

XLRI Announces XAT 2026 Cutoffs Following Scorecard Release, Reaffirms Commitment to Academic Excellence and High-Impact Leadership

Following the release of the XAT 2026 scorecards, XLRI – Xavier School of Management, one of India's premier business schools, has announced the official interview cutoffs for its flagship postgraduate programs: the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Business Management), the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Business Management – International Specialization), and the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Human Resource Management).

These cutoffs reflect XLRI's enduring focus on academic rigor, intellectual depth, and leadership potential, ensuring that the institute continues to attract candidates who demonstrate both strong cognitive ability and the capacity to contribute meaningfully to organizations and society. The announcement is of particular significance to aspiring managers and HR professionals seeking admission to an institution globally recognized for its values-driven leadership, ethical grounding, and academic excellence.

Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Business Management) and Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Business Management-International Specialization) Program Cutoffs

For XAT 2026, the PGDM (BM) and PGDM (BM-International Specialization) programs will continue to follow identical percentile cutoffs and a single, unified GD&PI selection process, reinforcing consistency and fairness in evaluation across both programs. This approach ensures that candidates shortlisted for either program are assessed through a common framework that emphasizes analytical ability, decision-making competence, communication skills, and leadership promise.

XLRI PGDM (BM) & PGDM (BM-INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION) PROGRAMS GD&PI CUTOFFS 2026

STREAM/PERCENTILE	GENDER	TOTAL	QADI	VALR	DM
ENGINEER/TECH	MALE	≥94	≥85	≥82	≥82
ENGINEER/TECH	FEMALE	≥88	≥78	≥78	≥78
ENGINEER/TECH	THIRD GENDER	≥88	≥78	≥78	≥78
NON-ENGINEER	MALE	≥94	≥85	≥82	≥82
NON-ENGINEER	FEMALE	≥88	≥78	≥78	≥78
NON-ENGINEER	THIRD GENDER	≥88	≥78	≥78	≥78

By maintaining clearly articulated percentile thresholds across academic streams and gender identities, XLRI aims to build a cohort that is academically strong, professionally diverse, and capable of thoughtful, responsible leadership in complex and evolving business environments.

Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Human Resource Management) Program Cutoffs

For the PGDM (HRM) program, XLRI has set cutoffs that reflect the program's distinctive focus on people leadership, ethical reasoning, interpersonal competence, and analytical thinking. The thresholds acknowledge the varied strengths of candidates from engineering and non-engineering backgrounds while ensuring that shortlisted applicants meet the high standards required for excellence in modern HR and organizational leadership roles.

XLRI PGDM-HRM PROGRAM GD&PI CUTOFFS 2026

STREAM/PERCENTILE	GENDER	TOTAL	QADI	VALR	DM
ENGINEER/TECH	MALE	≥92	≥80	≥87	≥85
ENGINEER/TECH	FEMALE	≥87	≥70	≥82	≥78
ENGINEER/TECH	THIRD GENDER	≥87	≥70	≥82	≥78
NON-ENGINEER	MALE	≥90	≥73	≥87	≥85
NON-ENGINEER	FEMALE	≥84	≥65	≥82	≥78
NON-ENGINEER	THIRD GENDER	≥84	≥65	≥82	≥78

These well-defined thresholds are intended to recognize diverse cognitive profiles and experiential backgrounds, while ensuring that all shortlisted candidates demonstrate the competence, judgment, and empathy required for effective HR leadership in contemporary organizations.

Selecting Candidates with Long-Term Societal Impact

A defining objective of XLRI's admissions philosophy is to identify individuals who combine intellectual capability with character, responsibility, and the potential to create positive impact beyond the classroom. The selection process is designed not only to admit academically strong candidates, but also to bring together students who can enrich peer learning, contribute to organizational effectiveness, and engage constructively with broader social and economic challenges.

"Our aim is to bring to XLRI students who demonstrate strong academic ability, sound judgment, and the potential to contribute meaningfully to organizations and society. The XAT-based selection process helps us identify individuals who can grow into responsible leaders with real-world impact."

— Prof. Rahul K. Shukla, Convenor, XAT 2026 and Admissions

At the same time, XLRI continues to strengthen balanced representation across gender identities, academic disciplines, and socio-economic backgrounds, reinforcing its long-standing commitment to cultivating well-rounded classrooms and future-ready leadership.

Scale of Interviews and Program-Specific Processes

Across its programs and campuses, XLRI expects to interview approximately 4,000–4,500 candidates during the 2026–2027 admissions cycle. The evaluation framework remains multi-dimensional, assessing candidates on aptitude, communication effectiveness, ethical reasoning, leadership potential, and overall program fit.

Cutoffs for the Double Master's Program with Rutgers University will be finalized and announced separately in consultation with program-specific academic and international

requirements, ensuring that admission criteria align with the distinctive rigor and global orientation of the program.

Factors Influencing XAT Cutoffs

Several interrelated factors shape the final XAT cutoffs each year, including the total number of candidates appearing for the examination, the relative difficulty level of the test paper, the availability of seats across programs, and XLRI's commitment to maintaining a high standard of academic and leadership excellence. These variables collectively ensure that the selection process remains competitive, fair, and aligned with institutional goals.

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