

INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Campus, Knowledge Park II, Greater Noida, U.P. – 201310

APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY (PGDA)
Academic Session 2027

Application Roll No.: _____ *(For Office Use Only)*

1. Personal Details

Particulars	Details to be filled by Applicant	Photograph
Full Name of Applicant <i>(in Block Letters)</i>		<i>Affix Recent Passport Size Photograph Here</i>
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		
Father's Name		
Mother's Name		
Category	☐ General ☐ SC ☐ ST ☐ OBC ☐ EWS ☐ PwD	

2. Identification & Contact Details

Field	Information
Aadhar Card Number	
PAN Card Number	
Mobile / Contact Number	
Email Address	
Permanent Address	
Correspondence Address	

3. Educational Qualifications

Highest Educational Qualification:

Examination / Degree	Board / University	Year of Passing	Percentage / CGPA	Main Subjects
Matriculation (10th)				
Higher Secondary (12th)				
Bachelor's Degree				
Master's Degree				
Other (Ph.D. / M.Phil)				

4. Eligibility Criteria Self-Declaration

Please review and check the following mandatory criteria before submitting your application:

- ☐ **Desired Qualification:** Does the applicant have the desired educational qualification?
(Master's Degree in relevant discipline with minimum required percentage of 55% for General and 50% for SC/ST/OBC and from a recognized University)
- ☐ **Eligible Age:** Does the applicant satisfy the eligible age limit?
(Meets the prescribed age criteria as on the publishing date of this application i.e. 31/10/2026, including applicable category relaxations)
- ☐ **Category Claim:** Does the applicant belong to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer) Category?
(Valid supporting category certificate issued by a competent authority must be attached if applicable)
- ☐ **In-service Candidate:** In case the applicant is an in-service/sponsored candidate as per prospectus.

5. Declaration by Applicant

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information being found false or ineligible before or after the selection, my candidature/admission is liable to be canceled.

Place: _____

Date:

Signature of Applicant

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. Submission Mode & Format:

- The application form must be filled completely, signed, and scanned along with self-attested copies of all requisite supporting documents.
- All documents must be compiled into a SINGLE legible consolidated PDF document (maximum file size: 15 MB). Multiple files, zip archives, or cloud drive links (e.g., Google Drive) will NOT be considered.
- The consolidated PDF must be emailed to: admissions.pduia@gmail.com
- Subject Line of the Email: The subject must strictly follow this format:
"Application for Admission to PGDA 2027 – [Candidate's Full Name]"

2. Closing Date & Time:

- The last date and time for receipt of completed applications via email is 31/10/2026 up to 11:59 PM (IST).
- Applications received after 11:59 PM (IST) on 31/10/2026 will be summarily rejected. The Institute will not be responsible for email transmission delays, network failures, or mailbox capacity errors.

3. Determination of Age and Eligibility:

- The crucial benchmark date for calculating the age limit (maximum 25 years for fresh applicants, subject to admissible statutory relaxations) and acquiring the qualifying Master's Degree shall be the closing date of application, i.e., 31/10/2026.
- Candidates whose qualifying Master's examination results have not been officially declared on or before 31/10/2026 are NOT eligible to apply.

4. In-Service / Sponsored Candidates:

- Candidates working in the Archaeological Survey of India, Central/State Government departments, Museums, Universities, or Colleges must submit their application "Through Proper Channel".
- An advance copy may be emailed before the closing deadline, provided a scanned copy of the "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) / forwarding endorsement from the Competent Authority is attached with the application.

5. Document Enclosure Checklist:

Attach clear, self-attested scanned copies of the following documents in the given order:

- a. Proof of Date of Birth (Matriculation / 10th Class Certificate).
- b. Intermediate / Higher Secondary (12th Class) Mark Sheet and Certificate.
- c. Bachelor's Degree Mark Sheets and Degree Certificate.
- d. Master's Degree Final Consolidated Mark Sheet and Degree / Provisional Certificate in Ancient Indian History / Culture / Archaeology (verifying minimum 55% marks for General, 50% for SC/ST/OBC/In-service).
- e. Valid Category Certificate (SC / ST / OBC Non-Creamy Layer / EWS / PwD) issued by the competent authority in the Government of India format, where applicable.
- f. Government Photo Identity Proof (Voter ID / Passport / Driving Licence / PAN Card).
- g. Employer's NOC / Forwarding Letter (strictly required for in-service / sponsored candidates).

6. Shortlisting, Entrance Examination & Interview:

- Shortlisted candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria will be issued an Admit Card via return email with details regarding the date, time, and venue of the Written Examination and Personal Interview.
- The selection will comprise a Written Test of 70 marks (duration: 2 hours; objective MCQs, short notes, and an essay) and a Personal Interview of 30 marks conducted at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Campus, Greater Noida.
- Shortlisted candidates qualified in the written examination will appear for the interview on the following day.
- No TA/DA or accommodation shall be provided by the Institute for attending the written test and personal interview.

7. Non-Eligibility & Rejection:

- Applications that are incomplete, unsigned, lacking required enclosures/photograph, or failing to meet the prescribed criteria will be rejected outright. No individual correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

8. Right of the Competent Authority:

- The Institute of Archaeology reserves the right to modify the schedule, alter the number of seats, or cancel/postpone the admission process at any stage without assigning any reason.