FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Common Management Admission Test (CMAT)

1. About CMAT & NTA

Q1. What is CMAT?

The Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) is a National Level Entrance Examination for admission to management programmes in the country.

Q2. Who conducts CMAT?

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been entrusted by the Ministry of Education with the task of conducting the Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) w.e.f 2019.

Q3. Which institutes accept the CMAT score?

The CMAT score is accepted by all AICTE-Approved Institutions, University Departments, Constituent Colleges, and Affiliated Colleges that participate in CMAT-2027 admissions. Each participating institute independently decides its own cut-off score.

Q4. Does NTA conduct counselling or allot management seats after CMAT?

No. NTA's role is limited to registering candidates, conducting the test, hosting the provisional/final answer keys, inviting and resolving challenges, declaring results, hosting the scorecard, and providing result data to AICTE. NTA has no role in counselling or seat allotment.

Q5. Does clearing/appearing in CMAT guarantee an admission seat?

No. Merely appearing in CMAT-2027 does not make a candidate automatically qualified or eligible for admission, and it does not confer any automatic right to a seat in any institution. Admission depends on each institute's own cut-off, further selection process, and seat availability.

Q6. Can a candidate take a re-test if they miss the scheduled exam date/shift?

No. If a candidate is unable to appear on the scheduled date/shift of the test for any reason, NTA will not conduct a re-test under any circumstances, and the examination fee already paid is forfeited.

2. Eligibility

Q7. What is the minimum educational qualification required for CMAT-2027?

The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline (from a recognized university).

Q8. Can final-year Bachelor's degree students (whose result is awaited) apply for CMAT-2027?

Yes. Candidates appearing in the final year of their Bachelor's Degree can apply for CMAT-2027, provided their result is declared before the commencement of admission for the academic year 2027-28.

Q9. Is there an age limit for CMAT-2027?

No. There is no age restriction for appearing in CMAT-2027.

Q10. Is CMAT-2027 open to candidates of any nationality?

No. The candidate must be a citizen of India to be eligible for CMAT-2027.

Q11. Does NTA verify eligibility at the time of registration?

NTA does not verify the information provided by the candidates during online registration and hence candidature will be purely provisional subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria as per AICTE norms.

3. Application Process & Registration

Q12. What is the application window for CMAT-2027?

Online registration window for CMAT 2027 is live between **23.11.2026 to 20.12.2026**. Candidates are advised to keep visiting NTA website (https://cmat.nta.nic.in/) for updates.

Q13. Where can I apply for CMAT-2027?

Candidates must apply only through the "**Online**" mode on the official NTA website (https://cmat.nta.nic.in/). Application forms submitted in any other mode will not be accepted.

Q14. Can I submit more than one Application Form?

No. Multiple Application Forms submitted by the same candidate will not be accepted and will lead to cancellation of that candidate's result. Similarly, any candidate found to hold more than one Application Number/Score Card will be treated as an Unfair Means (UFM) case, even if detected later, and strict action will be taken.

Q15. Can one mobile number or email ID be used for more than one candidate's application?

No. One mobile number and email address can be used. Candidates must ensure that their email address and mobile number to be registered in their online Application Form are their own**,** as relevant/important information/ communication will be sent by NTA through e-mail on the registered mail address and/or through SMS on the registered mobile number only**.**

Q16. Is uploading a PwD/PwBD /UDID certificate in online application form mandatory for DIVYANGJAN?

DIVYANGJAN are required to upload **PwD/PwBD /UDID certificate in the online application form.**

Q17. What happens if my uploaded photograph or signature is blurred or unclear?

If the photograph or signature is blurred or not clear enough to identify the candidate, the application will be rejected. Candidates are advised to check their photograph and signature carefully before submitting the Application Form.

Q18. Can I change/correct my mobile no. email and address after submitting the online application form?

No.

Q19. Can I change/correct my name, Date of Birth, gender, category etc.,

Candidates are advised to exercise the utmost care in filling up the correct details in the Online Application Form. However, to facilitate the candidate, online correction window may be provided after closing of online application form.

Q20. Can I send corrections or documents to NTA by post, fax, WhatsApp, or email?

No. NTA will not entertain corrections or documents sent through Post, Fax, WhatsApp, E-mail, or by Hand.

4. Application Fee & Payment

Q21. What are the accepted modes of fee payment?

No request for refund of the examination fee once successfully remitted will be entertained by NTA, except in the case of duplicate or multiple payments arising from the same application. Such duplicate payments will be refunded automatically through the original payment mode after fee reconciliation by NTA, generally after declaration of the final result.

Q22. What should I do if I paid the fee but the Confirmation Page was not generated?

First, check with the concerned Bank/Payment Gateway Integrator (helpline/in mentioned in Information Bulletin) to confirm whether the payment was successful. If the issue is not resolved, contact the NTA Helpdesk (cmat@nta.ac.in / 011-40759000/69227700). If the transaction still does not reflect on the portal, the candidate may pay the fee a second time to ensure the Confirmation Page is generated; any resulting duplicate payment will be refunded by NTA through the same payment mode, after fee reconciliation.

Q23. What information should I keep ready if I need to raise a payment-related grievance?

Name of the Bank and/or Payment Gateway, date and time of the transaction, Transaction Number, Bank Reference Number, proof of transaction, and a screenshot from the payment portal (in case of payment failure).

5. Choice of Exam Cities

Q24. How many exam city choices can I select while applying?

Candidates must select exam cities of their choice from the list of CMAT-2027 exam cities mentioned in the Information Bulletin of CMAT- 2027.

Q25. Am I allotted exam centre in one of my chosen exam cities?

NTA makes every effort to allot a centre in one of the cities selected, in order of preference, but due to administrative or logistical reasons, a different city may be allotted.

6. Exam Pattern, Syllabus & Marking Scheme

Q26. What is the mode, duration, and medium of the CMAT-2027 exam?

CMAT-2027 is a Computer Based Test (CBT), of 180 minutes (3 hours) duration, and the medium of the question paper is English only.

Q27. What are the sections in CMAT-2027, and how many questions are in each?

Type of questions	**No. of questions**	**Maximum Marks**
Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	80
Logical Reasoning	20	80
Language Comprehension	20	80
General Awareness	20	80
Innovation & Entrepreneurship	20	80
Total	**100**	**400**

Q28. What is the marking scheme (positive and negative marking)?

- Each question carries 04 (four) marks.
- For each correct response, candidate will get 04 (four) marks.
- For each incorrect response, 01 (one) mark will be deducted from the total score.
- Un-answered/un-attempted will be given no marks.
- To answer a question, the candidate needs to choose one option as correct option.
- However, after the process of Challenges of the Answer Key, in case there are multiple correct options or change in key, only those candidates who have attempted it correctly as per the revised Answer key will be awarded marks.
- In case a Question is dropped due to some technical error, full marks shall be given to all the candidates irrespective of the fact who have attempted it or not.

Q29. Can questions be answered in Hindi or any regional language?

No. The medium of the CMAT-2027 question paper is English only.

7. Admit Card

Q30. When will the CMAT-2027 Admit Card be released?

CMAT-2027 Admit Card will be released on 04 February 2027.

Q31. How do I get my Admit Card — will it be sent by post?

No. No. Admit Cards are issued only provisionally through the NTA website and must be downloaded by the candidate.

Q32. What should I do if there is a discrepancy between my Admit Card and Confirmation Page details/photo?

The candidate should immediately approach the NTA Helpdesk (between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM).

Q33. What documents must I carry along with my Admit Card to the exam?

A print copy of the Admit Card along with the Self-Declaration (Undertaking) (A4 size, duly filled), a passport-size photograph (same as uploaded in the application) for pasting on the Attendance Sheet, one original valid authorized photo ID (School ID Card/PAN Card/Passport/Aadhaar Card with photo/e-Aadhaar with photo), a simple transparent ball-point pen, and (if applicable) the PwD/PwBD certificate. Diabetic candidates may carry sugar tablets/fruits such as banana/apple/orange.

8. Answer Key, Challenges & Recorded Responses

Q34. Will NTA release a provisional answer key before the final result?

Yes. NTA will display the Provisional Answer Key on the NTA website (with a Public Notice), for 2 to 3 days, giving candidates the opportunity to challenge it

Q35. How do I challenge the provisional answer key, and what does it cost?

Challenges must be submitted online, during the stipulated challenge window, through the prescribed key-challenge link, along with a non-refundable per-question processing fee of Rs. 200/-.

Q36. Will NTA inform me individually whether my answer-key challenge was accepted?

No. NTA will not inform candidates individually about the outcome of their challenges. Subject experts examine all challenges, and the Final Answer Key is then displayed/declared based on their decision; the result is compiled using this Final Answer Key.

Q37. Will I be able to see my recorded responses (the answers I selected)?

Yes. NTA displays the recorded responses and the question papers attempted by each candidate on the NTA website, prior to declaration of the result, for 2 to 3 days.

Q38. How will I get my CMAT-2027 result and scorecard?

The result will be available only on the website. No physical Score Card to be dispatched to candidates by post; candidates must download their own Score Card from the website and retain it.

Q39. If CMAT-2027 is held in only a single shift, will normalization still apply?

The normalization/Percentile procedure described in the Bulletin is specifically for multi-shift/multi-session papers. If the exam is conducted in a single session, normalization across sessions is not applicable in the same way.

Q40. Can I request re-evaluation or re-checking of my CMAT-2027 answer sheet/result?

No. There is no provision for re-evaluation or re-checking of the CMAT-2027.

Q41. Does NTA conduct or manage the MBA/PGDM admission/counselling process?

No. The Role of NTA is confined to the registration of candidates, the conduct of the test, hosting of answer keys, inviting challenges, finalizing answer keys, preparing and declaring results, hosting Score Card and provide the result data to the AICTE.

9. PwD/PwBD Facilities

Q42. How can candidates use a Scribe?

The facility of Scribe/Reader/Lab Assistant should be allowed to any person with benchmark disability as defined under section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and has limitation in writing including that of speed if so desired by him/her. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe/reader/lab assistant shall be given, if so desired by the person. In case of other category of persons with benchmark disabilities, the provision of scribe/reader/lab assistant can be allowed on production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per proforma at **Annexure – I** of Information Bulletin of CMAT 2027. For availing the scribe facility, candidates are advised to read the Guidelines provided in the Chapter 4 of the Information Bulletin for CMAT 2027.

Q43. What is the Eligibility and Certificate required by PwD/PwBD candidates ?

The Candidates are advised to follow the instructions of RPwD Act, 2016 and instructions/ guidelines as notified in Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Office Memorandum No. F. No. 34-02/2015-DD III dated 29 August 2018 for PwBD and Memorandum No F. No. 29- 6/2019-DD-III dated 10 August 2022 for PwD. (In this regard also, refer Para 4.1 of Information Bulletin of CMAT 2027 available on the NTA official website).

Q 44. What is the method of UDID Card Verification?

For PwD/PwBD candidates, the details of the UDID Card as uploaded will be verified from UDID portal of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DePwD). Those who do not have UDID Card should upload Disability Certificate in the proper format.