

CAT EXAM 2022

EXAM ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must possess a Bachelor's Degree, with least of 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in the case of student belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST), Scheduled Caste (SC), and Persons with Disability (PwD) categories], from any University OR Parliament Act or State legislature incorporated educational institution in India OR declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, OR holds the Ministry of HRD, Government of India recognized correspondent qualification.
- The students appearing for the final year of the Bachelor's degree/ equivalent qualification examination and candidates fulfilling degree requirements and are awaiting results can also apply. However, it may be noted that such students, if selected, can join the program provisionally only. They need to submit a certificate from their Principal or Registrar of the University/ Institution stating that they have fulfilled all the requirements for holding the Bachelor's degree/ equivalent qualification on the issuing date of the certificate. (issued on or before the respective IIM stipulated date)
- Students applying for CAT 2022 have to fulfill any one of the following conditions:
 - Hold Bachelor's degree with the required percentage of marks
 - Hold professional degree (CA/CS/ICWA) with required percentage
 - The student must be in the final year of their Bachelor's degree with the required percentage
 - The SC/ST/PwD students must have at least 45%. General, EWS, and NC-OBC students must have at least 50%.
- The candidate's obtained marks percentage have to be calculated based on the practice as followed by the respective University/Institution. In the case of CGPA or grades, the conversion of marks to percentage has to be as per the respective University/ Institution certified procedure. If any Institution or University confirms that there is no scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, divide the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA, and multiply the result by 100.

- IIMs may verify eligibility at multiple stages of the selection process. The details are available on the official website for CAT. Applicants should note that the mere satisfying the least eligibility criteria will not ensure consideration for shortlisting for IIMs. The candidates must declare and maintain a valid and unique phone number and an email account and throughout the selection process.

Reservation

- As per the legal requirements, Scheduled Caste (SC) has 15% of the seats reserved and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates. Other Backward Classes candidates belonging to the “non-creamy” layer (NC-OBC) have 27% of the seats reserved. An Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) candidates have up to 10% of the seats reserved.

- The applicable Central Government list as of the last date of CAT registration has to display to consider as a reserved category. No subsequent modifications will be effective for CAT 2022 and any IIMs subsequent process of selection. The candidate can visit the website <http://www.ncbc.nic.in>

for the latest central list of state-wise OBCs eligible for availing the reservation benefit and information in respect of the creamy layer.

- As per the provisions of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act 2016), Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwD) has 5% seats reserved. A person with not less than 40% of a specified disability means “Person with Benchmark Disability”. A “Specified disability” means the disabilities as defined in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016.

The categories of disability are as follows:

- a) Deaf and hard of hearing
- b) Blindness and low vision
- c) Locomotor disability involving leprosy cured, cerebral palsy, acid attack victims, dwarfism, and muscular dystrophy.
- d) Intellectual disability, Autism, mental illness, and specific learning disability
- e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under above clauses (a) to (d)
- f) Other ‘specified disabilities’ stated in ‘The Schedule’ of the RPwD Act 2016

- The candidates belonging to the reserved categories must check the eligibility requirements carefully before applying. The students belonging to SC/ST/NC-OBC/EWS/PwD categories join the program in law-mandated proportions, they have to meet the least eligibility criteria and a certain least level of performance for the admission process.
- The candidates must read the updated description of the selection process available on each IIM on their respective websites. The candidate cannot make changes in the category after CAT registration. The applicants need to pay attention while registering.
- If a candidate belongs to the SC or ST categories, the respective tribe/ caste must be listed in the Government of India schedule.

The caste certificate that the student submits to IIM should be in the Government approved format and should clearly state following

- (a) Name of the tribe/ caste
 - (b) Whether the applicant belongs to Scheduled Tribe or Scheduled Caste
 - (c) District and State or Union Territory of the applicant's ordinary residence
 - (d) The appropriate Government of India schedule under which the applicant's tribe/ caste is approved as Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
- A candidate needs to upload a copy of the SC/ ST/ NC-OBC/ EWS/ PwD certificate(s) at the time of the CAT application registration. Failure to upload a copy of the caste/ class certificate may result in the rejection of an applicant's CAT registration.
 - A candidate needs to show the SC/ ST/ NC-OBC/ EWS/ PwD certificate(s) and submit a photocopy at the time of interviews. A candidate has to submit the certificate(s) at the time of joining the programs of any of the IIMs. Failure to do so while the post CAT selection process may result in the applicant not being considered under the reserved category.