

Joint Admission Process 2026 (JAP 2026)



JAP 2026 Policy

IIM Kashipur, IIM Raipur, IIM Ranchi, and IIM Tiruchirappalli are jointly conducting JAP 2026 for admission to their MBA programs. IIM Raipur is serving as the coordinating institute for JAP 2026. The MBA program at the four participating IIMs is a two-year, full-time, residential postgraduate degree designed for graduates from all disciplines who aspire to pursue a career in management.

JAP 2026 adopts the following two-step procedure for selecting candidates to appear in the Personal Interview (PI):

STEP 1: Mandatory online registration by candidates upon the declaration of CAT 2025 results and receipt of the invitation email from JAP 2026

All candidates who have opted for IIM Kashipur, IIM Raipur, IIM Ranchi, or IIM Tiruchirappalli as the institute(s) in the CAT 2025 application form and fulfill the minimum academic and CAT 2025-related eligibility criteria mentioned in Table 1 will receive an email invitation from the JAP 2026 Admission Office to register online. Candidates who complete online registration will be considered for STEP 2 of JAP 2026. Please note this is a mandatory pre-interview registration process, not an interview call. Candidates will lose their candidature if they do not complete online registration within the specified date and time. Based on the CAT 2025 scores, registered candidates will be selected from this pool to appear in the PI. The selected candidates will receive separate notifications to appear in the PI.

Important Note 1: Before filling in the online registration form, all candidates must read the admission policy. It is the responsibility of the candidates to furnish all correct information at each stage of JAP 2026. All academic and personal credentials of all candidates may be verified at multiple stages. Incorrect or untrue information/declaration shall lead to disqualification from the admission process, even after the admission process has been completed.

JAP 2026 reserves the right to change or modify the existing admission policy, or to adopt a new admission policy or process, at any stage of the admission cycle, in order to comply with Government or Judicial requirements or as otherwise deemed necessary by the participating IIMs.

Minimum Academic and CAT 2025-related Eligibility Criteria

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Minimum Academic and CAT 2025-related Eligibility Criteria are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Minimum eligibility criteria for JAP 2026 Registration Process

Category*	SSC/ Class X (%)**	HSC/ Class XII (%)**	Graduation (%)***	VARC Scaled Percentile [€]	DILR Scaled Percentile [€]	QA Scaled Percentile [€]	Total Percentile
GEN	60	60	50	75	75	75	90
EWS	60	60	50	60	60	60	75
NC-OBC	60	60	50	60	60	60	75
SC	55	55	45	45	45	45	50
ST	55	55	45	25	25	25	30
PwD	45	45	45	25	25	25	30

- * GEN: General, EWS: Economically Weaker Section, NC-OBC: Non-Creamy Other Backward Classes, SC: Scheduled Castes, ST: Scheduled Tribes, PwD: Persons with Disabilities.
- ** SSC/Class X and HSC/Class XII marks will be calculated based on the aggregate marks of all subjects appearing in the marks/grade sheet, irrespective of whether the Board considers them for the percentage calculation.
- € Candidates must obtain a positive (greater than zero) scaled score in all sections of CAT 2025 - 'Quantitative Aptitude' (QA), 'Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning' (DILR) and 'Verbal and Reading Comprehension' (VARC). Please refer to Table 1 for the complete set of criteria.
- *** Candidates in the final year of a bachelor's degree should follow the information given in "Important Note 2".

Candidates may please note that the actual section-wise and the overall CAT-2025 percentile cut-offs may be much higher than the above-mentioned minimum percentiles, as it will depend upon the number of candidates to be called for the PI in each category. All the JAP 2026 participating IIMs reserve the right to verify the eligibility of applicants at any stage of the selection process.

Important Note 2: For candidates appearing in the final year of bachelor's degree/CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS and those who have completed the degree requirements but are awaiting the results, the average marks obtained till the last trimester/semester/year will be considered for the minimum academic eligibility in STEP 1. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the program provisionally only if they submit a certificate by June 30, 2026, from the Principal/Registrar of their college/institute/university (issued on or before June 30, 2026) stating that the candidate has completed all the requirements for obtaining the bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification on the date of issue of the certificate. Candidates who have not received their graduation results at the time of registration will have to produce certificates and mark sheets in original along with the photocopies as soon as the respective

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college/institution/university publishes the results and on or before September 30, 2026., failing which, their registration as a student will be canceled. They will be required to withdraw from the MBA Program immediately. In such cases, fulfillment of the minimum eligibility criteria defined at different steps of the selection process must be met based on the final declared results, or else their registration from the MBA Program will also be canceled.

STEP 2: Shortlisting of candidates for the PI for JAP 2026

The process outlined in **STEP 2** applies to all candidates who have completed online registration after receiving the email invitation from JAP 2026. A shortlist of candidates in each category (GEN, EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST, PwD) will be prepared based on the CAT 2025 scores for participation in the Personal Interview (PI) process. The cutoff percentiles for different categories will be decided later and will be published on the JAP 2026 portal.

Candidates will be informed of the date, time, and venue of the PI through email. They can also view this information by logging into the JAP 2026 portal using their respective login ID and password.

Work Experience Score

Work experience scores will be awarded based on the length of service as of December 31, 2025. Only full-time, remunerative work experience - calculated in complete months after the date of declaration of the candidate's Graduation/CA/ICWA (CMA)/CS results - will be considered. Candidates must ensure that the work experience they claim is authentic and professionally significant to merit credit.

What will be considered as work experience?

Only full-time remunerative work experience supported by Income Tax Deduction at Source, Provident Fund deduction, or Professional Tax (wherever applicable) will be considered as valid full-time work experience.

What will NOT be considered as work experience?

- Pre-graduation/Part-time/Project/Internship/Articleship
- Pre-CA/ICWA(CMA)/CS
- Fellowship/Unpaid work in any organization or institute
- Salary received in cash or through UPI (Pay TM, Google Pay, etc.)
- Work done in a partnership firm/sole proprietorship as an Owner or as a part of Family Enterprise

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- Work done as a Partner/Director/CEO/Any other position in a Company which has not paid any GST or had turnover below GST limits

The presentation of employment claims that do not conform to the requirements above is liable to be considered incomplete and disregarded by JAP 2026 at its discretion. Further, JAP 2026 is at liberty to verify any or all the employment-related claims made by the candidate. Upon such verification, if it is found that some or all the claims made are untrue, such candidates will be disqualified from the admission process. After a candidate joins the MBA Program at any of the four JAP 2026 participating IIMs, if it comes to the institute's notice that the candidate had made claims that cannot be substantiated as factual and correct, the candidate is liable to be expelled from the MBA Program forthwith. In the event of such an expulsion, candidates will forfeit the fees paid by them until such expulsion. Table 5 shows the work experience scores.

Important Note 3

- Work experience and educational qualification criteria documents will be verified by the respective IIM at the time of admission. Mere acceptance of documents at the time of interviews or document verification during interviews does not indicate the eligibility of the candidate.*
- Candidates applying under PwD category will be required to have a valid Unique Disability Identification Card. They will also have to be covered as a "person with benchmark disability" as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.*
- Candidates will need to produce valid and original academic and category identification documents at the time of admission. In case original documents are absent, the candidature will be rejected.*
- All the IIMs which are a part of the JAP 2026 process will have separate fee deposit and admission confirmation process, and candidates participating in the process will be required to adhere to the same.*

APAAR ID (Mandatory)

Candidates will be required to provide their APAAR ID while filling out the JAP 2026 form.

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Annexure

1. STEP 1 is a pre-interview registration process, not a call for the PI.
2. Only candidates who have successfully registered online for JAP 2026 will be considered for STEP 2 (PI). Successful registration does not automatically qualify a candidate for shortlisting in STEP 2 of the selection process.
3. The number of candidates shortlisted for STEP 2 would be at the discretion of participating IIMs of JAP 2026 and would depend on the batch size planned for 2026-28.
4. After the completion of STEP 2 (PI), a merit list for admissions will be prepared by individual IIMs. The required number of admissions offers will be given in the order of merit, following the Government of India reservation policy.
5. Originals of all certificates (academic/reservation/work experience/professional) must be produced for verification on the day of PI. If a candidate fails to produce any relevant original certificates mentioned he/she will be disqualified from attending the PI processes.
6. The details of the performance of a candidate in PI, including assessment of attributes, are not disclosed to anyone to prevent the exercise of undue pressure on the panelists participating in the admission process. Adequate care is taken in the formation of the interview panels, development of criteria for assessment, random allocation of candidates to interview panels, and other such measures.
7. There is no general policy providing for the deferment of admission. Any decision to grant a deferment of an admission offer to the subsequent year rests solely at the discretion of the individual IIM participating in JAP 2026.
8. Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by a candidate at any stage during the admissions process or at any later date will lead to immediate disqualification of the candidate from JAP 2026 participating IIMs MBA program.
9. JAP 2026 participating IIMs shall not interfere in any way with due process of law, initiated and enforced by law enforcing authorities, against students who violate laws and statutes in force in India. In such misconduct, the student shall be responsible for the consequences, and the institute may initiate suitable action.
10. Any changes in the above procedure due to any unforeseen reasons will be communicated accordingly.