Examination 2026	—	DAF-I Submission	18 September 2026	5 Days
NDA & NA Examination (I) 2026 CDS Examination (I) 2026	10 Dec 2025	30 Dec 2025	12 April 2026 (Sunday)	1 Day
CAPF (Assistant Commandants) 2026	22 April 2026	12 May 2026	02 August 2026 (Sunday)	1 Day
NDA & NA Examination (II) 2026 CDS Examination (II) 2026	20 May 2026	09 June 2026	13 September 2026 (Sunday)	1 Day
Civil Services (Preliminary) Exam 2027	10 Feb 2027	02 Mar 2027	23 May 2027 (Sunday)	1 Day

2. Mandatory OTR & Application Regulations

- One Time Registration (OTR): OTR is mandatory on upsconline.nic.in. Modifications in OTR profile can only be made once in a lifetime within 7 days after the application window closes.
- Photograph Guidelines: The candidate's photograph must not be older than 10 days from the date of application. Candidate's name and date of photograph taking must be clearly inscribed on the photo.
- Negative Marking: Penalty of one-third (0.33) marks for wrong answers in all objective Multiple Choice Question papers.
- Exam Day Protocol: Entry into the examination hall closes strictly 30 minutes before commencement of the exam (09:00 AM for forenoon session; 02:00 PM for afternoon session).

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