

MBA Entrance Exams 2026: CMAT, MAT, MAH CET, KMAT, TANCET, PGCET Dates, Pattern, Top Colleges (Updated)

MBA Entrance Exams 2026: There are more than 20 national, state-level, and university-level MBA entrance exams in India. A few top national level MBA entrance exams 2026 like CAT (held on November 30, 2025), XAT 2026 (held on Jan 4), SNAP and NMAT are over. Other top MBA entrance exams in India 2026 like CMAT 2026, MAT 2026, and MAH MBA CET 2026 will be held in January-May months. State Level MBA Entrance Exams 2026 such as KMAT Kerala, Karnataka PGCET, Tamil Nadu TANCET are also scheduled in January-July 2026 period. Check complete List of MBA Entrance Exams in India 2026 with dates, fees, pattern, top accepting colleges this article. After reading this, candidates should select the right MBA entrance exam, register by filling their application forms, and then prepare for the exams. Also download MBA Entrance Exam 2026 PDF from the link below.



MBA Entrance Exam 2026

Check Dates, Pattern, Top Colleges for
XAT, CMAT, MAT, MAHCET, KMAT, TANCET, PGCET, Others

Download PDF 

MBA Entrance Exams can be divided into three categories: a) CAT for IIMs, b) Other National Management Entrance Tests (OMET) like XAT and NMAT, and c) State MBA entrance exams like MAH CET and Karnataka PGCET. Check list of top MBA Entrance Exams 2026 given below. MBA Entrance Exam Dates 2026 and MBA Entrance Exam Schedule 2026 are also given in the table.

Table: MBA Entrance Exam Calendar 2026

MBA Entrance Exams	MBA Entrance Exam Dates	Exam Registration Fees	Top MBA Colleges Accepting MBA Entrance Exam Score
<u>CAT 2025</u>	November 30, 2025	Rs. 2600	21 IIMs, FMS, SPJIMR, MDI, IITs, IIFT
<u>XAT 2026</u>	January 4, 2026	Rs. 2200	XLRI, IMT, IMI, XIMB, TAPMI
<u>NMAT 2025</u>	Nov 5 to Dec 19, 2025	Rs. 3000	NMIMS, XIMB, K J Somaiya, TAPMI, SDA Bocconi and IFMR GSB Krea University
<u>SNAP 2025</u>	Dec 6, 14 & 20, 2025	Rs. 2250	SIBM Pune, SCMRD, SIBM Bangalore
<u>CMAT 2026</u>	Jan 25, 2026	Rs. 2500	K J Somaiya Mumbai, BIMTECH, Welingkar, IFMR GSB, IMI Bhubaneswar and WOXSEN Hyderabad
<u>MAH MBA CET 2026</u>	April 6,7, 8; May 9	Rs. 1000	JBIMS, SIMSREE, Welingkar, PUMBA, SIES
<u>MAT 2026</u>	March 1 (PBT) March 8 (CBT)	Rs. 1800	Jaipuria, FIIB New Delhi, DSB Delhi, IPE Hyderabad
<u>Kerala KMAT 2026</u>	January 25, 2026	Rs. 750	Cochin University of Science and Technology, Rajagiri Cochin, and SCMS Cochin School of Business Cochin
<u>Karnataka PGCET</u>	June 2026	Rs. 650	Christ University Bangalore, Jain University Bangalore, PES University Bangalore, Indus Business Academy (IBA) Bangalore, NSB Bangalore and Kristu Jayanti College
<u>TANCET 2026</u>	Third Week of March 2026	Rs. 1000	Anna University, PSG Institute of Management Coimbatore, SSN School of Management Chennai and Thiagarajar School of Management Madurai

CAT 2025: Compulsory Exams for IIM Admission

Common Admission Test 2025 (CAT 2025) was successfully conducted by IIM Kozhikode on November 30, 2025 at 339 test centres spread across 170 cities in India. Around 2.58 lakh

candidates appeared for the exam out of 2.95 lakh registered eligible candidates. There was no change in CAT 2025 Exam Pattern with 68 questions. CAT 2025 exam analysis reveals that the difficulty level was higher than CAT 2024 paper. Check key highlights of CAT exam in the tables below.

CAT 2025 Exam Highlights

CAT Exam Particulars	Key Details
CAT Exam Full Form to CAT Full Form	Common Admission Test, popularly known as 'CAT'
Who Conducts CAT Exam?	One of 6 old IIMs conducts CAT every year
Who is conducting CAT 2025?	IIM Kozhikode
What is the date of the CAT exam in 2025?	Sunday, November 30, 2025
What is CAT exam timing?	Slot 1: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM; Slot 2: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM; Slot 3: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
How many questions appeared in CAT 2025 paper?	68 Questions (same as last year)
How many sections appeared in CAT 2025 paper?	Three Sections: Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension, Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Ability
What is the Scoring Pattern for CAT 2025 exam?	CAT marking scheme is +3 for every correct and -1 for incorrect. There was no negative marking for TITA Questions.
What was the duration of CAT 2025 Exam?	CAT 2025 exam duration is 2 hours
What is the time limit for each section?	CAT 2025 Sectional Limit is 40 Minutes for each Section
Can I choose which section to attempt first?	No, candidates must answer the sections in pre-defined order from section 1 to 3.
What is the Testing Mode of CAT 2025?	CAT 2025 will be held as Computer based exam at test centres across the country.

What was CAT 2025 Notification Release date?	CAT 2025 Notification was released on Sunday, July 27, 2025
Which are top MBA Colleges accepting CAT 2025?	Top MBA colleges accepting CAT 2025 are 21 IIMs, FMS, IIFT, MDI, SPJIMR, IITs, IMI
What is the age limit for CAT exam 2025?	There is no age limit for taking CAT exam 2025.
How to Apply for CAT 2025?	Candidates can apply for CAT online on CAT official website iimcat.ac.in . CAT 2025 application process is closed now.
What was CAT 2025 exam Fees?	CAT 2025 Exam Fees was Rs. 2600 for general candidates, and Rs. 1300 for reserved category candidates.
What is CAT Official Website for Form Filling?	CAT official website is iimcat.ac.in
How many candidates registered for CAT 2025 exam?	Only 2.95 lakhs candidates registered for CAT 2025 exam.
What is CAT 2025 result release date?	December 24, 2025

CAT 2025 Exam Pattern

Section No.	Section Name	Duration	MCQs	TITA	Total
I	Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension	40 min	20	4	24
II	Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning	40 min	12	10	22
III	Quantitative Ability	40 min	14	8	22
Total	-	120 min	46	22	68

XAT 2026: Compulsory Exams for XLRI Admission

XAT full form is Xavier Aptitude Test, and it is the mandatory exam for admission in XLRI Jamshedpur and Delhi campuses. XAT 2026 exam was held on January 4, 2026. XAT exam analysis 2026 reveals that this year's paper was of higher difficulty level. Read more details in table below.

XAT 2026 Exam Highlights

XAT EXAM PARTICULARS	DETAILS
XAT Full Form	Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT)
Who conducts XAT Exam?	Xavier School of Management (XLRI) Jamshedpur
XAT Official Website	xatonline.in
XAT Exam Date	Sunday, January 4, 2026
XAT Registration Last Date	December 11, 2025 (closed)
XAT Exam Fees	Rs. 2200
<u>Top MBA colleges accepting XAT scores</u>	XLRI, XIMB, IMI, IMT, FORE, Great Lakes, GIM Goa
Total Questions	95 MCQs
XAT Exam Duration	3 hours
Number of Sections	Four; Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation, General Knowledge
Number of Answer Options	5
XAT Marking Scheme	+1 Mark for Correct Answer; -0.25 for Wrong Answer; 0 for Un-attempted Question

NMAT 2025 Exam Highlights

NMAT (NMAT by GMAC) is an important national level MBA entrance test leading to admission in top MBA colleges including NMIMS Mumbai, VIT, TAPMI, XIMB among other institutes and universities in India. NMAT 2025 exam was held from November 5 to December 19, 2025.

SNAP 2025: Compulsory Exam for Symbiosis University MBA Colleges

SNAP Exam is conducted by Symbiosis International University (SIU) and is the mandatory MBA entrance test for 17 MBA Symbiosis colleges such as SIBM Pune, SCMHRD Pune and SIBM Bangalore. SNAP exam duration is only 60 minutes. [SNAP 2025 exam](#) was held on Dec 6, Dec 14 and 20, 2025. Check SNAP exam highlights in the table below.

MBA Entrance Exams by Universities & MBA Colleges

IBSAT 2025: MBA Entrance Exam for ICFAI University MBA Colleges

IBSAT is MBA entrance test for admission in 9 ICFAI Business Schools (IBS) located across India. IBSAT Exam 2025 was held from December 27-28, 2025. Read [IBSAT 2025 Exam](#) Guide.

MICAT - MICA Admission Test

[MICAT 2026](#) is conducted by MICA Ahmedabad for all the applicants who apply for MICA admission. MICAT is the mandatory entrance exam for admission to PGDM-C and PGDM programs. MICA conducts two MICAT exams MICAT 1 and MICAT II. If you are planning for admission to MICA Ahmedabad PGDM-C or PGDM, you need to apply and appear in MICAT, apart from taking CAT 2025 or XAT 2026.

XGMT - XIM University MBA Admission Test

XGMT is conducted by XIM University for MBA admission in its constituent MBA colleges. If you have not taken CAT/XAT/NMAT or GMAT, the XGMT is the only option to become eligible for MBA admission in XIMB and other management institutes of XIM University Bhubaneswar. Read [XGMT 2026 Exam](#) Guide.

CMAT 2026

National Testing Agency (NTA) is conducting Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) 2026. CMAT 2026 exam date is January 25, 2026. CMAT 2026 exam will be held in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode in two shifts – morning and late afternoon. CMAT 2026 registration closed on November 25, 2025. CMAT Exam Pattern has 100 questions divided into five sections. Read CMAT exam highlights in the table below.

CMAT 2026 Exam Highlights

CMAT Exam Particulars	Details
CMAT Exam Full Form	Common Management Aptitude Test (CMAT)
Who conducts CMAT Exam?	National Testing Agency (NTA)

Top MBA Colleges Accepting CMAT	JBIMS Mumbai, SIMSREE Mumbai, Pune University PUMBA, NIA Pune, Welingkar Mumbai and BIMTECH Greater Noida
CMAT Exam Date	January 25, 2026
CMAT Exam Slots	Two Slot Exam of 3 Hrs Duration for each slot
Mode of CMAT exam	Online Computer Based Test at Exam Centres
CMAT Official Website	cmat.nta.nic.in
CMAT Exam Application Fees	Male Candidates - Rs. 2500; Female Candidates - Rs. 1250
Number of Candidates Registered	75,000
Total Questions in the Exam	100
Number of Sections	5 Sections with 20 Questions in Each Section

CMAT Exam Pattern 2026

Section	Exam Sections	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks Section-wise
1	Language Comprehension	20	80
2	Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	80
3	Logical Reasoning	20	80
4	General Awareness	20	80
5	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20	80
	Total	100	400

MAT 2026 Exam

Management Aptitude Test (MAT) is a national level MBA entrance exam that is conducted four times in a year by All Indian Management Association (AIMA). MAT Paper Based Test (PBT) 2026 will be held on March 1 and MAT Computer Based Test (CBT) 2026 will be held on March 8, 2026. Top MBA colleges accepting MAT exam include Jaipuria Institute of Management, IBA Bangalore and ISB&M Pune. Read complete details in the table below.

MAT 2026 Exam: Key Highlights

MAT Exam Particulars	Details
MAT Exam Full Form	Management Aptitude Test (MAT)
Who conducts MAT Exam?	All India Management Association (AIMA)
Number of MBA/PGDM colleges accepting MAT	More than 500 MBA Colleges
Number of MAT Exams	Held in February, May, September, December
MAT Exam Modes	Paper Based (PBT) and Computer Based (CBT)
MAT Exam Dates	MAT Paper Based Test (PBT) 2026 will be held on March 1 and MAT Computer Based Test (CBT) 2026 will be held on March 8, 2026.
MAT Official Website	www.mat.aima.in
MAT Exam Application Fees	Rs 2200 for Paper Based Test (PBT) or Computer Based Test (CBT). Rs 3800 for both PBT + CBT Exams.
Total Questions in the Exam	150 questions
Total Exam Duration	120 minutes
Number of Sections	5 Sections with 30 Questions in Each Section
Name of MAT Sections	Language Comprehension, Intelligence and Critical Reasoning, Data Analysis & Data Sufficiency, Mathematical

	Skills, Economic & Business Environment
Scoring Pattern in MAT exam	+1 Mark for Each Correct Answer; -0.25 Mark for Each Wrong Answer; 0 Mark for Un-attempted Question

MAT February Exam Dates 2026

Type of MAT Exam	Last Date to Register	Admit Card Release Date	Exam Date
Paper Based Test (PBT)	February 23, 2026	February 26, 2026	March 1, 2026
Computer Based Test (CBT)	March 2, 2026	March 5, 2026	March 8, 2026

State Level MBA Entrance Exams 2026

State MBA entrance exams are conducted by various state governments or state universities for admission to MBA and PGDM programs in state-affiliated colleges. Key State level MBA entrance exams 2026 are MAH CET 2026, PGCET Karnataka 2026, KMAT Karnataka 2026 and KMAT Kerala 2026 among others. Check latest details state level MBA entrance exams 2026 below.

MAH MBA CET 2026

MAH CET (Maharashtra Common Entrance Test) is conducted by Maharashtra State CET Cell for admission to various MBA/MMS courses offered by government recognized MBA colleges in Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur and rest of Maharashtra. Candidates from Maharashtra and Outside Maharashtra State can apply for MAHCET exam. Last year, 1.57 lakhs candidates registered for [MAH MBA CET 2025 exam](#). MAH MBA CET 2026 exam will be conducted from April 6 to April 8, 2026. A second MAH MBA/MMS CET 2026 exam will also be conducted on May 9, 2026. Read complete details in the table below.

MAH MBA CET Exam 2025 Key Highlights

Particulars	Details
Exam Conducting Body	State CET Cell - Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) Maharashtra
MAH CET Full Form	MAH MBA/MMS Common Entrance Test
Official MAH CET website	cetcell.mahacet.org
MBA/MMS Seats Available for Admission 2025	40,000+
Mode of the Exam	Computer Based Test
MAH MBA CET 2025 Exam Date	April 1, 2, 3 2025
Test Duration	150 Minutes (2½ Hours)
Testing Window	2 days, 4 sessions
Total Questions	200 (All MCQs)
Test Sections	4 Sections: Logical Reasoning; Abstract Reasoning; Quantitative Aptitude; Verbal Ability and Reading comprehension
Top MBA Colleges accepting score	JBIMS, SIMSREE, Welingkar, PUMMBA, CIMR, SIES
MAH MBA CET Fees 2025 for Registration	Rs 1000 for open category candidates from Maharashtra state, outside Maharashtra state (OMS), J & K Migrant candidates. Rs 800 for candidates of SC, ST, VJ/DT- NT (A), NT (B), NT (C), NT (D), OBC, SBC categories and persons with disability candidates belonging to Maharashtra state only.

Admission Process through MAH CET 2025	Through Centralized Admission Process (CAP) by DTE Maharashtra in May 2025
--	--

Karnataka PGCET 2026

Karnataka PGCET exam is conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) for admissions into MBA, MCA and ME/MTech/MArch courses offered by Government and Private colleges. [Karnataka PGCET 2026 exam](#) for MBA and MCA courses will be held in June, 2026. Check exam highlights below.

Karnataka PGCET Exam Highlights

KMAT Karnataka 2026

KMAT Karnataka is conducted by KPPGCA for MBA admission 2025 in over 189 AICTE approved and university-affiliated Management Institutes in Bangalore and Karnataka. KMAT Karnataka 2026 exam will be held in August 2026. Last year, KMAT Karnataka 2025 exam mode was changed from offline exam to a “Remote Proctored Internet-Based Test”. Check more details in table below.

KMAT Karnataka 2025 Exam Highlights

Particulars	Details
KMAT Exam Conducting Body	Karnataka Private Post Graduate Colleges Association (KPPGCA)
KMAT Full Form	Karnataka Management Aptitude Test (KMAT)
National or State or University Exam	KMAT is all India exam, open to candidates from all states of India and abroad.
KMAT Exam Date 2025	August 24, 2025
KMAT Exam Mode 2025	Remote Proctored Internet-Based Test, taken from Home
KMAT Exam Pattern	Paper Pen based test with 120 Multiple Choice Questions Divided in Three Sections
KMAT Exam Application Process	Not Open

KMAT 2025 Exam Fees	Rs 850 (including GST)
KMAT 2025 Exam Duration	2 hours
KMAT 2025 Official Website	kmatindia.com
MBA Colleges Accepting KMAT Scores	Kristu Jayanthi, IFIM, IBA, ISBR, CMR many others

KMAT Kerala 2026

[KMAT Kerala](#) is a gateway for admissions to various management schools across the state of Kerala. The exam is conducted by the Commissioner of Entrance Exams, Kerala (CEE Kerala). The Kerala KMAT exam is held twice a year. KMAT Kerala 2026 Session 1 exam date is January 25, 2026. KMAT Kerala 2025 Session II will be held in May, 2026. Check complete exam details in table below

KMAT Kerala 2026 Exam Highlights

Features	Details
KMAT Kerala exam full form	Kerala Management Aptitude Test (KMAT)
KMAT Kerala Exam conducting body	Commissioner of Entrance Exams, Kerala (CEE Kerala)
KMAT Kerala Exam Level	State-level MBA Entrance Exam
KMAT Kerala Exam frequency	Two times a year
KMAT Kerala Mode of examination	Computer-based exam
KMAT Kerala Exam Duration	3 hours (180 minutes)
KMAT Kerala Syllabus	English Language and Reading Comprehension, Quantitative Aptitude, Data Sufficiency and Logical Reasoning, General Knowledge and Business Scenario

KMAT Kerala Exam pattern	180 multiple-choice questions with negative marking
KMAT Kerala Application fee	Rs 1000 for General category, Rs 500 for Scheduled Caste, No Fees for Scheduled Tribe candidates
KMAT Kerala Exam date 2026	KMAT Kerala 2026 Session 1 exam date is January 25, 2026. KMAT Kerala 2026 Session II exam dates will be May, 2026.
KMAT Kerala test cities	14
KMAT Kerala Helpdesk no.	Phone: 0471-2525300, Fax: 0471-2337228 Email: ceekinfo@cee.kerala.gov.in
KMAT Kerala Official website	cee.kerala.gov.in

Telangana Integrated Common Entrance Test (TG ICET) 2026

Telangana Integrated Common Entrance Test is the entrance exam for MBA and MCA Program of all Universities in Telangana State. [TG ICET exam](#) is conducted by Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, on behalf of Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). TG ICET 2026 exam will be held in June, 2026. Last year, TG ICET 2025 exam date was June 8 and 9, 2025. TG ICET 2025 was a computer-based test with 200 MCQs from three different sections testing Analytical Ability, Communication Ability and Mathematical Ability.

TG ICET 2025 Key Highlights

Particular	Details
TG ICET 2025 Conducting Body	Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda
TG ICET official website	https://icet.tgche.ac.in/
TG ICET 2025 Exam Date	June 8 & 9, 2025
TG ICET Exam Pattern	Three sections: Analytical Ability, Mathematical Ability, Communication Ability
Total No of Questions	200
Type of Questions	MCQs
TSICET Test Duration	2.5 hours (150 minutes)
Expected number of candidates in TG ICET 2025	80,000

TANCET MBA 2026 Exam

Tamil Nadu TANCET MBA 2026 exam will be held in March, 2026. Last year, TANCET MBA 2025 exam was held on March 22, 2025. TANCET 2025 Result was released on April 25, 2025. Total number of candidates who registered for TANCET MBA Exam were 22,806, while 20,992 candidates actually took the exam. TANCET MBA exam analysis revels that the overall difficulty level of the paper was moderate, but some students found the Quantitative Aptitude section a bit difficult. Top MBA colleges accepting TANCET Score 2025 are Anna University, PSG Institute of Management Coimbatore, SSN School of Management Chennai and Thiagarajar School of Management Madurai. Read complete details in the article below.

TANCET 2025 Exam Highlights

A state level entrance test for MBA and other PG courses of Tamil Nadu, following are the important Exam Highlights

Particular	Details
TANCET 2025 Conducting Body	Anna University, Chennai
TANCET Full Form	Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test
TANCET Official Website	tancet.annauniv.edu/tancet
TANCET 2025 Exam Date	March 22, 2025 (Sunday)
TANCET 2025 Exam Duration & Timing	2.30 PM to 4.30 PM (2 Hours)
Top MBA Colleges under TANCET 2025	Anna University; PSG Institute of Management, SSN School of Management, Thiagarajar School of Management (TSM)
Application Process	Online
TANCET Fees	General Category: Rs.1000; Reserved Category: Rs.500
TANCET Exam Pattern 2025	Paper-Pen Based
Maximum Score in the Exam	100
Number of Sections	5
Type of Questions	MCQs
Answer Options	4
Negative Marking	Yes (1/4)

MBA Intake through TANCET	18,000 Seats Appx Across Tamil Nadu MBA colleges
Number of candidates registered for TANCET MBA Exam	Total number of candidates registered: 22,806, Total number of candidates who took exam: 20,992

AP ICET (Andhra Pradesh)

- Conducting Body: Sri Krishnadevaraya University on behalf of APSCHE
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks
- Mode: Online (Computer-Based Test)
- Accepted by: Andhra University, SV University, and other AP-based colleges

UPSEE MBA (Uttar Pradesh)

- Conducting Body: Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU)
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks
- Mode: Online (Computer-Based Test)
- Accepted by: AKTU-affiliated colleges in UP

MBA Entrance Exams for International Colleges - GMAT and GRE

GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) is a required exam for admission to international business schools in US and Europe. Many Indian B-schools also accepted [GMAT Exam](#) for MBA admissions in India. However, GMAT is an expensive exam. The GMAT registration fee in India is \$275 for the in-person test and \$300 for the online test. [GRE Exam](#) is another popular entrance exam for admission into international business schools in US and Europe.

Other Management Entrance Tests (OMET)

Apart from the above important OMETS, there are some other MBA entrance exams as well. They will be updated soon.

In summary, top national level MBA entrance exams 2026 are CAT, XAT, NMAT, SNAP, MAT, CMAT 2026. Top state level MBA entrance exams 2026 are MAH MBA CET 2026, Karnataka PGCET 2026, Tamil Nadu TANCET 2026 among others. Check complete list of MBA entrance exams in India 2026 in the article above. Also check MBA entrance exam schedule 2026 and MBA exam important dates 2026 in the article.