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DRDO NSTL Visakhapatnam Apprentice Recruitment 2026 – 42 Posts

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Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam – a premier DRDO laboratory – invites online applications from Indian nationals for one-year apprenticeship training: 18 Graduate Apprentices (B.Tech/B.E.), 1 Technician Apprentice (Diploma) and 23 ITI Apprentices. Only candidates who passed in 2023, 2024, 2025 or 2026 are eligible. Apply online through the NATS portal (B.E./B.Tech/Diploma) or the NAPS portal (ITI) within 15 days of the advertisement. Selection is on academic merit, with a written test or interview if required.

TOTAL POSTS
42 (18 + 1 + 23)

TRAINING PERIOD
One year

AGE LIMIT
18 – 35 years

PASSING YEAR
2023, 2024, 2025 or 2026

STIPEND
As per Govt. norms

LAST DATE
15 days from publication (approx. 12–13 Dec 2026)

Apprentice Category	Disciplines	Posts
Graduate Apprentice (B.Tech/B.E.)	Mechanical, Computer Science, ECE, Naval Architecture/Marine, Chemical/Metallurgy, Civil, EEE	18
Technician Apprentice (Diploma)	Civil	01
Technician (Vocational) Apprentice (ITI)	Electrician, Electronics, Fitter, Turner, COPA, Stenographer & Secretarial Asst, Machinist, Draftsman-Mechanical, Chemical/Metallurgy	23
Total		**42**

Apply at: B.E./B.Tech/Diploma – **nats.education.gov.in** · ITI – **apprenticeshipindia.gov.in**. Not eligible: post-graduates, those already trained as apprentices, or with more than 1 year of work experience.

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All correspondence to be addressed to the Director

Closing Date of Receipt of Application: 15 days from the date of publication of Advt.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TO GRADUATE/DIPLOMA/ITI CANDIDATES UNDER APPRENTICE ACT 1961 and AS AMENDED IN 1961, 1973 & 2014

Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL.), Visakhapatnam is a premier Laboratory of DRDO committed to engage apprentices as a measure of skill building initiative for the nation. NSTL invites online applications from eligible candidates having Graduation/Diploma/ITI (passed during the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026) only being Indian Nationals for a period of **ONE YEAR** as per the details furnished hereunder.

Educational Qualification (Apprenticeship)	Discipline	No. of candidates to be recruited	Stipend Per Month
B.Tech / B.E., (Graduate Apprentice)	Mechanical Engg.	18	As per Govt. Norms
	Computer Science Engg.		
	Electronics & Communication Engg. (ECE)		
	Naval Architecture / Marine Engg		
	Chemical / Metallurgy		
	Civil		
	Electrical & Electronics Engg. (EEE)		
Diploma (Technician Apprentice)	Civil	01	
ITI (Technician Vocational Apprentice)	Electrician	23	
	Electronics		
	Fitter		
	Turner		
	Computer Operator and Programming Asst (COPA)		
	Stenographer and Secretarial Asst		
	Machinist		
	Draftsman-Mechanical		
	Chemical / Metallurgy		
	TOTAL	42 POSTS	

Note:

1. For the above-mentioned apprentices, Reservation for SC/ST/OBC categories will be applicable as per provisions of Apprentices Act 1961, Apprenticeship Rules 1992 & Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules 2019.
2. **The Last date for receipt of application is 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.**
3. Applications shall be accepted in online mode only i.e., through NATS and NAPS Portal.

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING:

1.	All the qualifications must be from Indian Institutions recognized by Appropriate Statutory Authority.
2.	Registration of B.E./B.Tech/Diploma Candidates on **www.nats.education.gov.in** i.e, **NATS 2.0** and ITI Candidates on **www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in** is mandatory.
3.	Regular candidates who have completed their education qualifications during the years **2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026** are only eligible to apply.
4.	Candidates with Post-Graduation or pursuing any regular course are not eligible.
5.	Candidates who have already undergone Apprenticeship Training or at present undergoing Apprenticeship Training under any organization are not eligible to apply.
6.	Candidates with more than one-year work experience are not eligible to apply.
7.	Candidates age should be 18-35 years at the time of closing date of application.
8.	The tenure of Apprenticeship Training for the above trades would be 12 months, commencing from execution of the Contract of Apprenticeship.
9.	No TA/DA will be paid to the applicants called for any stage of the selection process.
10	The engagement and training are strictly in compliance with the provision of the Apprentice Act 1961 and there is no obligation for employment of apprentices on completion of their training.
11.	No transport will be provided by the establishment at the time of interview and also during training period. The apprentices will not be provided any hostel accommodation/quarter on their selection and during the training period.
12.	Selection will be made on the basis of Academic Merit/Written Test/ Interview as required, subject to satisfactory verification of the documents.
13	Any canvassing or personnel follow up with an intention of influencing the process of selection of apprentice by and behalf of any candidate shall lead to immediate cancellation of candidature.
14.	NSTL reserves all the rights to withdraw/cancel the advertisement/ selection process if circumstances so warrant without assigning any reason thereof.
15.	The number of apprentices mentioned above are only indicative and may change at a later stage depending on the final assessment of eligible applications received.
16.	The candidates are advised to enable their DIRECT BENEFICIARY TRANSFER (DBT) with AADHAR CARD and also their BANK ACCOUNT should be seeded/linked/synchronized with AADHAR CARD for the purpose of transfer of (Govt share) Stipend into bank account.
17.	**Suppression of facts will lead to disqualification at any stage of the selection process or during training period.**

HOW TO APPLY

1.	Before filling the application form, candidates shall ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility criteria and other norms mentioned in the advertisement.
1.	The marks obtained in the qualifying exam are to be mentioned in percentage. In case of CGPA, candidates are requested to convert the CGPA into percentage as per their university norms and the same will be verified during document verification.
2.	Online applications received after the last date will not be accepted.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Verification of credentials shall be done for the selected candidates prior to Creation of Contract itself and in case of any deviation from or non-conformity with desired qualification, candidature of the candidate shall be summarily rejected. Candidate's Name, Parent / Guardian Name, and the Date of Birth should be same in all the certificates and as well as in the NATS / NAPS portal profile.
2. All applicants are required to bring self-attested copies of documents mentioned below during document verification/joining.

Documents to be carried out:

(a) 10th Marksheet and Certificate
(b) B.E/B.Tech/Diploma/ITI Mark sheets for all semesters
(c) Degree/Provisional Degree/Diploma/ITI Certificate
(d) Caste Certificate if applicable
(e) PWD Certificate if applicable
(f) Any Photo Identity Card issued by Govt. of India i.e PAN Card, Voter Card, Driving License etc.,
(g) Aadhar Card and Copy of Bank Pass Book
(h) EWS Certificate (If applicable)
(i) Four Passport size photographs

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3. No correspondence shall be entertained from the candidates who are not selected for training.
4. Selected list of candidates for certificate verification will be informed via **e-mail id** mentioned in the NATS / NAPS portal for correspondence.
5. Selected candidates shall have to sign a contract on the date of joining as per Govt. of India rules.
6. Candidates finally selected will have to produce valid Police Verification Certificate either from their place of last residence (for at least past one year) or permanent address at the time of joining.
7. In case of any dispute, the legal jurisdiction shall be that of the Honorable High Court, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
8. For any queries, please contact on any working day *i.e., from Monday to* Friday: **0891-2586406** or mail to **admin2.dept.nstl@gov.in**

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