Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)

Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Indore, Kozhikode, Lucknow

Common Admission Test (CAT)

Sunday, November 18, 2007

This advertisement along with the Common Admission Test (CAT) Bulletin details the eligibility, the admission process, and other terms and conditions related to admission to the Post-graduate and Fellow programmes of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), for which CAT is an important pre-requisite. Candidates applying for admission to Post-graduate and Fellow programmes of IIMs and writing CAT are advised to keep the advertisement for future reference.

■ **PROGRAMMES**

● *Post Graduate Programmes in Management (PGP)*

IIM Ahmedabad	PGP, PGP-ABM and PGP-PMP
IIM Bangalore	PGP and PGSEM
IIM Calcutta	PGP-PGDM and PGP-PGDCM
IIM Indore	PGP and Exec-PGP
IIM Kozhikode	PGP
IIM Lucknow	PGP and PGP-ABM

● *Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) [equivalent to Ph.D.]*

IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, IIM Indore, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow

Note: Separate advertisements will appear for the Fellow Programme of each institute as well as the PGP-PMP and PGP-ABM of IIM Ahmedabad, PGSEM programme of IIM Bangalore, PGDCM programme of IIM Calcutta, and the Exec-PGP of IIM Indore. Admission to PGP-PMP 2008-09 of IIM Ahmedabad would not be based on CAT 2007. See the CAT Bulletin for further information.

■ **CAT ELIGIBILITY**

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) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category], of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent. The percentage obtained by the candidate in the bachelor's degree would be based on the practice followed by the university/institution from where the candidate has obtained the degree. In case of the candidates being awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the equivalence would be based on the equivalence certified by the university/institution from where they have obtained 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 the IIMs by dividing obtained CGPA with the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the resultant with 100.

Candidates in the final year of bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification and those who have completed degree requirement and are awaiting results can also apply. Such candidates must produce a certificate from the Principal/Head of the Department/Registrar/Director of the university/institution certifying that the candidate is currently in the final year / is awaiting final results and has obtained at least 50% marks or equivalent (45% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category) based on latest available grades/marks.

● *Eligibility for Post Graduate Programmes in Management of IIMs*

The candidate should meet CAT-2007 eligibility as detailed above. A candidate who is in the final year of bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally only if he/she submits a certificate latest by June 30, 2008 from the Principal/Registrar of his/her college/institute (issued on or before June 30, 2008) stating that the candidate has completed all the requirements (the results may, however, be awaited) for obtaining the bachelor's degree/ equivalent qualification on the date of issue of the certificate. The admission will be confirmed only when the candidate submits the mark sheet and a certificate of having passed the bachelor's degree / equivalent qualification referred to in the certificate issued by the Principal/Registrar with at least 50% marks (45% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category). The deadline for submission of the mark sheet and the certificate is December 31, 2008. Non-fulfilment of this condition will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission. IIMs would not allow any candidate to join their programme in case the candidate is unable to complete all the requirements for a bachelor degree on or before June 30, 2008. The IIMs would also not offer admission to any candidate after June 30, 2008.

● *Special eligibility requirements:*
IIM Ahmedabad: PGP in Agri-Business Management (PGP-ABM)

(1) The candidate must hold a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Agriculture Sciences or in Agriculture-related disciplines, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA in Bachelor's Degree [45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category], of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

OR

(2) The candidate must hold at least a Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in any non-Agriculture discipline, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category] from a University or Institution as defined in the above paragraph and should have an interest in Agriculture, Agro/Food Processing, Rural and Allied sectors. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

Rules for conversion of CGPA, for computation of percentage scored, for the candidates appearing in the final year of qualifying examination, and for candidates who have completed degree requirements and are awaiting results, would be same as mentioned above in the eligibility criterion for admission to PGP for all IIMs. Please note that though the registration date for the PGP-ABM is June 1, 2008, students who are in the final year of their bachelor's/Master's degree education and may have to go back to complete their examination formalities during June 2008 will be granted special leave for this purpose. The provisional admission of students who DO NOT complete ALL their examination formalities on or before June 30, 2008 will be CANCELLED. Under no circumstances will an extension of this date of June 30, 2008 be granted.

Also, please note that the candidates, who are eligible under eligibility criteria (1) by virtue of a Master's degree in Agriculture Sciences or in Agriculture-related disciplines but do not have Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Sciences or in Agriculture-related disciplines, also need to fulfil the requirements of their Master's degree by June 30, 2008. For all other eligible candidates, this condition is restricted to their Bachelor's degree requirements.

IIM Bangalore: PGP in Software Enterprise Management (PGSEM)

Participants are admitted to the program based on a combination of requirements. First, the candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent. Second, applicants need to have (or are expected to have) a minimum of two years experience in the Software Industry as on June 10, 2008. Applicants having 4 to 5 years or more of work experience are likely to gain most from this program.

CAT applicants applying for PGSEM are required to submit a separate application for PGSEM available from 1st December 2007. The application may be submitted online, or can be downloaded from our website (**www.iimb.ernet.in**). Application forms will also be issued free of cost on request. Completed applications along with a demand draft worth Rs.500/- payable to the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, must reach the PGSEM Office, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560076 by **31st January 2008**.

IIM Calcutta: Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Aided Management (PGDCM)

Candidates can apply to both the Post Graduate Diploma viz. PGDM and PGDCM. For Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Aided Management (PGDCM), the candidates must meet the eligibility criterion as detailed under "Eligibility for Post Graduate Programmes in Management of IIMs". In addition a candidate is required to send a crossed demand draft for Rs.600/- in favour of Indian Institute of Management Calcutta payable in Kolkata by November 09, 2007 along with the following details: (i) Name of the candidate (ii) CAT Application Number or Test Registration Number (iii) Email address (iv) Telephone Number. Alternatively, the candidates can also download the Application Form from our website (**www.iimcal.ac.in**) and send the same duly filled-in along with the demand draft of Rs.600/- as stated above. For further details, kindly refer to CAT Bulletin.

IIM Indore: Executive Post-Graduate Programme in Management (Exec-PGP)

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) or Persons with Disability (PWD) category], of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

The candidate should also have a minimum of 5 years of managerial/ entrepreneurial/ professional experience as on August 31, 2008. Work experience obtained only after graduation will be considered. Organizational sponsorship is desirable. A separate Exec-PGP Application form also needs to be submitted for applying to Exec-PGP. The Exec-PGP Application Form(s) will be available from August 01, 2007 to October 25, 2007. The last date for receiving the completed Application Form is November 12, 2007. For further details kindly refer to CAT Bulletin.

IIM Lucknow: PGP in Agri-Business Management (PGP-ABM)

Candidates should have any of the following qualifications.

(a) A Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science / Agricultural Engineering or allied subjects with at least 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/PWD category) or equivalent CGPA from 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing Higher Secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

OR

(b) The candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/PWD category) or equivalent CGPA of 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 UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing Higher Secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent with at least two years experience or strong interest in the field of Agriculture or allied sector.

The candidates eligible under criteria (b) must submit a special form available with the Admission Office, IIM Lucknow. The form can also be downloaded from the IIML website (**http://www.iiml.ac.in**). Rules for conversion of CGPA, for computation of percentage scored and for the candidates appearing in the final year of qualifying examination would be same as mentioned above in the minimum eligibility criterion for admission to PGP for all IIMs. This form should be directly submitted to the Admission Office, Indian Institute of Management, Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226013 by September 19, 2007.

■ **CAT SCORECARD:**

The CAT scorecard will be mailed to the candidates after January 8, 2008. The CAT score will remain valid for admission to PGPs of IIMs only for the year 2008-09, unless specified otherwise. For further details, kindly refer to CAT Bulletin.

■ **SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

It is the endeavour of all IIMs that no student be denied opportunity to pursue the Post-Graduate Programme in Management for want of adequate financial resources. Substantial need-based scholarships are available for students belonging to economically disadvantaged families. (Please see the write-up on each IIM in the CAT Bulletin for details.)

■ **RESERVATIONS:**

As per the Government of India requirements, 15% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste and 7½% for Scheduled Tribe candidates. Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to other backward classes (OBC) starting from the academic year 2008-09 would depend upon the official communication from the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. If any communication is received from the appropriate authority with regard to reservation for candidates belonging to OBC category, it will be notified accordingly.

3% seats are reserved for Persons with Disability (PWD) as per PWD Act 1995. The three categories of disability are: a) low-vision/blindness, b) hearing impairment, and c) locomotor disability/cerebral palsy.

Candidates belonging to OBC/SC/ST/PWD categories are advised to enclose a photocopy of their caste/category certificate at the time of submission of CAT application form. They also need to mark carefully the category to which they belong while filling-in the application form.

The candidates belonging to categories for which seats are reserved need to note and read carefully the eligibility requirements before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavour of IIMs that the candidates belonging to OBC/SC/ST/PWD categories join the programme in proportions mandated by the law, they have to meet the minimum eligibility criteria and a certain minimum level of performance in the admission process. The candidates should read carefully the description of admission process followed by each IIM in CAT Bulletin.

■ **TEST CENTRES:**

Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Noida, Patna, Pune and Varanasi
Note: IIMs reserve the right to change or cancel any test centre at their discretion.

■ **SALE OF CAT APPLICATION FORM AND BULLETIN BY BANKS:**

The CAT Application Form and Bulletin can be obtained from branches of **UTI Bank/Vijaya Bank** listed below, between **July 16 and August 16, 2007** for Rs. 1100/- (Rs. 550/- for SC/ST candidates). Please note that a candidate needs to buy **only one CAT Application Form** irrespective of how many IIMs he/she is applying to. **Candidates buying the form from UTI Bank/Vijaya Bank/IIMs must enclose the 3rd Copy of Bank's/ IIMs' Pay-in Slip bearing the Candidate's name with the CAT Application Form. SC/ST candidates** should submit a copy of **SC/ST Certificate** to the **Bank/IIM** at the time of obtaining the CAT Application Form. **Candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria of the programme in which they are interested, before procuring the CAT Application Form.** CAT Application Forms of ineligible candidates and application forms with incomplete information will be summarily rejected. CAT Application Forms, once sold, will not be taken back and no claims of refund of CAT Application Fee will be entertained.

● *LIST OF UTI BANK BRANCHES:*

ANDHRA PRADESH: Chittoor (Prakasam High Road), Hyderabad Main (Begumpet Road), Hyderabad (Kukatpally), Secunderabad (Rashtrapati House), Secunderabad (Tarnaka), Kakinada (Subhash Road), Kurnool (Railway Station Road), Vijayawada (Rajagopalachari Street), Vishakhapatnam (Dwaraka Nagar), Warangal (Station Road); **ARUNACHAL PRADESH:** Itanagar (Teli Plaza); **ASSAM:** Guwahati (Dispur), Jorhat (A.T. Road); **BIHAR:** Bhagalpur (Patal Babu Road), Muzaffarpur (Club Road), Patna (Boring Road), Patna (S.P. Verma Road); **CHATTISGARH:** Bhilai (Off. G.E. Road), Bilaspur (Near New Bus Stand), Korba (Power House Road), Raipur (Jeevan Bima Marg); **DELHI:** Delhi Main (Barakhamba Road), Daryaganj (Netaji Subhash Marg), Defence Colony, Greater Kailash-II, Janakpuri, Karol Bagh (Padam Singh Road), Malviya Nagar, Mayur Vihar (LSC), Paschim Vihar, Rajouri Garden (Vishal Enclave), Sector 7, Rohini (Main Road), Shakti Nagar (G.T. Karnal Road), Swasthya Vihar (Vikas Marg), Vasant Kunj (Nelson Mandela Road); **GOA:** Panaji (Dr. Atmaram Borkar Marg); **GUJARAT:** Ahmedabad

Main (Ellisbridge), Ahmedabad (Maninagar), Ahmedabad (Vastrapur), Baroda, (Race Course Circle – North), Bhavnagar (Waghawadi Road), Rajkot (Kalawad Road), Surat Main (Ghod Dod Road), Vallabh Vidyanagar (Near HM Patel House); **HARYANA:** Ambala Cantt. (Jagadri Road), Gurgaon (Sector-14), Faridabad (NIT), Kurukshetra (Railway Road), Panipat (GT Road), Rohtak (Delhi Road); **HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Shimla (Kasumpti); **JHARKHAND:** Dhanbad (Bank More), Jamshedpur Main (Bistupur), Jamshedpur (Sakchi), Ranchi (Main Road); **JAMMU & KASHMIR:** Jammu (Rail Head Complex); **KARNATAKA:** Bangalore Main (M.G. Road), Bangalore (J.P. Nagar), Bangalore (Jayanagar), Bangalore (Koramangala), Bangalore (Marathahalli), Bangalore (Malleswaram, Sampige Road), Bangalore (Vijaynagar, West of Chord Road), Bellary (Main Road), Belgaum (Congress Road), Davanagare (PB Road), Gulbarga (Super Market), Hubli (Deshpande Nagar), Karwar (Green Street), Mangalore (Bunts Hostel Circle), Mysore (Temple Road); **KERALA:** Kochi (Rajaji Road), Kottayam (Near YMCA), Kozhikode (YMCA Cross Road), Thiruvananthapuram (MG Road), Thrissur (City Centre); **MADHYA PRADESH:** Bhopal (MP Nagar), Gwalior (Madhavrao Scindia Marg), Indore (Main), Indore (Sapna Sangita Road), Jabalpur (Shastri Bridge Chowk), Satna (Rewa Road); **MAHARASHTRA:** Ahmednagar (Tilak Road), Amaravati (Near Jaistamb Chowk), Aurangabad (Adalat Road), Kolhapur (Station Road), Mumbai (Main Fort), Mumbai (Andheri West), Mumbai (Bandra West), Mumbai (Borivli West), Mumbai (Mulund West), Mumbai, (Powai), Mumbai (Shivaji Park), Navi Mumbai (Nerul), Navi Mumbai (Vashi), Nagpur Main (Sitabuldi), Nashik (Sharanpur Road), Pune Main (J.M.Road), Pune (Camp), Pune (Kothrud), Pune (Pimpri Chinchwad), Pune (Sahakar Nagar), Thane Main (L.B.S. Marg); **MEGHALAYA:** Shillong (Jail Road); **MIZORAM:** Aizwal (Chaman); **NAGALAND:** Kohima (UT Complex), **ORISSA:** Angul (Main Road), Balasore (OT Road), Berhampur (Ganjam), Bhubaneswar (Kalpana Square), Bhubaneswar (Satyanagar), Cuttack, (Badambadi) Rourkela (Kachery Road), Sambalpur (VSS Marg); **PUNJAB:** Amritsar (Court Road), Jalandhar (Mahavir Marg), Ludhiana Main (The Mall), Patiala (Rajwara Road); **RAJASTHAN:** Ajmer (Kutchery Road), Bikaner (Rani Bazar Road), Jaipur Main (Ashok Marg), Jaipur (Tilak Nagar), Jodhpur (Chopasni Road), Kota (Shopping Centre), Udaipur (Chetak Marg); **SIKKIM:** Gangtok (MG Road); **TAMILNADU:** Chennai Main (Mylapore), Chennai (Adyar), Chennai (Annanagar), Chennai (Annasalai), Coimbatore (Avinashi Road), Madurai (Goods Shed Street), Salem (Omalur Main Road), Tiruchirapalli (Salai Road), Tirunelveli (East Car Street); **TRIPURA:** Agartala (HG Basak Road); **UTTARANCHAL:** Dehra Dun (Rajpur Road), Roorkee (Civil Lines), Rudrapur (Nainital Road); **UTTAR PRADESH:** Agra (Sanjay Palace), Aligarh (Ramghat Road), Allahabad (MG Marg), Bareilly (Civil Lines), Gorakhpur (Bank Road), Jhansi (Civil Lines), Kanpur (The Mall), Lucknow Main (Ashok Marg), Lucknow (Hewett Road), Lucknow (Indira Nagar), Meerut (Boundary Road), Noida (Sector 16), Noida (Sector 18), Varanasi (Shastri Nagar); **WEST BENGAL:** Burdwan (GT Road), Durgapur (City Centre), Kharagpur (Malancha Road), Kolkata Main (Shakespeare Sarani), Kolkata (Behala), Kolkata (Dalhousie Square), Kolkata (Golpark), Kolkata (Lake Town), Kolkata (Salt Lake City), Kolkata (Shyam Bazar), Siliguri (Sevoke Road); **CHANDIGARH:** Chandigarh (Sector 17B), Chandigarh (Sector 34A); **PONDICHERRY:** Pondicherry (Bussy Street).
Wherever location of the UTI Bank Branch is not indicated, please approach the Main Branch of UTI Bank in the city.

■ **LIST OF VIJAYA BANK BRANCHES:**
JAMMU & KASHMIR: Srinagar (Lal Chowk); **MANIPUR:** Imphal (Thangal Bazar).

■ **SALE OF CAT APPLICATION FORM AND BULLETIN BY IIMs:**

Under exceptional circumstances [such as (a) the stock of bulletins exhausts in the nearby branch of the bank, (b) the bank branch is inaccessible to the candidate, and (c) the bulletin sale through banks has closed], CAT Application Form and Bulletin can also be obtained directly from any one of the IIMs till **August 20, 2007** by sending a crossed demand draft for **Rs. 1100/- (Rs. 550/- for SC/ST candidates with a copy of the SC/ ST certificate)** drawn in favour of the respective IIM. Request for the bulletin should be accompanied by a cloth-lined self-addressed unstamped envelope of size 12" x 10".
The completed application form for CAT 2007 with supporting documents should be sent so as to reach the concerned IIM on or before September 8, 2007.

IIMs would not be held responsible for non-delivery or postal delays in case of CAT Application Forms and Bulletins sent by the speed/ registered post/courier and/or non-delivery or postal delays in receipt of completed CAT 2007 application forms.

IMPORTANT DATES AND ADDRESSES

Dates:

Issue of CAT Bulletins by UTI Bank/Vijaya Bank STARTS	: JULY 16, 2007 (Monday)
Issue of CAT Bulletins by UTI Bank/Vijaya Bank ENDS	: AUGUST 16, 2007 (Thursday)
Issue of CAT Bulletins by IIMs ENDS	: AUGUST 20, 2007 (Monday)
Last date for receipt of completed CAT Applications by the IIMs	: SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 (Saturday)
COMMON ADMISSION TEST	: NOVEMBER 18, 2007 (Sunday)

Postal Addresses: / **E-mail: Addresses:**

Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380015 — admission@iimahd.ernet.in
Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076 — pgpadm@iimb.ernet.in
Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, D.H. Road, Joka, Kolkata-700104 — pgpadmissions@iimcal.ac.in
Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Indore, Pigdamber, Rau, Indore-453331 — pgpadmission@iimidr.ac.in
Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, IIM Kozhikode Campus P.O., Kozhikode-673570 — admissions@iimk.ac.in
Admissions Office, Indian Institute of Management, Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226013 — admission@iiml.ac.in

Interactive Voice Response System Numbers:

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	079-26307258
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	080-26484650
Indian Institute of Management Calcutta	033-24380266
Indian Institute of Management Indore	0731-4058371
Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode	0495-2803005
Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	0522-2736666

Web-sites:

CAT Website	www.catiim.in
Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	www.iimahd.ernet.in
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	www.iimb.ernet.in
Indian Institute of Management Calcutta	www.iimcal.ac.in
Indian Institute of Management Indore	www.iimidr.ac.in
Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode	www.iimk.ac.in
Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	www.iiml.ac.in

(For more detailed information on each IIM, please refer to the CAT Bulletin)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

This box provides information about frequently asked questions and queries about submission of CAT 2007 application forms. It also spells out the processes followed by IIMs up to Common Admission Test (CAT) and issue of CAT score card. It is therefore, important for the candidates to read this box carefully.

1. CAT Application Forms are sold or sent (along with Bulletins) only to the candidates, who are interested in appearing for CAT 2007 and are applying to one of the programmes of IIMs. **The CAT Application Form sold or sent to one person cannot be used by someone else for applying to IIMs.** CAT Application Forms and Bulletins, once sold, would not be bought back by the banks or by the IIMs. The CAT Bulletin can also be perused or downloaded from the CAT website (**www.catiim.in**).

2. CAT Bulletin has considerable information on how to fill up the form. Please read the bulletin carefully before filling-in the form. The candidates should **ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria of the programme(s), which they have applied for, that the form is complete in all respects and that they have read the checklist in the CAT Bulletin before forwarding the application to the concerned IIM.**

3. If a candidate is eligible based on his/her performance in a professional examination (e.g. CA, ICWA), which is considered equivalent to graduation, he/she should indicate in the CAT Application Form marks obtained in that examination as marks obtained in graduation.

4. *The candidate may note that his/her application may be summarily rejected if the application is incomplete in any respect, specifically if documents supporting qualifications and caste are not provided, any mandatory field is left blank, the form is not signed, photograph is not attached or the candidate fails to meet the eligibility criteria. No corrections will be permitted after submission of the application form. However, in case a candidate identifies any mistake in the submitted form, he/she may buy and submit a fresh form duly filled-in by September 8, 2007.*

5. A candidate can check the information related to the admission process from CAT website (**www.catiim.in**) at different stages – (a) whether the application form has been received, (b) Allotted test registration number and the CAT venue where a candidate will appear for CAT 2007. A candidate can also check the CAT website (**www.catiim.in**) for information related to (c) whether the application form has been accepted/rejected (d) CAT 2007 scores, (e) whether the candidate has been short listed for Group Discussions and Personal Interview of different IIMs, and (f) whether the candidate has been offered admission by different IIMs.

6. While CAT Bulletin and the CAT website would provide most of the information, a candidate may still have queries about filling the application form. In case a candidate needs further assistance, he/she can call up the concerned IIM. An interactive voice response system (IVRS) would help in resolving the queries. The telephone numbers given in this advertisement would allow the candidate to access this system. Please note that the IVRS provides answers to common queries related to admission process and IIMs are not responsible for any misunderstanding created by the IVRS in the mind of any candidate. IIMs, however, own up the responsibility for written responses to queries raised through e-mail/ letters/fax, for which addresses have been provided in this advertisement.

7. In case a candidate has any special query which cannot be addressed to the IVRS or the CAT Bulletin, the candidate can write to the admission office of the concerned IIM quoting the application number before receipt of admit card and test registration number after receipt of admit card. **The candidate must retain a photocopy of filled-in application form and the admit card as long as the candidate remains interested in the admission process of the IIMs.**

8. In case the candidate chooses to write to any IIM, he/she may send an e-mail or may use any other mode of written communication. **Please note that no IIM official will directly answer queries of the candidates over phone.**

9. The candidates belonging to OBC/SC/ST/PWD categories are requested to indicate their status while filling-in their form and enclose supporting document as a proof that they belong to the specified caste/category. **Please note that no change in category would be allowed after the last date of receipt of application form.** In the absence of any supporting document or inappropriate supporting document, the candidates having paid full fees for CAT Bulletin would be treated as candidates belonging to general category. The applications from candidates who had only paid half the fee for CAT bulletin but who do not submit any supporting document or who submit inappropriate supporting document, would be rejected.

10. The admit cards of the eligible candidates, whose applications are complete would be sent by October 15, 2007. The candidates who do not receive the admit cards by November 2, 2007 should immediately write to the concerned IIM quoting their application number.

11. On the day of the test, candidates should reach the test venue by 9:45 AM. **Please note that no candidate would be allowed to enter the venue after 10:00 AM.** Please do not carry any valuable articles such as cell phones, calculators, pens etc., as only admit card, HB pencils and erasers are required for the test and all other articles would have to be left outside the test hall at candidate's own risk.

12. The application form should be filled up by the candidate himself/herself. **Any attempt to impersonate during the test or while filling up the form would not only lead to immediate and automatic disqualification from the admission process of IIMs but may also lead to prosecution.** Please note that detection of such malpractice at any stage including after obtaining admission to any IIM would lead to immediate and automatic disqualification or expulsion.

13. The score card details of all the valid candidates, appearing in CAT 2007, will be available on the CAT website on 8th January, 2008. Subsequently, it would be dispatched to all the candidates. Adequate care is taken to ensure that there are no mistakes in reading the answer sheet by the machine. There is no provision for revaluation of the answer sheet of any candidate. **The candidates should ensure that they have read section 3 of the CAT Bulletin carefully regarding the precautions to be taken while answering the questions.**

ABOUT ADMISSION PROCESS

This box provides information about frequently asked questions and queries about the admission process followed by IIMs for their post-graduate programmes subsequent to CAT. It is therefore, important for the candidates to read this box carefully.

1. Common Admission Test conducted by IIMs is an important input in the admission process and is primarily the basis of short listing candidates for the second round of admission process which is based on group discussions and/or personal interviews. **The candidates should note that it is important for them to perform well relative to other candidates in each of the three sections of the test as the scores of each section and the overall score are used to short list the candidates for the second round and may also be used for final ranking as well.** In addition to the performance in CAT, IIMs may use academic performance, relevant work experience and other parameters for ranking and short listing the candidates for group discussions and personal interviews.

2. **Please note that each IIM short lists the candidates for Group Discussions and/or Personal Interviews independent of other IIMs.** Hence it is possible to observe variations in the list of candidates short listed by different IIMs. For more details, candidates are advised to read carefully the admission process related information of each IIM, as given in section 4 of the CAT Bulletin and on the web sites of respective IIMs.

3. Details of candidates short listed by different IIMs for group discussion and/or interview will be uploaded on CAT website (**www.catiim.in**) on January 3, 2008. A candidate may view the dates and venue of the group discussion (GD) and/or personal interview (PI) schedule. Subsequently, a formal letter would be sent to the candidates by the respective IIMs for which the candidates have been short listed. GD&PI are conducted by each IIM separately and hence it is possible that a candidate may be asked by more than one IIM to attend GD&PI on the same date and time. In such a case, a candidate may write to all the IIMs (except the one whose GD&PI a candidate would like to attend on the scheduled date) to reschedule the interview date/time, he/she plans to attend. Similar requests can also be made in case of other emergencies. However, it is the discretion of the IIM concerned, to accept such a request.

4. After the GD&PI round, the offers are made by IIMs to successful candidates. The basis of ranking and finally selecting the successful candidates is based on a diverse set of attributes and may include performance in CAT, performance in GD&PI, academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements, work experience etc. The weights given to each of these attributes may vary across IIMs as the admission process of each IIM, subsequent to CAT is independent.

5. The disclosure of information about the admission process at IIMs is driven by three concerns, which at times conflict with each other. On one hand, the IIMs would like the admission process to be transparent. On the other, however, IIMs wish to protect the privacy of individual candidates and confidentiality of their inputs to prevent abuse. Based on these conflicting concerns, **the performance of an individual is not made available to any other person. Similarly, the names of candidates in GD&PI including assessment of attributes mentioned under paragraph 4 of this box and the weights of attributes used in the selection process are not disclosed to anyone to prevent exercise of undue pressure on the panelists participating in the admission/selection process.** To ensure that the resultant lack of transparency does not in any way affect the candidates negatively, adequate care is taken in formation of panel, development of objective criteria for assessment, random allocation of candidates to a panel and other such measures.

6. The candidates appearing in GD&PI of an IIM will be able to view whether they have been offered admission by different IIMs by visiting the CAT website (**www.catiim.in**) on April 11, 2008. Subsequently, a formal letter would be sent to all successful candidates by different IIMs for which the candidates have been selected. The candidates who are offered admission need to confirm their acceptance by completing all the required formalities by April 28, 2008. Some of the candidates who will appear in GD&PI of an IIM may also be placed on waiting list initially on April 11, 2008. The offers to candidates on the wait list would depend upon the number of successful candidates accepting the offer made by an IIM.