

## CAT 2026



### **Media Release for Common Admission Test 2026 (CAT 2026)**

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The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have decided to extend the CAT 2026 registration deadline to **September 22, 2026**.

#### **Registration Deadlines:**

Registration for CAT 2026 opens: August 03, 2026 (Monday) at 10:00 AM

Registration for CAT 2026 closes: **September 22, 2026 (Tuesday) at 05:00 PM.**

#### **Test Cities:**

CAT 2026 will be conducted in around 170 cities. Candidates will be given the option to choose from **five** preferred cities. CAT Centre will try its best to ensure that a candidate gets one of the preferred options. In case of high demand in a particular region, CAT Centre reserves the right to allot a centre close to any of the preferred options. Once a centre is allotted to a candidate, no change is permitted.

The list of cities may be subject to changes based on the discretion of the CAT authorities.

#### **Registration Form Edit Window:**

After the closure of the registration window, a very short edit window will be made available to the registered applicants. Candidates will be able to edit **ONLY** the following fields in the application form (if required):

- (i) Photograph
- (ii) Signature
- (iii) Test City Preferences

This option will be valid only for those candidates who have paid the applicable registration fee and have registered successfully for CAT 2026 within the specified deadline.

#### **Date of the Test:**

CAT 2026 will be conducted on November 29, 2026 (Sunday) in **three sessions**.

IIMs reserve the right to change the test date and time if the situation so warrants.

#### **Duration of the Test:**

The duration of the test will be **120 minutes**. The test will have the following three sections:

- Section I: Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension
- Section II: Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning
- Section III: Quantitative Ability

**The CAT Convener urges the test takers to register well in advance to have a hassle-free registration process and to avoid a last-minute rush. Under no circumstances, the September 22, 2026 deadline will be extended.**

The information provided by the CAT website is contingent upon the decisions and directions issued from time to time by the Central and State governments and IIMs. Candidates are advised to regularly check the CAT website (kindly use the secure URL: <https://iimcat.ac.in>) for the latest information.