

CMAT 2027 Exam Dates, Registration, Syllabus & PYQs

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Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) 2027 – Overview

The Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) is a national-level MBA entrance exam conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to management programmes across India. The CMAT score is accepted by AICTE-approved institutions, university departments, and constituent and affiliated colleges, giving aspirants a wide choice of MBA and PGDM programmes.

CMAT is a Computer-Based Test with 100 questions in five sections, including General Awareness and Innovation & Entrepreneurship, which most other MBA entrance exams do not test. NTA has listed CMAT 2027 for 7 February 2027 in its examination calendar, and the date remains tentative until the official information bulletin is released. Regular practice, previous years' papers and full-length mock tests are the most reliable way to prepare.

CMAT 2027 – Key Highlights

Detail	Information
Conducting Body	National Testing Agency (NTA)
CMAT 2027 Exam Date	Sunday, 7 February 2027 (tentative, as per NTA calendar)
Mode of Exam	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Frequency	Once a year
Number of Test Cities	Across India; preferred cities are chosen in the application form
Application Mode	Online only, through cmat.nta.nic.in

Important Dates for CMAT 2027

Event	CMAT 2027 (Expected)	CMAT 2026 (Last Cycle)
Registration Begins	October 2026	17 October 2025
Last Date to Apply	Late November 2026	24 November 2025 (extended)
Correction Window	A few days after registration closes	Late November 2025
Admit Card Release	January 2027	Third week of January 2026
CMAT Exam Date	7 February 2027 (tentative)	25 January 2026
Result	February 2027	Mid-February 2026

Note: Only the exam date has appeared on the NTA calendar so far. Other 2027 dates are estimates based on last year's cycle and will be updated as soon as NTA releases the official notification.

CMAT Application Fee

Category	Fee (CMAT 2026, for reference)
General (Male)	Rs. 2,500
General (Female), EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST, PwD and Third Gender	Rs. 1,250

The CMAT 2027 fee has not been notified yet. The fee is payable online and is non-refundable once submitted. Please confirm the amount in the official bulletin before applying.

CMAT 2027 Exam Pattern

CMAT is conducted in a Computer-Based Test (CBT) format with 100 multiple-choice questions across five equally weighted sections of 20 questions each. The total duration is 180 minutes (3 hours). There is no separate time limit for each section, so candidates can move between sections and manage their own time.

Section	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks
Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation	20	80
Logical Reasoning	20	80
Language Comprehension	20	80
General Awareness	20	80
Innovation & Entrepreneurship	20	80
Total	100 Questions	400 Marks 180 Minutes

Marking Scheme

Answer Type	Marks
Correct Answer	+4 Marks
Incorrect Answer	-1 Mark
Unattempted Question	No Marks

Note: This is the format followed in recent years. NTA confirms the official pattern in the information bulletin each cycle, so please verify it once the CMAT 2027 bulletin is out.

Eligibility Criteria for CMAT 2027

- A Bachelor's degree (minimum 3 years) in any discipline from a recognised university, or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Final-year students awaiting results can also apply, provided they complete the degree within the timeline set by the college they seek admission to.
- NTA does not fix a minimum percentage for appearing. Each college sets its own admission cut-off, usually around 50% in graduation (about 45% for reserved categories).
- There is no upper age limit and no cap on the number of attempts — fresh graduates and working professionals are equally welcome.
- Reservation of seats follows the norms of each college and state, not a single CMAT-wide scheme.

Who Conducts CMAT and Who Admits Students?

Body	Role
National Testing Agency (NTA)	Conducts the exam, runs registration, evaluates answers and declares the result
AICTE-approved institutions	Accept the CMAT score and run their own shortlisting and admission
Participating colleges and states	Set cut-offs and hold GD, WAT and PI rounds before the final merit list

NTA does not run counselling or admissions. Candidates apply to each college separately after the result.

CMAT 2027 Syllabus

Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation

Arithmetic (Percentage, Profit & Loss, Ratio & Proportion, Averages, Time & Work, Time-Speed-Distance, Mixtures & Alligation, Interest), Number System, Algebra, Geometry & Mensuration, Permutation & Combination, Probability, Set Theory, and Data Interpretation (Tables, Bar and Line Graphs, Pie Charts, Caselets).

Logical Reasoning

Puzzles, Seating Arrangement, Blood Relations, Syllogism, Series, Coding-Decoding, Direction Sense, Data Sufficiency, and Statement-Conclusion or Critical Reasoning questions.

Language Comprehension

Reading Comprehension passages, Para Jumbles, Para Completion, Sentence Correction, Fill in the Blanks, and Vocabulary-based questions such as synonyms, antonyms and idioms.

General Awareness

Current affairs (national and international), business and economy, banking and finance basics, government schemes, awards, sports, books and authors, science and technology, and static general knowledge.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Basics of innovation and entrepreneurship, start-up ecosystem and government support schemes, business models, funding, famous entrepreneurs, and short business case-based questions.

Note: The topic lists above are indicative. NTA publishes the section names and does not release a fixed topic-wise syllabus, so steady practice across all five sections matters more than memorising lists.

How CMAT Compares with CAT

Feature	CMAT	CAT
Conducted by	National Testing Agency (NTA)	IIMs, on a rotational basis
Questions	100	66
Duration	180 minutes	120 minutes
Marking	+4 / -1	+3 / -1 (no penalty on TITA)
Sectional time limit	None	40 minutes per section
General Awareness section	Yes	No

Other Major MBA Entrance Exams in India

- 1 Common Admission Test (CAT)
- 2 Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT)
- 3 Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)
- 4 Symbiosis National Aptitude Test (SNAP)
- 5 NMAT by GMAC
- 6 Tata Institute of Social Sciences National Entrance Test (TISSNET)
- 7 IRMA Social Awareness Test
- 8 MICAT

- 9 ATMA (AIMS Test for Management Admissions)
- 10 MAT (Management Aptitude Test)
- 11 ICFAI Business School Aptitude Test (IBSAT)

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the full form of CMAT?

Common Management Admission Test — used for admission to MBA and PGDM programmes.

Who conducts CMAT?

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts CMAT.

Which mode is CMAT conducted in?

CMAT is a Computer-Based Test (CBT), conducted online at designated test centres.

When is CMAT 2027?

NTA's calendar lists 7 February 2027. The date stays tentative until the information bulletin is released.

How many sections are there in CMAT?

Five: Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation, Logical Reasoning, Language Comprehension, General Awareness, and Innovation & Entrepreneurship, with 20 questions each.

Is there a sectional time limit?

No. You get 180 minutes for the whole paper and can move freely between sections.

Is there negative marking in CMAT?

Yes. Each correct answer gives +4 marks and each wrong answer costs 1 mark. Unattempted questions carry no penalty.

Is there an age limit or attempt limit for CMAT?

No. There is no upper age limit and no restriction on the number of attempts.

What is the minimum percentage required for CMAT?

NTA does not fix one for appearing. Colleges set their own cut-offs, usually around 50% (about 45% for reserved categories).

What is the CMAT application fee?

For CMAT 2026 it was Rs. 2,500 for General (Male) and Rs. 1,250 for other categories. The CMAT 2027 fee will be notified by NTA.

Is CMAT easier than CAT?

CMAT is generally seen as more manageable, but it has its own challenges, such as the General Awareness section and a longer paper.

Do IIMs accept CMAT scores?

No. IIMs use CAT. CMAT is accepted by AICTE-approved institutions, university departments, and constituent and affiliated colleges.

Can I prepare for CAT and CMAT together?

Yes. Quant, reasoning and verbal skills overlap heavily. Add daily current affairs for CMAT and you are covered for both.

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