



# Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)

Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bangalore, Bodh Gaya, Calcutta, Indore, Kashipur, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nagpur, Raipur, Ranchi, Rohtak, Sambalpur, Shillong, Sirmaur, Tiruchirappalli, Udaipur and Visakhapatnam

## Common Admission Test (CAT) 2015

The Indian Institutes of Management will conduct Common Admission Test 2015 (CAT 2015) on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in two sessions. CAT 2015 will be conducted by IIMs as a pre-requisite for admission to various management programmes of IIMs. These programmes are:

### A. Post Graduate Programmes in Management:

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| • IIM Ahmedabad       | PGP and PGP-FABM       |
| • IIM Amritsar        | PGP                    |
| • IIM Bangalore       | PGP, PGPEM and PGPPM   |
| • IIM Bodh Gaya       | PGP                    |
| • IIM Calcutta        | PGP-PGDM               |
| • IIM Indore          | PGP and EPGP           |
| • IIM Kashipur        | PGP and EPGPM          |
| • IIM Kozhikode       | PGP                    |
| • IIM Lucknow         | PGP, PGP-ABM and PGPSM |
| • IIM Nagpur          | PGP                    |
| • IIM Raipur          | PGP and PGPE           |
| • IIM Ranchi          | PGDM and PGDHRM        |
| • IIM Rohtak          | PGP and EPGP           |
| • IIM Sambalpur       | PGP                    |
| • RGIIM Shillong      | PGP and PGPEX          |
| • IIM Sirmaur         | PGP                    |
| • IIM Tiruchirappalli | PGP and PGPEM          |
| • IIM Udaipur         | PGP                    |
| • IIM Visakhapatnam   | PGP                    |

### Website Addresses:

- www.iimahd.ernet.in
- www.iimamritsar.ac.in
- www.iimb.ernet.in
- www.iimcal.ac.in/iimbihar
- www.iimcal.ac.in
- www.iimdr.ac.in
- www.iimkashipur.ac.in
- www.iimk.ac.in
- www.iiml.ac.in
- www.iimnagpur.ac.in
- www.iimraipur.ac.in
- www.iimranchi.ac.in
- www.iimrohtak.ac.in
- www.iimdr.ac.in/iimi/index.php/iim-sambalpur
- www.iimshillong.in
- www.iiml.ac.in/iimsirmaur
- www.iimtrichy.ac.in
- www.iimu.ac.in
- www.iimv.ac.in

### B. Fellow Programmes in Management (FPM) [equivalent to Ph.D.] of IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, IIM Indore, IIM Kashipur, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow, IIM Raipur, IIM Ranchi, IIM Rohtak, RGIIM Shillong, IIM Tiruchirappalli, IIM Udaipur and EPPM programme of IIM Kashipur and IIM Raipur.

Separate advertisements will appear for the Fellow Programme of each institute as well as PGP-FABM of IIM Ahmedabad, PGPEM and PGPPM Programmes of IIM Bangalore, EPGP of IIM Indore, EPPM & EPGPM of IIM Kashipur, PGP-ABM & PGPSM of IIM Lucknow, PGPE of IIM Raipur, PGDHRM of IIM Ranchi, EPGP of IIM Rohtak, PGPEX of RGIIM Shillong and PGPBM of IIM Tiruchirappalli. Before a prospective candidate makes a decision to appear for CAT2015, he/she must visit the websites and/or read programme advertisements of the concerned IIM and specific programmes to ensure which programmes they want to apply for, eligibility requirements and admission processes.

List of non-IIM member institutions that have registered to avail the CAT 2015 scores is provided at [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in). CAT 2015 Scores are restricted only for admission to IIMs and non-IIM member institutions. IIMs have no role in the selection process of Non-IIM Institutions.

### INFORMATION SOURCES:

CAT website : [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in) • Help Desk Number : 18002660207

### CAT 2015 ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Differently Abled (DA) (It may also be referred to as Persons With Disability (PWD) categories), awarded by any of the Universities incorporated by an Act of the central or state legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate in the bachelor's degree would be calculated based on the practice followed by the university/institution from where the candidate has obtained the degree. In case the candidates are awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the university/ institution from where they have obtained the bachelor's degree. In case the university/ institution does not have any 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. If selected, such candidates will be allowed to join the programme provisionally, only if he/she submits a certificate latest by June 30, 2016 from the Principal/ Registrar of his/her College/Institute (issued on or before June 30, 2016) stating that the candidate has 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, the details of which are provided at the website [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in). Applicants should note that the mere fulfillment of minimum eligibility criteria will not ensure consideration for shortlisting by IIMs.

Prospective candidates must maintain a valid and unique email account and a phone number throughout the selection process.

### RESERVATIONS

As per the Government of India requirements, 15% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates. 27% of seats are reserved for Other Backward Classes candidates belonging to the "non-creamy" layer (NC-OBC).

For all caste based reservations the castes included in the Central Govt. lists as on the last date of registration shall be used. For an updated central list of state-wise OBCs eligible for availing the benefit of reservation and information in respect of the creamy layer visit the website [www.ncbc.nic.in](http://www.ncbc.nic.in). In case of NC-OBC category, the castes included in Central List (available at [www.ncbc.nic.in/Centrallistofbc.html](http://www.ncbc.nic.in/Centrallistofbc.html)) of NC-OBC by the National Commission of Backward Classes, Government of India as on last day of registration will be used. Any subsequent changes will not be effective for CAT 2015 unless there is a change made by the Central Government or judiciary with retrospective effect.

As per the provision under section 39 of the PWD Act, 1995, 3% seats are reserved for Differently Abled (DA) candidates. The three categories of disability are: a) low-vision/blindness, b) hearing impairment, and c) locomotor disability/cerebral palsy. This provision is applicable if the candidate suffers from any of the listed disabilities to the extent of not less than 40%, as certified by a medical authority as prescribed and explained in the said Act.

The candidates belonging to categories for which seats are reserved need to note and read 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/PWD/Non-Creamy OBC 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 in the admission process. The candidates should read carefully the description of admission process followed by each IIM on their respective websites. No change in the category will be entertained after registration; hence, the applicants are advised to give attention while registering.

### PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

The fees is ₹ 1600 (General and NC-OBC candidates) and ₹ 800 (SC/ST/PWD/DA) candidates.

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

### REGISTRATION FOR CAT 2015

The registration window opens on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and will close on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The details about the registration process will be available on CAT 2015 website [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in).

At the time of registration, the candidates have to select any four Test Cities as per their preference from the drop down menu. Candidates will be allotted one among the 4 preferred Cities in any 1 of the 2 sessions after the last date of registration. The candidates can download the admit cards from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 till their exam date.

### TEST CENTRES

There are 136 test cities. The details about the test sites spread across 136 test cities will be available on [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in) from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and the name of the Test Site will be indicated in the Admit Card.

IIMs reserve the right to change or cancel any test venue /centre and/or change the test time and date at their own discretion.

### CAT 2015 SCORE

A candidate's CAT 2015 score card will be made available at the [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in) and individual information will not be sent. The CAT results will be declared by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, 2016. CAT 2015 score is valid till December 31, 2016. The candidates' scores will be made available till December 31, 2016. Subsequent to that date no queries related to issuance of CAT 2015 score cards will be entertained.

### ADMISSION PROCESS

Please note that each IIM shortlists candidates for its second stage of selection which may be different for each IIM. The process may include Written Ability Test (WAT), Group Discussions (GD) and Personal Interviews (PI). Performance in CAT 2015 examination is an important component in the admission process. IIMs may use previous academic performance of the candidates, relevant work experience and other similar inputs in short listing and ranking of candidates at various stages of the admission process. The processes, academic cut-offs and the weights allocated to the evaluation parameters may vary across IIMs. For more information you may refer to the admissions policies of IIMs from their respective websites.

### DISCLAIMER

Instances of incorrect information and process violation detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to 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 advertisement for future reference. Any dispute concerning CAT 2015 would be subject to Jurisdiction of the competent Courts within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Ahmedabad only.