



Important announcement on eligibility criteria for writing CAT2021

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The CAT Centre has received several queries from candidates regarding their candidature due to the “promotion/pass” certificate awarded instead of the “marks” certificates in the last two years (pandemic years) of their bachelor’s programme. Currently, CAT application requires candidates to meet eligibility criteria of at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Persons with Disability (PwD) categories]. This has raised queries in the application process for CAT2021.

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and resulting disruptions in the evaluations across the country, the CAT Committee has made the following exceptions for CAT2021.

1. **Candidates in the final year:** Candidates with “promotion/pass” instead of “award of marks” certificates in any of the last two years of the bachelor’s program can enter the “Promotion or Pass” option in the application form. This will allow the candidate to complete & submit the CAT2021 application form despite the requirements of minimum eligibility criteria (45% and 50% [or equivalent CGPA] respectively). This eligibility relaxation is also applicable to those final year students with “award” of marks.
 - This exception is available only to candidates who are completing the bachelor’s degree this year or are in the final year bachelor’s’ programme (graduation years – 2021 and 2022)
2. **Candidates graduated in 2020 and 2021:** Due to the implementation of point 1, and considering that there could be different evaluation patterns adopted by different universities across the country due to covid-19 pandemic, the CAT Committee has decided to remove the minimum percentage of marks (45% and 50% [or equivalent CGPA] respectively) for appearing for the CAT2021 exam.
 - This exception is made to ensure parity to candidates who have completed the bachelor’s degree in 2020 and 2021.

Note: This announcement is only applicable on the eligibility criteria for writing the CAT2021. Candidates are advised to look at and follow respective institution specific admission policy.