

## SELECTION POLICY FOR NON-JRF PROGRAMMES (EXCEPT B SDS) IN ADMISSION 2026-2027

### 1 Description of selection process for admission through the **ISI Test Channel**

Each applicant takes one or two written tests, the number of written tests being fixed for each programme. Based on their performance in the written test(s) the applicants are called for an interview (except for the B Stat, B Math and MS QE programmes which feature no interviews). **If a candidate fails to appear in the interview his/her candidature is cancelled.**

The decision to place an applicant in the final Merit List is based on a composite score derived on the basis of his/her performance in written test(s) and the interview.

The final selection of an applicant is based on a stage-wise process. Each stage comprises

1. preparation of a score-list (i.e. list of scores obtained by all applicants or by applicants who are shortlisted from the previous stage),
2. shortlisting of candidates by applying pass-marks  $m$  (if available),
3. determination of Qualifying Score from a pre-declared number  $n$  for the given stage (if applicable): The score of the  $n$ -th candidate in the scorelist will be determined as the qualifying score  $q$  for that particular stage,
4. shortlisting of candidates by applying the Qualifying Score,
5. preparation of a list of applicants who have qualified to proceed to the next stage (hereafter referred to as shortlisted applicants).

### 2 Preparation of score lists and stage-wise shortlisting

- *First score list:* All answer scripts from Written Test I are graded. The tabulated score sheet of scores obtained in Written Test I by all candidates is the first score list.
  - Stage I Shortlisting for a programme with  $N$  declared seats:
    - \* A *Pass-Mark* for Written Test I may be pre-declared. If the Pass-mark is  $m_1$  ( $m_1 \geq 0$ ) for GEN/GEN-EWS, then it is  $0.9m_1$  for OBC-NCL and  $0.7m_1$  for SC/ST/PwBD.

If  $m_1$  is not specified, then it is regarded as 0. The stage I preliminary shortlist is prepared by excluding all candidates with Written Test I score less than the Pass-mark.

- \* The tabulated score sheet of scores obtained in Written Test I by all candidates on the stage I preliminary shortlist is the first score list.
  - \* A number  $n_1$  ( $n_1 > N$ ) may be pre-declared. If it is specified, then the *Stage I Qualifying Score*,  $q_1$ , will be computed as the score of the  $n_1$ -th candidate (in rank order) in the first score list. If there are fewer than  $n_1$  scores in the first score list, then  $q_1$  will be computed as the smallest score in that list. If  $n_1$  is not specified then  $q_1$  will be treated as 0.
  - \* The qualifying score for GEN/GEN-EWS will be  $q_1$ ; the qualifying score for OBC-NCL will be  $0.9 \times q_1$  and the same for SC/ST/PwBD will be  $0.7 \times q_1$ .
  - \* All candidates whose scores are equal to or above the respective (category wise) qualifying score will be deemed to have been shortlisted in Stage I.
- *Second score list*: Written Test II answer scripts of candidates shortlisted in Stage I (see above) are graded.

– Stage II shortlisting for a programme with  $N$  declared seats:

- \* A *Pass-Mark* for Written Test II may be pre-declared. If the Pass-mark is  $m_2$  ( $m_2 \geq 0$ ) for GEN/GEN-EWS, then it is  $0.9m_2$  for OBC-NCL and  $0.7m_2$  for SC/ST/PwBD. If  $m_2$  is not specified, then it is regarded as 0. The stage II preliminary shortlist is prepared by excluding all candidates with Written Test II score less than the Pass-mark.
- \* Two numbers,  $A_1 \geq 0$  and  $B_1 \geq 1$ , may be pre-declared. (If not pre-declared then set  $A_1 = 0$  and  $B_1 = 1$ .) Weighted sum of scores for stage II (WSSII) is computed for all candidates included in Stage II preliminary shortlist:

$$WSSII = A_1 \times \text{Written Test I Score} + B_1 \times \text{Written Test II Score.}$$

The tabulated score sheet of WSSII is the second score list.

- \* A number  $n_2$  ( $N < n_2 < n_1$  provided  $n_1$  is pre-declared) may be pre-declared. If it is specified, then the *Stage II Qualifying Score*,  $q_2$ , will be the score of the  $n_2$ -th candidate (in rank order) in the second score list. If there are fewer than  $n_2$  scores in the second score list, then  $q_2$  will be computed as the smallest score in that list. If  $n_2$  is not specified then  $q_2$  will be treated as 0.
  - \* The qualifying score for GEN/GEN-EWS will be  $q_2$ ; the qualifying score for OBC-NCL will be  $0.9 \times q_2$  and the same for SC/ST/PwBD will be  $0.7 \times q_2$ .
  - \* All candidates whose scores are equal to or above the respective (category wise) qualifying score will be deemed to have been shortlisted in Stage II.
- *Third score list*: All stage II shortlisted (see above) candidates are called for interview.

– Stage III shortlisting for a programme with  $N$  declared seats:

- \* Three numbers,  $A_2 \geq 0$ ,  $B_2 \geq 1$  and  $C \geq 1$ , are pre-declared. Weighted sum of scores for stage III (WSSIII) is computed:

$$WSSIII = A_2 \times \text{Written Test I Score} + B_2 \times \text{Written Test II Score} + C \times \text{Interview Score.}$$

The tabulated score sheet of WSSIII obtained by the candidates who were shortlisted in Stage II, is the third score list.

- \* A number  $n_3$  ( $N < n_3 < n_2 < n_1$ ) may be pre-declared. If  $n_3$  is pre-declared then the lowest score of the top  $n_3$  candidates will be set as the *Stage III Qualifying Score*  $q_3$ .
  - \* The qualifying score for GEN/GEN-EWS will be  $q_3$ ; the qualifying score for OBC-NCL will be  $0.9 \times q_3$  and the same for SC/ST/PwBD will be  $0.7 \times q_3$ .
  - \* All candidates whose scores are equal to or above the respective (category wise) qualifying scores in the third score list will be deemed to have been shortlisted in Stage III.
  - \* If  $n_3$  is not pre-declared then all candidates who will appear in the interview will be shortlisted in Stage III.
- *Final Rank-ordered Merit List:* The tabulated score sheet of scores obtained by the candidates after stage III shortlisting is the Final Rank-ordered Merit List. From this ranking students will be offered admission to a programme until the seats are filled in accordance with the **Reservation Policy** and Admission Rules for **B Stat and B Math, M Tech (CS) and M Tech (CrS)**, and **other non-JRF** programmes.

### 3 Parameters and preparation of lists

1. The ratio  $[C \times \text{Maximum score in Interview}] : [A_2 \times \text{Maximum score in Test I} + B_2 \times \text{Maximum score in Test II} + C \times \text{Maximum score in Interview}]$  will not exceed 0.25 for non-JRF programmes.
2. Not all stages mentioned in Section 2 are mandatory. However, scores of all written tests and interview will contribute towards the final selection of a candidate.
3. If a candidate is shortlisted at any stage under relaxed reservation norms then the candidate (if shortlisted in future stages) shall remain on the reserved category lists.

### Selection Parameters for Admission 2026-2027 (Programmes other than JRF)

| Programme name  | Number of Seats ( $N$ ) | Maximum score |         |           | Stage 1 |       | Stage 2 |       |       | Stage 3 |       |       |     |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
|                 |                         | Test I        | Test II | Interview | $n_1$   | $m_1$ | $m_2$   | $A_1$ | $B_1$ | $n_2$   | $A_2$ | $B_2$ | $C$ | $n_3$ |
| B Stat          | 63+16 <sup>†</sup>      | 120           | 80      | –         | 550     | –     | –       | 1     | 3.5   | 160     | –     | –     | –   | –     |
| B Math          | 63+16 <sup>†</sup>      | 120           | 80      | –         | 500     | –     | –       | 1     | 4     | 160     | –     | –     | –   | –     |
| M Stat          | 38                      | 120           | 120     | 120       | 228     | –     | –       | 1     | 5     | 60      | 1     | 5     | 2   | 50    |
| M Math          | 36                      | 120           | 80      | 40        | 144     | –     | –       | 1     | 3.5   | 60      | 1     | 3.5   | 3.3 | 45    |
| MS QE           | 56                      | 120           | 120     | –         | 150     | –     | –       | 1     | 3     | 60      | –     | –     | –   | –     |
| MS QMBA         | 20                      | 120           | 120     | 100       | 90      | –     | –       | 1     | 2     | 45      | 1     | 2     | 1   | 35    |
| MS LIS          | 12                      | 120           | 100     | 100       | 72      | –     | –       | 1     | 2     | 30      | 1     | 2     | 1   | 24    |
| M Tech CS*      | 30                      | 120           | 100     | 40        | 350     | 0     | 25      | 1     | 4     | 125     | 1     | 6     | 6   | –     |
| M Tech CrS*     | 20                      |               |         |           |         |       |         |       |       |         |       |       |     |       |
| M Tech QROR*    | 24                      | 120           | 120     | 120       | 90      | –     | –       | 2     | 3     | 36      | 3     | 5     | 2   | 33    |
| PGDSMA          | 43                      | 120           | –       | 20        | 69      | –     | –       | –     | –     | –       | 1     | –     | 2   | 52    |
| PGDSMA Domicile | 18                      | 120           | –       | 20        | 29      | –     | –       | –     | –     | –       | 1     | –     | 2   | 22    |
| PGD ARSMA       | 18                      | 120           | –       | 30        | 36      | –     | –       | –     | –     | –       | 1     | –     | 1   | 27    |
| PGD AS Online   | 30                      | 120           | –       | 20        | 60      | –     | –       | –     | –     | –       | 1     | –     | 2   | 36    |
| PGD SCG         | 20                      | 120           | 90      | 100       | –       | 45    | 20      | 1     | 2     | 40      | 1     | 2     | 1   | 25    |

<sup>†</sup>Supernumerary seats for female candidates

\*The GATE Channel seats in a particular category, if unfilled, may be converted to ISI Test Channel seats in that category.

## 4 Selection process for admission to B. Stat and B. Math programmes through the INMO Channel

All eligible candidates applying through this Channel will be called directly for interview by the corresponding selection committee. The selection will be based on the performance of the candidates in the Interview only. A *Pass-Mark* for Interview may be pre-declared. All candidates whose scores are equal to or above the pass mark will be shortlisted. The tabulated score sheet of scores obtained by the shortlisted candidates in the Interview is the Rank-ordered Merit List. From this ranking candidates will be offered admission to a programme until the seats are filled. There are 5 supernumerary seats for the INMO channel applicants in each of the two programmes. (See Prospectus 2026-27 for details.)

INMO Channel seats and qualifying marks in interview

| Programme | No. of Seats | Qualifying marks in interview |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| B. Stat.  | 5            | 50%                           |
| B. Math.  | 5            | 50%                           |

## 5 Selection process for admission to M. Tech (CS), M. Tech (CrS) and M. Tech (QROR) programmes through the GATE Channel

A second channel of admission to the M. Tech (CS), M. Tech (CrS) and M. Tech (QROR) programmes is available to GATE qualified candidates. The candidates applying through this channel must have a valid GATE score. The eligibility score for GEN and GEN-EWS categories is 750 (out of 1000), while the same for OBC-NCL category and for SC/ST/PwBD category are 675 and 525 respectively. Preparation of score lists and stage-wise shortlisting for the GATE channels are described in detail in the [Selection Policy for GATE Channel of admission to M. Tech \(CS\), M. Tech \(CrS\) and M. Tech \(QROR\) programmes.](#)

## 6 Selection process for sponsored candidates

There is a provision for sponsored candidates from the Industry for admission to some post-graduate programmes of ISI. For sponsored candidates, the procedure is the same as that for regular candidates. However, the qualifying scores for these candidates at each stage of selection (see Selection Policy) will be determined by relaxing the qualifying score for the General (unreserved) category by 10%. (See Prospectus 2026-27 for the programme-wise number of supernumerary seats and other details.)

There is a special provision for sponsored candidates from the **Services of the Government of India** for which the selection is made through the standard mechanism of the sponsoring organizations, with ISI experts participating at the interview stage.