

MBA Admission Policy 2026-28 Batch

1. Eligibility, Seats and Process

Eligibility: UG with 50% marks (45% for SC/ST/PwD), Indian Citizens.

Seats: 300^{1,2}

Process: The admission process of IIM Bodh Gaya consists of:

- CAT Examination
- Shortlisting candidates for Personal Interview (PI) process.
- Conducting the PI process.
- Preparing the Merit List based on performance in CAT 2025, PI score and Profile score as indicated in Section 4.

2. Criteria for Shortlisting to PI Process, and Conduction of PI for CAP 2026.

The 3 IIMs (IIM Bodhgaya, IIM Jammu and IIM Sirmaur) have decided to adopt a common admission process (**CAP 2026 process**) of PI through Offline Mode and to be coordinated this year by The performance of the candidate in PI of CAP 2026 would be considered for preparing the merit list.

There will be cut-off percentile, in the three sections and the total CAT percentile, for shortlisting to PI process through CAP. The cutoff for CAP 2026 is provided below for reference only. However, the cutoff for CAP 2026 will be finalized after the CAT 2025 result.

	VARC	DILR	QA	Total
GEN	75	75	75	95
EWS	55	55	55	81
NC-OBC	52	52	52	81
SC	45	45	45	66
ST	25	25	30	42
PwD	25	25	30	42

¹ Government of India Rules for Reservation in admission will be applicable for SC, ST, NCOBC, EWS and PwD.

² 70% of seats are Gender-Neutral. In case of an optimal number of girls, in various reservation categories, are there in this pool of Gender-Neutral Seats, then the remaining 30% of seats will be Gender-Neutral. Otherwise, the remaining 30% of seats will be offered as a combination of Gender-Neutral and Supernumerary Girls (SNG) seats. This provision of supernumerary seats is to promote a healthy gender ratio in the campus while keeping merit as the primary consideration.

3. Academic Score and Work Experience Data

For the calculation of profile-based component of composite score (for final merit list), the academic scores/data and the work experience data will be taken from the CAP 2026. Candidates are advised to fill in the details in CAP 2026 application carefully.

The candidates are allowed to attend Personal Interview (PI) on the basis of data/document submitted by them. However, fulfilling the eligibility criteria, attendance in PI, and subsequent consideration of candidature do not indicate the confirmation of admission. The confirmation of admission is subjected to due verification of documents and validation of profile scores (academic and work experience) carried out during registration process (i.e. after the provisional admission offer acceptance).

If, at any later stage, it is observed that the candidate has submitted any forged or misleading data/document, his/her admission will be cancelled without any refund. He/she will be barred from admission at IIM Bodh Gaya for next 3 admission cycle.

4. Criteria for Preparing the Merit List

The candidates, who have scored more than or equal to the Minimum Performance Requirement (MPR)^{^^} in the PI, will be considered for the final merit list. The candidate who has scored less than the minimum performance requirement in PI will not be a part of the final merit list.

^{^^} *Minimum Performance Requirement* will be finalized at the time of Merit List preparation by the Admission Committee of IIM Bodh Gaya at its discretion and based on the actual pool of candidates.

The criteria for preparing the final merit list will be as follows:

- CAT Score: 50%
- Personal Interview: 25%
- Profile: 25%

5.1. Overall, CAT Score (50%)

IIM Bodh Gaya will use CAT 2025 score (scaled score, not the percentile) Overall CAT score

5.2. Personal Interview (25%)

IIM Bodh Gaya will consider 25%.

5.3. Profile (25%)

IIM Bodh Gaya will consider the following weightage.

- Academic Profile : 15%
- Work Experience : 10%

5.3.1. Academic Profile (15%)

If the candidate has scored 70% and above in 10th and 12th, he/she shall be awarded 4 and 5 respectively, otherwise 0.

If the candidate has scored 60% and above in UG, he/she shall be awarded 6 each, otherwise 0. For CA/CS/CMA candidates, he/she shall be awarded 6 in UG.

5.3.2 Work Experience (10%)

Following will be the basis for calculating work experience score:

Months	Less than 1 year	Greater than or equal to 1 year and less than 2 years	Greater than or equal to 2 year and less than or equal to 4 years	Greater than 4 years
Score	0	5	10	5

Admission Office may seek additional documents in support of work experience, if required at any stage of Admission Process. In absence of satisfactory documents, admission status may be revised.

Documents required in support of Work Experience claimed as an Employee

1. The Joining/appointment letter, the salary slips, and the relieving letter are required for all the past organizations/companies the applicant has worked with.
2. The joining/appointment letter, the salary slips are required for the current organizations / companies the applicant is working with.
3. A bank account statement for the employment period is mandatory for candidates. The salary must be transferred from the firm's bank account to the employee's bank account. At least one additional statutory document, such as an EPF statement/ ESIC statement/ NPS statement/ Form 16, are necessary for the verification of the work experience.
4. Experience, as an employee, earned without salary or with cash salary will not be considered.
5. UPI-based transfers, irregular payments, salaries received in a joint account, and cash deposits into accounts would not be accepted as valid work experience.
6. Experience that is less than Ninety days (90 Days) in a firm will not be considered while adding all the work experience days. Leave without pay will be removed from the work experience claimed.

Documents required in support of Work Experience claimed as an Entrepreneur

In case the candidate is a proprietor, partner, or director of a firm, the candidate has to provide the document proof such as the income tax return and other regulatory return filings for the relevant period and a certificate of registration for doing a business from the registrar of companies or municipal corporation (or other sector-specific licenses) and appropriate authorities such as MSME certificate issued by Govt. of India, Udyog Aadhar Registration Certificate, Partnership deed of the firm duly signed by all partners and GST registration certificate.

6. Offer Acceptance Fee and Withdrawal

After the declaration of the merit list, candidates will be asked to submit *expression of interest* (EoI) by depositing Rs. 20,000/-. The candidates who will successfully complete the EoI payment will receive the admission offer as per the vacant seat and his/her order in the merit list. A candidate receiving an admission offer from IIM Bodh Gaya can accept the offer within the stipulated date by paying an Offer Acceptance Amount of Rs. 80,000/-. The EoI and Offer Acceptance Amount paid by the candidates will be adjusted against the Term I Fee. If a candidate subsequently wishes to withdraw the offer within the withdrawal date specified by the Institute, EoI and Offer Acceptance Amount will be refunded after deducting Rs. 1,000/- towards processing charges. If a candidate applies for withdrawal after the date specified by the Institute, no refund will be admissible. Also, in the event of withdrawal from the Program after registration, NO refund of EoI, Offer Acceptance Amount, and Term Fee will be made. More details about the Withdrawal Policy will be released along with the final result declaration.

Any dispute concerning Admissions for the MBA Batch 2026-28 would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of city of Bodh Gaya Only.