

CAT Admit Card 2026: Release Date November 4, How to Download CAT Hall Ticket from iimcat.ac.in, Details to Verify

CAT Admit Card Release Date 2026: Candidates taking the [CAT 2026 exam](#) are asking two questions: is the CAT 2026 admit card out, and when will the CAT admit card be released in 2026? The CAT admit card release date is November 4, 2026. The CAT 2026 Information Bulletin confirms that candidates can download their admit cards from November 4 until November 29, 2026, the day of the exam (see the image from the bulletin below). The admit card will be available on the official website, iimcat.ac.in, after logging in with the CAT user ID and password. It includes key details such as the exam date and time slot, the [test centre](#) address and important exam-day instructions. Candidates should verify every detail on the admit card and report any error immediately to get it corrected. **Download CAT Admit Card Guide 2026 PDF** with complete details form the link below. Also read the [CAT 2026 Last 30 Days Preparation Strategy](#) and [download CAT previous year papers](#).

Latest Update: Is CAT 2026 Admit Card Out? Not yet. The CAT 2026 admit card will be released on November 4, 2026 on iimcat.ac.in. This page will carry the direct link as soon as it is live.



CAT Admit Card 2026

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What is CAT Admit Card?

CAT admit card is the passport to your CAT Exam as without carrying it, you will not be allowed to enter the CAT exam centre on CAT exam day. The admit card is also called the CAT Hall Ticket 2026. You must carry the hard copy of your CAT admit card, with photo affixed on it, to CAT exam center otherwise you will not be allowed to enter the test center. In short, CAT 2026 Admit Card is a mandatory document for taking the [CAT 2026 examination](#). Read key highlights and exam admit card release dates in the table below.

CAT Admit Card Release Date - Nov 4: CAT 2026 Information Bulletin

REGISTRATION FOR CAT

The CAT 2026 registration window opens at **10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2026** and will close at **5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2026**. The details will be available in the registration guide.

At the time of registration, the candidates have to select any five test cities, as per their preference, from a drop-down menu. After the last date of registration, candidates will be allotted one among the five preferred cities, subject to availability. In the rare case that a candidate is not allotted any of the preferred cities, he/she will be allotted a nearby city. **The candidates can download the admit cards from November 04, 2026 until November 29, 2026.**

TEST CENTRES

CAT will be conducted in centres spread across approximately 170 test cities. Test cities will be mentioned in the CAT website and the name of the test centre will be indicated in the Admit Card.

IIMs reserve the right to add/remove, change or cancel any test centre/city and/or change the test time and date at their discretion.



CAT Admit Card 2026 Important Details

CAT Admit Card 2026	Details
CAT admit card 2026 download start date	November 4, 2026
CAT admit card 2026 download last date	November 29, 2026
CAT admit card 2026 download start time	12.00 Noon
CAT 2026 admit card download website	iimcat.ac.in

CAT Admit Card 2026 Download Link	To be released on iimcat.ac.in
CAT Admit Card Login credentials required	CAT login ID and password
CAT Admit Card Hardcopy	IIMs do not send admit card hardcopy. Candidates should download and carry.
CAT help desk contact numbers	1800 210 0175

When Will CAT Admit Card Be Released? Release Dates of Last 12 Years

When will CAT admit card be released in 2026? As shared above, the CAT admit card 2026 will be released on November 4, 2026, according to the CAT 2026 Information Bulletin.

MBAUniverse.com analysis of previous years' release date shows that the CAT admit card date has changed in recent years. From CAT 2014 to CAT 2022, the admit card came out in October month itself. But, since CAT 2023, it has been released in November: on November 7 in 2023, November 6 in 2024 and November 12 in 2025. The CAT 2026 release date of November 4 follows this pattern.

Candidates should also note that MBAUniverse.com analysis of the last 12 years also shows that the CAT admit card release date has not always been on schedule and there could be delays. As the table below shows, the admit card came out on the scheduled date only in six of the 12 years, and has been delayed in the other six years. The longest delay in admit card release was in CAT 2023, when the admit card came out 13 days late! Last year, in CAT 2025, admit card was released 7 days late. Check complete details in table below.

What if the CAT Admit Card is Not Out on November 4?

Candidates should not panic or be confused and waste time. In past years, the admit card has sometimes arrived a few days after the scheduled date, so you can check your CAT login on iimcat.ac.in a few times in a day. MBAUniverse.com will add the direct download link to this page as soon as it is live.

CAT Admit Card Release Dates: 2014 to 2026

CAT exam year	Scheduled release date	Actual release date	Delay	Convening IIM
CAT 2026	November 4, 2026	To be updated	–	IIM Indore
CAT 2025	November 5, 2025	November 12, 2025	7 days	IIM Kozhikode

CAT 2024	November 6, 2024	November 6, 2024	On time	IIM Calcutta
CAT 2023	October 25, 2023	November 7, 2023	13 days	IIM Lucknow
CAT 2022	October 27, 2022	October 27, 2022	On time	IIM Bangalore
CAT 2021	October 27, 2021	October 27, 2021	On time	IIM Ahmedabad
CAT 2020	October 28, 2020	October 28, 2020	On time	IIM Indore
CAT 2019	October 23, 2019	October 23, 2019	On time	IIM Kozhikode
CAT 2018	October 24, 2018	October 24, 2018	On time	IIM Calcutta
CAT 2017	October 18, 2017	October 25, 2017	7 days	IIM Lucknow
CAT 2016	October 18, 2016	October 24, 2016	6 days	IIM Bangalore
CAT 2015	October 15, 2015	October 25, 2015	10 days	IIM Ahmedabad
CAT 2014	October 16, 2014	October 19, 2014	3 days	IIM Indore

How to Download CAT 2026 Hall Ticket?

CAT Admit Card download link will be available to registered candidates after they login to their account on official website. Check CAT exam admit card steps to download below.

1. Logon to CAT 2026 official Website (iimcat.ac.in) for CAT 2026 Admit Card login
2. Enter CAT Login ID & Password
3. Click on CAT 2026 Admit Card link.
4. Click on PDF file 'Admit card', your admit card is downloaded now
5. Take print out of CAT Admit card and verify details

Read more details on each step below.

Step 1: Logon to CAT Official Website iimcat.ac.in

The first step to download your CAT admit card is to logon to CAT official website. On CAT admit card release date, CAT website can be slow to open. So be patient!

Step 2: Enter CAT Login ID & Password

Next, you should complete CAT admit card 2026 login by entering your CAT user Id and CAT password. Once you have logged in, you will be able to download your CAT admit card pdf document.

Step 3: Click on 'Admit Card' Link

After login, you will see 'Admit Card' link. Click on it and it will open the page with your admit card.

Step 4: Click on Admit Card PDF link

At admit card page, click on the pdf file Admit card image on the right hand corner. Click on it to download your Admit Card.

Step 5: Take Print Out and Key Verify Details

After downloading the Admit card, you should verify all the details mentioned on it. Then, take at least 2 prints on A4 size paper and affix your identical photograph on the hard copy of the CAT Admit card.

Information available in CAT Admit Card 2026

CAT 2026 admit card will contain following formation, which you must check with your official records. In case of any error, you should seek help of the examination authority for rectification to avoid any hassle during the identification process on the exam day.

- Candidate name
- Candidate caste
- Candidate's date of birth
- Candidate's photo
- Candidate's signature
- CAT Registration number
- CAT Exam Date and time
- CAT 2026 exam slot
- CAT 2026 exam centre address

- CAT exam related instructions
- Emergency contact number

Sample CAT Admit Card: check your name, category, exam date, time slot, reporting time and test centre address

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CAT 2024



COMMON ADMISSION TEST (CAT) 2024 ADMIT CARD

		Shift	S1
Name	[Redacted]		
Application Number	[Redacted]	Please affix the same photograph as uploaded in the form	
Date of Birth	[Redacted]		
Category	[Redacted]		
PwD	No		
Emergency Contact	[Redacted]		
Test Day Details			
Date and Day of Test	24th November 2024 (Sunday)		
Test Times and Session	08:30 AM - 10:30 AM (IST), Forenoon Session		
Reporting/ Entry time at Centre	07:00 AM (IST)		
Gate Closing Time of Centre	08:15 AM (IST)		
Test City	[Redacted]		
Test Centre	[Redacted]		Candidate's Signature in the presence of Invigilator

Instructions to the Candidate

- Print all the pages of this Admit Card on an A4 size paper using a laser printer and carry the same on the day of Test for verification. Admit Card is valid only if the candidate's photograph and signature images are legibly printed. Please affix the same photograph as uploaded while registering for CAT at the indicated place (besides the printed photograph). The candidate must produce the Admit Card for verification at the time of the test. This Admit Card is valid only for the test date and session time as specified in the 'Test Day Details' section.
- Candidate must carry "any one of the original and valid Photo Identification Proof issued by the government" – PAN card/Driving License/Voter ID/ Passport/ Aadhaar Card (With photograph)/ E-Aadhaar/Ration Card/ Identification Affidavit along with the Admit Card. The Photo Identification Proof should not be damaged or smudged.
- Candidate must reach the centre as indicated against Reporting/ Entry time at centre. No candidate shall be permitted to enter after the Gate Closing Time.
- No candidate shall be permitted to leave the Test Centre before the end of the Test.
- Candidates are advised to locate their Test Centre and its accessibility at least a day before the test so that they can reach the Test Centre on time on the day of the test.
- A writing pad and pen will be provided to the candidates for rough work, which will have to be returned after the test. Candidates should clearly write their name and application number on the writing pad.
- Mobile phones, electronic gadgets, watches, calculators, stationery items, papers, wallets, goggles, etc. will NOT BE ALLOWED inside the Test centre. Candidates must NOT wear any jewellery or other items containing metal. There is no facility for safekeeping of candidates' personal belongings outside the Test Hall and the Test Conducting Authority is not responsible for its damage or loss if any.
- Shoes/footwear with thick soles and garments with large buttons are NOT permitted.
- Candidates attempting to appear for more than once will be disqualified from CAT 2024.
- Candidates need to make their own travel and stay arrangements for attending the test.
- The Admit Card is provisional, subject to the condition that the candidate has fulfilled the eligibility conditions like academic qualification, category, PwD status etc., as mentioned in his/her application, which is subject to verification in the consecutive stages of the selection process.
- Requests for change of the Test Centre will NOT be entertained.
- Parents/Guardians accompanying the candidate will not be allowed inside the test centre.
- Bio-breaks are to be avoided during the exam except for emergency or medical conditions. If a candidate takes a bio-break, he/she will be re-frisked upon re-entry to the lab and any time lost due to this process will not be compensated under any circumstances.
- Violation of any of the above guidelines including impersonation or breaking of code of conduct for CAT 2024 will lead to cancellation of candidature and/or legal action.

CAT Admit Card Errors: How to Rectify, CAT 2026 Helpdesk, Contact Details

How to rectify errors in CAT admit card 2026? If you find a mistake in your CAT admit card, such as a wrong name, category, photograph or signature, don't panic. Report it immediately through the official help channels listed in the CAT 2026 Registration Guide. These are the Grievance Portal in your CAT login and the toll-free candidate helpdesk; for category or PwBD certificate issues, contact the CAT Centre at IIM Indore.

Steps to report an error in the CAT admit card:

1. Log in at iimcat.ac.in with your CAT user ID and password, and open the Grievance Portal, which is a separate tab in the registered candidate login.
2. Click the "+" button to raise a ticket, select the relevant options from the drop-down list, and describe the error clearly along with the correct details.
3. Upload up to three supporting documents, such as a screenshot of the error and proof of the correct details.
4. Allow at least two working days for a reply. If the matter is urgent, also call the toll-free helpline.

Report any error as soon as you download your admit card, so that there is enough time to correct it before the exam on November 29, 2026.

CAT 2026 Helpdesk Contact Details

Help channel	Contact	Timings	Use it for
CAT Grievance Portal	Registered candidate login on iimcat.ac.in	Reply within at least 2 working days	Queries on registration, application, payment and uploaded documents
CAT candidate helpdesk (toll-free)	1-800-210-0175	Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (excluding	The same queries; keep your User ID or Payment Transaction Number handy

		national holidays)	
CAT Centre, IIM Indore	cat2026_helpdesk@iimidr.ac.in ; +91 7312439402	Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm (excluding holidays)	Academic queries such as eligibility, category and PwBD certificate
CAT Centre address	IIM Indore, Prabandh Shikhar, Rau-Pithampur Road, Indore, Madhya Pradesh 453556	–	–

CAT Preparation after Admit Card Release

Along with downloading Admit Card, candidates should focus on completing their CAT exam preparation. CAT mock tests and sample papers are among the most important tools for effective preparation. If you are serious about scoring a high percentile, you must take a large number of mock tests to build exam readiness, improve speed, and refine your strategy. You can access mock tests and sample papers from the links below. Similarly, CAT previous year question papers are equally valuable. They help you understand the exam pattern, difficulty level, and question trends. You can download CAT previous year papers in PDF format from the link below or attempt them online for better practice.

- [CAT Mock Tests 2026](#)
- [CAT Sample Papers 2026](#)
- [CAT Previous Year Question Papers](#)

CAT Exam Day Instructions 2026

CAT exam day instructions and guidelines that the candidate must follow at the test centre and during the exam are given below:

- **Documents to carry:** Candidates must carry two copies of the CAT 2026 admit card and a photo ID proof (original and photocopy). Remember that only CAT 2026 admit card and photo ID card are allowed inside the exam hall.
- **Affix Photo:** Candidates must affix their photo on the admit card printouts. The photo should be same as uploaded in the CAT application form.

- **Reporting Time:** Candidates must reach the CAT exam centre as per the reporting time mentioned in their admit card.
- **Locate Exam Hall:** Candidates should use the Reference Number printed on the CAT 2026 admit card for identifying the exam hall door/wing/lab at the test venue on the day of the test.
- **Don't Sign Admit Card Before Hand:** Candidates are not supposed to sign their CAT admit card beforehand. The admit card is to be signed only inside the exam hall in front of the invigilator.
- **Don't Carry Prohibited Items:** Mobile phone, calculator, iPad or any other gadget is prohibited inside the examination hall. Candidates are advised not to carry bags or luggage to the CAT 2026 exam centre as there will be no provision of bag deposit. Jewellery that contains metal, clothes with pockets, jackets and footwear with big heels are prohibited inside the exam hall.
- **CAT Dress Code:** While there is no CAT exam dress code, remember that jackets, hoodies, coats, cardigans with many pockets, caps and headgear will not be allowed.
- **Metal Detector:** Candidates with a metal implant, pacemaker, etc. in their body will be required to bring medical certificate of the same.
- **Writing pad and pen provided:** Writing pad and pen will be provided by the authorities for rough work which will have to be submitted before leaving the test hall. Candidates will be required to write their name and registration number on the writing pad.
- **Submit CAT Admit Card copy after exam:** Candidates must leave the invigilator's copy of their CAT admit card 2026 in the examination hall.

Read complete details in [CAT exam day guide 2026](#).

Summary

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[year papers](#) and follow the [CAT 2026 last 30 days preparation strategy](#) of 50+ CAT toppers on MBAUniverse.com, India's No 1 MBA Portal.

CAT Admit Card: FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

When will CAT 2026 Admit Card be released?

CAT 2026 Admit Card release date is November 4, 2026 and will remain available for download until November 29, 2026 (the day of the exam). Candidates should download from the official CAT website iimcat.ac.in using their CAT login ID and password.

How do I download CAT 2026 Admit Card?

To download CAT 2026 Admit Card, visit iimcat.ac.in and log in using your CAT User ID and password. Click on the Admit Card link, open the PDF, and download it. Take at least two printouts on A4 paper, affix your photograph on each copy, and carry both to the exam centre on exam day.

What details should I verify on my CAT 2026 Admit Card?

After downloading, verify your name, date of birth, registration number, caste category, PwD status, exam date and time slot, and exam centre address. All these details must match your CAT application form. Also confirm your photograph and signature are clearly visible. Report any error immediately to the CAT helpdesk at cathelpdesk@iimcat.ac.in.

What documents must I carry to the CAT exam centre?

Candidates must carry two printed copies of the CAT 2026 Admit Card with photograph affixed, along with the original and a photocopy of a valid photo ID proof. Accepted IDs include Aadhaar card, Passport, Voter ID, PAN card, Driver's Licence, and Ration Card.

How do I correct errors in my CAT 2026 Admit Card?

If you find any error in your CAT 2026 Admit Card, contact the CAT helpdesk immediately. Contact details are available on CAT official website. Provide your CAT registration number and details of the error in all correspondence.