

National Entrance and Screening Test (NEST)-2014

First Counseling: July 14, 2014 (Monday)

Congratulation for your success in NEST-2014 and for being invited to counseling for admission to NISER (Bhubaneswar) or CBS (Mumbai) or ISERC (Visva-Bharati). Candidates intending to appear for the first counseling and seeking admission to any of the three institutes, are requested to read the following instructions carefully.

1. At the time of checking of NEST-2014 results, candidates who are eligible to appear for the first counseling are provided with necessary portal to register online.
2. The online registration portal to express willingness for admission, preference of venue (NISER or CBS) for counseling is open since June 20, 2014, at 10:00 AM. Online registration is mandatory.

Please note that a particular venue for counseling does not restrict you to take admission to that institute only. You may choose either of the counseling venues irrespective of where you wish to take admission.

If you face difficulty in online registration, please send us email at nest@nestexam.in mentioning your name, roll and application numbers, your choice of counseling venue and percentage mark of XII standard board examination.

3. Last date for online registration for counseling is **July 10, 2014, midnight**.
4. The registered candidates must be present at the counseling venue of choice on July 14, 2014, by 9:30 AM. Failing to appear on the date and time of counseling will result in forfeiting your claim of admission.
5. Attendance of all the candidates present at the counseling venues will be taken at 9:30 AM. Based on the attendance of the students present both at NISER and CBS, and the original merit list, a combined 'modified' merit list will be prepared. Admission to NISER, CBS and ISERC will be strictly on the basis of this 'modified' merit list.

Please note that appearing for counseling does not guarantee admission to any of the three participating institutes. The offer for admission will be made at the time of counseling strictly according to the 'modified' merit list prepared on the basis of attendance on the day of counseling i.e. July 14, 2014, taking various reserved category seats into account and till all seats are filled.

6. Counseling and admission process is likely to start from 11:00 AM. Documents (and photocopies) required during counseling are listed in the next section.
7. First round of counseling will continue until all seats are filled or the merit list prepared based on attendance is exhausted, whichever is earlier.

8. Certain things are different for the three different institutes: date of registration, starting date of the first semester classes, documents / declarations required during registration and fees to be paid. Please check with the website of the concerned institute for such details.

9. For details of the participating institutes, please visit the respective websites:

NISER: www.niser.ac.in

CBS: www.cbs.ac.in

ISERC: www.visva-bharati.ac.in

10. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the counseling or taking admission.

List of documents required during counseling

1. Original mark sheet of Class X board examination + 1 photocopy
2. Original mark sheet of Class XII board examination + 1 photocopy
3. Proof of date of birth (original birth certificate or school leaving certificate) + 1 photocopy
4. Original caste certificate (if applicable) + 1 photocopy

(Caste certificate as per central government format certifies two things: caste of the candidate and the fact that said caste is included in respective category. However, formats of some states only mention the former in the caste certificate. Only in such cases, a separate caste verification certificate certifying the latter is needed.)

5. Original Non-creamy layer OBC certificate (if applicable) + 1 photocopy
6. Original disability certificate (for Physically Disabled candidates) + 1 photocopy
7. Proof of Indian citizenship, if born outside India + 1 photocopy
8. 4 passport size color photographs
9. Demand Draft of Rs.10,000.00 (ten thousand) in favour of **NISER**, payable at Bhubaneswar, or in favour of **CBS**, payable at Mumbai, depending where the candidates are appearing for counseling.
10. In case the candidate has submitted original certificates to another institute for the purpose of admission, she/he must bring official letter (undertaking) from that institute stating so.

In case of any doubts or clarification, please send email to nest@nestexam.in

Note on submission of original documents:

Please note that the candidates have to deposit original certificates, at least Class 12th mark sheet, to the admission committee during counseling and those will be kept for one semester. Those who do not have original documents, but are in custody of another

institutes for the purpose of admission, must produce official letter from the concerned institute stating so and that they will return the testimonials if demanded by the candidate. In such cases, the original documents must be submitted to the institute admission committee on the day of registration, and failing to do so without any valid reason may result in cancellation of admission.

Time line: First Counseling

- **9.30 AM:** Latest reporting time by candidates
 - Upon reporting, attendance will be taken, registration material (undertaking for institutes and paper attendance slip) will be handed over and XIIth grade percentage will be noted down.
 - Attendance slip will be filled up by the candidates and will be handed over to the counseling personnel. The data will be fed to computers and a 'modified' merit list will be prepared.
- **10.00 AM – 11.00 AM:** Welcome by Directors and presentations of three institutes
- **11.30 AM:** Counseling for general candidates begins simultaneously at NISER & CBS
- **1.00 PM – 2.00 PM:** LUNCH BREAK
- **3.00 PM:** General counseling is expected to be over. OBC/DT/SC/ST/PD counseling begins.
- **5.15 PM:** Second phase of general counseling will begin, provided any OBC seat is left unoccupied.
- **7.00 PM:** First counseling ends. (This time is tentative, it might go till 9.00 pm)

Withdrawal of admission and second counseling (if required)

Candidates who have been admitted to any of the three participating institutes — NISER, CBS and ISERC — may withdraw their admission by **July 18, 2014, 12:00 noon** either by coming in person or by sending email at nest@nestexam.in stating name, date of birth, roll and application numbers, choice of counseling venue and XIIth board exam percentage. The details of refund of deposited amount and return of original documents will be intimated at the time of withdrawal.

After the first round of counseling and withdrawal deadline, each participating institute will prepare their own waiting list. The seats that fall vacant at a particular institute will be filled in accordance to its waiting list. The name of the wait-listed candidates will be announced on the websites of the respective institutes. The second counseling and admission will take place at the concerned institute where the seats are vacant. This second counseling will not be a joint counseling.

The date of second counseling, if needed, at NISER is July 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The corresponding dates for CBS and ISREC will be announced on the website of the respective institutes. Please also get in touch with the admission committee of the participating institutes for details.

Addresses of the Counseling Venues

National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) - Bhubaneswar

Institute of Physics Campus, Sachivalaya Marg,

P.O. Sainik School, Bhubaneswar 751005

Landmark — Apollo Hospital / Sainik School

Email: nest@nestexam.in (write the name of NISER in subject line)

Center for Excellence in Basic Sciences (CBS) - Mumbai

Health Center Building, University of Mumbai

Vidyanagari Campus, Mumbai 400098

Landmark — Main gate of Mumbai University Vidyanagari / Kalina campus

Email: nest@nestexam.in (write the name of CBS in subject line)

Apart from these two institutes, students will be admitted to ISERC (Viswa-Bharati). However, counseling for ISERC will be done at the above two places.
