

EXAM CALENDER 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