

EXAM CALENDAR 2026

KEY DATES FOR JEE, NEET UG and UPSC EXAMS

National-level entrance exams set the pace

Engineering and medical entrance tests will lead the exam season in 2026. These exams begin early and continue into mid-year.

| Exam | Schedule |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JEE Main 2026 Session 1 | January 21 to January 30, 2026 |
| JEE Main 2026 Session 2 | April 2 to April 9, 2026 |
| JEE Advanced 2026 | May 17, 2026 (tentative) |
| CUET 2026 | May 2026 (expected) |
| FMGE | January 17, 2026 |
| GPAT | March 7, 2026 |

NEET UG 2026 timeline

NEET remains one of the most competitive exams in the country. The full cycle runs from the exam to counselling over several months.

| Event | Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Exam date | May 3, 2026 |
| Admit card release | April 2026 |
| Provisional answer key | Fourth week of May 2026 |
| Final answer key and result | Second week of June 2026 |
| Counselling begins | July 1, 2026 |

UPSC EXAMS

They stretch across the year

| Stage | Expected timeline |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Civil Services Preliminary exam | Late May or early June 2026 |
| Civil Services Main exam | September 2026 |
| Personality test | Early 2027 |

Other UPSC exams will also be held during the year.

| Exam | Expected schedule |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| CDS (I) | February 2026 |
| CDS (II) | September 2026 |
| NDA (I) | April 2026 |
| NDA (II) | September 2026 |
| CAPF (AC) written exam | August 1, 2026 |