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## NEET 2025

Expected Cutoff



The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), is the gateway to undergraduate medical and dental courses in India. Considering that over 23 lakh candidates appeared for the NEET 2025 exam, which is around 1 lakh fewer candidates than the previous year, and other factors, the NEET expected cutoff 2025 could be lower.

Several factors, such as potential increases in seat availability, changes in exam difficulty, and changes in the [NEET 2025](#) exam, suggest that the NEET 2025 cutoff could be lower than in previous years. In this article, we have explored the expected NEET 2025 cutoff, category-wise projections, and reasons for the anticipated decline in [NEET cutoff marks in 2025](#). Read the full article to learn comprehensive details on the expected NEET 2025 cutoff.



# NEET cutoff 2025

The NEET cutoff is the minimum score or rank required to qualify for counselling and secure admission to medical colleges. It is categorised into two types:

## 1. Qualifying NEET cutoff

The minimum percentile or score needed to pass NEET 2025 and become eligible for counselling is the qualifying cut-off. This qualifying cutoff for NEET 2025 is determined by the NTA

## 2. NEET admission cutoff

The last rank or score at which a candidate secures admission to a specific college or course, set during the counselling process by the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) for All India Quota (AIQ) seats and state authorities for state quota seats, is the admission cutoff of NEET 2025.



# NEET 2025 Expected Cutoff: Category Wise NEET Cut Off

For NEET 2025, experts predict a potential decline of 5–10% in cutoff scores compared to the last year due to factors like increased seat availability and a potentially tougher exam. Below are the category-wise expected cutoffs for NEET 2025, based on analyses and trends:

## Category-wise expected NEET 2025 cutoff

Category	Qualifying percentile	Expected cutoff score 2025
General	50th	720 - 155
OBC	45th	154 - 125
SC	40th	154 - 125
ST	40th	154 - 125
General - PwD	45th	154 - 135
SC/ ST/ OBC - PwD	40th	135 - 125
EWS	50th	720 - 155

## Expected NEET cut off 2025: Key observations

- General Category:** The cutoff for NEET 2025 general category is expected to range between 720–155, lower than 2024's 720–164, potentially making it easier to qualify for counselling. However, top government colleges like AIIMS Delhi may still require scores above 650–680 for admission.
- OBC, SC, ST Categories:** Reserved categories are expected to have cutoffs around 154–125, a slight dip from 2024's 163–129
- EWS:** The Economically Weaker Section (EWS) cutoff is expected to be similar to the General category in the [NEET exam](#). However, with more candidates applying under the EWS category, the NEET 2025 cutoff might also go lower compared to last year's cutoff.

# Why is the NEET 2025 Cutoff expected to be lower?

Several factors contribute to the expected decline in the NEET 2025 cutoff compared to previous years. These factors are briefly described below:

## 1. Increased Seat Availability

- The number of MBBS and BDS seats has been steadily rising. NEET 2024 offered approximately 1.27 lakh seats (1,09,145 MBBS and 27,868 BDS). For 2025, around 5,000–10,000 seats have been increased, due to new colleges.
- This increased number of seats under NEET 2025 can result in lower competition for a particular seat, resulting in a lower cutoff. More seats reduce competition for each available spot, lowering both qualifying and admission cutoffs.

## 2. NEET exam difficulty

- The exam [difficulty level of NEET 2025](#) is a critical factor. If the NEET exam is significantly tougher than 2024's moderate-difficulty paper, fewer candidates are likely to achieve high scores, leading to a lower cutoff. Last year, several candidates scored 720 out of 720 marks, leading to a steady increase in the cutoff for top-tier colleges like AIIMS, Delhi

## 3. Changes in the NEET exam pattern

- For NEET 2025, NTA has made some significant changes in the exam pattern and timings. As per the [NEET 2025 exam pattern](#), the optional choice of an extra 20 questions has been removed. Also, the exam timing of NEET 2025 has been reduced by 20 minutes. With the unavailability of a choice of optional questions and extra time, the competition level is going to increase, which can result in a lower NEET 2025 cutoff. State-Wise and College-Wise Cutoff Expectations