



Indian Institutes of Management

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Common Admission Test (CAT) 2021 Information Bulletin

The Indian Institutes of Management will conduct a computer-based Common Admission Test 2021 (CAT 2021) on **Sunday, November 28, 2021** in **three** sessions. CAT 2021 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	www.iima.ac.in
IIM Amritsar	MBA, EMBA, MBA-Business Analytics, MBA-HRM	www.iimamritsar.ac.in
IIM Bangalore	PGP, PGPEM, PGPBA	www.iimb.ac.in
IIM Bodh Gaya	PGP	www.iimbg.ac.in
IIM Calcutta	MBA	www.iimcal.ac.in
IIM Indore	PGP, PGP-HRM	www.iimidr.ac.in
IIM Jammu	MBA	www.iimj.ac.in
IIM Kashipur	MBA, MBA (Analytics), EMBA	www.iimkashipur.ac.in
IIM Kozhikode	PGP, PGP-BL, PGP-F, PGP-LSM, EPGP Kochi	www.iimk.ac.in
IIM Lucknow	PGP, PGP-ABM, PGP-SM	www.iiml.ac.in
IIM Nagpur	PGP	www.iimnagpur.ac.in
IIM Raipur	PGP	www.iimraipur.ac.in
IIM Ranchi	PGP, PGP-HRM, PGP (Business Analytics)	www.iimranchi.ac.in
IIM Rohtak	PGP, EPGPX, EPGDSM	www.iimrohtak.ac.in
IIM Sambalpur	MBA, Executive MBA	www.iimsambalpur.ac.in
IIM Shillong	PGP, PGPEX, PGPWE	www.iimshillong.ac.in
IIM Sirmaur	MBA, MBA (T&HM)	www.iimsirmaur.ac.in
IIM Tiruchirappalli	PGPM, PGPM-HR, PGPBM	www.iimtrichy.ac.in
IIM Udaipur	MBA, MBA-DEM, MBA-GSCM, PGDBAWE	www.iimu.ac.in
IIM Visakhapatnam	PGP, PGPEX, PGPDGM	www.iimv.ac.in



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

Institutes	Programmes	Website Addresses
IIM Ahmedabad	PhD	www.iima.ac.in
IIM Amritsar	PhD	www.iimamritsar.ac.in
IIM Bangalore	PhD	www.iimb.ac.in
IIM Bodh Gaya	PhD (FPM)	www.iimbg.ac.in
IIM Calcutta	PhD	www.iimcal.ac.in
IIM Indore	FPM	www.iimidr.ac.in
IIM Jammu	PhD	www.iimj.ac.in
IIM Kashipur	PhD	www.iimkashipur.ac.in
IIM Kozhikode	PhD, PhD (PT)	www.iimk.ac.in
IIM Lucknow	PhD	www.iiml.ac.in
IIM Nagpur	PhD	www.iimnagpur.ac.in
IIM Raipur	FPM/ PhD, EFPM	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	PhD, PhDWP	www.iimshillong.ac.in
IIM Sirmaur	PhD	www.iimsirmaur.ac.in
IIM Tiruchirappalli	FPM, E-FPM	www.iimtrichy.ac.in
IIM Udaipur	PhD	www.iimu.ac.in
IIM Visakhapatnam	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 2021, 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 2021 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 2021 scores is provided at www.iimcat.ac.in. Please note that IIMs have no role in the selection process of non-IIM institutions.

INFORMATION SOURCES

CAT website	:	www.iimcat.ac.in
Help Desk Number	:	18002101088



CAT 2021 ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Persons with Disability (PwD) 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 a University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognised by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. 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.

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 the issue of the certificate. IIMs may verify eligibility at various stages of the selection process.

For more details on eligibility, candidates are advised to visit the "CAT 2021 Eligibility" section of the CAT website.

Candidates should note that the mere fulfillment of the minimum eligibility criteria would not ensure consideration for shortlisting by IIMs.

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 (PwD).

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:

- a) blindness and low vision,
- b) deaf and hard of hearing,
- c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy,
- d) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness
- e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d),
- f) 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 2021 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/PwD 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.

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

₹1100 for SC, ST and PwD candidates.

₹2200 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 PwD candidates must upload a copy of their SC/ST/PwD certificates at the time of registration. Fees once paid cannot be refunded under any circumstances.

REGISTRATION FOR CAT

The CAT 2021 registration window opens at 10.00 a.m. on August 4, 2021 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2021. The details will be available in the registration guide.

At the time of registration, the candidates have to select any six test cities, as per their preference, from a drop-down menu. After the last date of registration, candidates will be allotted one among the six 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 **October 27, 2021** until November 28, 2021.

TEST CENTRES

CAT will be conducted in centres spread across around 158 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 change or cancel any test centre/city and/or change the test time and date at their discretion.

CAT 2021 SCORE

Candidates' CAT 2021 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 **second week of January, 2022**. The CAT 2021 score is valid only till **December 31, 2022** and will accordingly be accessible on the website. Thereafter, no queries related to the issuance of CAT 2021 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 2021 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.

Candidates must retain this Information Bulletin for future reference. Any dispute concerning CAT 2021 would be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of the city of Ahmedabad only.

IMPORTANT

Candidates must declare and maintain a valid and unique email account and a mobile phone number throughout the selection process.