



## **CAT Application Form 2026: Start Date (Aug 1), Direct Link, Fees, Documents Required, Photograph and Signature Specification**

IIM Indore will conduct CAT 2026 on November 29, 2026. CAT 2026 application form will open from August 1, 2026. CAT 2026 form fees is expected to be Rs 2500 for the general, OBC and EWS category students and Rs 1250 for the SC/ST and PwD category. CAT application 2026 form must be filled on CAT 2026 official website [iimcat.ac.in](http://iimcat.ac.in). Check how to fill CAT 2026 application form step by step. Also check documents required, specifications of photo and signature to be uploaded and common mistakes to avoid. Also read about [CAT 2026 Registration](#), [CAT 2026 Preparation](#) and take free [CAT Mock Tests](#).

### **CAT 2026 Application Form Direct Link**

CAT application form direct link 2026 will be available on CAT official website [www.iimcat.ac.in](http://www.iimcat.ac.in). You can also access the some from link below:

**CAT Application Form Direct Link 2026:** To be updated in July 2026

### **CAT 2026 Application Form Fees**

CAT 2026 application form fees is expected to be Rs 2,600 for General/EWS/NC-OBC candidates and Rs 1,300 for SC/ST/PwD categories. Candidates should wait for [CAT 2026 notifications](#) for a reconfirmation.

### **CAT 2026 Registration Process: Overview**

CAT registration 2026 process will open on August 1, 2026. CAT registration 2026 process can be completed by following these simple steps:

**Step 1: Register as New Candidate:** Visit the CAT official website [iimcat.ac.in](http://iimcat.ac.in). Click on "New Candidate Registration" tab. Carefully fill in your Name (as per your 10th certificate), Date of Birth, Email ID, Mobile Number, and Country.

**Step 2: Login to Apply:** Within minutes of submission, you will receive your **User ID and Password** via SMS and an email titled "CAT 2026 Successful Registration." Use these credentials to log in and begin filling out the CAT application form.

**Step 3: Complete CAT Application Form:** CAT Application Form filling can be completed by filling these details:

1. Personal details

2. Academics
3. Work experience
4. Programmes
5. Test city
6. Declaration

Check how to fill CAT Application Form 2026 (step 3) in the following sections.

### **CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 1 - Enter Personal Details**

The first step in CAT form filling is to enter and verify your personal details. Enter following information to complete your personal details required in this step:

- **Candidate's First Name, Middle Name, Last Name**
- **Father's/Guardian's Name and Mother's Name/Guardian's Name**
- **Spouse's Name (if married)**
- **Date of Birth**
- **Gender**
- **Nationality**
- **Category**

Candidates should select category details from the drop-down menu. If you are not selecting "General Category", then you will be required to add supporting documents such as Certificate Certificates, Number of Caste/Tribe etc. Check list of category supporting documents required for CAT application form below.

**Communication/Permanent Address:** After adding personal details, candidates should add their Communication/Permanent Address. Enter your both present and permanent postal address details correctly, as it will be used for communication during the admission process. You need to provide an alternate Email Address and emergency Mobile Number while filling up the Application form.

Next, candidates have to **Upload Required Documents**, given below, to complete personal details:

- **Photograph:** Upload the scanned image of your **passport size photo** within the dimension of **1200 pixels x 1200 pixels**. The image should be clear with a minimum resolution of 150px/inch The photo should not be more than 6 months old and should have a white background. Remember that you will need the photograph uploaded here

to be affixed on the admit card on the day of the test. So, keep sufficient copies of this photo.

- **Signature:** Upload the scanned image of your signature within the dimensions of 80mm X 35mm. The documents file format should be a .jpg or .jpeg and the file size should not be more than 80KB.
- **EWS/NC-OBC/SC/ST Certificate:** If applicable, upload this certificate. Scan as PDF document to upload it.
- **Valid PwD Certificate:** If applicable. Scan as PDF document to upload here.

Refer image of previous year's CAT application form below for completing this stage. After entering your personal details and uploading the required documents, click on "SAVE & NEXT" button to proceed to the next section.

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 1 - Enter Personal Details

The screenshot displays the 'CAT 2025 Application' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'PERSONAL DETAILS', 'ACADEMICS', 'WORK EXPERIENCE', 'PROGRAMMES', 'TEST CITY', and 'DECLARATION'. The 'PERSONAL DETAILS' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, the form is divided into two main sections: 'Personal Details' and 'Other Personal Details'. The 'Personal Details' section contains the following fields: 'Candidate's Name' (with a sub-field 'SSA'), 'Candidate's First Name', 'Candidate's Middle Name', 'Candidate's Last Name (Surname)', 'Father's/Guardian's Name', 'Mother's/Guardian's Name', and 'Spouse's Name'. The 'Other Personal Details' section contains: 'Date of Birth', 'Candidate's Gender', 'Nationality', 'Category' (with a dropdown menu), and a checkbox for 'Do you belong to Persons with Disabilities (PwD) category as per RfWD Act 2016?'. The 'Date of Birth' field is pre-filled with '18/08/2008', 'Candidate's Gender' is 'Male', and 'Nationality' is 'Bahraini'.

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 2 – Enter Academic Details

In this section, you should enter following educational qualification details carefully:

- **SSC/10th/Equivalent Exam Details:** Enter Name of the Board, Year/Month of competition, Maximum Marks, Total Marks Obtained, Aggregate Percentage. Enter similar details for following qualifications.
- **HSC/12th/Equivalent/Diploma Exam Details**
- **Bachelor's Degree Details**
- **Master's Degree Details**
- **Other Professional Degree Details**

Refer image of previous year's CAT application form below for completing this stage. Click on "SAVE & NEXT" button to proceed to the next section.

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Enter Academic Details

The screenshot shows the 'Academics' section of the CAT 2026 application form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: PERSONAL DETAILS, ACADEMICS, WORK EXPERIENCE, PROGRAMME, TESTS, and DECLARATION. The 'Academics' section is active and contains the following elements:

- A note: "Note: In case of grades/GPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure as certified by the respective Board/University/Institution. If any Board/University/Institution confirms that there is no scheme for converting GPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by dividing the candidate's GPA by the maximum possible GPA, and multiplying the result with 100."
- A section titled 'SSC/10th/Equivalent Details' with the following input fields:
  - SSC/10th/Equivalent Board Name\*: Andhra Pradesh Board of Secondary Education
  - Month/Year of Completion\*: January 2018
  - Maximum Marks (inclusive of all subjects)\*: 1000
  - Total Marks Obtained (inclusive of all subjects)\*: 900
  - Aggregate Percentage (%)\*: 90
- Two additional notes:
  - Note 1: "1. Maximum marks (inclusive of all subjects) indicates the summation of maximum marks of all subjects (including electives, if any). For example, if there are five subjects with 100 marks assigned to each subject, the candidate should populate the 'Maximum Marks (inclusive of all subjects)' placeholder as 500. Total marks obtained (inclusive of all subjects) indicates the summation of actual marks obtained by the candidate in all subjects (including electives, if any). For example, if the candidate has obtained 457 marks by adding individual marks obtained in the five subjects, the candidate should populate the 'Total marks obtained (inclusive of all subjects)' placeholder as 457."
  - Note 2: "2. For computing percentage of marks obtained in SSC/10th/Equivalent examination, the aggregate marks of all subjects including additional subjects that appear in the Mark Sheet/Grade Sheet would be considered irrespective of the Board's regulation."
  - Note 3: "Note: The Aggregate Percentage should be entered as an accurate value, rounded-off to 2 decimals. Example A: If Maximum Marks = 800, Total Marks Obtained = 421 then Aggregate Percentage = 79.1666. This needs to be rounded off to 79.17. Example B: If Maximum Marks = 800, Total Marks Obtained = 418 then Aggregate Percentage = 68.3333. This needs to be rounded off to 68.33"

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 3 – Enter Work Experience

If you are a candidate with work experience, enter your experience details as on July 31, 2026. Enter following details for each of your work experiences:

- Name of Organization
- Start Date
- End Date
- Break in Experience (In days)
- Experience (In days)

Remember, only Full-time experience after graduation must be entered. Do not enter Part-time/ Project/ Internship/ Article ship/ Pre-graduation work experience as it will not be counted as work experience by IIMs for MBA admission. Break in Experience if any, needs to be entered in days in the text box provided. If there is no break, please enter "0" and proceed.

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### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Enter Work Experience

PERSONAL DETAILS
ACADEMICS
WORK EXPERIENCE
PROGRAMMES
TEST CITY
DECLARATION

**Work Experience (if any)**

**Note :**

1. Enter your work experience as on July 31, 2025.
2. Only Full-time experience after graduation must be entered.
3. Part-time/Project/Internship/Articleship/Pre-graduation work experience should not be entered and will not be considered as work experience.
4. Please enter the exact date you started working and the date you finally exited.
5. Moreover, please mention the number of days you temporarily exited the particular industry in the Break in Experience box.
6. Work Experience to be filled in chronological order.

**Note :**

1. Candidates who are independent professional practitioner, like Lawyers, Doctors and other professionals should enter independent professional practitioner (Doctor), independent professional practitioner (Lawyer) etc.
2. In case a candidate got promotion during a job a candidate can write multiple designations separated by a comma in the designation box.

**Sr No. 1**

Name of the Organisation <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Name of the Organisation"/>	Designation <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Designation"/>	Start date <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="dd/mm/yyyy"/>	End Date <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="dd/mm/yyyy"/>
Break in Experience ( In Days ) <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="0"/>	Experience (In Days) <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Experience (In Days)"/>		

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Total Work Experience (In days as on July 31, 2025):

Total Work Experience (In Month and days as on July 31, 2025):

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### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 4 – Select IIMs

Next step is to enter IIMs and their programs that you wish to apply to. Since there is no additional fees and effort in applying for all IIMs, you should select all programmes by clicking on the “Select All” checkbox. Also select your Interview City preference from the respective drop-down list.

Refer image of previous year’s CAT application form below. Click on “SAVE & NEXT” button to proceed to the next section.

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Enter IIM “PROGRAMMES” Details

PERSONAL DETAILS ACADEMICS WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES TEST CITY DECLARATION

**Programmes**

**Note:**  
Applicant can select any number of programmes. For each programme selected, kindly select an interview city as well.  
Please note that this list of interview cities is tentative and the candidate's preference may be used if the institute holds interviews in that city.

Select All

PROGRAMME NAMES	INTERVIEW CITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IIM Ahmedabad PGP	Interview City Preference 1 * Bengaluru Interview City Preference 2 * Hyderabad
<input type="checkbox"/> IIM Ahmedabad PGP-FABM	Interview City Preference 1 Select Interview City Preference 2 Select
<input type="checkbox"/> IIM Ahmedabad ePGD-ABA	Interview City Preference 1 Select
<input type="checkbox"/> IIM Ahmedabad Doctoral Programme in Management	Interview City Preference 1 Select
<input type="checkbox"/> IIM Amritsar MBA	Interview City Preference 1 Select Interview City Preference 2 Select

#### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 4 – Enter CAT Test City

Next, you should enter your preferred CAT Test City where you will like to take the CAT exam. This is a very important step while filling the CAT application form. Candidates have to fill 6 different Test Cities as per your preference from the drop-down menu. After the last date of registration, one among the 6 preferred test cities will be allotted subject to availability.

Refer image of previous year's CAT application form below. Click on "SAVE & NEXT" button to proceed to the next section.

## CAT 2026 Form Filling: Enter CAT Test City

PERSONAL DETAILS ACADEMICS WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES **TEST CITY** DECLARATION

### Test City Preferences

**Note:** Applicant can select any five Test Cities as per preference from the drop down menu. After the last date of registration, one among the 5 preferred test cities will be allotted (subject to availability). In rare case, if an Applicant is not allotted to any of the preferred test cities, Applicant will be allotted to a nearby test city.

Preferred Test State-City 1:  
Maharashtra - Palghar - Bolisar

Preferred Test State-City 2:  
Maharashtra - Navi Mumbai

Preferred Test State-City 3:  
Maharashtra - Aurangabad (CS N)

Preferred Test State-City 4:  
Gujarat - Anand

Preferred Test State-City 5:  
Maharashtra - Kolhapur

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### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Step 5 – Pay Fees and Sign Declaration

The last and final step of CAT application form filling is to **pay CAT exam fees and sign declaration form**. CAT 2026 registration fees for General/EWS/NC-OBC candidates is Rs. 2,600. CAT 2026 registration fees for SC/ST/PwD candidate is Rs. 1300. Candidates must sign a **declaration** confirming that all details submitted in the application form are correct, and you will produce supporting certificates and documents when required. During this stage, it is important to **preview the application form**, using the 'PREVIEW' button to check for accuracy and completeness of your data.

After successful fees payment, a 'Payment Successful' message will be displayed on the screen along with the **Payment Transaction Number**. Please keep it saved for future references. Next, you will receive a confirmation email stating the successful submission of your CAT 2026 Application. With this step, your CAT application form filling process is completed.

### CAT 2026 Form Filling: Pay Fees and Sign Declaration

PERSONAL DETAILSACADEMICSWORK EXPERIENCEPROGRAMMESTEST CITYDECLARATION

Candidate's Name : SOSA\*

Applicable Registration Fee (Rs) : 2600

**Note :** For more details on applicable registration fee, please refer to the FAQs/Advertisement provided on CAT 2025 website.

**Payment Mode**

Choose your payment mode:\*

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**Declaration**

I have previewed the Application Form by clicking on the Preview Application Button and confirm that all the data reflecting in the Preview are correct.

I hereby certify that the information given by me in this Application Form is true to the best my knowledge. I certify that I fulfill the CAT 2025 eligibility criteria and undertake to produce original documents whenever necessary and I understand that the exam cannot be rescheduled under any circumstances. I agree to abide by the declaration of the authorities regarding the eligibility of my application and understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts in my application may justify cancellation of my CAT 2025 application and scores. I understand that all disputes will be subject to the territorial jurisdiction the city of Kozhikode only.

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## CAT Form 2026: Photograph & Signature Specifications

Submitting the right documents is key for competing CAT application form. Check important guidelines.

### How to Upload Photograph in CAT Application Form?

- Upload your recent passport size photograph of not more than 6 months old.
- The dimension of the photograph should be 1200 pixels x 1200 pixels.
- Maximum file size: 1 MB
- File Formats: Only JPEG, JPG
- Please upload the same photograph, that you will affix on the Admit Card on the day of the test.
- The photo-print should be clear and with a continuous-tone quality. It should have a white background, full face, neck and shoulders, front view, eyes open.

- Ensure that the photograph is scanned properly using a scanner only. Do not use mobile phone or other mobile applications to scan your photograph.

### **How to Upload Signature in CAT Application Form?**

- Upload your signature only in JPEG, JPG formats
- Maximum File Size is 80KB

### **Key Documents Required for CAT Application 2026**

Before you begin with the CAT Application process, remember to organize these key documents required to complete the form:

- Mark sheets – Class 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mark Sheet – Class 12<sup>th</sup>
- Mark sheet – Bachelor's Degree/Diploma
- Final Year Certificate from the HoD/Principal (If in final year of bachelor's degree) also previous year mark sheet
- Work experience Document, if any
- Applicable Certificates to upload (Category/Affidavits). Check and understand the size and format of Documents to be Uploaded

Scanned images of your passport size photo and signature.