

Frequently Asked Questions on CCMN Counselling Process 2026

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CCMN 2026

Q1. What is CCMN 2026?

CCMN 2026 (Centralized Counselling for M.Sc./M.Sc.(Tech.) Admissions 2026) is a national-level centralized online counselling process for admission to postgraduate M.Sc. and M.Sc.(Tech.) programmes at NITs, IEST Shibpur, and select CFTIs, based on valid JAM 2026 scores.

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Q2. Which institute is coordinating CCMN 2026?

CCMN 2026 is coordinated by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Agartala, Jirania, West Tripura, Tripura – 799046, India.

Q3. What programmes are offered through CCMN 2026?

CCMN 2026 offers admissions to:

- Master of Science (M.Sc.)
- Master of Science – Technology (M.Sc.(Tech.))

These are full-time programmes carrying JAM scholarship.

Q4. Is CCMN 2026 applicable for Sponsored Seats or Part-Time programmes?

No. CCMN 2026 is strictly for full-time seats. Candidates seeking Sponsored or Part-Time admissions must contact the respective institutes directly.

Q5. How many institutes participate in CCMN 2026?

Approximately 38 institutes participate in CCMN 2026, including many of the NITs, IEST Shibpur, IIITs, and CFTIs offering about 3000 seats across various M.Sc. programmes. The complete list is available at <https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in>.

Q6. When does CCMN 2026 registration begin and end?

Refer CCMN 2026 Time Schedule available at

<https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s33323fe11e9595c09af38fe67567a9394/uploads/2026/04/20260427286409348.pdf>

Q7. When was CCMN initiated, and what is its significance?

CCMN was initiated in 2015 to provide centralized admission to PG science programmes. It provides a single platform where candidates can fill out one application form and apply to all eligible programmes across all participating institutes simultaneously.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Q8. What are the eligibility requirements to participate in CCMN 2026?

A candidate must satisfy BOTH of the following conditions:

- Must hold a valid JAM score of the year 2026 (JAM 2026 only — unlike CCMT, CCMN accepts JAM score of the current year only).
- Must have secured at least 6.5 CGPA (on a 10-point scale) or 60% marks in the qualifying degree for GEN / GEN-EWS / OBC candidates.
- SC / ST / PwD candidates must have secured at least 6.0 CGPA or 55% marks.

Q9. Which JAM score year is accepted for CCMN 2026?

Only JAM 2026 score is accepted for CCMN 2026. Unlike CCMT (which accepts GATE scores of 2024/2025/2026), CCMN accepts only the current year's JAM score.

Q10. How is CGPA converted to a percentage for eligibility verification?

Only the primary mode of evaluation (CGPA or percentage) as mentioned in the qualifying degree certificate/marksheet is considered. If both are mentioned, only CGPA is considered. Conversion by individual institutes/universities is NOT accepted. If CGPA is on a scale other than 10, it will be linearly mapped to a 10-point scale.

Q11. Can candidates whose qualifying degree results are awaited apply?

Yes. Provisional admission is permitted if the candidate is expected to meet the minimum eligibility requirements by September 30, 2026, provided all examinations are completed by August 15, 2026. A certificate from the Head of the current institute (in the format available on the CCMN website) must be submitted during document verification.

Q12. How do I check programme-wise eligibility?

The Seat Matrix and Eligibility Matrix (mapping of degree-disciplines with JAM papers) for all programmes are available on the CCMN website: <https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in>. Candidates are solely responsible for verifying their eligibility before filling choices.

Q13. What happens if I fill a choice for a programme I am not eligible for?

CCMN and Participating Institutes are not responsible for seat cancellation due to non-fulfillment of eligibility, including special eligibility criteria. If you fail special eligibility criteria for the allotted seat at any stage, your allotment will be cancelled and you may be left without any seat.

SECTION 3: REGISTRATION PROCESS AND FEE DETAILS

Q14. How do I register for CCMN 2026?

Visit <https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in> between May 15 – June 5, 2026 and provide your JAM credentials, qualifying degree details, personal information, and bank details. Read all terms & conditions carefully before clicking 'I Agree'. Take a signed printout of the completed registration form for physical reporting.

Q15. What are the different types of fees in CCMN 2026?

Fee Type | GEN / GEN-EWS / OBC | SC / ST / PwD

Registration Fee (Regular Rounds)	₹3,500	₹3,000
Seat Acceptance Fee (SAF)	₹15,000	₹10,000
Partial Admission Fee (PAF)	₹10,000	₹5,000
Special Round (SR) Registration Fee	₹3,500	₹3,000
SR Participation Fee	₹25,000	₹15,000
NSR Registration Fee	₹3,500	₹3,000
NSR Participation Fee	₹25,000	₹15,000

Note: Registration fees (Regular, SR, NSR) are non-refundable and non-adjustable.

Q16. Is the Registration Fee refundable?

No. The registration fee paid for Regular Rounds, Special Rounds, and National Spot Round is non-refundable and will NOT be adjusted towards any other fee.

Q17. What payment modes are accepted for fee payment?

Fee can be deposited through: UPI, Debit Card, Credit Card, and Net Banking. CCMN will not be responsible for payments made after the due date and time.

Q18. Can I change personal details after registration?

No. After the last date of registration, no information can be altered. If any information is found incorrect at any stage, the candidature may be cancelled and the registration fee forfeited. Candidates may also face legal action for submitting false information.

SECTION 4: CHOICE FILLING AND LOCKING**Q19. How does choice filling work in CCMN 2026?**

After successful registration and payment of the registration fee, candidates can fill and lock programme choices in order of preference from eligible programmes listed in their CCMN login. Choices can be added, deleted, or reordered freely within the stipulated period.

Q20. What are the key dates for choice filling?

- Start: May 15, 2026
- Last Date for Choice Filling and Locking: June 8, 2026 (5:30 PM IST)
- Automatic Locking: June 8, 2026 (after time expires)

Q21. What happens if I do not manually lock my choices before the deadline?

Your last saved choices will be automatically locked. However, your saved choice list must contain at least one programme; otherwise, you will not be considered for seat allotment. Candidates must take a signed printout of the registration form with locked choices.

Q22. Can I change my choices after locking?

No. Once choices are locked (manually or automatically), they cannot be added, deleted, or reordered under any circumstances.

Q23. Should I verify special eligibility conditions before filling out choices?

Yes, absolutely. Candidates must ensure they fully satisfy all general and special eligibility criteria for chosen programmes. Special eligibility is only checked when that specific seat is allotted. If you fail to meet special eligibility for an allotted seat, you may end up with no seat.

SECTION 5: SEAT ALLOTMENT PROCESS**Q24. How is the merit list for CCMN 2026 prepared?**

Merit is based on the 'Common Percentile' calculated from the JAM Rank of 2026. Tie-breaking is done in the following order:

- (1st) Higher JAM Score in 2026 — higher score gets preference.
- (2nd) Date of Birth — elder candidate gets preference.
- (3rd) Random number generation — lower number gets preference.

Q25. How many counselling rounds are there in CCMN 2026?

CCMN 2026 consists of:

- Three Regular Rounds (Round 1, 2, 3)
- Two Special Rounds (SR-1 and SR-2) — for filling seats remaining after regular rounds
- One National Spot Round (NSR) — for filling seats remaining after special rounds

Q26. What are the seat allotment dates for Regular Rounds?

- Round 1 Seat Allotment: June 12, 2026
- Round 2 Seat Allotment: June 22, 2026
- Round 3 Seat Allotment: June 27, 2026

Q27. How are seats allocated based on category?

Seat allotment follows a defined sequence. A GEN candidate is considered for OPEN seats; an OBC candidate is considered for OPEN seats first, then OBC seats; an SC candidate for OPEN, then SC seats; and PwD candidates are additionally considered for PwD-specific seats. Refer to Table 4 of the Information Brochure for the complete category-wise sequence.

Q28. Will the allotment result be sent by post?

No. **No hard copy of the Provisional Seat Allotment Letter (PSAL) will be sent.** Candidates must download the PSAL from their CCMN login after paying the Seat Acceptance Fee.

SECTION 6: WILLINGNESS OPTIONS (FLOAT / SLIDE / FREEZE)

Q29. What is the 'Float' willingness option?

By selecting Float, you indicate that you wish to be considered in the next round for ALL of your better-preferred choices across all institutes. If a better choice is allotted, the earlier allotment is forfeited. If no better choice is available, the current allotment is retained.

Q30. What is the 'Slide' willingness option?

By selecting Slide, you are considered in the next round for better-preferred choices ONLY within the same institute allotted to you. If no better choice within the same institute is available, the current allotment is retained.

Q31. What is the 'Freeze' willingness option?

By selecting Freeze, you confirm that you are satisfied with the currently allotted seat and do not wish to participate in further seat improvement. However, Freeze candidates will still be processed for category upgradation without a change in seat allotment.

Q32. What is 'Surrender and Participate in Next Round'?

This option allows you to reject the currently allotted seat and participate in the next regular round. If a better seat is allotted in the next round, you take the new seat. If no seat is allotted in the next round, you will have NO claim on the surrendered seat.

Q33. Can I change my willingness after submitting?

Yes, but only in the downgrade direction as follows:

- Float → Slide
- Float → Freeze
- Float → Surrender and Participate in Next Round
- Slide → Freeze

Reverse changes (e.g., Freeze to Float, Slide to Float) are NOT permitted.

Q34. When must the willingness be submitted?

Willingness must be submitted online through the CCMN login after paying the Seat Acceptance Fee, during the period mentioned in the schedule on the website. This activity is compulsory in Round 1 and Round 2. In Round 3, a willingness submission is NOT required as it is the last regular round.

SECTION 7: DOCUMENT UPLOADING AND ONLINE VERIFICATION

Q35. What documents must I upload for Online Document Verification?

Candidates must upload coloured scanned copies of the following original documents:

- Proof of Date of Birth (Class X Marksheet/Certificate or government-issued ID)
- Photo ID Proof (as per Govt. of India norms)
- Class XII marksheet / Equivalence Certificate
- Grade/Marksheets of qualifying examination (all semesters)
- Degree / Provisional Certificate (or Course Completion Certificate if result is awaited)
- JAM 2026 Score Card
- Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS), if applicable — OBC-NCL/EWS must be issued on or after April 1, 2026
- OBC-NCL declaration in prescribed format (from CCMN website), if applicable
- PwD Certificate and notarized Affidavit (format in Annexure-VI), if applicable

Q36. Do I need to re-upload documents in subsequent rounds?

No. If your documents were successfully verified in a previous round, you do not need to upload them again, unless there is a change in personal details or a special eligibility check is required for a newly allotted seat.

Q37. What if the Document Verifying Officer raises a query?

The officer will post the query in your CCMN login. You must respond within the stipulated time. Failure to respond will result in your case being treated as 'Not Reported', leading to seat cancellation and exclusion from subsequent rounds.

Q38. What are the possible outcomes of the Online Document Verification (ODVC)?

- Documents Verified Online for minimum eligibility — candidature proceeds.
- Seat cancelled and eligible for subsequent rounds — can participate further.
- Seat cancelled and NOT eligible for subsequent rounds — candidature ends.

Q39. What if my certificates are not in English or Hindi?

You must provide an English/Hindi translation duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority, along with the original certificate(s).

Q40. What if my CGPA filled during registration does not match documents?

The Document Verifying Officer will update the CGPA/percentage in the system. If the updated value does not satisfy minimum eligibility, your seat will be cancelled and you will not be considered for subsequent rounds.

SECTION 8: SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE (SAF) AND PARTIAL ADMISSION FEE (PAF)

Q41. What is the Seat Acceptance Fee (SAF) and when must it be paid?

The SAF (₹15,000 for GEN/GEN-EWS/OBC; ₹10,000 for SC/ST/PwD) must be paid immediately after a seat is allotted in any round. It will be adjusted against the allotted institute's total admission fee. Failure to pay SAF will result in automatic cancellation of the allotted seat.

Q42. What is the Partial Admission Fee (PAF)?

The PAF (₹10,000 for GEN/GEN-EWS/OBC; ₹5,000 for SC/ST/PwD) must be paid on the CCMN portal after all three regular rounds to confirm the seat. It will be adjusted against the final institute's admission fee. Failure to pay PAF will result in automatic 'Auto-Withdrawal'.

Q43. Do I need to pay SAF again in Round 2 or Round 3?

No. Candidates who have already paid SAF in a previous round are NOT required to pay it again in subsequent rounds.

Q44. What is the PAF payment window?

PAF payment period start date is July 2, 2026; End date is July 6, 2026 (05:30 PM IST). Candidates who fail to deposit PAF during this window will have their seats automatically cancelled.

SECTION 9: SPECIAL ROUNDS (SR-1 AND SR-2)**Q45. What are Special Rounds and who can participate?**

Two Special Rounds (SR-1 and SR-2) are conducted to fill seats remaining vacant after the three regular rounds. Eligible candidates include:

- Type-I: Candidates who did NOT register for Regular Rounds but are otherwise eligible.
- Type-II: Candidates who participated in Regular Rounds and got admitted (even if withdrawn).
- Type-III: Candidates who participated in Regular Rounds but did NOT get any seat.
- Type-IV: Candidates whose seats were cancelled during document verification but are still eligible.

Q46. What are the Special Round dates for CCMN 2026?

- Announcement of vacant seats: July 13, 2026
- SR Registration, Fee Payment & Choice Filling: July 14 – July 18, 2026
- Last Date for Choice Filling and Locking: July 20, 2026
- SR-1 Seat Allotment: July 22, 2026
- SR-2 Seat Allotment: July 27, 2026

Q47. Is fresh registration required for Special Rounds?

Yes. All candidates must complete fresh registration and choice filling for Special Rounds and pay the SR Registration Fee (non-refundable) along with the SR Participation Fee (₹25,000 for GEN/OBC; ₹15,000 for SC/ST/PwD).

Q48. Will my Regular Round seat be retained if I register for Special Rounds?

Yes. If you are admitted in a Regular Round seat, it will be retained during Special Rounds unless a new (better) seat is allotted in SR. If a new seat is allotted in SR, the earlier seat is automatically cancelled.

Q49. Are there programme group conversions in Special Rounds?

Yes. In SR-1 and SR-2, unfilled seats in Programme Groups G5, G4, G3, G2 may be converted downward (G5→G4→G3→G2→G1) within the same category, subject to the availability of eligible candidates for higher groups. There is no de-reservation of unfilled seats.

SECTION 10: NATIONAL SPOT ROUND (NSR)**Q50. What is the National Spot Round (NSR)?**

The NSR is the final round of CCMN 2026, conducted to fill seats remaining vacant after both Special Rounds. All eligible candidate types (I–IV) can register freshly for NSR by paying the NSR Registration

Fee(Non-refundable; ₹3,500 for GEN/OBC; ₹3,000 for SC/ST/PwD) and NSR Participation Fee (₹25,000 for GEN/OBC; ₹15,000 for SC/ST/PwD).

Q51. What are the key NSR 2026 dates?

- Announcement of vacant seats: August 1, 2026
- NSR Registration & Choice Filling: August 1 – August 4, 2026
- NSR Seat Allotment: August 5, 2026

Q52. Is there a willingness option in NSR?

No. NSR does not have a Float/Slide/Freeze willingness option. After document verification, the candidate must physically report at the Finally Allotted Institute (FAI) as per schedule.

Q53. What undertaking must be submitted during NSR registration?

Candidates must submit the undertaking as per Annexure V-B (available on the CCMN website) online at the time of NSR registration, confirming they understand NSR-specific rules and conditions.

SECTION 11: WITHDRAWAL FROM COUNSELLING

Q54. How can I withdraw from CCMN 2026?

Withdrawal can be done online through your CCMN login, authenticated by an OTP sent to your registered mobile number and email. Once withdrawal is exercised, you cannot change the willingness; however, changing willingness first and then withdrawing is allowed.

Q55. Can I re-participate after withdrawal from Regular Rounds?

Yes. After withdrawing from Regular Rounds, you may register freshly for Special Rounds and/or NSR. After withdrawal from Special Rounds, you may register freshly for NSR only.

Q56. What is 'Auto-Withdrawal'?

If a candidate fails to deposit the Partial Admission Fee (PAF) within the stipulated time after the regular rounds, their seat is automatically cancelled. This is termed 'Auto-Withdrawal'. Such candidates may still participate in Special Rounds and NSR.

SECTION 12: REFUND AND FEE ADJUSTMENT POLICY

Q57. When will I receive a refund of fees?

Refund of SAF/Participation Fee, if any, will be initiated within six months after completion of the National Spot Round (NSR) and the entire CCMN 2026 counselling process. Registration fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.

Q58. In which cases will SAF and/or PAF be refunded (after deducting ₹2,000 processing fee)?

SAF/PAF is refunded (minus ₹2,000 processing fee) if:

- You paid SAF but did not upload the required documents.
- Discrepancy was found during document verification.
- You selected 'Surrender and Participate in Next Round', but no seat was allotted.
- You withdrew in Round 1, 2, or 3 after paying SAF.
- You paid both SAF and PAF but withdrew at the end of Regular Rounds.
- You paid SAF but failed to pay PAF after successful document verification.

Note: Refund is only made if the candidate does NOT participate in Special Rounds/NSR.

Q59. When will SR Participation Fee be refunded?

SR Participation Fee is refunded without deduction if no seat is allotted in any SR and the candidate does not participate in NSR. If the candidate withdrew in SR-1 or if the seat was cancelled during verification, refund is made after deducting ₹2,000 processing fee, provided the candidate does not participate in NSR.

Q60. When will NSR Participation Fee be refunded?

NSR Participation Fee is refunded without deduction if no seat is allotted in NSR and the candidate did not participate in any previous round. After allotment in NSR, no refund is made. If seat is cancelled during document verification, refund is made after deducting ₹2,000 processing fee.

Q61. When is the fee forfeited (no refund)?

SAF/PAF/SR/NSR Participation Fee is forfeited if:

- A candidate completed online document verification but did NOT pay the balance fee of the allotted institute within the stipulated time.
- A candidate was allotted a seat but did NOT report for physical document verification at the FAI.

Q62. How will SAF and PAF be adjusted?

SAF and PAF deposited during Regular Rounds will be adjusted in the institute fee at the time of physical reporting. SAF/PAF paid in regular rounds will be adjusted towards SR/NSR participation fee if the candidate participates in those rounds.

SECTION 13: PHYSICAL REPORTING AT FINALLY ALLOTTED INSTITUTE (FAI)

Q63. What documents must I carry for physical reporting at the FAI?

Candidates must carry:

- All original documents uploaded for online document verification (Annexure-III)
- Proof of payment of SAF / PAF / SR Participation Fee / NSR Participation Fee
- Original Migration Certificate from the last institute/university attended
- Original Conduct Certificate from the last institute/university attended
- Original Transfer Certificate from the last institute/university attended
- Signed printout of Registration Form with locked choices
- Signed Provisional Seat Allotment Letter (PSAL) of the finally allotted seat
- Signed Online Document Verification Certificate (ODVC)
- One set of self-attested photocopies of all original documents
- Three recent passport-size colour photographs

Q64. What fee must be paid at the FAI?

Candidates must pay the balance admission fee, i.e., the difference between the total fee of the allotted institute and the amount already deposited at the CCMN portal (excluding registration fees). The mode of payment is as prescribed by the respective institute.

Q65. What is the process for PwD candidates at physical reporting?

PwD candidates will undergo a medical examination by the medical board of the FAI. If the board finds the candidate ineligible for PwD category, the seat may be cancelled. PwD candidates must also carry the original copy of the notarized affidavit (Annexure-VI) submitted during registration.

Q66. What happens if I fail to report at the FAI?

If you fail to report at the FAI by the scheduled date for any reason, your seat will be automatically cancelled and all deposited fees (SAF/PAF/SR/NSR Participation Fee) will be forfeited. Refer to Section 12 of the Information Brochure for refund rules.

SECTION 14: CATEGORY AND RESERVATION-RELATED QUERIES

Q67. What reservation policy is followed for CCMN 2026?

Reservation of seats for SC, ST, OBC-NCL, GEN-EWS, and PwD categories is as per the norms of the Government of India. The detailed seat matrix is available on the CCMN website.

Q68. Can I change my category after registration?

Category change is permitted only in specific permitted directions during document verification. Permitted changes: GEN-EWS → GEN, OBC → GEN, SC → GEN, ST → GEN, GEN-PwD → GEN, GEN-EWS-PwD → GEN-EWS, OBC-PwD → OBC, SC-PwD → SC, ST-PwD → ST. A signed Undertaking (Annexure-VII) must be uploaded and submitted at physical reporting.

Q69. What category changes are NOT permitted?

The following category changes are NOT permitted:

- GEN → GEN-EWS / OBC / SC / ST
- GEN-EWS → OBC / SC / ST
- OBC → GEN-EWS / SC / ST
- SC → GEN-EWS / OBC / ST
- ST → GEN-EWS / OBC / SC
- Adding PwD tag after registration (e.g., GEN → GEN-PwD, SC → SC-PwD)

Q70. When must the OBC-NCL/EWS certificate be issued?

The OBC-NCL/EWS certificate must be issued on or after April 1, 2026. If you cannot obtain such a certificate, the Document Verifying Officer will update your category, which may lead to cancellation of the allotted seat.

Q71. Is there any special provision for Maharashtra state candidates?

Yes. SC/ST/OBC-NCL caste certificates issued by Maharashtra State must be validated by the Social Welfare department (for SC/OBC-NCL) and Tribal Welfare department (for ST). Additionally, ST certificates from Tamil Nadu must be issued by the Revenue Divisional Officer.

Q72. I have appeared in the JAM exam in the General category and qualified for the same. I actually belong to SC or ST or OBC or GEN-EWS category. So will it be possible now to avail the facilities of my category during application filling or counselling?

Yes, you can do so, but you must fill in the category very carefully, as you are liable to produce a valid certificate at the time of uploading the document online, failing which your present allotted seat will get automatically cancelled, and you will be considered under the general category for further rounds.

Q73. I belong to OBC – NCL category. Since I do not have a valid OBC – NCL certificate during the registration for JAM exam, I have appeared for the JAM exam in the General category but not qualified in General category. However, I secured marks more than cut-off marks in OBC category. Now I have a valid OBC – NCL certificate, so will it be possible now to avail the facilities of my category during application filling or counselling?

Yes, you can do so, but you must fill in the category very carefully, as you are liable to produce a valid certificate at the time of uploading the document online, failing which your present allotted seat will get automatically cancelled, and you will not be allowed in the further rounds.

SECTION 15: LEGAL JURISDICTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Q74. What is the legal jurisdiction for CCMN 2026 disputes?

The decision of the Chairman, CCMN 2026 is final for any dispute arising during counselling. Legal disputes, if any, fall under the jurisdiction of Courts at Agartala or the High Court of Tripura.

Q75. How can I contact CCMN 2026 for help?

Coordinator, CCMN 2026

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Website: <https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in>

Zone-wise email contacts:

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- South Zone: contactsouth@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in
- East Zone: contacteast@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in
- West Zone: contactwest@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in
- Central Zone: contactcentral@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in
- North East Zone: contactnortheast@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in
- For NRI candidates: contactnri@ccmn2026.nita.ac.in

For PI (Participating Institute) -specific queries, contact the Participating Institute directly.

Q76. Where should I check for updates during the counselling period?

Candidates must regularly visit <https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in> for schedule updates, seat matrix changes, and any new circulars. They must also check their registered email and be available on the registered mobile number throughout the counselling period.

Disclaimer: This FAQ document is prepared based on the CCMN 2026 Information Brochure (Version 1.0) and the CCMN Admission Portal (<https://ccmn.admissions.nic.in>). Candidates are advised to refer to the official brochure and portal for the most up-to-date information.