



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT SAMBALPUR

ADMISSION POLICY FOR THE POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME: MBA 2024-26

1. This document summarizes the approach of IIM Sambalpur to preparing the Admission List for its 10th MBA Batch (2024-26) (The approximate batch size is 320). IIM Sambalpur reserves the right to modify any part of this document including the various criteria and cut-offs mentioned at any time till the actual admission process for the batch is completed.
2. The objective of IIM Sambalpur's Admission Policy is to identify meritorious candidates for admission under each category viz., General, EWS, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), SC, ST, and PWD/DAP. While merit is the prime consideration, the Institute recognizes the possibility of a skewed student structure in the favour of the male gender in the normal course. Hence, IIM Sambalpur strives to ensure a better gender balance. It is also part of IIM Sambalpur's approach to duly recognize academic consistency and industrial experience.
3. The admission process of IIM Sambalpur consists of:
 - (a) The CAT Examination.
 - (b) Short listing of candidates for the Personal Interview (PI) process.
 - (c) Conducting the PI process composed of online personal interview.
 - (d) Preparing the Final Selection List (FSL) based on the CAT score, the PI score and the Profile score including Work Experience (WE) score as assessed during the PI process, the score for Past Academic Performance (PAP) and any other criterion included.
4. **Criteria for Short listing for PA process:**
 - (a) The 10 IIMs (IIM Bodhgaya, IIM Jammu, IIM Kashipur, IIM Nagpur, IIM Raipur, IIM Ranchi, IIM Sambalpur, IIM Sirmaur, IIM Trichy, and IIM Udaipur) have decided to adopt a Common Admission Process (CAP) for Personal Interview (PI) process to be coordinated this year by IIM Kashipur.
 - (b) Like the Common Admission Process (CAP) 2023, only the performance of the candidates in PI in CAP 2024 and/or IIM Sambalpur's process would be considered for preparing the merit list. In other words, only those candidates would be considered who would appear for the PI process of CAP 2024 and/or IIM Sambalpur.
 - (c) The initial cut-off percentiles for eligibility for the PI process in the three sections and the total CAT percentile for different categories of students are mentioned in Table 1.

The percentiles given in Table 1 are subject to change based on the recommendations of the Directors of the 10 IIMs after the declaration of the CAT 2023 results and the minimum cutoff criteria as decided in meeting of the Directors of the 10 IIMs of the Common Admission Process.

Table 1: Short listing criteria for the PI process

Category	Verbal & Reading Comprehension =>	Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning =>	Quantitative Aptitude Percentile =>	Total Percentile
GENERAL **	70	70	70	92
NC-OBC	45	45	45	74
SC	35	35	35	54
ST	25	25	32.5	40
DAP	25	25	32.5	40
EWS	40	40	40	70

5. All candidates meeting the requirements mentioned in Table 1 and who have applied for admission to IIM Sambalpur are eligible for consideration for short- listing for the PI process. The short listing is done by IIM Kashipur for the common pool of 10 IIMs.

(a) Cut-off for female candidates

** In the case of female candidates belonging to the general category, the overall cut-off percentile for eligibility for the PI process is ≥ 80 with sectional cutoffs of 65 percentile.

(b) Cut-off for candidates with prior work experience

** Candidates with a minimum work experience of 12 months and above shall be considered for the PI process with the overall cut-off percentile of ≥ 80 and sectional percentiles of 65.

6. However, getting minimum overall/sectional CAT percentile does not automatically guarantee a call for the PI process. From this pool of eligible candidates, the final list of candidates to be called for the PI process will be decided strictly based on the order of merit and as per the requirement of IIM Sambalpur.

Note: The criteria mentioned above are the minimum eligibility criteria and do not imply entitlement. Moreover, the criteria may be subject to revision at any point of time depending upon the requirements. The criteria with respect to individual sectional percentiles and the overall percentile may be lowered/ relaxed to ensure enough candidates for each of the categories for the PI process.

The participating IIMs/ Admission Committee at IIM Sambalpur reserves the right to have a higher/ lower cut-off than those mentioned above.

Criteria for Preparing the Merit List:

7. The merit list for admission to IIM Sambalpur will be prepared based on the criteria mentioned below:

(a) The criteria for preparing the merit list will be as follows:

- CAT Score*: 30 %
- Personal Interview (PI) process consisting of online personal interview: 25%
- Profile: 45%

*CAT Score of the candidate divided by Maximum CAT Score among candidates who have applied to IIM Sambalpur and attended the PI process. It is clarified that the scaled CAT score would be used and not the CAT Percentile.

- a. **CAT Score:** 30 percent. IIM Sambalpur will use the CAT 2023 score.
- b. **Personal Interview:** 25 percent. Candidates who do not obtain a certain minimum score in the PI process would not be considered for the merit list. The minimum score would be decided by IIM Sambalpur at its discretion.
- c. **Profile:** The following will be the breakup of the 45% component for Profile.
 - Academic Profile: 15 %
 - Work experience: 15 %
 - Diversity: 15 %

For Academic Profile, following will be the weights:

- 10th Standard: 2%
- 12th Standard: 5%
- Under Graduation: 8%

The following would be the basis for scoring candidates in respect of their academic profiles:

Range Of Marks	For 10 th class	For 12 th Class	For Under Graduation
<= 60	0.2	0.5	0.8
60.01 to 64	0.4	1.0	1.6
64.01 to 68	0.6	1.5	2.4
68.01 to 72	0.8	2.0	3.2
72.01 to 76	1.0	2.5	4.0
76.01 to 80	1.2	3.0	4.8
80.01 to 84	1.4	3.5	5.6
84.01 to 88	1.6	4.0	6.4
88.01 to 92	1.8	4.5	7.2
>= 92.01	2.0	5.0	8.0

For Work Experience, the following will be the basis for scoring the candidates:

Experience in Months*	Less than 12 months	12-24 months	25-36 months	37-48 months	49-60 months	More than 60 months
Score	0	12	15	12	10	5

* Only full completed month will be considered

Diversity:

Gender	Score
Male	0
Female	15
Transgender	15

Reservations

8. The Government of India's reservation policy, as given below, will be applied:

Category	% Reservation
Schedule Caste	15%
Schedule Tribe	7.5%
OBC Non-Creamy Layer	27%
DAP	5%
EWS	10%

Offer Acceptance Fee and Withdrawal

9. A candidate receiving an admission offer from IIM Sambalpur and accepting the offer within the stipulated date, needs to send an Offer Acceptance Amount of Rs.50,000/- along with the Offer Acceptance. If a candidate subsequently wishes to withdraw the offer within the withdrawal date specified in the Offer Letter, the Offer Acceptance Amount will be refunded after deducting Rs.1,000 as processing charges. If a candidate applies for withdrawal after the date specified in the Offer Acceptance, no refund will be admissible. If a candidate registers for the program, his/her Offer Acceptance Amount will be adjusted against the Term I Fee. In the event of withdrawal from the Program after registration, no refund of the Offer Acceptance Amount or the Term Fee will be made.