

## WHAT'S NEW ABOUT CAT

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**1) I hear that CAT will be held online. Is that correct?**

CAT is going to be a computer-based test (CBT) and not Internet based test (IBT) i.e. Candidate does not take the test on an Internet site. Instead of reading the questions in a paper booklet and darkening the ovals on the answer-sheet, a candidate will read the questions on a computer terminal and choose an answer by clicking on the correct option.

**2) Will the format of the test change?**

The format of the test will remain more or less the same except that a candidate reads a question on a computer terminal and clicks on the correct answer.

**3) Can I take the test from any computer?**

No. A candidate will take the test only at designated test venues in 30 cities across India.

**4) Can I appear for CAT for practice purpose, though I am aware that I am not eligible?**

No.

**5) What does a CBT test looks like?**

A CAT sample test is available on the website [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in) for candidates to get a feel of CBT.

## SCHEDULING & REGISTRATION

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**1) Who is eligible to take the test.**

The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Differently Abled (DA)1 categories], awarded by any of the Universities incorporated by an act of the central or state legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate in the bachelor's degree would be calculated based on the practice followed by the university/ institution from where the candidate has obtained the degree. In case the candidates are awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the university/ institution from where they have obtained the bachelor's degree. In case the university/ institution does not have any scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by

dividing the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the result with 100. Candidates appearing for the final year of bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification examination and those who have completed degree requirements and are awaiting results can also apply. IIMs may verify eligibility at various stages of the selection process, the details of which are provided at the website [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in).

**Prospective candidates must maintain a valid email account throughout the selection process.**

**2) Is there any age restriction for appearing in CAT?**

No, there is no age restriction for appearing in CAT.

**3) What is the fee for the test?**

The fee is Rs.1400. If you belong to the SC/ST category then you can pay a discounted fee of Rs.700

**4) Where do I pay my fees?**

For 2009, candidates are required to make the fee payment at selected Axis Bank Outlets once the registration for CAT 2009 begins. You can visit <http://www.catiim.in> for the list of Axis Bank Outlets.

**5) When will the CAT 2009 advertisement appear in newspapers?**

Advertisement for CAT 2009 will appear on Sunday, August 30, 2009 in leading national newspapers.

**6) Once the advertisement appears, is one expected to buy CAT bulletin from designated banks?**

No. One does not have to buy a bulky CAT bulletin. We want to go paperless. A prospective candidate buys a voucher from the designated bank branches, and later registers online for CAT 2009.

**7) When does the sale of voucher start and end?**

Sale of vouchers starts on **Wednesday, 9 September 2009** at selected Axis Bank branches and associated outlets. The sale ends on **Thursday, 1 October 2009**.

**8) How can I purchase a voucher?**

You are required to fill a pay-in-slip at the selected Axis Bank Outlets to obtain the voucher. There will be two copies of the pay-in-slip. The bank will retain one copy of the filled pay-in-slip and the other will be stamped and given back to you. Please retain your copy of the pay-in-slip with you during the entire selection process.

**Note: The name on the pay-in-slip should match with the name appearing on the school-leaving certificate.**

- 9) When and how do I register for CAT 2009 after buying the voucher?**  
Online registration for CAT 2009 will also begin on **Wednesday, 9 September 2009** and end on **Thursday, 1 October 2009**. Additional instructions for the online application and registration process will be available on the website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)).
- 10) Where can I find the voucher number required for registration?**  
You can find the voucher number under the scratch-off area of the voucher you purchased at an Axis Bank outlet. Please ensure that you scratch off gently so the voucher number does not become illegible.
- 11) When will CAT be held and can I choose a test date?**  
CAT will be held during the period **Saturday, 28 November 2009 – Monday, 7 December 2009**. Yes, you can choose a test date, test time, and venue across thirty cities all over India, subject to availability.
- 12) From where can I get the list of test centres?**  
A list of test centres will be available on the website ([www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)).
- 13) When will I get my Admit Card?**
- Soon after you fill-in, review, and submit your personal information during online registration, an automated confirmation email, which will contain your Candidate Profile, will be sent to you at the email address provided.
  - After submitting your personal information, you are expected to continue registration by scheduling your test date, test time, and venue. Once you have submitted this scheduling information, a 2<sup>nd</sup> automated confirmation email, which will contain your CAT 2009 Admit Card, will be sent to you at the email address provided. Only at this stage your CAT 2009 registration is complete
- 14) What details will be mentioned in the Admit Card?**  
The admit card will contain the name of the candidate, test date, time, venue, confirmation no, CAT registration number and instructions for the candidate.
- 15) Will the Admit Card be sent to me as a hard copy by mail?**  
No. The admit card will be sent to you as an email on your email address, provided by you, only when you filled in your online application and scheduled a test. It is therefore, mandatory for you to have a valid email account throughout the selection process.  
**Note: You are required to take a print out of the Admit Card to bring with you to the test centre.**
- 16) Are there any special provisions for Differently Abled candidates?**  
Yes. Please refer to the website [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in) for more details.
- 17) What are the different time slots for scheduling the test for a typical testing day?**

A typical testing day for CAT will have 2 exam sessions. **Candidates are allowed to schedule for any one of the sessions, subject to availability.** Session timings are as follows:

- a. Session 1: Testing will begin at 10 AM and end at 12:30 PM. Candidate check-in will commence from 8 AM. Candidates are required to arrive at the test center no later than 8:30 AM.
- b. Session 2: Testing will begin at 3:30 PM and end at 6 PM. Candidate check-in will commence from 1:30 PM. Candidates are required to arrive at the test center no later than 2:00 PM.

**18) Can I appear for CAT 2009 more than once during the 10 day testing window.**

No. You can appear for CAT 2009 only once. It will be deemed a fraudulent activity if one attempts to appear for CAT 2009 more than once. Admit cards and picture ids of the candidates will be checked, and candidate pictures and biometric information will also be captured at the test venue.

**19) If I have made any mistake(s) while registering for CAT 2009, can I make changes later to rectify?**

If you make mistakes while entering the application data, you will need to buy a new voucher and re-register yourself. However, rescheduling is allowed where you can choose a different test center, date and time of your test, of course, subject to availability.

**Note: If you re-register or re-schedule, you must carry the most recent admit card and attend the most recent test session.**

**20) What are the timings to contact the Candidate Care helpline.**

The FAQs, IVRS and online instructions are designed to enable self-service. You are requested to use these tools which can guide you through the entire process and help answer most of your queries. In case you are still facing issues, then CAT Candidate Care Support is available by phone and email.

Phone: 1-800-103-9293

Webmail: <http://www.prometric.com/IIM-CAT/contactus>

**Phone support availability:**

September 9 to October 1, 2009 - 9AM to 6:00 PM from Monday to Saturday

**Webmail support availability:**

Webmail support will be available from the beginning of registration till candidates receive their score reports.

Queries, received by webmail, will be responded to within 48 business hours.

## RESCHEDULING & CANCELLATION

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**1) What is the deadline to reschedule the test?**

You can reschedule the location, date and time of your test during/within the registration window (September 9 to October 1, 2009). No reschedules are permitted once registration window has closed.

**2) Is there any rescheduling fee?**

No.

**3) Can I cancel the test?**

No. Under no circumstances will a cancellation/refund be allowed.

**4) If I do not take my test, will I be eligible for a refund?**

No. Your fees will not be refunded in case you do not appear for your test as per your scheduled location, date and time.

## TESTING DAY

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**1) What is the reporting time for the test?**

2 hours prior to the test time. If the test begins at 10 AM, you are advised to reach the test centre by 8AM and no later than 8:30 AM.

**2) What is the duration and pattern of the test?**

2 hours 30 minutes including a 15 minutes tutorial. The actual test may contain about 60 to 70 questions.

**3) What are the identification documents required to be carried to the test centre?**

Candidate will need to bring their CAT 2009 Admit Card, voucher, a valid document as proof of SC/ST eligibility (if applicable) and one photo-identification to the test centre. Acceptable forms of photo identification are Driver's license, Passport, PAN Card, Voter ID, College ID, Employee identification card, or a notarized Affidavit with Photo, Signature, Date of Birth and Residential Address.

**Candidates will not be permitted to take the test if photo identification and Admit Card is not presented.**

**Note:** You will have to store all other personal items at the test centre at your own risk. Please do not bring any other items to the test centre, as they are not permitted into the testing centre.

In case you are a Differently Abled candidate and have requested for special accommodations, please carry the copy of the authorization of the accommodation mailed to you by Prometric.

**4) Does the name need to match with the names appearing on the identification documents?**

Your name needs to be exactly identical to the name on your school-leaving certificate.

**Note: -**

If the name has been changed due to events such as marriage, you must show the relevant document mentioned below and submit a photocopy at the time of the test, interview and at the time of joining a programme.

- ♣ Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Legal Name Change Document

**5) What are the permitted materials I can carry to the test centre?**

None. You will not be permitted to carry any personal items to the test centre, including but not limited to wrist-watch, pen, cellphones, calculators, etc.

**6) What are the different sections of CAT?**

CAT consists of questions that evaluate a candidate's quantitative, verbal, logical & data interpretive abilities. Therefore, there are a total of 3 sections.

**6) Do I have any test breaks?**

No, you will not be given any breaks during the test.

**7) Will I be provided with any scratch paper for rough work and calculations during the test?**

At the test venue, each candidate will be seated at a desk with a computer terminal and he/she will be provided with a scratch paper for calculations. After the test, candidate must leave the scratch paper at the desk. Rough work cannot be done on any other paper/sheet, as nothing will be allowed inside the testing room.

## **RESULTS**

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**1) Will I get to see my scores on the test day?**

No.

**2) Within how many days can I expect the results?**

CAT 2009 results will be declared on January 22, 2010 on the website [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)

**3) How does one know if he/she has been shortlisted by IIMs for interviews?**

One can visit <http://www.catiim.in> and enter their Test Registration Number and Date of Birth to know whether or not he/she has been shortlisted by any of the IIMs.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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- 1) In case I purchased a voucher and missed registering in the registration window, can I still register myself?**

No. You can only schedule the appointment within the registration window: September 9 to October 1, 2009. No exceptions will be permitted.

- 2) In case I purchased a voucher and have not registered myself, will I be refunded?**

No. Vouchers once sold cannot be refunded. No exceptions will be permitted.

- 3) If I do not get my Admit Card, whom should I contact?**

You need to login into the website <https://iim.prometric.com> using your user name & password and select "Resend Admit Card". The Admit Card will be emailed on the email address provided during registration.

- 4) In case the website does not work and I am unable to schedule myself, how should I register?**

The application and registration process for CAT 2009 is an Internet based online process. You can submit your application and registration form at an Internet Café or a similar Internet service provider. Please keep your personal information confidential. During the application and registration process, do remember to provide a valid email id so you receive a copy of the Admit Card.

- 5) If the voucher does not work, who is the contact person?**

Please contact the Candidate Care Helpline at 1-800-103-9293.

- 6) Can the voucher be refunded?**

Voucher once sold cannot be refunded under any circumstances including but not limited to loss of voucher, inability to read voucher number due to mishandling of the voucher by candidate, candidate being ineligible for taking CAT, CAT not being a prerequisite for a programme, and rejection of candidate registration due to incomplete and/or incorrect information.

- 7) Can I make any changes to my postal address after I have submitted my application form?**

No changes can be made to the application form once it is submitted. However, in case you are shortlisted, please contact IIM directly before the Group Discussion and Interview

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Process	Date	Other information
IVRS Available	August 15	1-800-103-9293.
Advertisement Date	August 30, 2009	Published in all English National Dailies
Voucher Sale	September 9 to October 1, 2009	Fees payment & voucher(fee receipt) from AXIS Bank
Registration Window	September 9 to October 1, 2009	Enroll by logging into <a href="http://www.catiim.in">www.catiim.in</a>
Rescheduling Window	September 9 to October 1, 2009	On Website <a href="http://www.catiim.in">www.catiim.in</a> or call candidate care services or fill the webform link <a href="https://iim.prometric.com">https://iim.prometric.com</a>
Test Dates & Center	November 28 to December 7, 2009	Center information available on registration portal
Exam Results	January 22, 2010	<a href="http://www.catiim.in">www.catiim.in</a>

**Important: You must read the “CAT Registration Instructions” document before you begin your registration process. The document is provided on [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)**

## FAQ FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CANDIDATES

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### 1) Who is eligible to take the test under the Differently Abled category?

As per the “Persons with Disability Act, 1995”, candidate qualifies to be a Differently Abled (DA) candidate if s/he suffers from any of the listed disabilities, to the extent of not less than 40% as certified by a medical authority. Following are the categories defined by IIM for DA candidates:

- a) Low Vision/Blindness
- b) Hearing Impairment
- c) Locomotor Disability/ Cerebral Palsy.

### 2) What are testing assistive devices?

Testing assistive devices (TA devices) also known as technical aids are designed to directly enable people with disabilities to perform a particular task successfully.

### 3) Which are the acceptable testing devices that I can use/bring to the test center?

The approved testing assistive devices that you may select on the application form are as follows:

<b>Testing Assistive Device</b>	<b>Applicable for</b>	<b>Arranged by</b>
Abacus (without calculator)	Visually Impaired	Candidate
Hearing Aid	Hearing Impairment	Candidate
Wheel Chair	Locomotor Disability/Cerebral Palsy	Candidate
Magnifying Screen	Visually Impaired	Test Center
Scribe/Reader	Visually Impaired / Cerebral Palsy	Candidate

**Note:** You will be allowed to bring only one testing assistive device with you to the test centre on the testing day.

**4) Will the testing devices be provided to me directly at the test centre?**

Apart from the request for a magnifying screen, which will be arranged by the test centre, all other approved TA devices including abacus, hearing aids, wheelchair, Scribe/reader, needs to be arranged by you.

**5) I am a DA candidate with low vision/blindness. What special accommodation will be provided to me on the test day.**

Candidates whose disability relates to Low Vision/Blindness will be allowed to bring a scribe during the test. In such cases, you will be provided with a time extension accommodation.

**6) What will be the time extension given to me?**

Candidates with Scribe requirement will be scheduled for the test with extended time. Therefore, the total time for the test under special accommodations will be increased from 2 hours 30 minutes to 3 hours 30 minutes. The above stated time is inclusive of the 15 minutes tutorial time.

**7) What is the eligibility criteria for a scribe/reader?**

The scribe must fulfil the following criteria:

- a) Is not a family member or a friend.
- b) Is not involved in any academic tutoring or preparation for the test to be administered.
- c) Has not completed 19 years of age as of October 31, 2009.
- d) Has academic qualification lower than that of the candidate.

Note: A scribe will not be permitted to assist a candidate in case the above criteria are not met.

**8) Do I have to fill a form to request for a Scribe/Reader.**

Yes. Prometric CAT Candidate Care support team will forward the “Scribe/Reader Certification for DA Candidates” document to you via email in the first week of October 2009. The form is available on CAT website as well. You need to take good printout of the form and send the duly filled-in form to Prometric along with the age certificate of the scribe, no later than October 15, 2009, at:

Prometric Testing Pvt Ltd.  
C/O CAT DA Registration  
Second Floor, DLF Infinity Tower A  
Sector 25, DLF City Phase 2  
Gurgaon 122002  
India.

**9) What is the testing date for DA candidates?**

All DA Candidates will be scheduled to test on December 3, 2009 in selected testing centres.

**10) Where can I register for the CAT 2009 test?**

The DA candidates will go to [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in) to fill their application form.

**11) Where do I mail my DA certificate for approval?**

DA candidates will need to write their voucher number and the serial number on the DA certificate and mail it to:

CAT Centre  
C/O PGP Admission Office  
Indian Institute of Management  
Vastrapur, Ahmedabad  
380015 INDIA

**12) From where can I obtain the voucher?**

The voucher can be obtained from selected AXIS Bank outlets from Wednesday, 9 September 2009 to Thursday, 1 October 2009. Please refer to the general category FAQ's on [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in) for additional details.

**13) While registering online under DA category, will I myself be able to schedule a test?**

While filling the application form on the website, in case you have selected “Yes” for the Special Accommodations category, you will not be able to proceed to schedule a test and complete the registration. In such cases, you will be scheduled by the Prometric CAT Candidate Care support team and will be informed of the scheduled date, time and location via email and/or phone.

Note: You will be informed of the confirmed appointment details in the first week of October, after the registration window closes.

**14) I am scheduled to take the CAT 2009 under the DA category. Will I be allowed to reschedule the test?**

No. A Candidate scheduled under the DA category cannot reschedule the test. You can only take the test on the specified date, time and location.

**15) What are the identification documents required to be carried to the test centre?**

Candidate will need to bring the following identification documents on the test day:

- a) CAT 2009 Admit Card
- b) Voucher
- c) A valid document as proof of SC/ST eligibility (if applicable)
- d) One photo identification such as Driver's licence, Passport, PAN card, Voter ID, College ID, Employee identification card, or a notarized Affidavit with Photo, Signature, Date of Birth and residential address.
- e) Similar photo identification for scribe of a DA candidate (if applicable)

Note: You will have to store all other personal items at the test centre at your own risk. Please do not bring any other items to the test centre, as they are not permitted into the testing centre.

**16) I have other questions relating to my test, where should I go?**

The general FAQ document applies to all candidates registering for CAT 2009. Please visit [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in) to view the General FAQ document.

**Important:** You must read the “Registration Instructions & Manual” before you begin your registration process. The document is provided at [www.catiim.in](http://www.catiim.in)