

NMAT 2026 Exam Dates are Nov 2 – Dec 20; Registration Extended to Oct 25; Check Pattern, Syllabus, Preparation, NMIMS Cut Offs, Top NMAT Colleges.

NMAT by GMAC 2026 Exam Dates: NMAT exam will be held from November 2 till December 20, 2026. [NMAT 2026 Registration last date](#) last date is extended to October 25 from October 10, 2026. [Apply Now](#). NMAT official website is mba.com/exams/nmat. NMAT exam has 108 questions across three sections in 120 minutes, uses adaptive scaled scoring (36–360), and has no negative marking. Candidates can take the exam up to three times per testing cycle, with the best score considered for admission. The NMAT scorecard is available within 48 hours of the exam. This article covers NMAT 2026 exam dates, registration, fees, eligibility, exam pattern, syllabus, [NMAT preparation strategy](#), admit card, result, and top colleges with cut-off scores. Also download NMAT 2026 Exam Guide PDF.



NMAT 2026 Exam Guide

Exam Date (Nov 2 – Dec 20), Pattern, Preparation, Top Colleges

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NMAT Exam 2026: Key Highlights

What is NMAT 2026 Exam? NMAT (NMAT by GMAC) is an important [national level MBA entrance test](#) leading to admission in many top [MBA colleges](#) including NMIMS Mumbai, TAPMI, XIMB, KJ Somaiya and SDA Bocconi amongst others. NMAT exam is conducted by Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the body that also conducts GMAT Exam across the world. The exam is sometimes referred to as NMIMS NMAT as it was originally started by NMIMS University, but is now conducted by international body GMAC. NMAT exam date 2026 is from November 2 till December 20, 2026. NMAT last date to apply 2026 is

extended to October 25, 2026. Check key highlights of NMAT by GMAC 2026 exam in table below.

NMAT 2026 Exam Highlights

NMAT Exam Particulars	Key Details
NMAT 2026 Exam Official Name	NMAT by GMAC 2026
NMAT Exam Conducting Body	Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC)
NMAT official Website	mba.com/exams/nmat
Top MBA colleges accepting NMAT	NMIMS, XIMB, KJ Somaiya, TAPMI, SDA Bocconi
NMAT 2026 Exam Dates	November 2 to December 20, 2026
NMAT Exam Test Mode	Computer-based test at Test Centre OR Online Proctored Exam at Home
NMAT Exam Time Duration	2 hours
Total Questions in NMAT Exam	108
NMAT Scoring Scheme	Adaptive scaled scoring (12–120 per section, 36–360 total). No negative marking.
Sectional Division of the NMAT Exam	3 Sections
Does NMAT have Sectional Time Limit?	Yes, and is different for each section
Choice of determining order of sections	Yes, available only once

NMAT Exam Dates 2026: Complete Schedule

When is the NMAT Exam In 2026? NMAT exam date 2026 is from November 2 till December 20, 2026. NMAT 2026 exam registration is open. NMAT 2026 registration start date was August 20, 2026 and NMAT 2026 application last date is extended to October 25, 2026.

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NMAT Exam Date 2026

NMAT Events	NMAT Dates 2026 Start Date	NMAT Dates 2026 Start End Date
NMAT Registration Dates 2026	Aug 20, 2026	Oct 25, 2026
NMAT Scheduling Dates 2026	Aug 20, 2026	Oct 25, 2026
NMAT Rescheduling Dates 2026	Aug 20, 2026	Dec 17, 2026

NMAT Events	NMAT Dates 2026 Start Date	NMAT Dates 2026 Start End Date
NMAT Exam Dates 2026	Nov 2, 2026	Dec 20, 2026
NMAT Retake Registration Dates	Nov 3, 2026	Dec 17 2026
NMAT Retake Scheduling Dates 2026	Nov 3, 2026	Dec 17, 2026
NMAT Official Scorecard Release Dates 2026	Within 48 hours of exam slot	Within 48 hours of exam slot

NMAT Eligibility Criteria 2026

NMAT Eligibility Criteria 2026: Before applying for the exam, you should know [NMAT eligibility criteria](#). If you don't meet the NMAT eligibility criteria, you will face rejections in later stages of the admission process. Check NMAT eligibility requirements below:

- Academic qualification: Graduate degree with 50 percent marks is required by NMAT participating colleges.
- Age limit: There is no age limit to appear for NMAT exam.
- Work Experience: There is no minimum work experience requirement for NMAT exam. If you don't have any work experience, you can appear in the exam.

NMAT Notification 2026

NMAT notification 2026 was released by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) on August 1, 2026 on the official NMAT website mba.com/exams/nmat. The NMAT notification has confirmed following details: NMAT exam window, registration window, registration fee, exam pattern, two exam modes (Test Centre and Online Proctored at Home), 3 attempts policy, and the complete rescheduling and retake schedule.

Read complete [NMAT 2026 notification](#) details including timeline, expected key information areas, post-notification next steps

NMAT Registration 2026

NMAT Registration Process 2026: NMAT exam registration is open. [NMAT registration](#) start date is August 20, 2026. The last date to apply for NMAT exam is extended from October 10 to October 25, 2026. [Apply Now](#). NMAT application fee is Rs 3,000 plus taxes. NMAT exam registration is a user-friendly process that can be completed on the links below:

NMAT Registration Link 2026

The NMAT registration can be completed online on the official website of GMAC. Candidates can access the application form, complete registration, and schedule their exam through the NMAT 2026 registration link below:

[NMAT Registration Link 2026](#)

How to apply for NMAT Exam? Candidates begin their registration process by creating an account, filling out the [NMAT application form 2026](#) with personal and academic details, selecting preferred B-schools and exam date and paying the exam fees. Check step-by-step guide to registration and NMAT application process 2026 below:

NMAT Registration Process

NMAT Registration Steps	Step Title	Description
Step 1	Login	Login to NMAT official website mba.com/nmat
Step 2	Register to Create Account as New User	Register with Basic details to get NMAT ID and Password.
Step 2.1	Enter Your Personal Information	Fill up your identity information like your name, date of birth, age, gender, category, native language in NMAT application form 2026.
Step 2.2	Enter Your Contact Address Details	Next, you are required to enter the contact details like Mobile number, Email ID, Address and other details for communication
Step 2.3	Enter Your Education & Work Experience	Fill up your highest qualification and your work experience that you have acquired after graduation
Step 2.4	Enter MBA College Preference	You can select 5 MBA Schools where you plan to apply for MBA Admissions
Step 2.5	Enter Additional Information	You need to fill in additional information on this page
Step 2.6	Agree on Declaration Form	This is the declaration form stating that whatever information you have provided on all the pages is correct and you also agree to abide by the NMAT by GMAC terms
Step 3	Book Exam Slot & Make Application Fee Payment	Once you submit your registration form, the Book Exam Slot button on the candidate dashboard will be visible to schedule the exam. Schedule your exam and make payment of the exam fee.

NMAT Exam Scheduling and Rescheduling

GMAC allows the candidates to choose the NMAT exam date, time and location of the exam as per the candidates' convenience. You can self-schedule, reschedule and take NMAT exam on any date at a Test Centre. The entire process is online and can be completed with your application submission.

NMAT test takers have the facility to retake the exam to improve the score as well as reschedule the exam in case of any exigency. In case you do not wish or cannot appear in NMAT on the original self-scheduled date, you may reschedule your NMAT exam date during the testing period. The NMAT retake and rescheduling process is available up to 72 hours prior to your original NMAT exam date. But remember, there is a separate rescheduling fee.

NMAT retake exam is available after your first attempt with a minimum 7-day gap for valid attempts, and 24 hours for No Show/NDA Refused/Exam Incomplete. Read more about [NMAT exam retake process](#).

NMAT Exam Fees 2026

NMAT 2026 exam fees is Rs. 3,000 plus applicable taxes. Check confirmed NMAT exam fees are given in table below.

NMAT Exam Fees 2026

Test Service	Fees (taxes extra)
Test Registration	Rs. 3000
NMAT Retake Registration	Rs. 3000
Additional Score Reports (Beyond 5)	Rs. 400 per report
Rescheduling NMAT exam	Rs. 1200

NMAT Exam Pattern 2026

NMAT pattern differs from CAT and XAT due to adaptive format and no negative marking. NMAT Question Paper has 3 sections covering Language Skills, Logical Reasoning and Quantitative Skills. Check NMAT pattern 2026 (expected) in the table below.

NMAT Exam Pattern 2026 (Expected)

Exam Sections	Number of Questions	Allotted time in Minutes
Language Skills	36	28
Quantitative Skills	36	52
Logical Reasoning	36	40
Total	108	120

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NMAT Marking Scheme 2026

NMAT by GMAC does not use a simple per-question marking system. Instead, NMAT marking scheme uses an “adaptive scaled scoring model”. Each section is scored on a scale of 12 to 120, and the total NMAT score ranges from 36 to 360. Since NMAT is a Computer Adaptive Test, the score is calculated based on the difficulty level of questions a candidate successfully answers, not on a fixed mark per correct answer. A candidate who consistently answers harder questions will score higher than one who answers the same number of easier questions correctly. There is no negative marking in NMAT 2026. Read more about NMAT 2026 marking scheme.

NMAT Marking Scheme Summary 2026

- **Scoring System:** Adaptive scaled scoring
- **Section Score Range:** 12 to 120 per section
- **Total Score Range:** 36 to 360
- **Marks for Correct Answer:** Not fixed — determined by question difficulty level
- **Negative Marking for Incorrect Answer:** None
- **Penalty for Unattempted Questions:** No direct deduction, but unattempted questions may lower the adaptive difficulty level and reduce the final scaled score
- **Scorecard Availability:** Within 48 hours of taking the exam

NMAT Syllabus 2026

[NMAT Syllabus 2026](#) can be divided into three sections: Language Skills, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Skills. NMAT syllabus and topics for each of these sections is given below. NMAT syllabus 2026 PDF download link is also given below.

- **Quantitative Skills:** This section tests mathematical aptitude across Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Modern Math, and Data Interpretation. Key topics include percentages, ratios, equations, probability, and graph-based problem-solving.
- **Logical Reasoning:** The section assesses both analytical and verbal reasoning skills, covering topics like coding-decoding, blood relations, seating arrangements, critical reasoning, and statement-based logical analysis.
- **Language Skills:** This section evaluates vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension skills. Questions include RC passages, sentence correction, fill-in-the-blanks, jumbled sentences, and word analogies.

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NMAT Preparation Strategy 2026

[NMAT Preparation 2026](#) requires a well-structured strategy and consistent effort. The NMAT exam assesses candidates on language skills, logical reasoning, and quantitative skills, making it essential to have a balanced approach to cover all sections effectively. A clear understanding of the exam pattern, focused study plan, and regular practice are key for NMAT Preparation 2026. Here are important [NMAT 2026 Preparation Tips](#) to help you prepare efficiently for NMAT exam 2026.

- **Understand The Exam Pattern and Syllabus:** Familiarize yourself with the NMAT exam structure, including the number of questions, time limits, and scoring pattern. Focus on the three sections: Language Skills, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Skills.
- **Develop A Study Plan:** Allocate time for each section based on your strengths and weaknesses. Divide preparation time between concept learning, practice, and revision.
- **Focus On Conceptual Clarity:** Strengthen your basics in grammar, vocabulary, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and reasoning. Use reference books and study materials to build a solid foundation.
- **Practice Regularly:** Solve previous years' papers and sample questions to identify question patterns. Take sectional and full-length mock tests to improve speed and accuracy.
- **Work On Time Management:** Practice solving questions within the time limit. Focus on improving accuracy while maintaining speed.
- **Review And Improve:** Analyze your mock test performance to identify weak areas. Focus on improving problem-solving techniques and reducing mistakes.
- **Stay Consistent and Motivated:** Stick to your study schedule and maintain a balanced approach. Stay calm and confident during the preparation phase.

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Best Preparation Books for NMAT 2026

The right books are the foundation of effective NMAT exam preparation. The NMAT by GMAC Official Guide is the official preparation resource published directly by the exam conducting body. Since NMAT syllabus overlaps significantly with CAT in Quantitative Skills and Logical Reasoning, CAT preparation books, particularly the [CAT books by Arun Sharma](#) series, are widely recommended by NMAT toppers. Check list of NMAT preparation books with their latest editions and prices in the table below.

Best Books for NMAT Preparation 2026

Section	Book & Edition	Author
NMAT Language Skills	<i>How to Prepare for Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (13th Edition)</i>	Arun Sharma & Meenakshi Upadhyay
	<i>Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension for CAT</i>	Nishit K. Sinha
NMAT Quantitative Skills	<i>How to Prepare for Quantitative Aptitude (13th Edition)</i>	Arun Sharma
	<i>Quantitative Aptitude for CAT</i>	Nishit K. Sinha
	<i>Quantitative Aptitude</i>	R. S. Aggarwal
NMAT Logical Reasoning	<i>How to Prepare for Data Interpretation (10th Edition)</i>	Arun Sharma
	<i>How to Prepare for Logical Reasoning (9th Edition)</i>	Arun Sharma
	<i>Data Interpretation for CAT</i>	Nishit K. Sinha
	<i>Logical Reasoning for CAT</i>	Nishit K. Sinha

NMAT preparation books PDF may be available on some social media platforms but these are often older versions with printing errors. Candidate should purchase the NMAT preparation books pdf that comes along with hard copy books.

NMAT Question Papers, Mock Tests & Sample Papers

Practising from actual NMAT question papers is the most effective way to understand the exam pattern, question types, and syllabus across all three sections. MBAUniverse.com has prepared and published free NMAT Mock Test 2026, NMAT Sample Papers 2026, and NMAT Previous Year Question Papers. Use the resources below to benchmark your current preparation and build exam-day readiness.

- [NMAT Mock Tests 2026](#): Take Free sectional and full-length NMAT 2026 mock tests on MBAUniverse.com
- [NMAT Previous Year Question Papers](#): Download Past NMAT papers with answer keys
- [NMAT Sample Papers 2026](#): Practice papers based on current exam pattern

NMAT Admit Card 2026

The [NMAT admit card](#) is released seven days before the scheduled exam date. Candidates select their exam date, slot, and venue during the scheduling process. The NMAT 2026 admit card reflects these details and can be accessed through the NMAT login dashboard. A

printed copy of the admit card is mandatory at the exam centre. A separate admit card is required for each NMAT exam attempt.

NMAT Test Centers 2026

[NMAT 2026 exam](#) will be held as a computer-based test in 54 cities in India. Check list of key NMAT test cities and centres in the table below. For full list, visit [NMAT 2026 exam centers](#).

NMAT Test Cities 2026

State	Test Centre Cities
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam
Assam	Jorhat
Bihar	Patna
Chandigarh	Chandigarh
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Delhi	Delhi
Goa	Goa
Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara
Haryana	Faridabad, Gurugram, Karnal
Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu
Jharkhand	Dhanbad, Jamshedpur, Ranchi
Karnataka	Bengaluru, Mangalore
Kerala	Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur
Maharashtra	Amravati, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune
Odisha	Bhubaneswar, Rourkela
Punjab	Ludhiana
Rajasthan	Ajmer, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Udaipur
Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Coimbatore
Telangana	Hyderabad
Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Bareilly, Lucknow, Meerut, Noida, Varanasi

State	Test Centre Cities
Uttarakhand	Haridwar
West Bengal	Durgapur, Kolkata, Siliguri

NMAT Result 2026

[NMAT result 2026](#) will be declared within 48 hours of appearing in the exam. After the exam, it takes only 2 days for the test taker to get the NMAT score card. You will receive your score card with scaled score section wise and total score for your NMAT by GMAC exam. Your NMAT Score card is published on the official NMAT by GMAC exam website Mba.com. Your score card will be updated with scaled scores for all the attempts. After receiving an email from the official website of the NMAT alerting you that your NMAT score card is ready, you will need your personal login details to download the exam score card directly on the official website. Candidates should note that NMAT exam authority will not release a publicly visible [NMAT 2026 Answer Key](#), as it is a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) with multiple sets of questions.

Top MBA Colleges Accepting NMAT 2026 Score with Cut Offs

[Top MBA colleges accepting NMAT scores 2026](#) include **NMIMS Mumbai, TAPMI, XIMB, KJ Somaiya, IFMR Chennai and SDA Bocconi**. NMAT Cutoff 2026 for top MBA colleges are given below. For admissions 2026, NMIMS University has reduced NMIMS NMAT Cut Off 2026 drastically from about 230 to 209 for call campuses. NMAT accepting MBA Colleges in India include **VIT University, Shiv Nadar University, MIT University, SRM University, Thapar School of Management, GITAM University, Bennett University and University of Petroleum & Energy Studies (UPES)**. Top NMAT colleges in India with Cutoff Scores are given below.

Top MBA Colleges Accepting NMAT 2026 Score with Cut Offs

Institute	Expected NMAT Cut-Off Score
NMIMS Mumbai	209
Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB)	220–230
K J Somaiya Institute of Management, Mumbai	215–225
TAPMI Manipal	215–225
SDA Bocconi Asia Center, Mumbai	205–210
Woxsen School of Business, Hyderabad	180–200

NMIMS MBA Admission 2026: Key Changes

NMIMS Admission 2026 is open and last date to apply is extended to October 25, 2026.

[Apply Now](#). Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) had made major changes in [NMIMS MBA Admission 2026](#) process for Mumbai and other campuses. NMIMS has drastically reduced the weightage of NMAT Exam, and introduced a new "NMIMS

Competency Assessment" test with high weightage, and an "AI-assisted Personal Interview". NMIMS NMAT Cut Off 2025 for all campuses was 209 score. NMIMS NMAT 2026 cutoff will be released in August 2026.

MBA Admission 2027 Process through NMAT Exam

Candidates should note that the MBA admission process through NMAT exam is determined directly by each MBA college. For instance, MBA admission in NMIMS Mumbai is based on the NMAT score, competency test and personal interview. Similarly, MBA admission at K J Somaiya is based on NMAT 2026 exam score and Personal Interview.

NMAT Exam Analysis 2026

NMAT 2026 Exam Analysis includes the exam pattern, the expected section-wise difficulty level, and a detailed, data-backed review of the most recent NMAT exam. NMAT 2025 exam analysis revealed that the exam difficulty level was overall moderate, with Quantitative Skills being the toughest and most calculation-intensive section, Logical Reasoning easing slightly, and Language Skills remaining the most manageable. MBAUniverse.com will publish a live, section-wise [NMAT 2026 Exam Analysis](#) from Day 1 of the exam. Until then, read NMAT exam analysis for last year's paper.

NMAT Score vs Percentile 2026

NMAT uses a scaled scoring system where the total score ranges from 36 to 360. Unlike CAT, NMAT does not award percentile ranks in the traditional sense; instead, colleges use the scaled score directly for shortlisting. The percentile data below, published officially by GMAC, shows what percentage of test takers a candidate has outperformed at each score level.

NMAT Score vs Percentile 2026

NMAT Total Score	Percentile
245 – 360	100
236 – 244	99
232 – 235	98
230 – 231	97
227 – 229	96
226	95
225	94
224	93
222 – 223	92
221	91

NMAT Total Score	Percentile
220	90
215	85
210	78
209	76
205	69
200	60
194	50
180	28

Source: GMAC official NMAT Score vs Percentile data

Summary

NMAT exam date 2026 is from November 2 till December 20, 2026. [NMAT 2026 exam registration](#) is open from August 20 till October 25, 2026. The exam has 108 questions to be answered in 120 minutes across three equally-weighted sections: Language Skills, Quantitative Skills, and Logical Reasoning. NMAT exam uses adaptive scaled scoring (total score 36–360) with no negative marking. Candidates can take the exam up to three times per cycle, and the scorecard is available within 48 hours. NMAT scores are accepted by 85+ business schools including NMIMS Mumbai, XIMB, TAPMI, KJ Somaiya, and SDA Bocconi. Read the complete article above for NMAT 2026 exam dates, registration process, eligibility criteria, exam pattern, syllabus, preparation strategy, and results. Also use free [NMAT Mock Tests](#) to benchmark your preparation.