

TANCET 2026 Counselling: Dates, Registration, Fees, Documents; Seat Allotment Explained

TANCET counselling 2026 schedule: With the [TANCET 2026 MBA](#) exam successfully conducted by Anna University, Chennai on May 9, 2026 and [TANCET 2026 results](#) declared on May 22, 2026, the focus of MBA aspirants in Tamil Nadu has shifted to the next stage: **TANCET 2026 Counselling**. According to the official Schedule of Events issued by the **Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Government of Tamil Nadu**, online registration on tn-mbamca.com is open from **June 4, 2026** and will close on **June 30, 2026**. The consolidated MBA rank list is scheduled for release on **July 15, 2026**, followed by a five-day grievance window from July 16 to 20, 2026. The TANCET MBA online counselling for general candidates, covering initial fee payment, choice filling, tentative allotment, confirmation and provisional allotment, will run in a compressed **6-day window from July 30 to August 5, 2026**. The TANCET offline supplementary counselling will be held in two tiers on August 7 (TANCET marks 100.00–50.000) and August 8 (marks below 50.000), and SCA-to-SC conversion on August 10, 2026. The **TANCET counselling registration fee is Rs 800 (OC/BC/BCM/MBC & DNC) or Rs 400 (SC/SCA/ST of Tamil Nadu)**, and the initial counselling deposit is Rs 5,000 or Rs 1,000 respectively. This MBAUniverse.com guide explains every confirmed date, fee, eligibility rule, document and step Tamil Nadu MBA aspirants need for TANCET Counselling 2026.



TANCET 2026 Counselling

**Dates, Registration, Procedure, Documents,
Fees, Seat Allotment Explained**

TANCET Counselling 2026: Key Highlights

TANCET is the gateway to participating MBA colleges across Tamil Nadu, including Anna University's University Departments, Regional Campuses, Annamalai University, government-aided colleges, and seats surrendered by self-financing colleges and stand-alone institutions to the Unified Online Single Window Admission System. While Anna University conducts the TANCET 2026 entrance test, the centralised counselling for MBA admission across government, government-aided, university department, Anna University Regional Centre, Annamalai University and surrendered self-financing seats is administered by the

Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Government of Tamil Nadu, through the Secretary, TN MBA/MCA Admissions, Government College of Technology (GCT), Coimbatore. The table below covers all the confirmed counselling parameter from the official 2026 notification.

Particulars	Details (Per DoTE Tentative Schedule 2026)
Counselling Name	TN MBA Admissions 2026-27 (commonly referred to as TANCET 2026 MBA Counselling)
Conducting Authority	Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Chennai 600 025 & Directorate of Collegiate Education, Chennai 600 015
Counselling Administered By	Secretary, TN MBA/MCA Admissions, Government College of Technology (GCT), Coimbatore – 641 013
Mode of Counselling	Online (centralised) for general round; offline at GCT Coimbatore for Differently Abled, Supplementary and SCA-to-SC conversion rounds
Official Portal	www.tn-mbamca.com
Helpline	0422-2451100 / 97902 79020 Email: care@tn-mbamca.com
Eligibility	Must have appeared in TANCET 2026 (MBA) conducted by Anna University, Chennai
Programme Duration	2 academic years comprising 4 semesters
Age Limit	No upper or lower age limit
Online Registration Window	June 4, 2026 to June 30, 2026
MBA Rank List Publication	July 15, 2026
MBA Online Counselling	July 30, 2026 to August 2, 2026 (Payment & Choice Filling)
MBA Provisional Allotment	August 5, 2026
MBA Supplementary Counselling	August 7, 2026 (TANCET marks 100.00 – 50.000); August 8, 2026 (TANCET marks below 50.000)
End of Counselling	August 10, 2026
Registration Fee (per official PDF)	Rs. 800 for OC / BC / BCM / MBC & DNC; Rs. 400 for SC / SCA / ST belonging to Tamil Nadu
Initial Deposit at Counselling	Rs. 5,000 for OC / BC / BCM / MBC & DNC; Rs. 1,000 for SC / SCA / ST of Tamil Nadu

Counselling Rounds	Special Reservation (Differently Abled), General Counselling, Supplementary Counselling, SCA-to-SC Conversion
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TANCET Counselling 2026 Schedule

TANCET 2026 Counselling Schedule: The Directorate of Technical Education has officially issued the tentative schedule of events for TN MBA/MCA Admissions 2026-27. Aspirants should bookmark these dates and check tn-mbamca.com daily during active windows, as updates are notified only through the official portal.

TANCET 2026 Counselling Dates

Event	Tentative Date (Per DoTE 2026 Schedule)
Issue of Notification by DoTE	June 4, 2026
Commencement of Online Registration, Application Filling & Certificate Uploading	June 4, 2026
Last Date for Online Registration & Certificate Uploading	June 30, 2026
Publication of Rank List (MCA / MBA)	July 15, 2026
Grievance Redressal Window	July 16, 2026 to July 20, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM)
Counselling for Special Reservation (Differently Abled) – In-person at GCT, Coimbatore	July 23, 2026
MCA Online Counselling: Payment & Choice Filling	July 25, 2026 to July 27, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM)
MCA Tentative Allotment	July 28, 2026
MCA Confirmation of Tentative Allotment	July 29, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM)
MCA Provisional Allotment	July 30, 2026
MBA Online Counselling: Payment & Choice Filling	July 30, 2026 to August 2, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM)
MBA Tentative Allotment	August 3, 2026
MBA Confirmation of Tentative Allotment	August 4, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM)
MBA Provisional Allotment	August 5, 2026
Supplementary Counselling (MCA) – In-person at GCT, Coimbatore	August 6, 2026

Supplementary Counselling (MBA) – TANCET marks 100.00 to 50.000 – In-person at GCT, Coimbatore	August 7, 2026
Supplementary Counselling (MBA) – TANCET marks below 50.000 – In-person at GCT, Coimbatore	August 8, 2026
SCA to SC Conversion Counselling (MCA / MBA) – In-person at GCT, Coimbatore	August 10, 2026
End of Counselling	August 10, 2026

Source: DoTE Chennai Tentative Schedule of Events for TN MBA/MCA Admissions 2026-27. All dates marked 'tentative' by DoTE and subject to change.

Who is Eligible for TANCET Counselling 2026?

To participate in the TANCET 2026 counselling process administered by DoTE Tamil Nadu, candidates must satisfy the eligibility conditions specified in the official Instructions to Candidates as on the last date of submission of online application (June 30, 2026). For the full [TANCET 2026 Eligibility Criteria](#) specific to the entrance test (including degree percentage thresholds for general and reserved categories), refer to our dedicated guide. The detailed counselling criteria are:

- **Nationality:** Only Indian Nationals are eligible to apply for the unified online single-window admission system.
- **Nativity:** Tamil Nadu candidates who have studied and passed out in Tamil Nadu need not produce a Nativity Certificate for verification. Candidates from other states may apply but are treated under the Open Competition (OC) category and reservation benefits do not extend to them.
- **Educational Qualification:** A recognised UG degree conforming to the minimum standards prescribed by UGC/AICTE for Grant of the First Degree. Average percentage of marks across the entire qualifying degree (after excluding extra-curricular subjects such as NCC, NSS, YRC and Yoga) is used to compute minimum eligibility marks.
- **Entrance Examination:** Candidates must have appeared for TANCET 2026 (MBA) conducted by Anna University, Chennai and must produce the TANCET 2026 (MBA) Mark Sheet issued by Anna University at the time of counselling.
- **Age Limit:** There is no upper or lower age limit prescribed for admission to the MBA Degree Programme.
- **Final-year UG Candidates:** Candidates appearing for the final semester / final year of their qualifying degree during April / May 2026 are eligible to apply, but must provide evidence of having passed the qualifying degree at the time of admission to the institution.

- **Ineligible Cases (per official notification):** (a) Candidates with B.E./B.Tech degrees obtained through Distance mode or Weekend courses are NOT eligible; (b) Candidates with degrees from Arts & Science colleges who have not studied 10th, 12th or Diploma are NOT eligible; (c) Lateral-entry candidates in UG degree courses of Arts & Science ARE eligible.
- **Communal Reservation:** Only Tamil Nadu native candidates are eligible for communal reservation. Permanent Community Certificate (Permanent card / electronic form / digitally signed e-Certificate) must be obtained on or before June 30, 2026. Certificates obtained after the last date will not be considered. Community certificates from other states will not be considered for communal reservation.
- **Default to Open Competition:** Candidates who do not produce a valid Permanent Community Certificate will have their application treated under Open Competition (OC). If they do not satisfy OC eligibility rules, the application is liable to be rejected.

TANCET Counselling 2026: Step-by-Step Procedure

The TANCET 2026 counselling is fully online for the general round and conducted entirely through tn-mbamca.com. The Registration Instructions issued by DoTE break the process into 11 well-defined steps:

Step 1: Online Application Registration

- Visit www.tn-mbamca.com and click the registration link for MBA Admissions 2026.
- Enter Name (exactly as displayed on your TANCET 2026 mark sheet), Mobile Number, Email ID, valid 8-digit [TANCET 2026 Registration Number](#), and select Course as MBA.
- Create a password of at least 6 characters containing at least one alphabet, one numeral and one special character. Weak passwords are not accepted.
- Note: Details entered at registration cannot be modified later. Record your User ID (email) and password safely — they are required at every subsequent counselling stage.

Step 2: Payment of Registration Fee

- Pay the registration fee online: Rs. 800 for OC / BC / BCM / MBC & DNC candidates and Rs. 400 for SC / SCA / ST candidates of Tamil Nadu.
- Only online payment is accepted. The Secretary, TN MBA/MCA Admissions 2026 reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason.

Step 3: Uploading Scanned Copy of Original Certificates

- Upload clear scans of all original certificates listed in the Documents Required section below.
- Ensure all semester mark sheets are scanned on both sides as prescribed.

Step 4: Random Number Generation

- Each applicant is automatically assigned a Random Number by the MBA/MCA Admission 2026 Authority. This is used as the FINAL tie-breaker — applied only if two candidates share identical TANCET 2026 marks, identical qualifying-degree averages and the same date of birth (see Tie-Breaker Rules section).

Step 5: Online Certificate Verification

- The uploaded certificates are verified online by the MBA/MCA Admissions Authority. No physical document submission is required at this stage.

Step 6: Publication of Rank List

- DoTE publishes the consolidated MBA Rank List on tn-mbamca.com on July 15, 2026.
- Five days (July 16-20, 2026, up to 5:00 PM) are given for grievance redressal. Grievances should be addressed to: **Secretary, TN MBA/MCA Admissions, Government College of Technology, Coimbatore – 641 013.**

Step 7: Online Initial Payment of Fees

- Before choice filling, eligible candidates pay the Initial Deposit: Rs 5,000 for OC / BC / BCM / MBC & DNC; Rs 1,000 for SC / SCA / ST of Tamil Nadu.

Step 8: Online Choice Filling & Locking

- **MBA candidates:** Choice filling window is July 30, 2026 to August 2, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM).
- Select and prioritise college-specialisation combinations from the master list.
- Aspirants are advised to fill as many preferences as possible to maximise allotment chances.
- Save and lock choices before the deadline.

Step 9: Publication of Tentative Allotment

- DoTE publishes **Tentative Allotment for MBA on August 3, 2026**, based on TANCET 2026 rank, category, choices filled and seat availability.

Step 10: Confirmation of Tentative Allotment

- **Last date for MBA confirmation: August 4, 2026 (up to 5:00 PM).** Candidates may accept and confirm the tentative allotment online.
- If not satisfied, candidates may decline and remain in the pool for supplementary counselling — but they may lose the previously tentative seat.

Step 11: Provisional Allotment & Reporting

- **MBA Provisional Allotment: August 5, 2026.** Candidates download the Provisional Allotment Order from their login.

- Report at the allotted institution on the specified date, carrying all originals for physical verification, and complete fee payment and admission formalities at the college.

TANCET 2026 Counselling Registration Fees

TANCET counselling 2026 fees: As confirmed in the official Counselling Procedure document and Instructions to Candidates issued by DoTE, the registration fee and initial deposit are as follows. All payments are made online through the tn-mbamca.com portal.

TANCET 2026 Counselling Fees

Category	Registration Fee	Initial Deposit (Counselling Stage)
OC / BC / BCM / MBC & DNC	Rs. 800	Rs. 5,000
SC / SCA / ST (Tamil Nadu candidates)	Rs. 400	Rs. 1,000

Source: TN MBA/MCA Admissions 2026 Counselling Procedure document, Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai.

Documents Required for TANCET 2026 Counselling

Per the official Instructions to Candidates issued by DoTE Chennai, candidates must upload clear scanned copies of the following 12 documents during the online registration window (June 4 2026 to June 30, 2026). The same originals must be produced at the allotted institution at the time of joining.

1. **SSLC Mark Sheet** (Class 10)
2. **HSC Mark Sheet / Diploma Certificate** (Class 12 or Diploma)
3. **All Semester Mark Sheets / Years of qualifying Degree Examinations** — scan both sides as prescribed.
4. **Provisional / Degree Certificate / Course Completion Certificate**
5. **Permanent Community Certificate** for ST, SC, SCA, MBC & DNC, BC and BCM candidates — Permanent card / electronic form / digitally signed e-Certificate only.
6. **TANCET 2026 (MBA) Mark Sheet** issued by Anna University, Chennai.
7. **TANCET 2026 (MBA) Hall Ticket**
8. **District Medical Board Certificate** — for Differently Abled candidates only.
9. **Nativity Certificate** — only in electronic form / digitally signed e-certificate (if applicable).
10. **Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee Certificate** (if applicable).
11. **Passport Size Photograph** (recent).
12. **Signature**

Note: The official DoTE list is restricted to these 12 documents. Aadhaar Card, Transfer Certificate, Conduct Certificate and Migration Certificate, while commonly requested at the institution at the time of physical reporting, are NOT part of the online upload checklist.

Tamil Nadu Reservation Policy for TANCET Counselling 2026

Selection under TANCET Counselling 2026 is made under seven categories following the Rule of Reservation of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The community recorded in the certificate of a Tamil Nadu native candidate must appear in the official List of Communities (Annexure-I) approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Category	Reservation (%)
Open Competition (OC)	31.00%
Backward Class (BC)	26.50%
Most Backward Class & Denotified Communities (MBC & DNC)	20.00%
Scheduled Caste (SC)	15.00%
Backward Class Muslims (BCM)	3.50%
Scheduled Caste – Arunthathiyars (SCA)	3.00%
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	1.00%
Total	100.00%

Important: ST / SCA / SC / MBC & DNC / BC / BCM candidates are eligible for selection under Open Competition in addition to the reservation made for them. Community certificates obtained from other states will not be considered for communal reservation.

Tie-Breaker Rules (Per Official Selection Procedure)

If two or more candidates score identical marks in TANCET 2026, ranking is decided in the following order:

- (i) Average percentage of marks from the first semester / year to the N-1 semesters / years in the qualifying UG degree, where N is the total number of semesters / years.
- (ii) Date of Birth — the elder candidate is given preference.
- (iii) Random Number assigned by the admissions authority — the higher value is given preference.

TANCET 2026 Counselling Rounds: A Quick Overview

TANCET counselling 2026 is structured in four distinct rounds to ensure maximum utilisation of every government, government-aided, university department and surrendered self-financing seat:

- **Special Reservation Counselling (Differently Abled):** Conducted offline first on July 23, 2026 at the TN MBA MCA Counselling Hall, Government College of Technology, Coimbatore – 641 013.
- **General Counselling (Online, MBA):** Held from 30 July to August 5, 2026, comprising four stages — (a) Payment of Initial Deposit, (b) Online Choice Filling & Locking of Choice, (c) Confirmation of Tentative Allotment, (d) Publication of Provisional Allotment.
- **Supplementary Counselling (Offline, MBA):** Held in two segments at GCT Coimbatore — August 7, 2026 for candidates with TANCET marks between 100.00 and 50.000, and August 8, 2026 for candidates with TANCET marks below 50.000.
- **SCA-to-SC Conversion Counselling:** Final round on August 10, 2026 at GCT Coimbatore. Unfilled SCA category seats are converted to SC category seats and offered to eligible SC candidates.

MBAUniverse.com Data Insight: The 6-Day MBA Counselling Window

One under-discussed feature of the 2026 TANCET counselling timeline is its compressed nature for MBA candidates. The general MBA online counselling — Payment, Choice Filling, Tentative Allotment, Confirmation and Provisional Allotment — runs in only 6 days (30 July to 5 August 2026). For comparison, the MCA general counselling completes in 5 days (25 to 30 July 2026), suggesting that MBA candidates have just a 24-hour buffer between MCA's provisional allotment and their own payment-and-choice-filling start. Three practical implications:

- **Read the Choice Manual in advance.** The 30 July to 2 August window leaves no time for first-pass research on participating institutes. Complete your shortlist before the window opens.
- **Watch the 4 August 5:00 PM confirmation cutoff.** This is the single most missed deadline across counselling cycles. Late confirmation by even one minute forfeits the tentative allotment.
- **Two-tier supplementary counselling.** The offline supplementary counselling on August 7-8 splits candidates by TANCET marks — 100.00–50.000 on August 7, below 50.000 on 8 August. This protects higher-scoring late entrants from competing on the same day as lower-scoring candidates for residual seats.

TANCET Counselling 2026 Cut Off (Indicative)

DoTE does not officially publish a fixed cutoff list before counselling. The indicative ranges below — compiled by the MBAUniverse.com editorial team from past-year seat allotment patterns — are useful for shortlisting your choice list. Actual cutoffs will depend on 2026 seat matrix and applicant volume, and will be confirmed only after the provisional allotment on August 5, 2026.

Top MBA College	Indicative TANCET Score (General)	Indicative Percentile

Anna University DOMS, Chennai	80+ marks	99+ percentile
College of Engineering Guindy (CEG), Anna University	78+ marks	99+ percentile
PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore	75+ marks	97+ percentile
Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai	65+ marks	92+ percentile
SSN School of Management, Chennai	60+ marks	90+ percentile
Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT)	60+ marks	90+ percentile
Anna University Regional Campuses (Madurai, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore)	50+ marks	80+ percentile
Other Self-Financing Colleges	35–50 marks	65–80 percentile

Note: These are MBAUniverse.com editorial estimates for shortlisting purposes only — not official DoTE cutoffs. Official cutoffs are revealed only through the actual allotment data.

Important Reminders for TANCET 2026 Counselling Aspirants

To maximise your chances of securing a seat in your preferred MBA college, you should understand these important points well:

- **Permanent Community Certificate must be obtained on or before June 30, 2026:** Certificates obtained after the last date will not be considered, and your application will automatically default to Open Competition.
- **Fill the maximum number of choices:** The 30 July to 2 August choice-filling window is the single most important determinant of getting allotted to a good college. Even 99+ percentile aspirants should fill 20–30 college-specialisation options as a safety net.
- **Verify all certificates before uploading:** Errors in uploaded documents are a leading cause of disqualification during online verification. Both sides of every semester mark sheet must be scanned legibly.
- **Monitor official notices daily:** Updates are notified through tn-mbamca.com, and not via email or SMS. Missing the confirmation deadline is a common avoidable error. Stay updated with official website and MBAUniverse.com.
- **Anti-Ragging Compliance:** Under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997, ragging within or outside any educational institution can result in imprisonment up to 2 years and a fine up to Rs. 25,000. Convicted students are dismissed and barred from re-admission to any other educational institution.
- **Retain all acknowledgements:** Keep printouts and digital copies of every payment receipt, application form and allotment order until admission is finalised at the college.

- **Helpline:** For any correspondence, contact Office of MBA/MCA Admissions at 0422-2451100 / 97902 79020 or email care@tn-mbamca.com.

Top MBA Colleges Accepting TANCET 2026 Scores

Some of the leading MBA institutions in Tamil Nadu that accept TANCET 2026 scores through the centralised DoTE counselling include:

- Department of Management Studies, **Anna University**, Chennai
- **College of Engineering Guindy (CEG)**, Anna University
- **PSG Institute of Management**, Coimbatore
- **Thiagarajar School of Management**, Madurai
- **SSN School of Management**, Chennai
- **Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT)**
- **Kumaraguru College of Technology (KCT)**, Coimbatore
- **Sri Krishna College of Engineering & Technology**, Coimbatore
- **Sona School of Management**, Salem
- Anna University Regional Campuses at Madurai, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore
- Annamalai University and University Departments of University of Madras and other state government universities

For the complete list of participating institutes and seat matrix, visit [Top MBA Colleges Accepting TANCET 2026 Scores](#) on MBAUniverse.com.

How to Approach TANCET 2026 Counselling Strategically

For Tamil Nadu MBA aspirants, the counselling window is where many strong scores get under-utilised due to poor choice filling. The MBAUniverse.com editorial view, based on years of tracking TANCET admissions:

- **Do not gamble on a single top choice.** Even 99+ percentile aspirants must fill 20–30 options as a safety net, since seat availability shifts year-on-year based on demand and reservation conversions.
- **Balance specialisation preference with college brand.** A general MBA from a strong institute (e.g., Anna University DOMS) typically delivers better outcomes than a niche specialisation from a weaker college.
- **Consider geography honestly.** Many candidates over-prioritise Chennai-based colleges. Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli have strong B-schools with comparable or, in some functions, better placement records.
- **Have a Plan B with parallel MBA entrance exams.** TANCET should not be your only application. Aspirants with [CAT 2026](#) or XAT 2027 scores should simultaneously pursue national MBA options through these key MBA entrance exams to strengthen the portfolio.

- **Watch the 4 August confirmation deadline.** Missing the 5:00 PM cutoff on the confirmation date is the single biggest avoidable error every TANCET counselling cycle.

Stay tuned to **MBAUniverse.com — India's No. 1 MBA Portal** — for real-time updates on TANCET 2026 rank list release on July 15, counselling-registration link activation, expected cutoffs college-wise, MBA tentative allotment on August 3 and provisional allotment on August 5, 2026. Bookmark our [TANCET 2026](#) page and [TANCET 2026 Result](#) page for instant notifications.

Download TANCET 2026 Counselling PDF

To help Tamil Nadu MBA aspirants navigate the entire counselling cycle without re-checking multiple official notifications, MBAUniverse.com has compiled this complete guide into a single downloadable document. The **TANCET Counselling 2026 PDF** includes the full schedule of events from 4 June to 10 August 2026, category-wise registration fees and initial deposit amounts, the official 11-step registration procedure, the 12-document upload checklist, Tamil Nadu's seven-category reservation policy, the official tie-breaker rules and indicative cut-offs for top MBA colleges in Tamil Nadu. Click the download link below to access your TANCET 2026 Counselling PDF instantly and keep every confirmed date, fee and procedural detail at hand throughout the admission cycle.

Summary

To participate in the TANCET 2026 counselling process, candidates must satisfy the eligibility conditions specified in the official Instructions as on the TANCET counselling 2026 last date - June 30, 2026. According to the official Schedule of Events issued by the **Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Government of Tamil Nadu**, online **TANCET 2026 Counselling registration** is open from **June 4, 2026** and will close on **June 30, 2026** on TANCET counselling official website tn-mbamca.com. The consolidated MBA rank list is scheduled for release on **July 15, 2026**, followed by a five-day grievance window from July 16 to 20, 2026. The TANCET MBA online counselling for general candidates, covering initial fee payment, choice filling, tentative allotment, confirmation and provisional allotment, will run in a compressed **6-day window from July 30 to August 5, 2026**. The **TANCET counselling registration fee is Rs 800 (OC/BC/BCM/MBC & DNC) or Rs 400 (SC/SCA/ST of Tamil Nadu)**, and the initial counselling deposit is Rs 5,000 or Rs 1,000 respectively. Read this guide for confirmed date, fee, eligibility rule, document and step Tamil Nadu MBA aspirants need for TANCET Counselling 2026.