



# Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)

## Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Indore, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Shillong

### Common Admission Test (CAT)

#### Sunday, November 16, 2008

This advertisement along with the Common Admission Test (CAT) Bulletin details the eligibility, the admission process, and other terms and conditions related to admission to the Post-graduate and Fellow Programmes of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), for which CAT is an important pre-requisite. Candidates are advised to retain this advertisement for future reference.

#### PROGRAMMES

##### Post Graduate Programmes in Management (PGP)

IIM Ahmedabad	PGP and PGP-ABM
IIM Bangalore	PGP, PGSEM and PGPPM
IIM Calcutta	PGP-PGDM and PGP-PGDGM
IIM Indore	PGP and Ex-PGP
IIM Kozhikode	PGP
IIM Lucknow	PGP and PGP-ABM
RGIIM Shillong	PGP

##### Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) [equivalent to Ph.D.]

IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, IIM Indore, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow  
**Note:** Separate advertisements will appear for the Fellow Programme of each institute as well as PGP-ABM of IIM Ahmedabad, PGSEM and PGPPM Programmes of IIM Bangalore, PGDCM Programme of IIM Calcutta, and the Ex-PGP of IIM Indore. See the CAT Bulletin for further information.

#### CAT 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) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category], of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent. The percentage obtained by the candidate in the bachelor's degree would be based on the practice followed by the university/institution from where the candidate has obtained the degree. In case of the candidates being awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the equivalence would be based on the equivalence certified by the university/institution from where they have obtained 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 the IIMs by dividing obtained CGPA with the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the resultant with 100.

Candidates appearing for the final year of bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification examination and those who have completed degree requirement and are awaiting results can also apply. Such candidates must produce a certificate from the Principal/Head of the Department/ Registrar/Director of the university/institution certifying that the candidate is currently in the final year / is awaiting final results and has obtained at least 50% marks or equivalent (45% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category) based on latest available grades/marks.

##### Eligibility for Post Graduate Programmes in Management of IIMs

The candidate should meet CAT-2008 eligibility as detailed above. A candidate who is in the final year of bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification, if selected, will be allowed to join the Programme provisionally only if he/she submits a certificate latest by June 30, 2009 from the Principal/Registrar of his/her college/institute (issued on or before June 30, 2009) stating that the candidate has completed all the requirements (the results may, however, be awaited) for obtaining the bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification on the date of issue of the certificate. The admission will be confirmed only when the candidate submits the mark sheet and a certificate of having passed the bachelor's degree / equivalent qualification referred to in the certificate issued by the Principal/Registrar with at least 50% marks (45% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category). The deadline for submission of the mark sheet and the certificate is December 31, 2009. Non-fulfillment of this condition will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission. IIMs would not allow any candidate to join their Programme in case the candidate is unable to complete all the requirements for a bachelor degree on or before June 30, 2009. The IIMs would also not offer admission to any candidate after June 30, 2009.

##### Special eligibility requirements:

##### IIM Ahmedabad: PGP in Agri-Business Management (PGP-ABM)

(1) The candidate must hold a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Agriculture Sciences or in Agriculture-related disciplines, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA (45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category), of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

(2) The candidate must hold at least a Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in any non-Agriculture discipline from a University or Institution as defined in the above paragraph and have an interest in Agriculture, Agro/Food Processing, Rural and Allied sectors. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidates must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

Rules for conversion of CGPA, for computation of percentage scored and for the candidates appearing in the final year of qualifying examination would be same as mentioned above in the minimum eligibility criterion for admission to PGP for all IIMs. Please note that though the expected registration date for the PGP-ABM first year is June 1, 2009, students who are in the final year of their bachelor's degree education and may have to go back to complete their examination formalities during June 2009 will be granted special leave for this purpose. The provisional admission of students who do not complete all their examination formalities on or before June 30, 2009 will be cancelled. Under no circumstances will an extension of this date of June 30, 2009 be granted.

You are required to produce the mark sheet and a certificate on or before December 31, 2009 of having passed the Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification on the date of issue of the Institute. The admission will be confirmed only when you submit the mark sheet and a certificate of having passed the bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification as mentioned in the certificate issued by the Principal/Registrar with at least 50% marks (45% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category). Under no circumstances the deadline of December 31, 2009 will be extended.

##### IIM Bangalore: PGP in Software Enterprise Management (PGSEM)

Participants are admitted to the Programme based on a combination of requirements. First, the candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. Second, applicants need to have (or are expected to have) a minimum of two years experience in the Software Industry as on June 10, 2009. Applicants having 4 to 5 years or more of work experience are likely to gain most from this Programme.

CAT applicants applying for PGSEM are required to submit a separate application for PGSEM available from December 01, 2008. The application may be submitted online, or can be downloaded from our website (<http://pgsem.iimb.ernet.in>). Application forms will also be issued free of cost on request. Completed applications along with a demand draft worth Rs.500/- if using CAT/GMAT; Rs.1300/- if using PGSEM test payable to the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, must reach the PGSEM Office, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560076 by January 31, 2009.

##### Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy and Management (PGPPM)

Apart from eligible Government Officials, PGPPM is also open to Civil society functionaries, mid career executives belonging to PSUs and Corporate Undertakings and other individuals with minimum 7 years of professional experience. CAT applicants seeking admission to PGPPM are required to submit a separate application which can be downloaded from our website ([www.iimb.ernet.in](http://www.iimb.ernet.in)) from 1 September 2008 onwards. Completed application forms along with a demand draft worth Rs.500/- payable to the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, must reach the PGPPM office, IIMB, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560 076 by December 31, 2008. PGPPM admissions will be separately notified in national dailies, journals and magazines during end August 2008.

##### IIM Calcutta: Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Aided Management (PGDCM)

Candidates can apply to both the Post Graduate Programmes, i.e. PGDM and PGDCM, by darkening the circles against PGP-PGDM and PGP-PGDCM along with other options. Please note that no further application fee is to be paid. Further, no separate application or test for admission will be required for the PGDCM Programme from this year. The eligibility criterion for the PGDCM candidates will be the same as detailed under "Eligibility for Post Graduate Programmes in Management of IIMs". For further details, kindly refer to the CAT Bulletin.

##### IIM Indore: Post Graduate Programme in Management for Executives (Ex-PGP)

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) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category), of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent. The candidate should also have a minimum of 5 years of managerial/ entrepreneurial/ professional experience as on May 31, 2009. Work experience obtained only after graduation will be considered. Organizational sponsorship is welcome.

A separate Ex-PGP Application form also needs to be submitted for applying to Ex-PGP. For obtaining the Application Form and Brochure, write to Ex-PGP Office, Indian Institute of Management Indore, Prabandh Shikhar, Rau-Pithampur Road, Indore - 453331, with a crossed demand draft for Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) drawn in favour of IIM Indore, payable at Indore along with a self addressed A4 sized envelope. Application Form can also be downloaded from the website [www.iimind.ac.in](http://www.iimind.ac.in) The Ex-PGP Application Form(s) will be available from August 01, 2008 to October 25, 2008. The last date for receiving the completed Application Form is November 12, 2008. For further details, kindly refer to CAT Bulletin.

##### IIM Lucknow: PGP in Agri-Business Management (PGP-ABM)

Candidates should have any of the following qualifications:  
 (a) A Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science / Agricultural Engineering or allied subjects with at least 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/PWD category) or equivalent CGPA from 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing Higher Secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

(b) The candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/PWD category) or equivalent CGPA of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing Higher Secondary schooling or equivalent with at least two years experience or strong interest in the field of Agriculture or allied sector.

Such candidates (eligible under criteria-b given above) must submit a special form available with the Admission Office, IIM, Lucknow. This form can also be downloaded from the IIML website <http://www.iiml.ac.in>. This form should be directly submitted to the Admission Office, Indian Institute of Management, Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226013 by September 19, 2008.

Candidates in their final year Bachelor's degree programme can also apply. However, if selected, they will be allowed to join the programme only if they complete their examinations, practical, viva voce, and all other requirements for obtaining the degree before 30 June 2009 and produce a certificate to this effect from Principal/Registrar of the college/institute at the time of registration. There will be no relaxation on the deadline under any circumstances.

#### CAT SCORECARD

The CAT scorecard will be mailed to the candidates after January 14, 2009. The CAT score will remain valid for admission to PGPs of IIMs only for the year 2009-10, unless specified otherwise. For further details, kindly refer to CAT Bulletin.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is the endeavour of all IIMs that no student be denied opportunity to pursue the Post-Graduate Programme in Management for want of adequate financial resources. Substantial need-based scholarships are available for students belonging to economically disadvantaged families. (Please check for details of each IIM in the CAT Bulletin.)

#### RESERVATIONS

As per the Government of India requirements, 15% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) and 7% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates. In addition, 27% of seats are reserved for Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates belonging to the "Non-Creamy" layer. However, the implementation of this 27% reservation for such OBC candidates will be undertaken by each IIM in a phased manner.

3% seats are reserved for Persons with Disability (PWD). The three categories of disability are: a) low-vision/blindness, b) hearing impairment, and c) locomotor disability/cerebral palsy.

Candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD categories are required to enclose a photocopy of their caste/category certificate at the time of submission of CAT application form. Candidates belonging to "Non-Creamy" OBC category are required to enclose a photocopy of the certificate to this effect as per the suggested format available in CAT Bulletin.

The candidates belonging to categories for which seats are reserved need to note and read carefully the eligibility requirements before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavour 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 in CAT Bulletin.

#### TEST CENTRES

**Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Noida, Patna, Pune and Varanasi**  
 Note: IIMs reserve the right to change or cancel any test centre at their discretion.

#### SALE OF CAT APPLICATION FORM AND BULLETIN BY BANKS

The CAT Application Form and Bulletin can be obtained from branches of **Axis Bank** listed below, between **July 14 and August 8, 2008** for Rs. 1300/- (Rs. 650/- for SC/ST candidates). Please note that a candidate needs to buy only one CAT Application Form irrespective of how many IIMs he/she is applying to. Candidates must enclose the 3<sup>rd</sup> Copy of Bank's Pay-in Slip along with the CAT Application Form. **Note that the name appearing in the pay in slip is that of the CANDIDATE only.** SC/ST candidates should submit a copy of SC/ST Certificate to the Bank at the time of obtaining the CAT Application Form. Candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria of the Programme in which they are interested, before procuring the CAT Application Form. CAT Application Forms of ineligible candidates and application forms with incomplete information will be summarily rejected. CAT Application Forms, once sold, will not be taken back and no claims of refund of CAT Application Fee will be entertained.

#### LIST OF AXIS BANK BRANCHES:

**ANDHRA PRADESH:** Chittoor (Prakasam High Road), Hyderabad Main (Begumpet Road), Hyderabad (Kukatpally), Secunderabad (Rashtrapati House), Secunderabad (Tarnaka) Kakinada (Subhash Road), Kurunool (Railway Station Road), Vijayawada (Rajagopalachari Street), Vishakhapatnam (Dwaraka Nagar), Warangal (Station Road); **ARUNACHAL PRADESH:** Itanagar (Teli Plaza); **ASSAM:** Guwahati (Dispur), Jorhat

(A.T. Road); **BIHAR:** Bhagalpur (Patal Babu Road), Muzaffarpur (Club Road), Patna (Boring Road), Patna (S.P. Verma Road); **CHATTISGARH:** Bhalai (Off. GE Road), Bilaspur (Near New Bus Stand), Korba (Power House Road), Raipur (Jeevan Bima Marg); **DELHI:** Delhi Main (Barakhamba Road), Daryaganj (Netaji Subhash Marg), Defence Colony, Greater Kailash-II, Janakpur, Karol Bagh (Padam Singh Road), Malviya Nagar, Mayapuri Vihar (LSC), Paschim Vihar, Rajouri Garden (Vishal Enclave), Sector 7, Rohini (Main Road), Shakti Nagar (G.T. Karnal Road), Swasthya Vihar (Vikas Marg), Vasant Kunj (Nelson Mandela Road); **GOA:** Panaji (Dr. Atmaram Borkar Marg); **GUJARAT:** Ahmedabad Main (Ellisbridge), Ahmedabad (Maninagar), Ahmedabad (Vastrapur), Baroda, (Race Course Circle - North), Bhanavnagar (Waghawadi Road), Rajkot (Kalawad Road), Surat Main (Ghod Dod Road), Vallabh Vidyanagar (Near HM Patel House); **HARYANA:** Ambala Cantt. (Jagadri Road), Gurgaon (Sector-14), Faridabad (NIT), Kurukshetra (Railway Road), Panipat (GT Road), Rohtak (Delhi Road); **HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Shimla (Kasumpti); **JHARKHAND:** Dhanbad (Bank More), Jamshepur Main (Bistupur), Jamshepur (Sakchi), Ranchi (Main Road); **JAMMU & KASHMIR:** Jammu (Rail Head Complex); **KARNATAKA:** Bangalore Main (M.G. Road), Bangalore (J.P. Nagar), Bangalore (Jayanagar), Bangalore (Koramangala), Bangalore (Marathahalli), Bangalore (Malleswaram, Sampige Road), Bangalore (Vijayanagar, West of Chord Road), Bellary (Main Road), Belgaum (Congress Road), Davanagere (PB Road), Gulbarga (Super Market), Hubli (Deshpande Nagar), Kanwar (Green Street), Mangalore (Bunts Hostel Circle), Mysore (Temple Road); **KERALA:** Kochi (Rajaji Road), Kottayam (Near YMCA), Kozhikode (YMCA Cross Road), Thiruvananthapuram (MG Road), Thrissur (City Centre); **MADHYA PRADESH:** Bhopal (MP Nagar), Gwalior (Madhavrao Scindia Marg), Indore (Main), Indore (Sapna Sangita Road), Jabalpur (Shastri Bridge Chowk), Satna (Rewa Road); **MAHARASHTRA:** Ahmednagar (Tilak Road), Amaravati (Near Jaistamb Chowk), Aurangabad (Adalat Road), Kolhapur (Station Road), Mumbai (Main Fort), Mumbai (Andheri West), Mumbai (Bandra West), Mumbai (Borivli West), Mumbai (Mulund West), Mumbai, (Powai), Mumbai (Shivaji Park), Navi Mumbai (Nerul), Navi Mumbai (Vashi), Nagpur Main (Siabuldi), Nashik (Sharanpur Road), Pune Main (J.M.Road), Pune (Camp), Pune (Kothrud), Pune (Pimpri Chinchwad), Pune (Sahakar Nagar), Thane Main (L.B.S. Marg); **MANIPUR:** Imphal (Thangal Bazaar); **MEGHALAYA:** Shillong (Jail Road); **MIZORAM:** Aizawl (Charmari); **NAGALAND:** Kohima (UT Complex), **ORISSA:** Angul (Main Road), Balasore (OT Road), Berhampur (Ganjan), Bhubaneswar (Kalpana Square), Bhubaneswar (Satyanagar), Cuttack, (Badambadi) Rourkela (Kachery Road), Sambalpur (VSS Marg); **PUNJAB:** Amritsar (Court Road), Jalandhar (Mahavir Marg), Ludhiana Main (The Mall), Patiala (Rajwara Road); **RAJASTHAN:** Ajmer (Kutchery Road), Bikaner (Rani Bazar Road), Jaipur Main (Ashok Marg), Jaipur (Tilak Nagar), Jodhpur (Chopansi Road), Kota (Shopping Centre), Udaipur (Chetak Marg); **SIKKIM:** Gangtok (Mahavir Marg); **TAMILNADU:** Chennai Main (Mylapore), Chennai (Adyar), Chennai (Annanagar), Chennai (Annasalai), Coimbatore (Avinashi Road), Madurai (Goods Shed Street), Salem (Omairu Main Road), Tiruchirappalli (Salai Road), Tirunelveli (East Car Street); **TIPUR:** Agartala (HG Basak Road); **UTTARANCHAL:** Dehra Dun (Rajpur Road), Roorkee (Civil Lines), Rudrapur (Nainital Road); **UTTAR PRADESH:** Agra (Sanjay Palace), Aligarh (Ramghat Road), Allahabad (MG Marg), Bareilly (Civil Lines), Gorakhpur (Bank Road), Jhansi (Civil Lines), Kanpur (The Mall), Lucknow Main (Ashok Marg), Lucknow (Hewett Road), Lucknow (Indira Nagar), Meerut (Boundary Road), Noida (Sector 16), Noida (Sector 18), Varanasi (Shastri Nagar); **WEST BENGAL:** Burdwan (GT Road), Durgapur (City Centre), Kharagpur (Malancha Road), Kolkata Main (Shakespeare Sarani), Kolkata (Behala), Kolkata (Dalhousie Square), Kolkata (Golgark), Kolkata (Lake Town), Kolkata (Salt Lake City), Kolkata (Shyam Bazar), Siliguri (Sevoke Road); **CHANDIGARH:** Chandigarh (Sector 17B), Chandigarh (Sector 34A); **PONDICHERY:** Pondicherry (Bussy Street). **JAMMU & KASHMIR:** Srinagar (Lal Chowk, Vijaya Bank).

Wherever location of the Axis Bank Branch is not indicated, please approach the Main Branch of Axis Bank in the city.

#### SALE OF CAT APPLICATION FORM AND BULLETIN BY IIMs

Under exceptional circumstances [such as (a) the stock of bulletins get exhausted in the nearby branch of the bank, (b) the bank branch is inaccessible to the candidate, and/or (c) the bulletin sale through banks has closed], CAT Application Form and Bulletin can also be obtained directly from any one of the IIMs till **August 13, 2008** by sending a crossed demand draft for Rs. 1300/- (Rs. 650/- for SC/ST candidates with a copy of the SC/ST certificate) drawn in favour of the respective IIM. Request for the bulletin should be accompanied by a cloth-lined self-addressed unstamped envelope of size 12" x 10".

The completed application form for CAT 2008 with supporting documents should be sent so as to reach the concerned IIM on or before September 5, 2008.

**IIMs will not be held responsible for non-delivery or postal delays in case of CAT Application Forms and Bulletins sent by the speed/registered post/courier and/or non-delivery or postal delays in receipt of completed CAT 2008 application forms.**

### IMPORTANT DATES AND ADDRESSES

<b>Dates:</b>	
Issue of CAT Bulletins by Axis Bank STARTS	<b>JULY 14, 2008 (Monday)</b>
Issue of CAT Bulletins by Axis Bank ENDS	<b>AUGUST 8, 2008 (Friday)</b>
Issue of CAT Bulletins by IIMs ENDS	<b>AUGUST 13, 2008 (Wednesday)</b>
Last date for receipt of completed CAT Applications by the IIMs	<b>SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 (Friday)</b>
COMMON ADMISSION TEST	<b>NOVEMBER 16, 2008 (Sunday)</b>

#### Postal Addresses:

Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380015  
 Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560076  
 Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, D.H. Road, Joka, Kolkata - 700104  
 Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Indore, Prabandh Shikhar, Rau-Pithampur Road, Indore - 453331  
 Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, IIM Kozhikode Campus P. O., Kozhikode - 673570  
 Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road, Lucknow - 226013  
 Administrative Office, Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management Shillong, NEHU Mayurbhanj Complex, Nongthymmai, Shillong - 793014

#### Other Contact Details:

IIM	E-mail	IVRS No.	Website
IIM Ahmedabad	<a href="mailto:admission@iimahd.ernet.in">admission@iimahd.ernet.in</a>	079-26307258	<a href="http://www.iimahd.ernet.in">www.iimahd.ernet.in</a>
IIM Bangalore	<a href="mailto:pgpadm@iimb.ernet.in">pgpadm@iimb.ernet.in</a>	080-26484650	<a href="http://www.iimb.ernet.in">www.iimb.ernet.in</a>
IIM Calcutta	<a href="mailto:pgpadmissions@iimcal.ac.in">pgpadmissions@iimcal.ac.in</a>	033-24380266	<a href="http://www.iimcal.ac.in">www.iimcal.ac.in</a>
IIM Indore	<a href="mailto:pgpadmission@iimind.ac.in">pgpadmission@iimind.ac.in</a>	0731-4058371	<a href="http://www.iimind.ac.in">www.iimind.ac.in</a>
IIM Kozhikode	<a href="mailto:admissions@iimk.ac.in">admissions@iimk.ac.in</a>	0495-2803005	<a href="http://www.iimk.ac.in">www.iimk.ac.in</a>
IIM Lucknow	<a href="mailto:admission@iiml.ac.in">admission@iiml.ac.in</a>	0522-2736666	<a href="http://www.iiml.ac.in">www.iiml.ac.in</a>
RGIIM Shillong	<a href="mailto:admissions@rgiim.ac.in">admissions@rgiim.ac.in</a>	0364-2230041	<a href="http://www.rgiim.ac.in">www.rgiim.ac.in</a>

#### CAT Website: [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)

(For more detailed information on each IIM, please refer to CAT Bulletin)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

This box provides information about frequently asked questions and queries about submission of CAT 2008 application forms. It also spells out the processes followed by IIMs up to Common Admission Test (CAT) and issue of CAT scorecard. It is, therefore, important for the candidates to read this box carefully.

- CAT Application Forms are sold or sent (along with Bulletins) only to the candidates, who are interested in appearing for CAT 2008 and are applying to one of the Programmes of IIMs. **The CAT Application Form sold or sent in the name of one person cannot be used by someone else for applying to IIMs.** CAT Application Forms and Bulletins, once sold, would not be bought back by the banks or by the IIMs. CAT Bulletin can also be accessed or downloaded from the CAT website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)).
- CAT Bulletin has considerable information on how to fill up the form. Please read the bulletin carefully before filling-in the form. The candidates should ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria of the Programme(s), which they have applied for, that the form is complete in all respects and that they have read the checklist in the CAT Bulletin before forwarding the application to the concerned IIM.
- The candidate may note that his/her application would be summarily rejected if the application is incomplete in any respect, specifically if documents supporting qualifications and category are not provided, any mandatory field is left blank, the form is not signed, photograph is not attached or the candidate fails to meet the eligibility criteria. No corrections will be permitted after submission of the application form. However, in case a candidate identifies any mistake in the submitted form, he/she may buy and submit a fresh form duly filled-in by September 5, 2008.**
- A candidate can check the information related to the admission process from CAT website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)) at different stages - (a) whether the application form has been received, (b) Allotted test registration number and the CAT venue where a candidate will appear for CAT 2008. A candidate can also check the CAT website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)) for information related to (c) whether the application form has been accepted/rejected (d) CAT 2008 scores, (e) whether the candidate has been short listed for Group Discussions and Personal Interview of different IIMs, and (f) whether the candidate has been offered admission by different IIMs. CAT-takers can also access their CAT-2008 scores by using SMS facility of mobile phones. For SMS, candidate can type 'CAT <space> test registration number <space> date of birth (ddmmyy)' or 'CAT <space> test registration number <space> application number' for example: 'CAT 5370082 030482' or 'CAT 5370082 123456' and SMS to '57333'. IIMs have also made arrangements to deliver results by e-mail. Candidates who wish to get their results by e-mail should register themselves between October 17, 2008 and November 30, 2008 by sending an SMS to 57333 as follows: 'CAT <space> test registration number <space> date of birth (ddmmyy) <space> email id' Please note that only one e-mail id will be registered against a test registration number.
- While CAT Bulletin and the CAT website would provide most of the information, a candidate may still have queries about filling the application form. In case a candidate needs further assistance, he/she can call up **the concerned IIM.** An interactive voice response system (IVRS) would help in resolving the queries. The IVRS numbers given in this advertisement would allow the candidate to access this system. Please note that the IVRS provides answers to common queries related to admission process and IIMs are not responsible for any misunderstanding created by the IVRS in the mind of any candidate. IIMs, however, own up the responsibility for written responses to queries raised through e-mail/ letters, for which addresses have been provided in this advertisement.
- In case a candidate has any special query which cannot be addressed to by the IVRS or the CAT Bulletin, the candidate can write to the admission office of the concerned IIM quoting the application number before receipt of admit card and test registration number after receipt of admit card. **The candidate must retain a photocopy of filled-in application form and the admit card as long as the candidate remains interested in the admission process of the IIMs.**
- In case the candidate chooses to write to any IIM, he/she may send an e-mail or may use any other mode of written communication. Please note that no IIM official will directly answer queries of the candidates over phone.
- Candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD/Non-Creamy OBC categories are requested to indicate their status while filling-in their form and enclose supporting document(s) as a proof that they belong to the specified category. **Please note that no change in category would be allowed after the last date of receipt of application form.** In the absence of any supporting document or inappropriate supporting document, the candidates having paid full CAT Application fee would be treated as candidates belonging to the 'Others' category. The applications from candidates who had only paid half the fee but who do not submit any supporting document(s) or who submit inappropriate supporting document(s), will be rejected.
- Admit cards of eligible candidates, whose applications are complete in all respect, would be despatched beginning October 13, 2008. Those who do not receive admit cards by October 31, 2008 should immediately write to the concerned IIM quoting their application number.
- On the day of the test, candidates should reach the test venue by 9:45 AM. Please note that no candidate would be allowed to enter the venue after 10:00 AM. Please do not carry any valuable articles such as cell phones, calculators, pens etc., as only admit card, HB pencils and erasers are required for the test and all other articles would have to be left outside the test hall at candidate's own risk.
- Any attempt to impersonate or indulge in any other malpractice during the test or while filling up the form would not only lead to immediate and automatic disqualification from the admission process of IIMs but may also lead to prosecution. **Please note that detection of such malpractice at any stage including after obtaining admission to any IIM would lead to immediate and automatic disqualification or expulsion.**
- CAT scores of all valid candidates, appearing in CAT 2008, will be available on the CAT website on 9th January, 2009. Subsequently, Score Cards would be despatched to all the candidates. Adequate care is taken to ensure that there are no mistakes in reading the answer sheet. There is no provision for re-evaluation of the answer sheet of any candidate. **The candidates should ensure that they have read Section 3 of the CAT Bulletin carefully regarding the precautions to be taken while answering the questions.**

### ABOUT ADMISSION PROCESS

This box provides information about frequently asked questions about the admission process followed by IIMs for their post-graduate Programmes subsequent to CAT. It is therefore, important for the candidates to read this box carefully.

- Performance in CAT is an important input in the admission process and is the primary basis for shortlisting candidates for the second round of admission process, which comprises of group discussion and/or personal interview. **Candidates should note that it is important to perform well relative to other candidates in each section of the test as the scores in each section and the overall score are used to short list the candidates for the second round. These scores may also be used for final ranking as well.** In addition to the performance in CAT, IIMs may use academic performance, relevant work experience and other similar inputs for ranking and shortlisting candidates for group discussions and personal interviews.
- Please note that each IIM shortlists candidates for Group Discussions (GD) and/or Personal Interviews (PI) independent of other IIMs.** Hence it is possible to observe variations in the list of candidates shortlisted by different IIMs. For more details, candidates are advised to read carefully the admission process related information of each IIM, as given in section 4 of the CAT Bulletin and on the web sites of respective IIMs.
- Details of candidates shortlisted by different IIMs for group discussion and/or interview will be made available on CAT website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)) on January 9, 2009. Shortlisted candidates would also be sent letters from the respective IIMs. GD/PI are conducted by each IIM separately.
- After the GD/PI round, admission offers are made by IIMs to successful candidates. The ranking and final selection is based on a diverse set of attributes and may include performance in CAT, performance in GD/PI, academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements, work experience etc. The weights given to each of these attributes may vary across IIMs as the admission process of each IIM, subsequent to CAT is independent.
- Disclosure of information about the admission process at IIMs is driven by concerns, which at times conflict with each other. The IIMs would like the admission process to be transparent. At the same time, IIMs would wish to protect the privacy of individual candidates and confidentiality of the process to prevent abuse. Based on these considerations, the performance of an individual is not made available to any other person. Similarly, the performance of