

Forensic-Psychology Aptitude and Caliber Test 2019

F-PACT and F-PACT Plus

Information Brochure

**Sunday, 24 November 2019
10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Mode of test: Fully online



**Organizing Institute:
LNJN National Institute of Criminology and
Forensic Science,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India,
Delhi**

F-PACT 2019 website: www.nicfs.gov.in

IMPORTANT DATES

S.No.	Action Plan	Date
1.	Announcement of F-PACT on NICFS website	20 Sept 2019 (Friday)
2.	Advertisement for Online Submission of Application Form	6 Oct 2019 (Sunday)
3.	Start of Online Submission of Application Form	7 Oct 2019 (Monday) (1100 Hrs onwards)
4.	Close of Online Submission of Application Form	24 Oct 2019 (Thursday) (2300 Hrs)
5.	Issue of e-Admit Card to registered candidates by NIELIT	18 Nov 2019 (Monday)
6.	Date of Exams	24 Nov 2019 (Sunday)
7.	Uploading of Answer Keys after completion of exams and inviting representation against Answer keys	24 Nov 2019 (Sunday)
8.	Last date for representation against Answer Keys	26 Nov 2019 (Tuesday)
9.	Uploading of Final Answer Key	29 Nov 2019 (Friday)
10.	Declaring list of candidates qualified F-PACT & F-PACT Plus	30 Nov 2019 (Saturday)
11.	Issuance of Certificate With disclaimer (validity 5 years)	9 Dec 2019 (Monday)

1. Preamble

Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs) in the country are facing an acute shortage of skilled manpower for disposal of pending cases. Currently, FSLs are hiring professionals on contractual basis with a view to provide assistance to expedite finalization of forensic reports.

Forensic science curricula as well as the quality of forensic science education imparted vary widely across the country. There is also certain disconnect between the theory component and corresponding practical exercises along with skill development to conduct forensic tests of crime exhibits/subjects.

It has been decided to conduct an All-India Test with the objective of benchmarking Criminology/Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Forensic Science graduates and professionals. This national level test will ensure required standard for suitable post graduate candidates involved in conducting psychological examinations in lie-detection labs of CFSLs in India. Assurance of better qualified professionals will contribute to the quality of Forensic Psychology & Criminology/Psychology services across the country and quality of interviews in crime investigation will be uniform and speedy.

2. F-PACT and F-PACT Plus

Forensic-Psychology Aptitude and Caliber Test (F-PACT) and F-PACT Plus is All-India Test that aims to test the comprehensive aptitude and skills of Post Graduate subjects in Criminology, Psychology & Forensic Science. F-PACT is a screening test being introduced in 2019 to assess the aptitude and caliber of students obtaining their degrees from various recognized institutions/universities. The F-PACT qualification of a candidate reflects the relative knowledge and certifies required level of understanding of Forensic Psychology & Criminology/Psychology.

The F-PACT (basic examination for post-graduate candidates) will test the candidates to understand their command over basic concepts. They will be eligible for providing assistance to junior level experts/reporting officers using the equipment/instruments. F-PACT Plus (advanced level of examination for postgraduate candidates who have 3 years of experience in analytical methods and research in the relevant field) will test the aptitude of the candidates towards Criminal/Forensic Psychology related matters. They will be eligible for providing assistance to senior level experts who are in the forensic psychology division for preparing the background inputs to conduct psychological tests by the experts and compute the data required by the senior experts with said division for crime suspect examination.

A consolidated list of qualified personnel will be made available for recruitment to Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) of Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS) which can utilize the services of these qualified professionals for need-based and short term skilled forensic assignments to expedite disposal of cases requiring forensic psychological test. After following due process of interview, the qualified candidates will be considered for the recruitment of 6 (Six) positions for F-PACT and 9 positions (Nine) for F-PACT Plus purely on need based, short term and contractual basis.

3. LNIN National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science

Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (NICFS) is the nodal Institute for Criminology & Forensic Science education, research and training in the country. MHA has entrusted NICFS with the responsibility of administering F-PACT.

4. Structure of F-PACT 2019

F-PACT-2019 will consist of multiple choice questions (MCQ) and will be conducted as an online test. The questions will be so designed as to measure the aptitude and skills required to handle scientific tests of lie-detection labs and interpretations of test results to deduce their evidential values. The test shall consist of two Parts: **Part A** and **Part B**.

Part A shall be compulsory for candidates who have applied for F-PACT (100 MCQ) for testing their forensic aptitude in Criminology, Psychology and Forensic Psychology. Part A shall comprise of Criminology, Psychology, Reasoning and Forensic Science aptitude consisting of mix of questions of low, moderate & high level of difficulty. The time duration of test for F-PACT will be 80 minutes.

Part A and Part B shall be compulsory for all the candidates applied for F-PACT Plus (150 MCQ) consisting of Criminology, Psychology & Research. In Part-B, all questions will be of high level of difficulty. The total time duration of F-PACT Plus will be 120 minutes.

Each of correct answer will carry one mark and there will be no negative marking.

5. Eligibility Criteria:

5.1 Eligibility Criteria for Appearing in F-PACT 2019

In order for being eligible to appear in F-PACT or F-PACT Plus, the candidate must fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- (i) Candidate must be an Indian national.
- (ii) To appear for F-PACT, the candidate must possess educational qualifications as per the detailed Table 1.
- (iii) To appear for F-PACT Plus, the candidate must possess educational qualifications and experience as per the detailed Table 2.
- (iv) There is no upper age limit.
- (v) A candidate may opt for only one test at a time, i.e. either F-PACT or F-PACT Plus.

Table 1: Details of educational qualifications for eligibility for F-PACT are as follows:

Master's Degree in Psychology/Criminology from recognized University/Institute Or Master Degree in Forensic Science with Forensic Psychology or Forensic Criminology as one of the subjects during all the three years of Bachelor of Science level from a recognized University/Institute
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Table 2: Details of educational qualifications for eligibility for F-PACT Plus are as follows:

Master's Degree in Psychology/Criminology from recognized University/Institute Or Master Degree in Forensic Science with Forensic Psychology or Forensic Criminology as one of the subjects during all the three years of Bachelor of Science level from a recognized University/Institute And 3 years of experience in analytical methods and/or research in the relevant field
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5.2 Eligibility Criteria for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

PH Category	PH Sub-category	Eligibility
Orthopedically Handicapped or Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy	OL – One leg affected (R or L)	Eligible for all.
	Other sub-categories	Scientific staffs have to perform bench work in a laboratory which includes operating different types of scientific sensitive equipment and conducting examinations. These examinations require very high precision of tests conducted on Suspect Individuals obtained from the Investigation Agencies. Besides these, they also have to visit different courts of Law in different locations, including the locations in very remote areas of the Country.
Blindness or Low Vision	B – Blind	
	PB – Partial Blind	
Hearing Impairment	D – Deaf	Therefore, these categories of Physical Disabilities are not suitable for scientific posts in the divisions of Psychology division of Forensic Science Laboratories.
	PD – Partial Deaf	Eligible for all.

6. Date and Scheme of the Test

The F-PACT and F-PACT Plus will be held tentatively on Sunday, 24 November, 2019 as under:

Test	Session	Timings	Duration
F-PACT	Morning	10:30AM-11:50 PM	80 minutes
F-PACT (Plus)	Morning	10:30AM-12:30 PM	120 minutes

Test	Paper	Questions
F-PACT	PART A	100
F-PACT Plus	PART A & PART B	100 + 50 = 150

Note:

- (i) The date and time of F-PACT and F-PACT Plus is liable to be changed at the discretion of LNJNI NICFS.
- (ii) The medium of examination will be English.
- (iii) There will be 100 questions for F-PACT & 150 questions for F-PACT Plus carrying **one mark each** and all questions will be mandatory.
- (iv) No negative marking for wrong answers shall be applicable as per the scheme of examination.
- (v) F-PACT candidates must obtain 60% or above in Part-A of questions to qualify.
F-PACT Plus candidates must obtain 55% or above in Part-A and overall qualifying marks will be 60% (Part-A & Part-B). However, there will be relaxation of 5% in the qualifying marks of SC/ST/OBC/PwD candidates as per the eligibility criteria detailed above.
- (vi) The list of qualifying candidates will be declared according to each elective test i.e. F-PACT & F-PACT Plus.

7. Registration for F-PACT and F-PACT Plus

7.1 Online Application:

Online Submission of Application form shall begin on 7th Oct 2019 from 1100 Hrs onwards.

Closing of Online Submission of Application form shall be 24th Oct 2019 at 2300 Hrs.

Interested & eligible candidates may apply online through a link available at NICFS website: www.nicfs.gov.in. In order to pay the registration fee, candidates may use a Credit Card, Debit Card or Net Banking. Before applying online, candidates are advised to go through detailed notification available at NICFS website.

Before filling the form, candidates must select the examination which they wish to take ensuring their eligibility for the same. Candidates must write their name, father/mother's name as written in their Matriculation (Xth Class Board) Certificate and should ensure that the same are matching with their educational qualification certificates and caste certificate. The married females may submit an undertaking in case of inconsistency in name due to marriage.

After filling the online application, candidates should preview their entire application form and make changes if required before final submission of online application. No change in the particulars entered in the application form will be possible after final submission of online application and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

After successful submission of ONLINE Application, Registration Number will be generated. The candidates must record the Registration Number for future reference and for downloading your e-Admit Card. They must also keep a printout copy of the duly filled-in application form for future use.

The registration portal may also be used by candidates to check the status of their candidature, download admit card as well as F-PACT and F-PACT Plus result.

Candidates should note that successful submission of online application does not mean that they have been registered for this test. To ensure their candidature, candidates should check their registration status on website (www.nicfs.gov.in).

Detailed instructions regarding the registration and online applications will be issued separately on www.nicfs.gov.in, on or before 23/9/2019. Instructions pertaining to conduct of candidate at the examination centers will be issued along with admit card.

7.2 Registration Fee and Mode of Payment

The registration fee to be submitted by the candidates will be as below:

Candidate category	Gender	Registration Fee for F-PACT	Registration Fee for F-PACT Plus
GEN	Male	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 800/-
	Female	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 400/-
OBC-NC, SC, ST, PH	Any	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 400/-

Registration fee must be paid via online transaction only (Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking etc.)

After filling all the details for applying online for F-PACT, the candidate will have the option to select the mode of payment of examination fee either by credit/debit card or through net banking indicating their details therein.

In case the examination fee is paid through credit/debit card, the additional processing charges will also be debited from the credit/debit card of the candidate.

The candidates are required to check the status of fee payment at NICFS website (www.nicfs.gov.in) and if the status is 'OK' the candidate will be able to take the printout of Confirmation Page.

If the fee is paid through credit/debit card and status is not OK, it means the transaction is cancelled and the amount will be refunded to concerned credit/debit card. Such candidates have to pay the fee once again.

Please note that Fee submitted by any other mode like money order, demand draft, IPO etc. will be summarily rejected. Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances

IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY AT THE EARLIEST. NICFS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NETWORK ISSUES OR ANY OTHER SUCH TYPE OF PROBLEM.

8. Candidate Seeking Fee Concession

Scheduled Caste (SCs)/Scheduled Tribe (STs)/Persons with Disability (PwDs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs-Non creamy layer), as per the central list of Other Backward Classes available on National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), Government of India website: www.ncbc.nic.in, candidate will be given such special concessions as may be decided by the NICFS.

The candidate should mention clearly his/her category to seek concession in fee. The candidate will be required to fill out an undertaking stating that if at any point, before/during/after the examination the information is found to be false, his/her candidature will be cancelled with immediate effect and the issued certificate will be declared invalid. OBC candidates, who are not covered vide the provision of Non Creamy Layer (NCL) as per the provisions of Govt. of India shall not be eligible to get the benefit of relaxation in fee concession.

Candidate must note that for availing OBC category benefit, only Central Govt. list and not the State Govt. lists would be applicable. Similarly, candidate applying under physically handicapped (PH)/ visually handicapped (VH) category may note that Govt. of India rules will be applicable in this regard; otherwise they shall not be eligible for any concession.

9. Syllabus of the F-PACT Examination

The syllabus & scheme of exam may be seen at NICFS website www.nicfs.gov.in. The syllabus for F-PACT and F-PACT Plus will be the same, only the difficulty level of questions will be different. The question paper shall be as per syllabus and scheme of exam.

10. Examination Centers

Name and address of the test center will be printed on the admit card. A candidate may opt for up to three Examination Centers, strictly in order of preference from the following cities:

Ahmedabad	Bengaluru	Chennai
Delhi	Guwahati	Hyderabad
Kolkata	Lucknow	Mumbai

If a sufficient number of candidates do not opt for any of the above Centers, then the particular Center may stand deleted from the above list. The concerned candidates shall be allotted another Centre at the discretion of NICFS.

The Allotted Examination Center will be final and no request for change of center will be entertained. No TA/DA will be admissible to any candidate, in any circumstances.

11. Declaration of Result

The provisional result of F-PACT and F-PACT Plus may be declared on 30 November 2019. The officially correct answers (Answer Key) will be announced on the same day after the examination i.e. 24 November 2019.

If a question for any reason found wrong, the benefit of marks will be given to only those candidates who attempt the question. On review of representations by the subject experts, if it is found that along with the original answer key one more option(s) is correct then marks will be awarded to all those candidates who have attempted any one of the correct options.

Any representation from the appeared candidates will be addressed within 3 days from the date of the examination via NICFS website only i.e. latest by 26 November 2019. Representation Fee of Rs. 1000/- per question has to be paid by the candidate. The Final Answer Keys and the Result will be uploaded on www.nicfs.gov.in on 30 November 2019.

Fee may be paid by credit/debit card/net banking. In case the challenge of any candidate regarding answer key is accepted, the fee will be refunded. Refunds will be transferred online to the concerned bank account only, so, the candidates are advised to pay from their own bank accounts. In all other cases fee once paid will not be refunded. The decision of Competent Authority on challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of final answer keys.

Validity period of F-PACT and F-PACT Plus certificate will be 5 years from the date of issue. Results shall remain for up to one month on NICFS website www.nicfs.gov.in and can be downloaded.

12. Issue of F-PACT and F-PACT Plus Certificate

The F-PACT and F-PACT Plus certificate will be issued on the basis of the undertaking from the students during registration stating '*Declaration: I hereby declare that the details furnished above by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately. In case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for legal action.*'

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) While applying for this test, the candidates must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions and follow all the laid down procedures/guidelines for this test.
- (ii) While applying Online, apply early enough to avoid any last minute rush.
- (iii) Facility for downloading e-Admit Card to the registered candidates will be provided on NICFS website www.nicfs.gov.in No Admission Certificate will be sent by post. No duplicate e-admit cards shall be issued to the candidates at the Exam Centre. *NICFS will not be responsible for any delay on the part of the candidates.*
- (iv) Each and every candidate needs to fulfill the eligibility criteria, complete in every respect, for successful candidature.
- (v) Provisional results based on the information provided by the candidate during filling up the online application form will be declared on 30th November 2019.
- (vi) The candidature shall be cancelled at any stage, even after the declaration of result, if found that any given eligibility criterion is not fulfilled and/or wrong information(s) has been provided by the candidate.
- (vii) Separate forms need to be filled for F-PACT or F-PACT Plus examination. Multiple registrations from a single candidate will be cancelled and the examination fee forfeited.
- (viii) Candidate should exercise due care in filling up the application form. In case of any error on the part of the candidate, he/she will be held solely responsible for any loss suffered by him/her. No change in the entries made in the original application form will be allowed under any circumstances at a later stage.
- (ix) No relevant column of the application form should be left blank. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.
- (x) All information will be provided through NICFS website only. No individual intimation by any mode will be sent to the candidates.
- (xi) OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on NCBC website) and are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC Non Creamy Layer (NCL) shall be treated as a General Category candidates for all purposes and shall not be eligible to get the benefit of fee concession etc. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.
- (xii) Hard copy of online application form is not required and will not be accepted by NICFS.
- (xiii) Candidates are neither required to send any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor printout of their Application Form (Confirmation Page) to NICFS. However, the candidates, in their own interest, must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the Test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the NICFS at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.
- (xiv) Candidates having post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/ Institute or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. (www.aiuweb.org).
- (xv) No applications can be submitted after the last date (i.e. 24/10/2019) and no fee will be accepted after 24/10/2019 in any circumstances.

- (xvi) The Candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Card has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear in the test shall not imply that his/her candidature has been accepted.
- (xvii) NICFS may change the city of examination or the date of examination due to unforeseen circumstances without assigning any reason. No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination center other than that allotted to them in the admit card. No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination whose admission card is not issued by NICFS.
- (xviii) The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card along with their printout of online Admission Card on the day of examination.
- (xix) Calculators, log tables, paper chits, books/note-books, mobile phones, smart watches, electronic devices, etc. are not allowed in the Examination. Possession of any of these items will be treated as unfair means and result of the candidate will not be declared.
- (xx) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- (xxi) NICFS representatives will be in-charge of the overall conduct of the examination at the Examination Centers and any immediate decisions taken by them will be final.
- (xxii) The decision of F-PACT Council shall be final in all matters. All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts only.
- (xxiii) The result of all the candidates will be uploaded on NICFS website www.nicfs.gov.in. Besides this, F-PACT will not issue any mark-sheet to qualified/non-qualified candidates.
- (xxiv) NICFS or Nielit shall not be responsible for any printing error(s) in this notification.

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