Indian Institute of Management Indore
Two-Year Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP)

2027-29 Batch Admission Procedure for CAT 2026 Applicants

1. Eligibility criteria for CAT 2026 Applicants

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 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 an University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Candidates appearing for the final year of a 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 June 30, 2027) 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 fulfil 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 a Bachelor's degree with the required percentage*.

*SC/ST/PwD 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 the case of grades/CGPA, the conversion to a percentage of marks will be based on the procedure 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 by 100.

The deadline for submitting the mark sheet and certificate is December 31, 2027. Non-fulfilment of this condition will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission. Any candidate who submits university Mark sheets which do not clearly indicate that he/she has passed the bachelor's Degree course or equivalent, and also submits Provisional Certificate from an affiliated college/institute would, in addition, be required to produce an authorization certificate from the university stating that such an affiliated college/institute is authorized/empowered to issue such a certificate on behalf of the university.

IIM Indore may verify eligibility at various stages of the selection process. Applicants should note that merely fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria will not guarantee consideration for shortlisting by IIM Indore. Candidates must declare and maintain a valid and unique email account and a mobile phone number throughout the selection process.

2. Application Process

Candidates seeking admission to the two-year Post Graduate Programme of IIM Indore have to appear in the Common Admission Test (CAT) as described in the CAT 2026 Information Bulletin. CAT 2026 will be held on **Sunday, November 29, 2026**. Candidates who are interested and eligible can apply online and register themselves on https://iimcat.ac.in/ during the CAT 2026 registration period, which will start and close on specific dates. While registering for CAT 2026, candidates can apply to the PGP program at IIM Indore by selecting the available option in the online registration form. There is no additional cost for the same.

Note: Any candidate interested in applying for the PGP at IIM Indore must exercise their option to apply while registering for CAT 2026. No changes to the category will be accepted after the CAT registration window closes.

3. Selection Process

IIM Indore will adopt a three-stage selection process (I) Eligibility criteria (II) Shortlist for Personal Interview (PI) (III) Final Selection. Selection criteria for each of the stages are given as under:

Stage-I: Eligibility Criteria

All applicants who apply for the two-year PGP of IIM Indore must satisfy the eligibility criteria mentioned in the CAT 2026 advertisement and also the minimum sectional percentile and overall percentile scores in CAT 2026 (as mentioned in Table-1). Only those applicants meeting the specified criteria will be considered for Stage-II of the selection process.

Table 1: CAT 2026 Sectional and Overall Percentile Cut-offs

Category	Quantitative Ability (QA)	Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR)	Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC)	Overall
General	80.00	80.00	80.00	90.00
EWS	80.00	80.00	80.00	90.00
NC-OBC	70.00	70.00	70.00	80.00
SC	55.00	55.00	55.00	60.00
ST	40.00	40.00	40.00	45.00
PwD	40.00	40.00	40.00	45.00

Legend: Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Non-Creamy Other Backwards Castes (NC-OBC), Persons with disabilities (PwD).

Stage-II: Shortlist for Personal Interview (PI)

Only those candidates satisfying the requirements mentioned in Stage-I will be considered for this stage of shortlisting for Personal Interview (PI). A sufficient number of candidates for PI for each category (General, EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST and PwD) will be shortlisted using the merit list generated based on Composite Score (CS) as mentioned in Table 2.

Table 2: Computation of Composite Score (CS)

Components	Score
10th Standard/ SSC Score**	$10 * \left[\frac{Zcandidate - Zmin}{Zmax - Zmin}\right]$
12th Standard/ HSC Score***	$25 * \left[\frac{Zcandidate - Zmin}{Zmax - Zmin}\right]$
CAT 2026 Sectional Scores	VARC: $16 * \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ VARC}{Highest\ Score\ in\ VARC}\right]$ DILR: $16 * \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ DILR}{Highest\ Score\ in\ DILR}\right]$ QA: $23 * \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ QA}{Highest\ Score\ in\ QA}\right]$
Diversity Factor (DF)	7
Work Experience (WE)	0-3
Composite Score	= Sum of the above Scores

Note: Z candidate, Z min, Z max for 10th Standard/ SSC Score and 12th Standard/ HSC Score are computed using the normalisation process.

**For the candidates who have not received any marks for their 10th Standard/ SSC due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the weightage allocated for this component (10%) shall be split between the CAT 2026 Sectional Scores and 12th Standard/ HSC Score on a pro rata basis.

***For the candidates who have not received any marks for their 12th Standard/ HSC due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the weightage allocated for this component (25%) shall be split between the CAT 2026 Sectional Scores and the 10th Standard/ SSC Score on a pro rata basis.

VARC stands for the Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension section in CAT 2026.
DILR stands for the Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning section in CAT 2026.
QA stands for the Quantitative Ability section in CAT 2026.

Candidates shortlisted for PI will be informed in January 2027. Individual regret letters will not be sent to applicants who are not shortlisted for PI. IIM Indore will conduct admission interviews in both offline (in Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Kolkata, and Mumbai)/ online modes, depending on the situation. However, IIM Indore reserves the right to change the centres at any time if the situation so warrants.

Candidates shortlisted for the Personal Interview (PI) at Stage II will be required to attend the PI; failing to do so will result in their non-consideration for the next stage of the selection process, i.e., Stage III. IIM Indore also expects consistent and minimum performance in the various parameters of the Personal Interview (PI), which will be determined by the Admissions Committee. Candidates not meeting the minimum performance in any of the PI parameters will not be considered for the next stage of the selection process, i.e. Stage-III.

Stage-III: Final Selection

Candidates who satisfy the requirements mentioned in Stage-II will only be considered for final selection. A category-wise merit list will be generated based on the Final Composite Score (FCS) as outlined in Table 3, and provisional admission offers will be made accordingly, in accordance with the reservation norms.

Table 3: Computation of Final Composite Score (FCS)

Components	**Score**
10th Standard/ SSC Score	$5 * \left[\frac{Zcandidate-Zmin}{Zmax-Zmin}\right]$
12th Standard/ HSC Score**	$5 * \left[\frac{Zcandidate-Zmin}{Zmax-Zmin}\right]$
CAT 2026 Sectional Scores	VARC: $20 * \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ VARC}{Highest\ Score\ in\ VARC}\right]$ DILR: $10* \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ DILR}{Highest\ Score\ in\ DILR}\right]$ QA: $10* \left[\frac{Candidate's\ Score\ in\ QA}{Highest\ Score\ in\ QA}\right]$
PI Score	$45* \left[\frac{Zcandidate-Zmin}{Zmax-Zmin}\right]$
Diversity Factor (DF)	5
Final Composite Score	= Sum of the above Scores

Note: The Z candidate, Z min, and Z max for each component are computed using the normalisation process.

**For the candidates who have not received any marks for their 10th Standard/ SSC or 12th Standard/ HSC due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, the weightage allocated for these components shall be split between the CAT 2026 Sectional Scores, PI Scores and available marks among 10th or 12th on a pro-rata basis.

4. Reservations

As per Government of India requirement, 27% of the seats are reserved for Other Backward Classes candidates belonging to the "Non-Creamy" layer (NC-OBC), 15% for Scheduled Caste (SC), 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates, 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 specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where 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), and

f) Other 'specified disabilities' mentioned in 'The Schedule' of the RPwD Act 2016.

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 IIM Indore.**

Candidates belonging to categories for which seats are reserved should carefully note and read the eligibility requirements before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavour of IIM Indore that the candidates belonging to EWS/NC-OBC/SC/ST/PwD categories join the programme in proportions mandated by the law, they have to meet the eligibility criteria and a certain minimum level of performance to be considered for the admission process.

5. Scholarships

The Post Graduate Programme (PGP) Office of IIM Indore shall provide details on scholarships administered by IIM Indore to all candidates who are finally admitted.

Important Information

a. In the case of grades/CGPA, the conversion to a percentage of marks will be based on the procedure certified by the respective Board/University/Institution. If any Board/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 by 100.

b. The percentage of marks obtained in Class X and Class XII would be the aggregate marks of all subjects that appear in the marks sheet or grade sheet, irrespective of whether the Board considers them for the calculation of the percentage.
c. Each IIM shortlists candidates for GD/WAT and PI based on its own criteria. Hence, it is possible to observe variations in the lists of candidates shortlisted by different IIMs.
d. All the candidates are advised to check their emails regularly and visit the IIM Indore's website for updates on admission-related activities.
e. Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by a candidate will result in the immediate disqualification of that candidate from the admission process.
f. IIM Indore reserves the right to change, modify or adopt any new admission process that it deems necessary, and which best suits its purpose of identifying and admitting the most appropriate students to the Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP).
g. Candidates who indicate their interest in PGP of IIM Indore, while applying for CAT 2026, will also be considered for PGP-HRM of IIM Indore. The final selection will be made according to the admission procedure for the respective programme.
h. Document to be produced by International Baccalaureate (IB) board candidates, applying for IIM Indore: For candidates who have cleared their SSC/10th and HSC/12th standard from IB Board, are required to produce "The IB Diploma Indian Percentage Transcript", click here.

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Any dispute concerning admissions for the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) 2027-29 Batch of IIM Indore would be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of the city of Indore only.

Possible Disruptions: The admission process will be conducted, taking into account potential disruptions. The information provided in the 2027-29 Admission Policy is contingent upon the decisions and directions issued by the Central and State governments, as well as IIM Indore, from time to time. Candidates are advised to regularly check the CAT and IIM Indore websites for the latest information.

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