



Indian Institutes of Management

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Common Admission Test (CAT) 2026 Information Bulletin

The Indian Institutes of Management will conduct a computer-based Common Admission Test 2026 (CAT 2026) on **Sunday, November 29, 2026** in **three** sessions. CAT 2026 will be conducted by IIMs as a prerequisite for admission to various management programmes of IIMs. These programmes are:

A. Post Graduate Programmes in Management (PGP)

Institutes:	Programmes:	Website Addresses:
IIM Ahmedabad	PGP, PGP-FABM, MBA-BPGP: BA & AI	www.iima.ac.in
IIM Amritsar	MBA, MBA-Business Analytics, MBA-HRM, Executive MBA, M.Sc. in Data Science and Management (MSDSM)	www.iimamritsar.ac.in
IIM Bangalore	PGP, PGPEM, PGPBA, PGPPM	www.iimb.ac.in
IIM Bodh Gaya	MBA, MBA (Digital Business and AI), MBA (Hospital and Healthcare Management), Executive MBA (EMBA)	www.iimbg.ac.in
IIM Calcutta	MBA	www.iimcal.ac.in
IIM Guwahati	MBA	www.iimg.ac.in
IIM Indore	PGP, PGP-HRM, MSDSM (Master of Science in Data Science and Management), PGPMX	www.iimidr.ac.in
IIM Jammu	MBA, MBA (Healthcare), MBA (AI & Business Analytics), Executive MBA	www.iimj.ac.in
IIM Kashipur	MBA, MBA (Analytics), EMBA, EMBA (Analytics)	www.iimkashipur.ac.in
IIM Kozhikode	PGP, PGP-BL, PGP-FINANCE, PGP-LSM, EPGP-IL, EPGP Kochi	www.iimk.ac.in
IIM Lucknow	MBA, MBA-ABM, MBA-SM, PGPWE, Blended MBA, Tech-MBA	www.iiml.ac.in
IIM Mumbai	MBA, MBA (Operations and Supply Chain Management), MBA (Sustainability Management)	www.iimmumbai.ac.in
IIM Nagpur	MBA, E-MBA, BMWp (Blended MBA for Working Professionals), EMBA-EM (EMBA in Energy Management)	www.iimnagpur.ac.in
IIM Raipur	MBA, Executive MBA, MBA in Public Policy and Governance (Only for Chhattisgarh State domicile)	www.iimraipur.ac.in
IIM Ranchi	MBA, MBA-HRM, MBA (Business Analytics)	www.iimranchi.ac.in
IIM Rohtak	PGP, EPGDSM, PGPx	www.iimrohtak.ac.in



IIM Sambalpur	MBA, MBA-BA, MBA for Working Professionals	www.iimsambalpur.ac.in
IIM Shillong	PGP, PGPEX, PGP(WE)	www.iimshillong.ac.in
IIM Sirmaur	MBA, MBA (Tourism Management), MBA (Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management), PGPEX-LSM, ExMBA (Artificial Intelligence)	www.iimsirmaur.ac.in
IIM Tiruchirappalli	PGPM (MBA), PGPM-HR (MBA-HR), PGPBM (MBA for Working Executives in Chennai)	www.iimtrichy.ac.in
IIM Udaipur	MBA, MBA-DEM (Digital Enterprise Management), MBA-GSCM (Global Supply Chain Management), Executive MBA (Online)	www.iimu.ac.in
IIM Visakhapatnam	Post Graduate Program (MBA), Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), Post-Graduate Program in Management for the Centrally Funded Technical Institutions, Institutions of National Importance (PGPMCI) Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Executives (PGDMEEx) Master of Business Administration - AI and Innovation (MBA-AI & Innovation)	www.iimv.ac.in

B. Fellow Programmes in Management (FPM) [PhD]

Institutes:	Programmes:	Website Addresses:
IIM Ahmedabad	Doctoral Programme in Management	www.iima.ac.in
IIM Amritsar	PhD	www.iimamritsar.ac.in
IIM Bangalore	PhD	www.iimb.ac.in
IIM Bodh Gaya	PhD	www.iimbg.ac.in
IIM Calcutta	Doctoral Programme (PhD)	www.iimcal.ac.in
IIM Indore	Doctoral Programme in Management	www.iimdr.ac.in
IIM Jammu	PhD, PhD (Working Professionals)	www.iimj.ac.in
IIM Kashipur	PhD, Executive PhD	www.iimkashipur.ac.in
IIM Kozhikode	DPM, DPM (Teaching Track), DPM (Practice Track)	www.iimk.ac.in
IIM Lucknow	PhD	www.iiml.ac.in
IIM Mumbai	Ph.D., Ph.D. (Executive)	www.iimmumbai.ac.in
IIM Nagpur	PhD, E-PhD	www.iimnagpur.ac.in
IIM Raipur	PhD, PhD (Practice Track)	www.iimraipur.ac.in



IIM Ranchi	PhD, EPhD	www.iimranchi.ac.in
IIM Rohtak	PhD	www.iimrohtak.ac.in
IIM Sambalpur	PhD, Executive PhD	www.iimsambalpur.ac.in
IIM Shillong	Doctoral Program, Doctoral Program (WP)	www.iimshillong.ac.in
IIM Sirmaur	PhD, PhD (Executive)	www.iimsirmaur.ac.in
IIM Tiruchirappalli	PhD, Executive PhD	www.iimtrichy.ac.in
IIM Udaipur	PhD, Executive PhD	www.iimu.ac.in
IIM Visakhapatnam	Doctoral Program (PhD), Executive PhD Program (Exec-PhD)	www.iimv.ac.in

Separate advertisements may appear for programmes other than PGP, specific to each participating IIM. Before a prospective candidate makes a decision to appear for CAT 2026, he/she must visit the website and/or read the programme advertisement of the concerned IIM and specific programmes to ensure accurate and updated information on the programmes he/she wants to apply for, including eligibility requirements and admission processes.

The CAT 2026 scores are allowed to be used by listed non-IIM member institutions. The list of non-IIM member institutions that have registered to avail of the CAT 2026 scores is provided at <https://iimcat.ac.in>. Please note that IIMs have no role in the selection process of non-IIM institutions.

INFORMATION SOURCES

CAT website: <https://iimcat.ac.in> **Help Desk Number: 1800 210 0175**

CAT 2026 ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

- The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) categories], awarded by any University or educational institution as incorporated by an Act of Parliament or State legislature in India or declared to be deemed as an University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognised by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Candidates appearing for the final year of Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification examination and those who have completed degree requirements and are awaiting results can also apply. However, it may be noted that such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally, only if they submit a certificate from the Principal/Registrar of their University/Institution (issued on or before the date as stipulated by the respective IIM) stating that they have completed all the requirements for obtaining the Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification on the date of issue of the certificate.
- Candidates applying for CAT 2026 should fulfill any one of the following conditions:
 - Completed Bachelor's degree with the required percentage of marks*.
 - Completed professional degree (CA/CS/ICWA (CMA)/Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of India (FIAI)) with required percentage*.
 - Should be in the final year of Bachelor's degree with required percentage*.

*SC/ST/PwBD candidates should have a minimum 45%. For General, EWS and NC-OBC candidates, the minimum is 50%.



- The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the practice as followed by the respective University/Institution. In case of grades/CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure as certified by the respective University/Institution. If any University/Institution confirms that there is no scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by dividing the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the result with 100.
- IIMs may verify eligibility at various stages of the selection process, the details of which are provided at the website <https://iimcat.ac.in>. **Applicants should note that the mere fulfilment of the minimum eligibility criteria will not ensure consideration for shortlisting by IIMs.** Candidates must declare and maintain a valid and unique email account and a mobile phone number throughout the selection process.

RESERVATION

As per the legal requirements, 15% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates, 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates, 27% for Other Backward Classes candidates belonging to the "Non-Creamy" layer (NC-OBC), up to 10% for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) candidates and 5% for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD).

As defined in The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act 2016), "Person with Benchmark Disability" means a person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability where the specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where the specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

"Specified disability" means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016. The categories of disability are:

- blindness and low vision,
- deaf and hard of hearing,
- locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy,
- autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness
- multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d),
- other 'specified disabilities' mentioned in 'The Schedule' of the RPwD Act 2016.

For the purpose of being considered for reservation, the applicable Central Government list as on the last date of CAT registration shall be binding. **No subsequent changes will be effective for CAT 2026 and any subsequent selection process of the IIMs.**

The candidates belonging to the reserved categories need to also note the eligibility requirements carefully before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavor of IIMs that the candidates belonging to SC/ST/NC-OBC/EWS/PwBD categories join the programme in proportions mandated by the law, they have to meet the minimum eligibility criteria and a certain minimum level of performance to be considered for the admission process. The candidates should read the updated description of the selection process followed by each IIM on their respective websites.



For CAT 2026, NC-OBC certificates must be issued on or after April 1, 2026. For EWS candidates, the certificate must be valid for the year 2026–27 and specifically assessed for the financial year 2025–26.

However, candidates who have applied for a valid NC-OBC/EWS certificate on or after April 1, 2026, but have not received it by the time of CAT 2026 registration, may still submit the CAT application by uploading, in a single PDF, the following documents:

1. A properly filled-in "Undertaking for NC-OBC/EWS Certificate" (available on the CAT 2026 official website);
2. The older NC-OBC/EWS certificate issued prior to April 1, 2026; and
3. A copy of the communication/acknowledgement/screenshot received from the issuing authority confirming submission of the application for a valid certificate.

"Failure to upload the complete set of documents as specified above may result in disqualification from the entire admission process."

No change in the category will be entertained after CAT registration. The applicants are advised to pay attention while registering.

PAYMENT OF CAT REGISTRATION FEE

₹1350 for SC, ST and PwBD candidates.

₹2700 for all other candidates.

Please note that a candidate needs to pay the registration fee only once, irrespective of the number of institutes he/she is applying for. SC, ST and PwBD candidates must upload a copy of their SC/ST/PwBD certificates at the time of registration. Fees once paid cannot be refunded under any circumstances.

REGISTRATION FOR CAT

The CAT 2026 registration window opens at **10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2026** and will close at **5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2026**. The details will be available in the registration guide.

At the time of registration, the candidates have to select any five test cities, as per their preference, from a drop-down menu. After the last date of registration, candidates will be allotted one among the five preferred cities, subject to availability. In the rare case that a candidate is not allotted any of the preferred cities, he/she will be allotted a nearby city. The candidates can download the admit cards from **November 04, 2026** until **November 29, 2026**.

TEST CENTRES

CAT will be conducted in centres spread across approximately 170 test cities. Test cities will be mentioned in the CAT website and the name of the test centre will be indicated in the Admit Card.

IIMs reserve the right to add/remove, change or cancel any test centre/city and/or change the test time and date at their discretion.



CAT 2026 SCORE

Candidate's CAT 2026 scorecards will be made accessible on the CAT website. Candidates may also be intimated individually by SMS. The CAT results are likely to be declared by the **First week of January, 2027**. The CAT 2026 score is valid only till **December 31, 2027** and will accordingly be accessible on the website. Thereafter, no queries related to the issuance of CAT 2026 scorecards will be entertained.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Please note that each IIM is independent to mandate their own eligibility criteria (including academic cut-offs and relative weights) and follow different selection processes. Performance in the CAT 2026 examination is an important component for consideration in the selection process. IIMs may also use the previous academic performance of the candidates, relevant work experience and other similar inputs in short-listing of candidates at various stages of the selection process. For more information, refer to the admissions policies of individual IIMs on their respective websites.

DISCLAIMER

Instances of any incorrect information or process violation detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to immediate disqualification of the candidate from the selection process, and he/she will not be allowed to appear for CAT in future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected in subsequent years, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect. CAT 2026 Centre reserves the right to change the cities/centres or cancel the centre at any time if the situation so warrants.

Candidates must retain this Information Bulletin for future reference. Any dispute concerning CAT 2026 would be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of the city of Indore only.

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- For the purpose of being considered for reservations, the applicable Central Government list as on the last date of CAT registration shall be binding. No subsequent changes will be effective for CAT 2026 and any subsequent selection process of the IIMs. For an updated central list of state-wise OBCs eligible for availing of the benefit of reservation and information in respect of the creamy layer, visit the website <http://www.ncbc.nic.in>



- As per the provisions of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act 2016), 5% seats are reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD). "Person with Benchmark Disability" means a person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability where a specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where the specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority. "Specified disability" means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016. The categories of disability are:
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Additional Information for SC, ST, NC-OBC, EWS and PwBD

- If a candidate belongs to the SC or ST categories, the respective caste/tribe must be listed in the Government of India schedule. The caste certificate that the candidate submits to IIM should be in the Government of India approved format and should clearly state:
 - Name of the caste/tribe;
 - Whether the candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe;
 - District and State or Union Territory of the candidate's ordinary residence; and
 - the appropriate Government of India schedule under which the candidate's caste/tribe is approved by it as Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
- A copy of the SC/ST/NC-OBC/EWS/PwBD certificate(s) must be uploaded at the time of the CAT application registration. **Failure to upload a copy of the caste/class certificate will result in the rejection of a candidate's CAT registration.**
- The SC/ST/NC-OBC/EWS/PwBD certificate(s) must be shown and a photocopy should be submitted at the time of interviews. Moreover, the certificate(s) must be submitted at the time of joining the programmes of any of the IIMs. Failure to do so during the post CAT selection process will result in the candidate not being considered under the reserved category.
- Candidates are encouraged to apply for a UDID card (PwBD Category) and upload the same for the application.