

CAT scores hold weight in other PG institutes too

B-Schools Pay IIMs To Admit Students With These Marks

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When the Common Admission Test results were out on Wednesday, it's not just the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) who would be looking forward to picking up the cream. There are other B-schools in the city that accept CAT scores for their PG admissions.

These schools admit students with CAT (Common Admission Test)/XAT (Xavier Admission Test)/MAT (Management Aptitude Test)/GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)/or ATMA (AIMS Test for Management Ad-

NON-IIMs THAT ACCEPT CAT SCORES

- Alliance Business School
- Amrita School of Business, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
- IFIM Business School
- ISBR Business School
- Indian Institute of Plantation Management
- International Institute of Business Studies
- International School of Management Excellence
- Kirloskar Institute of Advanced Management Studies
- National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal
- National School of Business
- PES Institute of Technology
- Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies (RIMS)
- SDM Institute for Management Development
- Sri Sri University
- TA Pai Management Institute
- Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research



Students discuss a point on the IIM-B lawns

missions) scores. For some of them, CAT remains the main exam that is taken into account as in TA Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), which chooses 95%-98% of the students, or SDM Institute of Management Development, where except for three students (who were taken through GMAT), the others were taken through CAT. In ISBR Business School, more than 50% are chosen through CAT.

Given the rigour and repute of the exam, the quality of students is high, admit colleges. Some say there is a difference in students who come through different tests. "Of late, CAT and XAT are attracting a larger number of aspirants and the quality of students appearing for these tests, especially those who secure more than 70 percentile, is far superior when compared to aspirants with similar scores in other exams," said IFIM Business School officials.

Interestingly, there are fee waivers for students getting in only through CAT.

"We have been awarding scholarships in the past in order to attract the best quality. This time, we are restricting ourselves to CAT scores for the scholarship awards. Thus, students who have scored more than 85 percentile in CAT will be eligible for up to 50% tuition fee waiver," they said.

There are others, like PES Institute of Technology, where the number of students absorbed through MAT is higher, as it is conducted four times a year. Only 10% is taken through CAT for the 180 seats in PESIT, and 60 seats in PES School of Engineering.

The colleges have to pay some amount of money to the test conducting agency. For CAT, it's Rs2 lakh that they have to pay the Indian Institutes of Management. Additionally, for every student whose data score is sent to the college by IIM, they pay a per candidate fee of Rs 200. While for XAT, it's Rs1,50,000 (for 2 years) to Xavier Labour Relations Institute.