BUSINESS RULES

for

JOINT SEAT ALLOCATION

for the

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

offered by the

IITs, IISc, NITs, IIEST, IIITs, and Other-GFTIs

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIR	All India Rank
CBSE	Central Board of Secondary Education
CoBSE	Council of Boards of School Education
CRL	Common Rank List
CSAB	Central Seat Allocation Board
CSC	Common Service Centre
DS	Defence Services
EWS	Economically Weaker Section
GEN	General (with respect to the category of a candidate)
GFTI	Government Funded Technical Institute
IIEST	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology
IIIT	Indian Institute of Information Technology
IISc	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
JAB	Joint Admission Board
JIC	Joint Implementation Committee
JEE	Joint Entrance Examination
JoSAA	Joint Seat Allocation Authority
NEUT	North East and Union Territories
NIT	National Institute of Technology
NIT+ System	NITs, IIEST, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs
OBC-NCL	Other Backward Classes – Non-Creamy Layer
OCI/PIO	Overseas Citizen of India Card Holder or Person of Indian Origin Card Holder
PwD	Person with Benchmark Disability/Disabilities [as per RPwD act 2016, Chapter 1, Section 2 (*r*)]
UDID	Unique Disability ID
SC	Scheduled Caste
ST	Scheduled Tribe

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I. GENERAL

1. Indian Institutes of Technology [IITs] and Indian Institute of Science [IISc] offer several academic programs for which admission is on the basis of JEE (Advanced) 2026.

National Institutes of Technology [NITs], Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology [IIEST], Indian Institutes of Information Technology [IIITs or Triple-I-Ts], Schools of Planning and Architecture and a few other technical Institutes funded fully or partially by Central or a State government [Other-GFTIs] (referred to as NIT+ or NIT+ System) offer academic programs for which admission is on the basis of JEE (Main) 2026.

The allocation of seats to the academic programs at the IITs and IISc and NIT+ is carried out through a common process, conducted by the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA), in accordance with these Business Rules.

The list of qualifying examinations for the admitting Institutes through JoSAA process are given below.

<table>
<tr><th>Qualifying Examination</th><th>Admitting Institutes</th></tr>
<tr><td>JEE (Advanced) 2026</td><td>IITs and IISc</td></tr>
<tr><td>JEE (Main) 2026 (Paper I: B. E./B. Tech.)</td><td rowspan="2">NITs, IIEST, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs</td></tr>
<tr><td>JEE (Main) 2026 (Paper IIA: B. Arch. / Paper IIB: B. Planning)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Qualifying in the above-mentioned examinations does not guarantee admission in any of the institutes. Each institute / academic program may have additional eligibility requirements. Candidates have to meet all the eligibility requirements to obtain admission.</td></tr>
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The names of IITs, IISc, NITs, IIEST, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs are listed in Annexure 1.

It is mandatory for the candidates to register through the official JoSAA 2026 online portal to obtain seats to be allocated through JoSAA 2026 in any of the IITs, IISc, NITs, IIEST, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs.

The academic programs, along with the category-wise intake capacity known as seat matrix, will be announced on the online portal, https://josaa.nic.in/.

The business rules stated herein will be strictly followed for allocating seats for the above-referenced academic programs for the academic year 2026-27, through joint seat allocation for the IITs, IISc and the NIT+ System.

There are various provisions contained in these Business Rules which may not be reversible. The candidates are strongly advised to exercise their options carefully within the stipulated timeframe and may seek guidance through the grievance redressal mechanism provided in these rules [See Clause 85 below].

The seat allocation process follows a strict timeline. The entire process is online and computer operated. No exceptions are possible, and therefore, candidates are strongly advised to thoroughly acquaint themselves with these Business Rules, be vigilant, keep their documents handy and make arrangements for making the requisite payments and completing the requisite formalities, well in advance. It will not be possible to entertain requests for an extension of time for completing any activity.

2. A candidate can choose and apply to multiple academic programs in a certain order of preference.

In the context of seat allocation, "academic program" refers to the combination of academic program and institute. For example, a 4-year B.Tech. degree in Mechanical Engineering at IIT Roorkee is referred to as an "academic

program". Another example of an academic program is a 4-year B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering at IIEST Shibpur.

A seat to the highest possible choice of academic program is allocated to the candidate considering the following factors:

(i) The category [GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD] of the candidate.

(ii) The position of the candidate in respective rank list(s).

(iii) The order of preference of academic programs selected by the candidate.

(iv) The availability of seats in different seat categories / seat quotas for which the candidate is eligible.

(v) Other business rules as mentioned in this document.

II. ENTITIES

3. The IIT Joint Admission Board, JEE (Advanced) 2026 [JAB 2026], chaired by the Director of Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, conducts JEE (Advanced) 2026, and frames the policies and norms for seat allocation to IITs and IISc.

The JEE Apex Board conducts JEE (Main) 2026 and the Central Seat Allocation Board [CSAB] 2026 frames the policies and norms for seat allocation to the participating NITs, IIEST, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs. CSAB 2026 also frames the rules and policies for seat allocation for CSAB special vacant seat filling round(s), CSAB supernumerary counselling and CSAB NEUT counselling. The business rules and schedule for CSAB activities will be announced by CSAB at https://csab.nic.in in due course of time.

Joint Seat Allocation Authority [JoSAA] 2026 consists of representatives from the JAB 2026 and CSAB 2026.

National Informatics Center (NIC) will extend its technical support and expertise for providing the services of e-Counselling and Admission for the above said activities carried out by JoSAA 2026 and CSAB 2026.

No agency other than JoSAA 2026 is responsible for joint seat allocation to the seats at the IITs/IISc/NIT+ System. Candidates seeking information / assistance from any agency / agent other than JoSAA 2026 shall be doing so at their own risk and cost. There is only ONE official JoSAA 2026 website, i.e., https://josaa.nic.in/

III. CANDIDATES WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE JOINT SEAT ALLOCATION PROCESS

4. Each and every candidate who satisfies one or more of the following criteria is eligible for participation in joint seat allocation:

Criterion (i): Qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2026 for academic programs [excluding the preparatory courses] at IITs and IISc. **AND** satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*" criteria as given in Annexure 2(a).
Criterion (ii): Qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2026 for preparatory courses at IITs **AND** satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*" criteria as given in Annexure 2(a).
Criterion (iii): Secured a rank in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper 1: B.E./B.Tech. paper for B.E./B.Tech. programs at NITs, IIEST, IIITs and Other-GFTIs **AND** satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*" criteria as given in Annexure 2(b).
Criterion (iv): Secured a rank in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper IIA: B.Arch. Paper for B.Arch. programs at NITs, IIEST, IIITs and Other-GFTIs.

AND satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*" criteria as given in Annexure 2(b).
Criterion (v): Secured a rank in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper IIB: B. Plan. Paper for B. Plan. program at NITs, IIEST, IIITs and Other-GFTIs. **AND** satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*" criteria as given in Annexure 2(b).

*Class XII and equivalent examination details are given in Annexure 4.

Business rules applicable to those candidates who have applied for revaluation, retotaling or reappearance to improve their performance in their Class XII (or equivalent) examination, are contained in Section XXVI, Clause 72. However, these will only apply if the candidate completes the mandatory formality of registration and choice filling, even though the candidate may not be eligible at the time of registration.

The schedule for JoSAA 2026 is given in Annexure 3.

IV. CATEGORIZATION OF CANDIDATES

5. For the purpose of seat allocation, qualified candidates are categorized based on their nationality and presence or absence of disability. On the basis of such a categorization, each candidate is assigned a category tag as given below.

(i) Category tag GEN: This is assigned to Indian nationals of general category who do NOT belong to GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce valid GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are NOT PwD. This tag is also assigned to OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 9** and **Annexure 10**) who are NOT PwD.

(ii) Category tag GEN-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals of general category who do NOT belong to GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce valid GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST

certificate) and are Persons with benchmark Disabilities (PwD). This tag is also assigned to OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 9** and **Annexure 10**) with benchmark disability. Candidates must produce a valid PwD certificate (or valid UDID card) to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the general category are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags GEN or GEN- PwD.

(iii) Category tag GEN-EWS: This is assigned to Indian nationals of general category who belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities and are NOT Persons belonging to OBC-NCL/SC/ST category. Candidates must produce a valid GEN-EWS certificate to be assigned this tag.

(iv) Category tag GEN-EWS-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals of general category who belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and are Persons with benchmark Disabilities and are NOT Persons belonging to OBC-NCL/SC/ST category. Candidates must produce valid GEN-EWS and PwD certificates (or valid UDID card) to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the economically weaker sections of the general category are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags GEN-EWS or GEN-EWS-PwD.

(v) Category tag OBC-NCL: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid OBC-NCL certificate to be assigned this tag. The backward class MUST be listed in the Central List of OBCs published by the National Commission for Backward Classes, Government of India.

(vi) Category tag OBC-NCL-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes and are Persons with benchmark Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid

OBC-NCL and PwD certificates (or valid UDID card) to be assigned this tag. The backward class must be listed in the Central List of OBCs. Thus, candidates belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags OBC-NCL or OBC-NCL-PwD.

(vii) Category tag SC: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid SC certificate to be assigned this tag. The Scheduled Castes MUST be listed in the respective State-wise List published by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

(viii) Category tag SC-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Castes and are Persons with benchmark Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid SC and PwD certificates (or valid UDID card) to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the scheduled castes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags SC or SC-PwD.

(ix) Category tag ST: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Tribes (ST) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid ST certificate to be assigned this tag. The Scheduled Tribes MUST be listed in the respective State-wise List published by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

(x) Category tag ST-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Tribes and are Persons with benchmark Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid ST and PwD certificates (or valid UDID card) to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the scheduled tribes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags ST or ST-PwD.

(xi) For IITs and IISc: Candidates who are (i) NOT Indian nationals (by birth or naturalized) and (ii) OCI/PIO (F) candidates (see **Annexure 9**) are assigned **Foreign tag** for the purpose of seat allocation to IITs and IISc. These candidates are NOT eligible for benefits of any kind of reservation (e.g., GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST or PwD) and the seats allocated to them are supernumerary. There are no separate supernumerary seats or sub-category for females in the foreign national supernumerary seats.

(xii) For NIT+ System: Candidates who are (i) NOT Indian nationals (by birth or naturalized) and (ii) OCI/PIO (F) candidates (see **Annexure 10**) are assigned **Foreign tag**. Such candidates are NOT eligible for seat allocation through JoSAA/CSAB to NIT+ System.

6. For candidates other than OCI/PIO card holders, who have qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2026 and have registered/appeared in JEE (Main) 2026, the category of the candidate as entered in the database provided by the JEE Apex Board 2026 [which conducted JEE (Main) 2026] will be considered, subject to document verification.

7. For candidates including OCI/PIO card holders who have appeared in JEE (Main) 2026 but have NOT registered for JEE (Advanced) 2026, or registered but not qualified JEE (Advanced) 2026, category tag is assigned based on the candidate's declaration in the JEE (Main) 2026 registration portal and will be subject to document verification in accordance with the rules announced by CSAB.

8. For the purpose of allocating seats for NIT+ System, candidates are also assigned a state code of eligibility.

(i) State code of eligibility means the code of the state from where the candidate has first appeared for the Class XII (or equivalent) examination. The codes of the states are same as those given in the JEE (Main) 2026 Information Bulletin. It is important to note that the state

code of eligibility does NOT depend upon the native place or the place of residence of the candidate.

For example, if a candidate appears for the Class XII examination in Delhi and is a resident of NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh, the candidate's state code of eligibility will be that of Delhi State and NOT that of Uttar Pradesh.

(ii) If a candidate has first appeared for the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from one state but appeared for improvement from another state, the candidate's state code of eligibility will be from where the candidate first appeared for the Class XII (or equivalent) examination and NOT the state from where the candidate has appeared for improvement.

(iii) For Indian nationals passing the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from an institution abroad (e.g., Nepal, Bhutan, Gulf countries, Sri Lanka, UK, US, Canada, etc.), the state code of eligibility will be determined on the basis of permanent address in India as given in the passport of the candidate. Such candidate should upload the Indian passport along with their Class XII (or equivalent) examination certificate/transcript.

(iv) The state code of eligibility of OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 10**) passing Class XII (or equivalent) examination in India is at par with Indian nationals. However, OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 10**) passing the Class XII (or equivalent) examination from an institution abroad are eligible for Other State quota seats or All India quota seats (but NOT for Home State quota seats) in NIT+ System.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS INTO PROGRAM SECTIONS

9. The total intake (i.e. number of seats) for an academic program is distributed into different Program-Sections. These are OPEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, OPEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, and ST-PwD.

10. The category tags of candidates who are eligible for various Program-Sections are as shown in the table below.

Program-Section	**Category tag(s) of eligible candidates**
OPEN	GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD
GEN-EWS	GEN-EWS, GEN-EWS-PwD
OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD
SC	SC, SC-PwD
ST	ST, ST-PwD
OPEN-PwD	GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD
GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN-EWS-PwD
OBC-NCL-PwD	OBC-NCL-PwD
SC-PwD	SC-PwD
ST-PwD	ST-PwD

Candidates with category tag "Foreign" are eligible for supernumerary seats in IITs and IISc without any other category tags (see Section X).

11. Distribution of Program seats in NIT+ System

(i) In addition to the distribution of program seats (based on categories of candidates) as described above, seats for academic programs offered by NITs, IIEST Shibpur and PEC Chandigarh are distributed into Home State quota and Other States quota.

"Home State quota" is ONLY for candidates whose Home State/UT, as determined by the State Code of Eligibility, is the same as the state/UT in which the institute is located.

"Other States Quota" includes all the States and Union Territories EXCEPT the Home State [or Home Union Territory].

(ii) The Home State Quota for Ghani Khan Choudhary Institute of Engineering and Technology Malda includes the candidates from the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura. Its Other States Quota is defined for candidates other than the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura.

(iii) Seats for academic programs offered by Assam University, Silchar, Birla Institute of Technology, and Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry are distributed into Home State quota and All India quota.

(iv) In all the Institutes not mentioned above, there is only one seat quota i.e. All India quota.

Each of the above divisions of seats is also referred to as "Program-Sections" henceforth.

12. (A) There are 50% Home State seats for NIT Goa which shall be distributed in the following manner:

i. 80% of the Home State seats are reserved for candidates from Goa.

ii. The remaining 20% of the Home State seats are shared by candidates from the Union Territories of Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep.

(B) There are 50% Home State seats for NIT Srinagar (J&K) which shall be distributed in the following manner:

i. 90% of the Home State seats are reserved for candidates from J&K.

ii. The remaining 10% of the Home State seats are reserved for the eligible candidates of the union territory of Ladakh.

* For states and union territories without an NIT, Home State quota will be considered in the NITs as shown below.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	NIT Puducherry
Lakshadweep	NIT Goa
Daman and Diu	NIT Goa
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	NIT Goa
Chandigarh	NIT Delhi
Ladakh	NIT Srinagar

13. Supernumerary seats for the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, and Lakshadweep islands will be in the NITs shown below:

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	NIT Durgapur
Lakshadweep	NIT Calicut
Daman and Diu	SVNIT Surat
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	SVNIT Surat

Supernumerary seat allocation for these Union Territories will be done after the joint seat allocation and seat acceptance under JoSAA and CSAB Special round for NIT+ System. The business rules and schedule for allocating these supernumerary seats will be announced subsequently by CSAB at https://csab.nic.in.

14. The number of seats available for different candidate categories / quotas (i.e. seat matrix) will be announced in the online portal https://josaa.nic.in.

15. JoSAA 2026 allocates seats as per the seat matrix data provided by the participating Institutes. It is the sole responsibility of each participating institute to provide the seat matrix data taking into consideration the reservation and other policies applicable to them / decided by them. JoSAA 2026 is NOT responsible for the seat matrix data.

VI. RANK LISTS

16. Seat allocation in IITs and IISc is based on JEE (Advanced) 2026 rank and seat allocation in NIT+ System is based on JEE (Main) 2026 rank. The following **TYPES** of rank lists will be used:

(i) Common rank list (CRL): It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, SC-PwD, ST or ST-PwD.

Foreign tag candidates are also included in the CRL which is prepared based on JEE (Advanced) 2026.

(ii) GEN-EWS rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-EWS or GEN-EWS-PwD.

(iii) OBC-NCL rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag OBC-NCL or OBC-NCL-PwD.

(iv) SC rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag SC or SC-PwD.

(v) ST rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag ST or ST-PwD.

(vi) CRL-PwD rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, or ST-PwD.

(vii) GEN-EWS-PwD rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-EWS-PwD.

(viii) OBC-NCL-PwD rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag OBC-NCL-PwD.

(ix) SC-PwD rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag SC-PwD.

(x) ST-PwD rank list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag ST-PwD.

17. [**Only for IITs**] **Rank List for Preparatory Course**: The following rank lists will be used to include otherwise eligible candidates who have secured at least 2.5% marks in each of the three subjects AND at least 8.75% aggregate marks

in JEE (Advanced) 2026 AND are NOT in any of the other rank lists prepared on the basis of JEE (Advanced) 2026. The following rank lists will be used for admission into the preparatory courses offered by IITs:

(i) SC preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the SC or SC-PwD tag.

(ii) ST preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the ST or ST-PwD tag.

(iii) CRL-PwD preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC- PwD, or ST-PwD tag.

(iv) GEN-EWS-PwD preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the GEN-EWS-PwD tag.

(v) OBC-NCL-PwD preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the OBC-NCL-PwD tag.

(vi) SC-PwD preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the SC-PwD tag.

(vii) ST-PwD preparatory course rank list: This rank list includes candidates who are assigned the ST-PwD tag.

Additional information about the preparatory courses is given in Annexure 5.

18. [**Only for IITs and IISc**] Rank lists for admission to IITs and IISc are based on the performance of candidates in JEE (Advanced) 2026.

The qualifying marks that a candidate has to score in JEE (Advanced) 2026 for inclusion in various rank lists are as shown below. For inclusion in any of the rank lists, the candidates must have appeared for both papers and must satisfy the corresponding minimum marks in each of the three subjects (viz., Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) as well as the aggregate marks. Other business rules pertaining to rank lists prepared by the IIT JAB are given in Annexure 6.

Rank List (for IITs)	Minimum percentage of marks in each subject	Minimum percentage of aggregate marks
Common rank list (CRL)	10.0	35.0
GEN-EWS rank list	9.0	31.5
OBC-NCL rank list	9.0	31.5
SC rank list	5.0	17.5
ST rank list	5.0	17.5
CRL-PwD rank list	5.0	17.5
GEN-EWS-PwD rank list	5.0	17.5
OBC-NCL-PwD rank list	5.0	17.5
SC-PwD rank list	5.0	17.5
ST-PwD rank list	5.0	17.5
Preparatory course rank lists	2.5	8.75

NOTE: (i) CRL is the rank list in which all qualified candidates (across all categories) will be given ranks. (ii) Minimum percentage of aggregate marks may be lowered subsequently, if required, as per the MoE (erstwhile MHRD) directive (F.No. 28-8/2017-T.S.-I) dated June 13, 2018.

19. Rank lists as mentioned in Clause 16 for admission to NIT+ System are prepared by the JEE Apex Board as follows:

(i) One set of ten rank lists based on the performance of candidates in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper 1: B. E. / B. Tech. Paper.

(ii) Second set of ten rank lists based on the performance of candidates in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper IIA: B. Arch. Paper.

(iii) Third set of ten rank lists based on the performance of candidates in JEE (Main) 2026 Paper IIB: B. Plan. Paper.

All the candidates who appeared for JEE (Main) 2026 are considered while preparing rank lists and are allowed to fill-in their choices. The rank lists provided by the JEE Apex Board will be used as such without any change even if two or more candidates have the same rank; in other words, JoSAA 2026 will NOT apply any tie-breaking norms / rules.

20. A candidate may appear in one or more rank lists.

VII. SEQUENCE IN WHICH SEAT CATEGORIES ARE CONSIDERED FOR SEAT ALLOCATION

21. The table(s) given below shows the business rules for seat allocation for the following:

(i) All candidates to academic programs at the IITs and IISc.

S. No.	Candidate's category tag	Rank list(s) in which the candidate appears	Sequence of SEAT CATEGORIES for allocation
1	GEN	CRL	1. OPEN
2	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	1. OPEN 2. OPEN-PwD
3	GEN-PwD	CRL-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD
4	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	1. OPEN 2. GEN-EWS
5	GEN-EWS	GEN-EWS	1. GEN-EWS
6	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	1. OPEN 2. OPEN-PwD 3. GEN-EWS 4. GEN-EWS-PwD
7	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. GEN-EWS 3. GEN-EWS-PwD
8	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL-PwD GEN-EWS-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. GEN-EWS-PwD
9	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	1. OPEN 2. OBC-NCL
10	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL	1. OBC-NCL
11	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	1. OPEN 2. OPEN-PwD 3. OBC-NCL 4. OBC-NCL-PwD
12	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. OBC-NCL 3. OBC-NCL-PwD
13	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL-PwD OBC-NCL-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. OBC-NCL-PwD
14	SC	CRL	1. OPEN

		SC	2. SC
15	SC	SC	1. SC
16	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	1. OPEN 2. OPEN-PwD 3. SC 4. SC-PwD
17	SC-PwD	CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. SC 3. SC-PwD
18	ST	CRL ST	1. OPEN 2. ST
19	ST	ST	ST
20	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	1. OPEN 2. OPEN-PwD 3. ST 4. ST-PwD
21	ST-PwD	CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	1. OPEN-PwD 2. ST 3. ST-PwD

(ii) Seat allotment sequence for NIT+ System institutes having All India (AI) seats only.

S. No	**Candidate's category tag**	**Rank list (s) in which the candidate appears**	**Sequence of seat categories for allocation**
1.	GEN	CRL	1. OPEN (AI)
2.	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI)
3.	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. GEN-EWS (AI)
4.	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. GEN-EWS (AI) 4. GEN-EWS-PwD (AI)
5.	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OBC-NCL (AI)
6.	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. OBC-NCL (AI)

		OBC-NCL-PwD	4. OBC-NCL-PwD (AI)
7.	SC	CRL SC	1. OPEN (AI) 2. SC (AI)
8.	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. SC (AI) 4. SC-PwD (AI)
9.	ST	CRL ST	1. OPEN (AI) 2. ST (AI)
10.	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. ST (AI) 4. ST-PwD (AI)

(iii) Seat allotment sequence for NIT+ System institutes having Home State (HS) and Other States (OS) seats only.

S. No	**Candidate's category tag**	**Rank list (s) in which the candidate appears**	**Which seat candidate is competing for (HS or OS)**	**Sequence of seat categories for allocation**
1.	GEN	CRL	HS	1. OPEN (HS)
2.	GEN	CRL	OS	1. OPEN (OS)
3.	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OPEN-PwD (HS)
4.	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OPEN-PwD (OS)
5.	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. GEN-EWS (HS)
6.	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. GEN-EWS (OS)
7.	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OPEN-PwD (HS) 3. GEN-EWS (HS) 4. GEN-EWS-PwD (HS)
8.	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OPEN-PwD (OS) 3. GEN-EWS (OS)

		GEN-EWS-PwD		4. GEN-EWS-PwD (OS)
9.	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OBC-NCL (HS)
10.	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OBC-NCL (OS)
11.	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OPEN-PwD (HS) 3. OBC-NCL (HS) 4. OBC-NCL-PwD (HS)
12.	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OPEN-PwD (OS) 3. OBC-NCL (OS) 4. OBC-NCL-PwD (OS)
13.	SC	CRL SC	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. SC (HS)
14.	SC	CRL SC	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. SC (OS)
15.	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OPEN-PwD (HS) 3. SC (HS) 4. SC-PwD (HS)
16.	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OPEN-PwD (OS) 3. SC (OS) 4. SC-PwD (OS)
17.	ST	CRL ST	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. ST (HS)
18.	ST	CRL ST	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. ST (OS)
19.	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (HS) 2. OPEN-PwD (HS) 3. ST (HS) 4. ST-PwD (HS)
20.	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	OS	1. OPEN (OS) 2. OPEN-PwD (OS) 3. ST (OS) 4. ST-PwD (OS)

(iv) Seat allotment sequence for NIT+ System institutes having Home State (HS) and All India (AI) seats only.

S. No	Candidate's category tag	Rank list (s) in which the candidate appears	Which seat candidate is competing for (HS or AI)	Sequence of seat categories for allocation
1.	GEN	CRL	AI	1. OPEN (AI)
2.	GEN	CRL	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS)
3.	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI)
4.	GEN-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OPEN-PwD (AI) 4. OPEN-PwD (HS)
5.	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. GEN-EWS (AI)
6.	GEN-EWS	CRL GEN-EWS	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. GEN-EWS (AI) 4. GEN-EWS (HS)
7.	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. GEN-EWS (AI) 4. GEN-EWS-PwD (AI)
8.	GEN-EWS-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD GEN-EWS GEN-EWS-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OPEN-PwD (AI) 4. OPEN-PwD (HS) 5. GEN-EWS (AI) 6. GEN-EWS (HS) 7. GEN-EWS-PwD (AI) 8. GEN-EWS-PwD (HS)
9.	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OBC-NCL (AI)

10.	OBC-NCL	CRL OBC-NCL	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OBC-NCL (AI) 4. OBC-NCL (HS)
11.	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. OBC-NCL (AI) 4. OBC-NCL-PwD (AI)
12.	OBC-NCL-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD OBC-NCL OBC-NCL-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OPEN-PwD (AI) 4. OPEN-PwD (HS) 5. OBC-NCL (AI) 6. OBC-NCL (HS) 7. OBC-NCL-PwD (AI) 8. OBC-NCL-PwD (HS)
13.	SC	CRL SC	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. SC (AI)
14.	SC	CRL SC	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. SC (AI) 4. SC (HS)
15.	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. SC (AI) 4. SC-PwD (AI)
16.	SC-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD SC SC-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OPEN-PwD (AI) 4. OPEN-PwD (HS) 5. SC (AI) 6. SC (HS) 7. SC-PwD (AI) 8. SC-PwD (HS)
17.	ST	CRL ST	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. ST (AI)
18.	ST	CRL ST	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS)

				3. ST (AI) 4. ST (HS)
19.	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	AI	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN-PwD (AI) 3. ST (AI) 4. ST-PwD (AI)
20.	ST-PwD	CRL CRL-PwD ST ST-PwD	HS	1. OPEN (AI) 2. OPEN (HS) 3. OPEN-PwD (AI) 4. OPEN-PwD (HS) 5. ST (AI) 6. ST (HS) 7. ST-PwD (AI) 8. ST-PwD (HS)

VIII. MULTIPLE STUDENT–SAME RANK RULE

22. In the event that there are fewer number of seats available under a particular category in an academic program than the number of candidates with the same category-wise rank seeking admission to the same program, then all those candidates will be offered seats by creating requisite number of supernumerary seats.

IX. [ONLY FOR IITs and IISc] SEAT ALLOCATION FOR DS CANDIDATES

23. Two (2) supernumerary seats are preferentially allocated in every Institute for candidates who qualify under the Defence Services (DS) category. In order to avail the benefit of DS category, the candidate must submit the Form-DS certificate.

A DS candidate must be in the CRL to be eligible for preferential allocation under the DS category. In case the DS candidate is not in the CRL, seat allocation will be conducted as per Clause 21 above.

Candidates who are eligible for seat allocation under the DS category will also be considered under their category [viz., GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, and ST-PwD]. For

example, if a candidate belongs to the OBC-NCL category and is also eligible for admission under the DS category, then the candidate will be considered for seat allocation in an academic program of an IIT in the following order: first for OPEN seats, followed by OBC-NCL category seats, and then for seats under DS category.

X. [ONLY FOR IITs and IISc] SEAT ALLOCATION FOR THE CANDIDATE WITH FOREIGN TAG

24. To be considered for seat allocation, foreign tag candidates should be in the CRL and satisfy all the eligibility requirements meant for a GEN category candidate. Seat allocation to foreign tag candidates is carried out after the seat allocation of all Indian national candidates is completed in each round. **A seat in an academic program will be allotted to a foreign tag candidate if the candidate's CRL rank is the same or better than the closing rank of the program-section (i.e. seat category) OPEN in the Gender-Neutral pool, in that academic program.**

25. Seats to be allocated to foreign tag candidates will be supernumerary.

26. The total number of supernumerary seats allotted in each IIT/IISc for foreign tag candidates is limited to up to 10% of the total number of seats of the respective IIT/IISc, Program-wise.

XI. [Only for NIT+ System] SEAT ALLOCATION FOR THE CANDIDATE WITH FOREIGN TAG

27. Admission of foreign tag candidates to the NIT+ System is not in the purview of CSAB and, hence, is not in the purview of JoSAA 2026. Such candidates may refer to the DASA Information Brochure.

XII. [ONLY FOR IITs] SEAT ALLOCATION TO PREPARATORY COURSES

28. The following business rules for seat allocation to preparatory courses will be applicable for every round of seat allocation.

(A) Unfilled OPEN-PwD seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the CRL-PwD preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the CRL-PwD rank list have opted for it.

(B) Unfilled GEN-EWS-PwD seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the GEN-EWS-PwD preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the GEN-EWS-PwD rank list have opted for it.

(C) Unfilled OBC-NCL-PwD seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the OBC-NCL-PwD preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the OBC-NCL-PwD rank list have opted for it.

(D) Unfilled SC-PwD seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the SC-PwD preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the SC-PwD rank list have opted for it.

(E) Unfilled ST-PwD seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the ST-PwD preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the ST-PwD rank list have opted for it.

(F) Unfilled SC seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the SC preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the SC rank list have opted for it.

(G) Unfilled ST seats will be allocated to candidates appearing in the ST preparatory rank list provided no more candidates in the ST rank list have opted for it.

XIII. [ONLY FOR IITs and IISc] REALLOCATION OF UNFILLED SEATS FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

29. The following rules for reallocation of unfilled seats will be applicable in every round of seat allocation AFTER seat allocation for preparatory courses.

(A) Unfilled OPEN-PwD category seats for an academic program will be reallocated and treated as OPEN category seats for allocation.

(B) Unfilled GEN-EWS-PwD category seats for an academic program will be reallocated and treated as GEN-EWS category seats for allocation.

(C) Unfilled OBC-NCL-PwD category seats for an academic program will be reallocated and treated as OBC-NCL category seats for allocation.

(D) Unfilled SC-PwD category seats for an academic program will be reallocated and treated as SC category seats for allocation.

(E) Unfilled ST-PwD category seats for an academic program will be reallocated and treated as ST category seats for allocation.

XIV. CHANGE OF PERSONAL AND OTHER DETAILS

30. At the time of registration on the JoSAA website, candidates will NOT be allowed to change their personal details such as name, father's / mother's / guardian's name, date of birth, Class XII (or equivalent) examination board, and (birth) category. However, candidates can change their nationality, year and place as well as the status of passing class XII (subject to conditions specified in Clause 72), and gender data.

XV. SUPERNUMERARY SEATS FOR FEMALE CANDIDATES

31. The Ministry of Education (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development), Government of India, has taken a decision to improve the gender balance in the undergraduate programs at IITs, IISc, NITs, IIEST Shibpur, and some of the Triple-I-Ts to at least 20% by academic year 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats specifically for females (Reference: F.No.35-8/2017-TS.III dated 30th October, 2017). In accordance with the extant directions of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, supernumerary seats will thus be created and offered to female candidates, in the undergraduate programs of all IITs, IISc, NITs, IIEST and some of the IIITs in Joint Seat Allocation process for 2026-27. In light of recent judicial pronouncements[1,2] concerning OCI/PIO candidates, the OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 9** and **Annexure 10**) shall be considered for the

[1] *Reference: Decision dated October 16, 2024 passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 12263/2024.*

[2] *Reference: Decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 891/2021.*

seats in the OPEN category. The OCI/PIO (I) candidates (see **Annexure 9** and **Annexure 10**) shall be included in the CRL, and/or CRL-PwD list, as also for the Female Supernumerary seats, as applicable. These OCI/PIO (I) candidates MUST qualify the JEE (Main) 2026 and JEE (Advanced) 2026 for IITs or JEE (Main) 2026 for NIT+ System, as applicable. Foreign tag candidates are not eligible for female supernumerary seats in IITs/IISc or any seat in NIT+ System.

32. The following rules will be followed while allocating supernumerary seats for females:

(A) **Cut-off** [for IITs and IISc only]: The qualifying cut-off marks for each program of every IIT and IISc will be computed in a gender-oblivious manner.

(B) **Creation of seat matrices for 2026**: Consider any program P (For example, IIT Roorkee Mechanical Engineering or IIEST Shibpur Electrical Engineering). There will be two seat pools for P, namely, Gender-Neutral (P) and Female-Only (P). The Female-Only (P) pool includes supernumerary seats, if any.

(C) **Every IIT and IISc must have at least 20% females altogether in its UG program**: Non-female candidates will be eligible only for seats from Gender-Neutral (P) pool. Female candidates are eligible for both the pools. However, a female candidate desirous of P, first competes for a seat from Female-Only (P) pool. Only after she fails to get a seat from this pool, she will compete for a seat from Gender-Neutral (P) pool.

(D) **The seat allocation algorithm ensures the following:**

a. No reduction in the number of available seats for non-female candidates compared to the number of available seats for non-female candidates in 2025: As stated in the point (B) above (creation of seat matrices for 2026), the number of seats in Gender-Neutral pool of an institute (e.g., IIT Roorkee) in 2026 will not be less than

the number of seats in the Gender-Neutral pool in that Institute in 2025.

b. No-adverse effect due to a separate seat pool for female candidates: Female candidates are eligible for a seat from Female-Only pool as well as Gender-Neutral pool of a program. A female candidate will compete for a seat in Gender-Neutral pool only after she fails to get a seat from Female-Only pool. As a result, it is guaranteed that at least one of the following properties will hold:
   i. All seats of a Program-Section of Gender-Neutral pool are occupied by non-female candidates only.
   ii. The allocation of all the seats of a Program-Section of Gender-Neutral pool and its Female-Only counterpart combined is done purely based on merit without any gender bias/preference.

c. For IITs and IISc, undergraduate programs taken together in an institute will have at least 20% females.

d. For NITs, IIEST Shibpur and some of Triple-I-Ts, individual undergraduate programs will have at least 20% females.

e. Under no circumstances would a female candidate be denied a seat in an academic program while allocating that seat to a non-female candidate with (a) lower rank than her, and, (b) satisfying the same eligibility criteria.

(E) Order of category and gender: While allocating a seat, the category is considered first followed by the gender. For example, consider an OBC-NCL female candidate with a valid GEN rank. Suppose she is aspirant of a seat in an academic program P, she will be first considered for a seat from the Female-Only pool of OPEN seats for program P followed by Gender-Neutral pool of OPEN seats for program P. Thereafter, she will be considered for a seat from Female-Only pool of OBC-NCL seats for

program P followed by Gender-Neutral pool of OBC-NCL seats for program P. The justification for the above order is the following:

The candidate is eligible for OPEN seats. Hence, OPEN seat will be allocated to her if eligible based on merit, before her own category.

The reservation policy: The reservation policy as per the Government of India norms as existing at present will be applicable to the two pools of seats as well - Seats in Female-Only (P) pool of a program will be further split into various Program-Sections based on the categories (GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD) and state quotas (All India / Home State / Other State, as and where applicable).

In a similar manner, Gender-Neutral (P) pool will be split into Program-Sections based on the categories and state quotas (as and where applicable). Once the numbers of seats for Female-Only (P) and Gender-Neutral (P) have been computed for an academic program P as described above, they are distributed among their Program-Sections according to the prevailing business rules as follows:

- For IITs and IISc which have only All India quota, there are ten Program-Sections according to respective categories - GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, and their PwD counterparts.
- For NIT+ System Institutes, there are either two types of state quotas i.e. Home State and Other State (or All India and Home State) or only one type of quota i.e. All India quota. Hence, there are maximum 20 Program-Sections defined by the state quota and candidate's categories for these institutes.

Important Note: Creation and allocation of supernumerary seats for female candidates is fundamentally different from reservation of seats for female

candidates **AND** should **NOT** be mistaken for any kind of reservation for females. The following example illustrates this point:

- Suppose a program has 80 Gender-Neutral seats and 20 Female-Only seats. Further, let us assume that the top 20 rankers opting for the program are females and the next 80-rankers opting for the program are non-females. In the current allocation scheme, the top ranking 20 females will first be allocated the 20 Female-Only seats. The non-females will be allocated the 80 Gender-Neutral seats.
- On the contrary, if the Female-Only seats were following allocation similar or equivalent to "reservations" then the top ranking 20 females would first be allocated the top 20 Gender-Neutral seats first and therefore the remaining 80-20 = 60 Gender-Neutral seats would be allocated to non-females. The remaining 20 Female-Only seats would be then allocated to lower ranked females, thereby not allowing allocation of the program to the remaining (100-80 = 20) higher ranked non-females.

33. Clear separation of Gender-Neutral and Female-Only verticals: Any seat left vacant in Female-Only pool will not be allocated to any non-female candidate. The justification for this rule is the following: In this case, all seats from Gender-Neutral (P) will be occupied by non-female candidates and hence the property (as given in 32.D.b.ii) above holds for them. Female-Only (P) seats are meant for females only and include supernumerary seats that are specifically created for improving gender ratio beyond the actual intake/capacity in P. Thus, making any Female-Only seats available to non-females is not possible by principle.

XVI. UPGRADATION OF PROGRAM-SECTION AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF SEAT ALLOCATION

34. As indicated in Section VI, candidates may become eligible for seat allocation in more than one Program-Section depending upon their category tag and rank

lists in which they appear. If the allocated seat is not in the first Program-Section, in subsequent rounds (if any) of seat allocation, candidates will be automatically considered for upgradation of Program-Section.

Meaning of "upgradation of Program-Section": Suppose a candidate with the category tag SC has been allocated a seat under the Program-Section SC. Also, suppose that this candidate appears in two rank lists: CRL and SC. The candidate will be offered a seat in the Program-Section OPEN in subsequent rounds (if any) if eligible by merit.

35. The academic program / Institute allocated to a candidate will NOT change because of upgradation of Program-Section.

XVII. REGISTRATION AND FILLING-IN OF THE CHOICES OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

36. For registration and filling-in of the choices of academic programs in various Institutes, candidates should login to the https://josaa.nic.in using one of following credentials:

(i) For candidates who have appeared in JEE (Main) 2026: Login with JEE (Main) 2026 Application Number and password.

(ii) For foreign nationals and OCI/PIO card holders who have not registered/appeared in JEE (Main) 2026: Login with JEE (Advanced) 2026 Direct Registration login id and password.

After logging in, the candidate must proceed to further steps such as registration, choice filling, choice locking etc.

The detailed instructions for completion of the above steps will be provided on JoSAA 2026 portal.

37. Filling-in of choices on the online portal is free of cost, i.e. candidates are NOT required to pay any fee for JoSAA registration and choice filling.

38. A candidate may be eligible for seat allocation based on one, two, three or all four examinations, viz., JEE (Advanced) 2026, JEE (Main) 2026 B.E. / B. Tech. Paper, JEE (Main) 2026 B.Arch. Paper, and JEE (Main) 2026 B. Plan. Paper. Even for candidates who are eligible to participate in the Joint Seat Allocation based on any two, any three or all four of the above examinations, only ONE seat from among the choices filled-in is made available. **Hence, it is important for candidates to carefully prioritize the academic programs while filling-in the choices, while bearing in mind that only the choices filled in would be made available for seat allocation.**

39. For seat allocation, candidates must register on the JoSAA portal and fill-in their choices between **June 02, 2026 and June 11, 2026** [see the timeline in Annexure 3].

During this period, an option would be provided to the candidates for pre-uploading the necessary documents (if available at the time of JoSAA registration) as well. This provision of document upload is OPTIONAL for the candidates during JoSAA registration. However, JoSAA strongly recommends the candidates use this provision to avoid last-minute upload failures.

Two mock seat allocations are included in the above time window. This 10-days window will NOT be extended under any circumstances. Requests in this matter shall NOT be entertained. During this period, each candidate must fill choices carefully – the candidate must select only those academic programs in the choices which the candidate is willing to join and prioritize them in order of preference of program/institute.

Candidates are advised to visit the Institute website for fee structure and fee waiver related rules applicable for individual Institutes. JoSAA 2026 and CSAB 2026 shall not be responsible for fee structure and fee waiver related rules applicable for individual Institutions.

Candidates are advised to take advantage of the mock seat allocations and choose ALL academic programs that they are willing to join in the order of preference. Candidates must note that they will NOT be considered for those academic programs which are not part of their choice selection.

40. Candidates MUST "lock" their choices on/before the last day of choice filling. If candidates do NOT lock their choices, last saved choices will be locked automatically upon reaching the deadline for choice filling. *Candidates are advised to save their choices frequently, as the system does not recognize or auto lock unsaved choices.* **In case no choices are saved, the candidate will not be considered for any of the programs**. Once locked, the choices filled by a candidate cannot be edited. If a candidate wishes to edit their choices after locking but before the choice filling deadline, they can do so by first submitting a request to unlock in the online JoSAA portal. An OTP will be sent to the registered mobile and email, which can be used to validate the unlock request. Once validated, candidate's choices will be unlocked for editing.

Candidates will NOT be able to edit their choice list after the deadline for choice filling, i.e. candidates CANNOT change the order of their choices OR add any more program(s) in OR delete any program(s) from their choice list after the deadline for choice filling.

Candidates are strongly discouraged from sharing their login information with others.

XVIII. PROVISIONAL OFFER OF SEAT AND ITS CONFIRMATION

41. It is the candidate's responsibility to login to the JoSAA portal and check if a seat is allocated in a given round of seat allocation. No separate intimation of seat allocation will be given to the candidate. Schedule of JoSAA activities is

available in Annexure 3 of this document. If the candidate is allocated a seat, ALL steps of "Online Reporting" mentioned in Clause 42 MUST be completed, in order to accept the allocated seat before the last date/time specified for the given round, i.e. the round in which seat is allocated. Please refer to Annexure 3 for the timeline. The allocated seat will then be either confirmed / cancelled on completion of document verification. **Failing to complete ALL the steps of "Online Reporting", within the specified timeline of the same round of JoSAA [see Annexure 3 for the round-wise timelines], will lead to cancellation of allocated seat and the candidate will NOT be able to participate in the subsequent JoSAA rounds, if any.**

42. A candidate who has been allocated a seat needs to download the "Initial Seat Allotment Intimation Slip" which has information regarding the Seat Allotment and steps to be followed for seat confirmation by the candidate.

Step 1: Accept the Seat

The candidate needs to accept the seat allocated and opt for any one of the options 'Freeze', 'Slide' or 'Float' (see Section XX) for the choice of academic program for subsequent round(s), if any, of joint seat allocation.

Step 2: Upload the documents

The candidate MUST upload all the required documents (as per Annexure 3) on the JoSAA portal, if the required documents have not already been uploaded during JoSAA registration.

Step 3: Pay the Seat Acceptance Fee

The candidate MUST pay the seat acceptance fee for continuing with the JoSAA process till the end to avail the seat in IITs, IISc or NIT+ System. The documents uploaded by the candidate will not be verified unless the candidate pays the seat acceptance fee. Admission fee varies across the Institutes/category of candidates and is different from seat acceptance fee. At the time of seat acceptance, candidates have to

remit the seat acceptance fee only in the round in which the seat is allotted for the first time or through the pre-payment option described below.

Non-payment of the seat acceptance fee is one of the ways to reject the offered / allocated seat and will be treated as a rejection of the allocated seat by the candidate. In such a situation, the candidate will no longer be able to participate in the seat allocation process in the subsequent rounds. **[*See Clauses 44 and 45 below*]**

Seat Acceptance Fee

Seat acceptance fee is Rs. 15,000 for candidates with the category tag SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD or ST-PwD and Rs. 30,000 for all other candidates (the fee includes Rs. 5,000 JoSAA processing charges). The seat acceptance fee, excluding JoSAA processing charges of Rs. 5000, will be adjusted against the admission fee.

Candidates should remit seat acceptance fee using Debit card / UPI / Credit card / Net Banking / E-Challan / CSC [See Section XXII below].

There will also be a provision for the candidates to make a pre-payment of "JoSAA seat acceptance fee". Payment link for this will be enabled from the starting day of JoSAA choice filling till the deadline for locking the choices by the candidates. **The pre-payment fee will be refunded in FULL, in case the candidate is not allotted a seat. The pre-payment provision is OPTIONAL for the candidates. However, the JoSAA recommends the candidates use this provision to avoid last-minute payment failures.**

The JoSAA portal will also have a provision to make a direct payment of the seat acceptance fee without using the login credentials of the candidate.

Step 4: Respond to queries (if any)

At the time of document verification, if the document verification officer raises any query, the candidate must successfully respond in online mode (through candidate portal) within the stipulated time. Failure to respond to the query(ies) on time will lead to cancellation of the allotted seat and ***the candidate will no longer be able to participate in the subsequent rounds of JoSAA 2026, if any***. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check the online portal at regular intervals of time and respond to queries (if any) without fail within the stipulated time. No separate intimation will be given to the candidates.

Candidates MUST complete all the above steps before their details are forwarded to the reporting authorities for verification and provisional allocation of the seat.

Document verification is done ONLY for those candidates who have successfully paid the seat acceptance fee.

Failure to complete all the steps of "Online Reporting" for seat acceptance, within the time given, will be considered as rejection of the offer and the candidate would have forfeited the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026 and will not be able to participate in the seat allocation process in the subsequent rounds, if any.

43. Seat will be confirmed by IITs / IISc / NIT+ System Institutes only after successful verification of the uploaded documents and ensuring that the candidate meets all the eligibility criteria. If all the documents are found to be valid and all the eligibility criteria are met by the candidate, the allocated seat

will be provisionally confirmed for the candidate and the candidate will be notified on the online JoSAA 2026 portal.

If all the documents are found to be valid and the eligibility criteria are met by the candidate, a "Provisional Seat Allotment Letter" will be available for download on the online portal. Provisional Seat Allotment means that the candidate has accepted the offer and the seat of the candidate is confirmed and will not be offered to any other candidate in the remaining rounds of seat allocation, if any. However, the candidate is still required to visit the admitting Institute, successfully get his/her documents verified physically at the admitting Institute, pay the balance Institute fees if any and complete such other formalities as per the requirements of the admitting Institute.

In case of any discrepancies in the uploaded documents noticed during the on-line document verification process, query(ies) may be raised and will be notified to the candidate ONLY on the online portal. No separate intimation will be sent to the candidates. Candidates must successfully respond to the query(ies) (by uploading new/modified document(s), if required) within the last date/time specified for the given round [see Annexure 3 for the timeline]. The candidates are advised to check the online portal regularly for queries, if any. Additional query(ies) may be raised in case discrepancy(ies) still persist(s). In such cases, the candidate must respond to the additional query(ies) within the last date/time specified for the given round [see Annexure 3 for the timeline]. The allocated seat will be confirmed or cancelled based on the validity of the document(s) uploaded in response to the query(ies) and candidate meeting the eligibility criteria.

Failure to successfully reply to the query(ies) raised would lead to seat cancellation and will be considered as rejection of the offer and the candidate would have forfeited the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

Documents will be verified only AFTER the candidates pay the seat acceptance fee. Candidates are thus advised to pay the seat acceptance fee on the first day of the respective round itself and not wait for the last day, so that their documents may be verified, leaving sufficient time for the candidate to properly respond to the queries / additional queries, if any, of the reporting officer.

44. Seat will be cancelled if, at any time, any of the documents / certificates is/are found to be invalid / fraudulent and/or the candidate does not meet all / any of the eligibility norms.

45. Option to reject (or not accept) the allocated seat: Candidates who want to reject the allocated seat can do so by NOT completing the steps for "Online Reporting" (Clause 42) including not remitting the seat acceptance fee.

46. Candidates who reject allocated seat CANNOT participate any more in Joint Seat Allocation for the ensuing academic year 2026-27.

If a candidate rejects a seat by not completing all the steps of "Online Reporting" given in Clause 42, the allotted seat will be cancelled AND the candidate shall be excluded from the JoSAA process, which means the candidate shall not be considered for subsequent rounds (if any) of seat allocation. Thus, the candidate would have forfeited the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

XIX. VERIFICATION

47. A. Requirement of independent re-verification

If a candidate, who accepts a seat in NIT+ System by "Online Reporting" in a particular round of seat allocation, is subsequently allocated a seat in an IIT/IISc for the first time in further rounds of seat allocation (if any), then the documents and the eligibility criteria of such candidates will be verified AGAIN by the IITs/IISc. In such cases, candidate is advised to login on the

online JoSAA portal to check if any query(ies) has(ve) been raised. Candidate is required to successfully respond online against the queries raised within the last date/time specified for the given round [see Annexure 3 for the timeline]. The candidate would be notified on the JoSAA portal of the decision regarding the provisional seat confirmation after successful verification of the uploaded documents and meeting eligibility conditions and confirmation of the payment status for seat acceptance fee.

Similarly, if a candidate, who accepts a seat in IITs/IISc by "Online Reporting" in a particular round of seat allocation, is subsequently allocated a seat in the NIT+ System for the first time in further rounds of seat allocation (if any) then the documents and the eligibility criteria of such candidates will be verified AGAIN by the NIT+ System. In such cases, candidate is advised to login on the online JoSAA portal to check if any query(ies) has(ve) been raised. Candidate is required to successfully respond online against the queries raised within the last date/time specified for the given round [see Annexure 3 for the timeline]. The candidate would be notified on the JoSAA portal (to be seen through candidate's login credential) of the decision regarding provisional seat confirmation after successful verification of the uploaded documents and meeting the eligibility conditions and confirmation of the payment status for seat acceptance fee.

It is the responsibility of the Candidate to regularly check the online portal and respond online against the queries raised within the last date/time specified for the given round [see Annexure 3 for the timeline]. **Failure to meaningfully and successfully respond to the query(ies) raised within the stipulated timeline, will be treated as rejection of the allocated seat and would lead to seat cancellation and the candidate will be excluded from the JoSAA 2026 process.** Thus, the candidate will forfeit the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026. No further/extra seat acceptance fee has to be paid in case of second verification.

Seat allocation in an IIT/IISc in subsequent round(s) (if any) automatically replaces the earlier accepted seat in the NIT+ System, and the candidate now proceeds with the newly allocated seat. Similarly, seat allocation in NIT+ System in subsequent round(s) (if any) automatically replaces the earlier accepted seat in an IIT/IISc, and the candidate now proceeds with the newly allocated seat. Thus, in the above situation, **the candidate is NOT required to cancel the earlier seat; doing so would be treated as a rejection of the seat and the candidate would be excluded from the JoSAA 2026 process. Candidates are strongly advised to make use of the Grievance / Query redressal mechanism in case of any doubt; once a seat is cancelled by the candidate or replaced by a newly allotted seat (see Section XX), it cannot be undone or reversed.**

No independent re-verification is required for candidates who are allocated seats ONLY in IITs/IISc in ALL rounds of seat allocation. Similarly, no re-verification is required for candidates who are allocated seats ONLY in NIT+ System in ALL rounds of seat allocation.

B. Physical verification for PwD Candidates (only for IITs/IISc)

All JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified PwD candidates, who do NOT possess a valid UDID card indicating disability, seeking to get a seat in IITs/IISc through JoSAA, are required to visit any of the IITs/IISc for physical verification along with a copy of the PwD certificate(s).

The JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified PwD candidates with a valid UDID card indicating disability are NOT required to report physically for verification. **However, even if the candidates have UDID card indicating disability, they will be required to appear for physical verification if online verification of UDID card fails.**

Following procedures will be adopted for physical verification of JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified PwD candidates:

(i) Physical verification process starts from the first day of JoSAA 2026 choice filling, i.e. June 02, 2026, and continues through the counseling rounds of JoSAA 2026.

(ii) Candidates are required to choose any of the reporting centers in any one of IITs/IISc (for online and/or physical verification, as applicable) using the link available on the JoSAA 2026 portal. If the online verification of the UDID card fails they will be **required to appear at the same** verification center for physical verification. Such candidates must also choose the date as well as time (FN/AN) **two days before** appearing for the physical verification.

(iii) All JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified PwD candidates, where physical verification is required (as mentioned above) should complete the verification process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any). Failure to successfully complete this process shall result in the allocated seat being cancelled.

(iv) The verification can be done in **one** of the following two intervals:

a. Interval 1: During the Choice filling period (June 02 to June 11, 2026).

b. Interval 2: During the actual counseling rounds: Each candidate seeking to get the benefit of the PwD category is required to complete this process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any).

(v) It is candidate's responsibility to plan their travel such that the physical verification is completed by the last day of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any) [see Annexure 3 for JoSAA 2026 Timeline]. **No exceptions shall be made in this regard.**

C. Physical Verification for PwD Candidates (only for NIT+ System)

All JEE (Main) 2026 qualified PwD candidates, with benchmark disabilities who do NOT possess a valid UDID card indicating disability, seeking to get a

seat in NIT+ System through JoSAA, are required to visit any of the Verification Centres of NIT+ System for physical verification along with a copy of the PwD certificate(s). The JEE (Main) 2026 qualified PwD candidates with a valid UDID card indicating disability are NOT required to report physically for verification. However, even if the candidates have UDID card indicating disability, they will be required to appear for physical verification if either (i) online verification of UDID card fails or (ii) the candidate was allotted seat in an academic program with special restrictions given in the JoSAA portal; in such cases these candidates are required to appear for physical verification even if they have a UDID card indicating any other disability. Similar physical verification may also be carried out at the time of reporting at the allotted institute.

Following procedures will be adopted for JEE (Main) 2026 qualified PwD candidates:

(i) The online verification of UDID cards and the physical verification process starts from the first day of JoSAA 2026 choice filling, i.e. June 02, 2026, and continues through the counseling rounds of JoSAA 2026.

(ii) Candidates are required to choose any of the reporting centers in NIT+ System (for online and/or physical verification, as applicable) using the link available on the JoSAA 2026 portal. If the online verification of the UDID card fails they will be **required to appear at the same** verification center for physical verification. Such candidates must also choose the date as well as time (FN/AN) **in advance** for the physical verification.

(iii) All JEE (Main) 2026 qualified PwD candidates, where verification is required (as mentioned above), should complete the verification process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any). Failure to successfully complete this process shall result in the allocated seat being cancelled.

(iv) The verification can be done in **one** of the following two intervals:

a. Interval 1: During the Choice filling period (June 02 to June 11, 2026).
b. Interval 2: During the actual counseling rounds: Each candidate seeking to get the benefit of the PwD category is required to complete the verification process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any).

(v) It is the candidate's responsibility to plan their travel such that the physical verification is completed by the last day of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any) [see Annexure 3 for JoSAA 2026 Timeline]. **No exceptions shall be made in this regard**.

D. Physical verification for Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing and have availed compensatory time and/or services of scribe (only for IITs/IISc)

All JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing**, seeking to get a seat in IITs/IISc through JoSAA, are required to visit any of the IITs/IISc for physical verification along with a copy of the certificate required for DISABILITY AND HAVING DIFFICULTY IN WRITING **(Refer to the JEE (Advanced) 2026 Information Brochure, ANNEXURE II: Certificate for person with specified disability covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing)**. Following procedures will be adopted for physical verification of JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidates:

(i) Physical verification process starts from the first day of JoSAA 2026 choice filling, i.e. June 02, 2026, and continues through the counseling rounds of JoSAA 2026.

(ii) All JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidates are required to complete this process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any). **Failure to successfully complete this process shall result in the allocated seat being cancelled.**

(iii) Before candidates come for physical verification, they are required to register on the JoSAA 2026 portal.

(iv) Candidates are required to choose any one IIT or IISc (for physical verification), date, as well as time (FN/AN) using the link available on the JoSAA 2026 portal **two days** before appearing for physical verification.

(v) The verification can be done in **one** of the following two intervals:

a. Interval 1: During the Choice filling period (June 02 to June 11, 2026).

b. Interval 2: During the actual counseling rounds: Each **Candidate with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** seeking to get the allotted seat is required to complete this process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any).

(vi) It is candidate's responsibility to plan their travel such that the physical verification is completed by the last day of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any) [see Annexure 3 for JoSAA 2026 Timeline]. **No exceptions shall be made in this regard.**

If it is found at any stage that a candidate has availed the services of a scribe and / or availed the compensatory time, but does not possess the requisite extent of disability, and/or does not have difficulty in writing, that warrants the use of a scribe and / or grant of compensatory time in JEE (Main) and/or JEE (Advanced) 2026, the candidate will be excluded from the process of

admission. In case such a candidate has already been admitted to any IIT/IISc, the admission of the candidate will be cancelled.

E. Physical Verification for Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing and have availed compensatory time and/or services of scribe (only for NIT+ System)

All those **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidates who did not qualify JEE (Advanced) 2026, but have JEE (Main) 2026 ranks and seek to get a seat in NIT+ System through JoSAA, are required to visit one of the reporting centers of their choice for physical verification along with a copy of the certificate required for DISABILITY AND HAVING DIFFICULTY IN WRITING **[Refer to the JEE (Main) 2026 Information Bulletin and its Appendix IV: Certificate for Person with Specified Disability covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing]**. Following procedures will be adopted for physical verification of these **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidates:

(i) Physical verification process starts from the first day of JoSAA 2026 choice filling, i.e. June 02, 2026, and continues through the counseling rounds of JoSAA 2026.

(ii) All JEE (Main) 2026 qualified **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidates are required to complete this process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any). Failure to successfully complete this process shall result in the allocated seat being cancelled.

(iii) Before candidates come for physical verification, they are required to register on the JoSAA 2026 portal. Candidates are required to choose any of the verification centers in NIT+ System (for physical verification),

date, as well as time (FN/AN) using the link available on the JoSAA 2026 portal before appearing for physical verification.

(iv) The verification can be done in **one** of the following two intervals:

a. Interval 1: During the Choice filling period (June 02 to June 11, 2026).

b. Interval 2: During the actual counseling rounds: Each **Persons with less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing** candidate seeking to get the allotted seat is required to complete this process latest by the end of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any).

(v) It is the candidate's responsibility to plan their travel such that the physical verification is completed by the last day of the counseling round in which they are allocated a seat (if any) [see Annexure 3 for JoSAA 2026 Timeline]. **No exceptions shall be made in this regard**.

If it is found at any stage that a candidate has availed the services of a scribe and / or availed the compensatory time, but does not possess the requisite extent of disability, and/or does not have difficulty in writing, that warrants the use of a scribe and / or grant of compensatory time in JEE (Main) 2026, the candidate will be excluded from the process of admission. In case such a candidate has already been admitted to any NIT+ System, the admission of the candidate will be cancelled

F. Restrictions for Admission to Specific Programs at Various Institutes

Some of the academic programs in various Institutes have restrictions for admission based on the nature of the physical disability of the candidate. The candidates are advised to refer to the restrictions mentioned on the JoSAA website at https://josaa.nic.in/restrictions-at-institutes-academic-programs-level/.

XX. FREEZE, FLOAT, AND SLIDE OPTIONS

48. At the time of accepting the seat online, a candidate has to opt for any one of the options i.e. '*Freeze*', '*Float*' or '*Slide*' for the choice of academic program for subsequent round(s), if any, of joint seat allocation. **Accepting the allocated seat by choosing any one of these options, is mandatory in order to continue in the JoSAA process.**

In case the candidate has been allocated seat as per the candidate's first choice, the candidate will not be given any of the above options other than *Freeze*. In such a situation, the candidate may either accept, and Freeze the offered seat, or may reject the offered seat. **Not choosing Freeze option in this case will be considered as rejection of the offered seat and the candidate will not be considered for seat allocation in the further rounds (if any).**

In case the candidate has been allocated a seat which is NOT the candidate's first choice and the candidate wants to be considered for a higher choice in his/her list of choices, in subsequent rounds, the candidate **MUST** accept the allotted seat by choosing one of the available options (i.e. *Float* or *Slide*), in order to continue in further rounds (if any) of the JoSAA process. **Not choosing any of the options in this case will be considered as rejection of the offered seat and the candidate will not be considered for seat allocation in the further rounds (if any).**

(A) Freeze

Choosing the option *"Freeze"* means that the candidate accepts the offered seat and indicates that the candidate is content with the allocated academic program and that the candidate **does not want to participate in further rounds of seat allocation while retaining the same seat**. Such candidates will NOT be considered in subsequent rounds of JoSAA 2026 (if any). Their chosen seat shall remain allocated to them and shall be provisionally confirmed, subject to successful completion of the steps mentioned in Section XVIII above.

(B) Float

Choosing the option *"Float"* means that (i) the candidate accepts the offered seat and (ii) indicates that, if admission to an academic program of higher preference in ***any Institute*** is offered in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, the candidate will accept it. Else, the candidate will continue with the currently accepted academic program. Such candidates will be considered in subsequent rounds of JoSAA 2026 (if any).

(C) Slide

Choosing the option *"Slide"* means that (i) the candidate accepts the offered seat and (ii) indicates that, if admission to an academic program of higher preference is offered ***within the same Institute*** in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, the candidate will accept it. Such candidates will be considered in subsequent rounds of JoSAA 2026 (if any).

For candidates who choose the float or slide option, allocation of a seat in an academic program of the candidate's higher preference would automatically result in the replacement of the seat accepted by the candidate in the earlier round. Such candidates are only required to accept or reject the academic program of higher preference offered as a result of the float or slide option. In case such candidate rejects or cancels the seat of higher preference, offered as a result of float or slide, then the candidate would no longer be entitled to any seat and would not be permitted to participate any further in JoSAA 2026.

(Candidates are thus advised to fill in their list of choices carefully and exercise the options of Freeze, Float and Slide even more carefully).

49. Slide and float options will be available to only those candidates who are NOT offered admission to their first choice in their choice-list.

50. Slide and float options are NOT available in the last round of JoSAA 2026.

51. A candidate can change from float to slide/freeze and slide to freeze in the online portal during all rounds of Seat Allocation EXCEPT the last round.

52. If a candidate opts Freeze against a seat, the option cannot be changed in the subsequent rounds under any circumstances. Communication on this matter shall NOT be entertained.

53. During the seat allotment period of a particular round of seat allocation, if there is a change in the credentials of a candidate due to failure in producing valid certificate of category GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/PwD/DS/OCI/PIO or state code of eligibility or declaration of gender and the allotted seat gets cancelled, then the candidate will be considered for seat allocation in subsequent round(s) (if any) as per the updated credentials. In such cases, the candidate must report again online for accepting the freshly allocated seat, if any.

(**For IITs/IISc Only**): If a foreign tag candidate fails to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality (i.e. foreign passport or citizenship certificate) any seat allocated to them will be cancelled. However, if they have a valid 10+2 or equivalent passing certificate from India or from abroad, such candidates will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) under GEN category of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc based on updated credentials, provided they meet the eligibility conditions applicable to Indian candidates, including satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category. Such a candidate MUST submit a proof of Indian Nationality failing which the candidate will be out of the seat allocation process for IITs/IISc.

XXI. REPORTING AT THE ADMITTING INSTITUTE

54.[**For IITs and IISc**] At the conclusion of joint seat allocation and seat acceptance, candidates with a confirmed seat will have to report at the admitting institute, complete all the admission formalities of the Institute including payment of Institute fees, get the admission confirmed and begin the academic session. At the time of the reporting at the admitting institute, all the certificates will be re-checked by the admitting Institute and the admission will be cancelled if these fail to meet the requirements as per the prevailing norms. Such a

candidate having already successfully accepted a seat in JoSAA 2026 would not be eligible for appearing in JEE (Advanced) 2027.

Candidates with a seat confirmed through JoSAA are also informed that non-reporting to the admitting Institute, not attending the classes etc., would still render them ineligible from appearing in JEE (Advanced) 2027, in terms of Clause 11, Criterion 4 of the JEE (Advanced) Information Brochure. Please see Section XXVIII below for eligibility for appearing in JEE (Advanced) 2027.

[**For NIT+ System**] The physical reporting at admitting Institute will be done after the completion of CSAB Special Rounds. At the time of reporting at the admitting Institute, all the certificates will be re-checked by admitting Institute and the admission will be cancelled if these fail to meet the requirement as per the prevailing norms. Candidates allocated a seat in the NIT+ System are advised to refer to the CSAB website (https://csab.nic.in) for the schedule of Physical Reporting.

55. Additionally, (for **IITs and IISc**), at the time of reporting at the admitting institute, biometric verification shall be done against the biometric data captured at the time of the exam. The admission will be cancelled if any candidate fails the biometric verification.

Reporting schedules and the mode of reporting at the admitting Institute will be appropriately announced on the website https://josaa.nic.in.

XXII. REMITTANCE OF SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE

56. For payment of seat acceptance fee, candidates should either use Net Banking or Debit card or UPI or Credit card facilities available on JoSAA portal or by cash by using e-challan of State Bank of India downloaded through the JoSAA portal.

An e-challan is similar in purpose to a challan used in a bank to deposit cash. It will have all the details filled in by the online portal and will have two identical parts (i.e. the challan will be in duplicate). One copy will be retained by the bank. Candidate retains another copy for candidate's own record. Using e-challan, candidates can physically pay the seat acceptance fee in cash in any branch of State Bank of India.

Candidates can also avail the services of Grahak Seva Kendra (CSC Digital Seva Kendra) which is an enabled way of payment under SBIePay Payment Gateway. For this mode of payment, the candidate must visit a Grahak Seva Kendra and complete the payment process.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the payment of seat acceptance fee is successfully completed and the same is updated in the JoSAA portal within the time allotted for the purpose in the round where the seat is allocated.

Candidates are strongly advised to make the payment well within time, as the seat may get cancelled due to non-payment of seat acceptance fee within the stipulated time period. Such cancellation is not reversible and no requests would be entertained, as the entire process is computerized.

57. Candidates have to remit seat acceptance fee only once in the round where the candidate has been allotted a seat for the first time, unless the fee has already been paid through the "pre-payment" option. Thus, candidates who are allocated another seat in subsequent rounds of JoSAA 2026 (if any) [because they chose the float or slide option] do NOT have to pay seat acceptance fee again.

58. Seat acceptance fee, once paid, is not refundable. However, if a candidate later validly withdraws from the seat allocation process, then the seat acceptance fee paid will be refunded after deducting the JoSAA withdrawal processing

charges of Rs. 7000. If a candidate's seat is cancelled due to not meeting the eligibility criteria or due to unresolved discrepancy(ies) in the uploaded document(s), then the seat acceptance fee paid will be refunded after deducting the JoSAA processing charges of Rs. 5000.

XXIII. REMITTANCE OF PARTIAL ADMISSION FEE [For NIT+ System only]

59. At the end of the ~~6th~~ 5th round of JoSAA 2026, candidates having a provisionally allocated seat (allocated in any round of JoSAA 2026 and which has not been cancelled or withdrawn) in NIT+ System are required to pay the Partial Admission Fee (PAF) in addition to the Seat Acceptance Fees from their JoSAA portal (Please see Annexure 3 for the timeline). Non-payment of the partial admission fee will be treated as a rejection of the offered/allocated seat. Candidates are thus strongly advised to be vigilant and make the payment well within the stipulated time.

60. Partial Admission Fee (PAF): Rs. 20,000 for candidates with the category tag SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD or ST-PwD, and Rs. 45,000 for all other candidates. The partial admission fee will be adjusted against the Institute admission fee. Partial Admission Fee, once paid, is not refundable.

61. For payment of PAF, candidates should either use Debit card or UPI or Credit card or Net Banking facilities available on JoSAA portal or e-challan of State Bank of India downloaded from the JoSAA portal for making physical cash payment.

62. If a candidate fails to pay PAF (Please see Annexure 3 for the timeline), the candidate will forfeit the provisionally allotted seat. The vacant seat thus created will be made available to the candidates in CSAB 2026 Special rounds.

In such cases, the Seat Acceptance Fee paid shall be refunded to these candidates after deducting a withdrawal processing charge of Rs. 7000.

XXIV. WITHDRAW OPTION

63. A candidate, who has already accepted a seat in one of the IITs or IISC allotted by JoSAA 2026, can withdraw the seat by reporting online and following the steps contained in Clause 66 below. This option is available starting from the 2nd round and up to the second last round of seat allocation, i.e. before the last round of seat allocation [i.e. if JoSAA conducts a total of five rounds of seat allocation, candidates can withdraw up until fourth round of seat acceptance period end, i.e. till July 14, 2026 (17:00 hrs. IST), but not thereafter. Please see Annexure 3 for the timeline] only for IIT/IISc seats. For NIT+ System, the candidate can withdraw the seat by reporting online and following the steps contained in Clause 66 up to the final round of online seat allocation.

64. If a candidate withdraws a seat, the candidate's allotted seat will be cancelled and offered to another candidate in a subsequent round of counselling. The candidate withdrawing shall be excluded from the JoSAA process, which means the candidate shall not be considered for subsequent rounds of seat allocation (if any).

Seat acceptance fee will be refunded to these candidates after deducting the withdrawal processing charges of Rs. 7000. Thus, the candidate will forfeit the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

65. There is no option of withdrawing an accepted/allotted seat after the commencement of last round of seat allocation (for IITs/IISc only). There is no spot round or special round for IITs and IISc. Special Rounds for vacant seats (if any) of NIT+ System are not offered through JoSAA 2026. Candidates are advised to visit the CSAB official website (https://csab.nic.in) for information on the Special Rounds for the NIT+ System.

66. The following is the process for withdrawal of an accepted / allotted seat:

Step 1: The candidate must login to the JoSAA portal and submit a request for withdrawal by submitting a duly signed declaration form (Annexure 8), within the timelines given in Annexure 3.

Step 2: An OTP will be sent to the candidate's mobile number and email ID. The candidate shall use this OTP to confirm that the candidate wants to withdraw from seat allocation process. The candidate also confirms that this would result in cancellation of allocated seat and will not be considered for subsequent rounds of seat allocation (if any).

Step 3: The uploaded document in Step 1 will be verified by the reporting officer. Based on the verification, one of the following scenarios will happen:

1. Reporting officer will accept the request. The candidate's withdrawal request is accepted.
2. Reporting officer will reject the request based on the uploaded documentation and/or query response (see below). The candidate's withdrawal request is rejected.
3. Reporting officer raises a query to obtain additional documentation and/or to re-confirm that the candidate is interested to withdraw. The candidate will be required to respond to the query before the end of the query response period (see Annexure 3). Reporting officer will either accept or reject based on the query response, or raise another query, and the above process will be repeated.

- The candidate can see the approved/rejected status of the withdrawal request on the JoSAA portal and download the approval/rejection letter. If the withdrawal application is rejected, the candidate can submit the request again before the end of the ~~fifth~~ fourth round of counselling with proper documentation.

- The candidate will have the option to cancel a submitted withdrawal request through the online JoSAA portal, if they wish to do so, but only before the request is accepted by the reporting officer. An OTP will be sent to the candidate's mobile number and email ID, for cancelling the withdrawal request. The candidate shall use this OTP to confirm that she/he wants to cancel the withdrawal request from seat allocation process.

(Candidates are advised to keep their login credentials, i.e. login Id and password, strictly confidential to avoid any misuse).

67. The CSAB 2026 special vacant seat filling round(s) (including CSAB supernumerary counselling) will be conducted after the end of JoSAA 2026 through CSAB 2026 website, https://csab.nic.in and in accordance with the rules set out therein. Candidates seeking information/assistance from any agency / agent other than CSAB 2026 shall be doing so at their own risk and cost.

XXV. EXIT OPTION FROM SEAT ALLOCATION PROCESS

68. A candidate, who has NOT been allotted a seat in JoSAA 2026, can EXIT from the seat allocation process through the JoSAA portal starting from the 2nd round and up to the second last round of seat allocation, i.e. before the last round of seat allocation. Since JoSAA 2026 conducts a total of five rounds of seat allocation, candidates can exit until and including the fourth round of seat acceptance period. Please see Annexure 3 for the timeline. Thus, the candidate will forfeit the eligibility for admission to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

69. Candidates who have exercised exit option will NOT be considered for subsequent rounds of seat allotment (if any). Thus, the candidate will forfeit the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

70. There is no option of exit from seat allocation process after the commencement of last round of seat allocation (for IITs/IISc only). Candidates are informed that if (i) they have not been allotted a seat until the 4th round of seat allocation, (ii) they do not exercise the Exit option before the 5th round of seat allocation and (iii) are allotted a seat in the 5th round of seat allocation, then they would be deemed to have accepted the seat offered for the first time in the 5th round of seat allocation. Such candidates would not be eligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2027. Candidates are thus advised to exercise their options carefully and participate in the 5th round of seat allocation only if they are willing to accept any seat from the list of choices.

71. The following is the process for Exit option from the seat allocation process of JoSAA 2026:

Step 1: The candidate must login to the JoSAA portal and create a request for EXIT.

Step 2: An OTP will be sent to the candidate's registered mobile number and email ID. The candidate will have to enter this OTP to confirm that the candidate wants to EXIT from the seat allocation process. The candidate will be shown the warning – *after exit, you will not be allowed to participate in further rounds of JoSAA 2026 counselling.*

Step3: On submitting the appropriate responses on the check boxes, and clicking on Submit, the candidate confirms that he/she has exited from the seat allocation process, which shall then be processed online and the candidate shall then exit.

(Candidates are advised to keep their log-in credential, i.e. login Id and password, strictly confidential to avoid any misuse).

XXVI. CHANGE OF CLASS XII PASSING STATUS FOR REGISTERED CANDIDATES

72. It is possible that the Class XII passing status of a candidate is revised [due to re-totaling, re-evaluation, etc.] by the Class XII examination board AFTER the choice locking step of joint seat allocation. The following business rules apply consequent to such a revision of passing status only during the seat allocation/ allotment:

(A) Due to revision of passing status, if a candidate becomes ineligible because of not satisfying the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination" requirement [Annexure 2(a) for IITs/IISc and Annexure 2(b) for NIT+ System], then the candidate will be made ineligible at the time of seat acceptance / document verification, or even at a later stage. Offered / confirmed seat of such candidates shall accordingly stand cancelled.

(B) Due to revision of passing status, if a candidate now satisfies the "Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination" requirement [Annexure 2(a) for IITs/IISc and Annexure 2(b) for NIT+ System] and becomes eligible for admission, then such a candidate has to approach the organizing institute (**IIT Roorkee**) by sending an email to josaa@iitr.ac.in with the revised passing certificate by **July 15~~3~~, 2026 17:00 hrs**. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation only in subsequent rounds (if any), provided the candidate had registered and has filled choices in the JoSAA portal before the respective deadline, even though not eligible at the time. The allocated seat (if any) shall be the same as what the candidate would have got on the basis of the revised passing status to begin with. To ensure this, a supernumerary seat will be created, if needed.

(C) If a candidate, who was eligible, continues to be eligible even after revision of Class XII passing status, there will not be any change in seat allocation.

XXVII. DOCUMENT VALIDITY / VERIFICATION

73. During the process of document verification, if there is any mismatch between the document uploaded earlier by the candidate [JEE (Main) 2026 registration site for NIT+ System and JEE (Advanced) 2026 registration site for IITs/IISc] and the document uploaded by the candidate on the JoSAA portal, and the same is found to be due to willful forgery/act of cheating, the offer of admission will be withdrawn and the candidate shall be debarred from further rounds of seat allocation. Thus, the candidate will forfeit the eligibility for admissions to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026. The decision of JoSAA on this issue shall be final and binding.

74. It is the responsibility of the candidate to keep the valid certificates or documents ready and upload the same at the time of registration, or during the period of seat allotment, as shown in Annexure 3. All the certificates / documents will be verified at the time of online reporting and thereafter physically, at the time of reporting at the admitting Institute. For candidates whose category document is found to be invalid OR who do not produce a (valid) category document [as per the format given on JoSAA web portal], the category tag will be changed (for the purpose of seat allocation) as shown below.

Category Tag		**Reason**
Assigned	**Changed to**	
GEN-PwD	GEN	Invalid PwD certificate
GEN-EWS	GEN	Invalid EWS certificate
GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN-PwD	Invalid EWS certificate but valid PwD certificate
GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN-EWS	Invalid PwD certificate but valid GEN-EWS certificate
GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN	Both PwD certificate and GEN-EWS certificate are invalid.
OBC-NCL-PwD	OBC-NCL	Invalid PwD certificate but valid OBC-NCL certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid OBC-NCL certificate
OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and OBC-NCL certificates are invalid
SC-PwD	SC	Invalid PwD certificate but valid SC certificate
SC-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid SC certificate
SC-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and SC certificates are invalid
ST-PwD	ST	Invalid PwD certificate but valid ST certificate
ST-PwD	GEN-PwD	Valid PwD certificate but invalid ST certificate
ST-PwD	GEN	Both PwD and ST certificates are invalid
OBC-NCL	GEN	Invalid OBC-NCL certificate
SC	GEN	Invalid SC certificate
ST	GEN	Invalid ST certificate

75. If the documents are found to be invalid for reasons other than willful forgery / act of cheating, then the following rules will be applied in addition to the change of category tag or gender or nationality:

(A) If the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, PwD or DS certificate is found to be invalid or not produced **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated in the OPEN category, then the offer of admission will be provisionally confirmed.

(B) If the OBC-NCL certificate is found to be invalid or not produced during the reporting period of that particular round when a seat is allocated **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated in OBC-NCL category, then

(i) Allocated seat will be cancelled.

(ii) The candidate will be considered for seat allocation as a GEN candidate in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), provided all other criteria are satisfied [e.g., present in the respective rank list, etc.].

The rule as stated above in (B) for OBC-NCL will be applied similarly if the GEN-EWS, DS, SC or ST certificate is found to be invalid or not produced during the reporting period of that particular round. [**Please see Clause 74 above**].

(C) If the PwD certificate and/or UDID card is found to be invalid or not produced during the reporting period of that particular round when a seat is allocated and/or the candidate failed in PwD verification process **AND** the candidate satisfies all other requirements **AND** the seat is allocated under the PwD category, then

(i) Allocated seat will be cancelled.

(ii) The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), in the candidate's respective (birth) category (viz., GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST), provided the candidate has not availed Compensatory Time

and/or Scribe in JEE (Advanced) 2026 and all other criteria are satisfied [e.g., present in the respective rank list, etc.]. If the facility of scribe and/or compensatory time has been availed, and/or the candidate does not satisfy other criteria, then such candidate shall no longer be permitted to participate in JoSAA 2026 and allocated seat if any, will be cancelled.

(D) If a female candidate wrongly declares the gender as male and is allotted a seat in an academic program where female candidates are restricted, the allotted seat will be cancelled. Similarly, if a male candidate wrongly declares the gender as female and is allotted a Female-Only seat, the allotted seat will be cancelled. Such candidates will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), by changing the gender data.

(E) (**For IITs/IISc Only**): If a foreign tag candidate fails to produce **valid proof of foreign nationality** (i.e., foreign passport or citizenship certificate), any seat allocated to the candidate will be cancelled. Such candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria for Indian Nationals including satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category, as well as fulfilling **Criteria in Annexure 2(a)**. Such candidate MUST submit a proof of Indian Nationality failing which the candidate will be out of the seat allocation process for IITs/IISc.

(F) (**For IITs/IISc Only**): If an OCI/PIO (I) candidate (see **Annexure 9**) fails to produce **valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021,** the candidate's nationality status will be changed to either Indian or OCI/PIO (F) or foreign, as the case may be. In case the nationality is changed to Indian upon submission of proof of Indian nationality at the time of

online document verification, the currently allocated seat will not be cancelled and they will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN or OPEN-PwD category of seats in terms of Clause 84. In case the nationality status is changed to OCI/PIO (F) or foreign, the currently allocated seat will be cancelled and will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc only based on the updated credential as a foreign tag candidate in terms of Clause 84.

(G) (**For NIT + System Only**): If an OCI/PIO (I) candidate (see **Annexure 10**) fails to produce **valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021,** the candidate's nationality status will be changed to either Indian or OCI/PIO (F) or foreign, as the case may be. In case the nationality is changed to Indian upon submission of proof of Indian nationality at the time of online document verification, the currently allocated seat will not be cancelled and they will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for NIT+ System under OPEN or OPEN-PwD category of seats in terms of Clause 84. In case the nationality status is changed to OCI/PIO (F) or foreign, the currently allocated seat will be cancelled, and such candidates will be considered only for IIT/IISc seats in JoSAA for subsequent rounds, if any.

76. [**For NIT + System only**] The following rules will be applied if there is an error in the state code of eligibility:

(A) The state code of eligibility will be corrected in the JoSAA 2026 database.

(B) Retention / cancellation of seat will be as determined by the following table:

Eligibility	**Allocated seat quota**	**Action**
Other state quota	Other state quota	Seat will NOT be cancelled
Other state quota	Home state quota	Seat will be cancelled

Home state quota	Other state quota	Seat will be cancelled
All India quota	Home state quota	Seat will be cancelled

(C) Candidate will be considered for seat allocation in subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), as per eligibility, provided all other requirements are satisfied.

XXVIII. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR IN JEE (ADVANCED) IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS [For IITs/IISc only]

77. Candidates who validly withdraw from allocated seat or reject their allocated seat during the first four (4) rounds, by completing all formalities specified herein, can appear for JEE (Advanced) 2027 provided they meet all other eligibility requirements for JEE (Advanced) 2027.

78. Candidates who

(A) accept the provisionally allocated seat during the first four (4) rounds in any IIT/IISc by paying the seat acceptance fee and reporting online, but later do not validly withdraw their seat, become ineligible for appearing in JEE (Advanced) in subsequent years; or

(B) accept the allocated seat by making the seat acceptance fee payment and/or reporting at the admitting institute in case seat is allocated in the last round, become ineligible for JEE (Advanced) in subsequent years.

In both the above cases, the candidate becomes ineligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) in subsequent years, irrespective of whether they pay the fee of the admitting institute, get their documents physically verified at the admitting Institute, attend classes or not.

79. The candidates whose admission is cancelled after being admitted to the admitting institute, for any reason whatsoever, become ineligible to appear to JEE (Advanced) in subsequent years.

80. The candidates who pay seat acceptance fee in 2026 but have their seat cancelled by JoSAA (for whatever reason) before the last round of seat

allotment for IITs/IISc, during the joint seat allocation in 2026, will be eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2027, provided the candidate also fulfills all other eligibility criteria as would be laid down in Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2027.

81. Candidates who produce forged documents or indulge in acts of cheating are debarred from appearing in JEE (Advanced) next [and subsequent] year(s). These candidates if caught at any stage, would be deregistered from the seat and the degree, if awarded, would be cancelled.

82. Candidates who are admitted to a preparatory course in any of the IITs in the academic year 2026-27 for the first time, can appear in JEE (Advanced) 2027 provided they meet all the other eligibility requirements for JEE (Advanced) 2027.

XXIX. CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

83. At the Time of Registration for JoSAA

This section describes the application of specific business rules when a candidate changes his/her nationality status at the time of JoSAA registration. The options once exercised by the candidate during JoSAA registration cannot be changed after JoSAA registration and shall remain the same for all rounds of JoSAA and thereafter for further seat allocation processes for NIT+ System. For definition of OCI/PIO (I) and OCI/PIO (F) nationality status, please see **Annexure 9** and **Annexure 10.**

Table 1 summarizes the possible change of nationality status at the time of JoSAA 2026 registration for the candidates who have registered for JEE (Advanced) 2026. The entries in the table refer to the clauses that are applicable for the respective change.

Table 1: Change of Nationality at the Time of Registration for JoSAA for the Candidates who have registered for JEE (Advanced) 2026

		Change of Nationality To			
		Indian	OCI/PIO (I)	OCI/PIO (F)	Foreign
Change of Nationality From	Indian		**83B**	**83A**	**83A**
	OCI/PIO (I)	**83E**		**83A**	**83A**
	OCI/PIO (F)	**83C**	**83D**		**83F**
	Foreign	**83C**	**83D**	**83G**	

Table 2 summarizes the possible change of nationality status at the time of JoSAA 2026 registration for the JEE (Main) 2026 candidates who did not register for JEE (Advanced) 2026. The entries in the table refer to the clauses that are applicable for the respective change.

Table 2:Change of Nationality at the Time of Registration for JoSAA of JEE (Main) 2026 candidates who did not register for JEE (Advanced) 2026

		Change of Nationality To			
		Indian	OCI/PIO (I)	OCI/PIO (F)	Foreign
Change of Nationality From	Indian		**83B**	**83A**	**83A**
	OCI	**83E**	**83B**	**83A**	**83A**
	Foreign	**83C**	**83D**	**83G**	

83A. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. [For NIT+ System] The candidate will not be eligible for seat allocation under NIT+ System.
2. [For IITs/IISc]
   a. The candidate will be able to apply for an IIT/IISc Seat provided the candidate qualifies JEE (Advanced) 2026 AND appears in the Common Rank List.

b. The candidate will have to produce passport/certificate of nationality (or valid OCI/PIO card for moving to OCI/PIO (F) status) at the time of online reporting (if the document was not already uploaded in pre-upload stage) failing which the allotted seat will be cancelled in the round in which the seat is allotted.

c. The candidate will not get the benefit of reservations against birth-category even if the candidate has declared one.

d. The candidate will be treated as GEN category candidate. If the candidate's category was PwD and she/he had availed compensatory time and/or the services of a scribe for JEE (Advanced) 2026, the seat will be cancelled. If such a candidate had **not** availed of the compensatory time or the services of a scribe for JEE (Advanced) 2026, then the candidate's seat will **not** be cancelled.

e. The female candidate will not get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.

83B. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. The candidate will be able to apply for the seats in NIT+ System under GEN or GEN-PwD category only if the candidate has qualified in JEE (Main) 2026.
2. The candidate will be able to apply for the seats in IITs/IISc under GEN or GEN-PwD category only if the candidate has qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2026.
3. The candidate shall be included in the CRL, and/or CRL-PwD as also for the Female Supernumerary seats, as applicable, subject to qualifying JEE (Main) 2026 and/or JEE (Advanced) 2026, as applicable.
4. The candidate has to produce proof of valid OCI/PIO card (issued before 04.03.2021) at the time of online reporting, failing which, the

allotted seat will be cancelled in the round in which the seat is allotted.

83C. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. The candidate will be able to apply for the seats in NIT+ System if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for Indian Nationals under GEN category only, including qualifying the JEE (Main) 2026.
2. The candidate will be able to apply for seats in IITs/IISc if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for Indian Nationals under GEN category only, including qualifying JEE (Advanced) 2026 and satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category.
3. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
4. The candidate will have to submit a valid Indian passport or Voter ID to prove his/her claim.

83D. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. The candidate has to produce proof of valid OCI/PIO card (issued before 04.03.2021) at the time of online reporting/document pre-upload stage, failing which, the allotted seat will be cancelled in the round in which the seat is allotted.
2. The candidate will be able to apply for the seats in NIT+ System if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for OCI/PIO (I) (see **Annexure 10**) under GEN category only, including qualifying the JEE (Main) 2026.
3. The candidate will be able to apply for seats in IITs/IISc if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for

OCI/PIO (I) (see **Annexure 9**) under GEN category only, including qualifying the JEE (Advanced) 2026 and satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category.

4. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.

83E. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. The candidate will be able to apply for the seats in NIT+ System if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for Indian nationals under GEN or GEN-PwD category only, including qualifying the JEE (Main) 2026.
2. The candidate will be able to apply for seats in IITs/IISc if the candidate meets all other eligibility criteria (for admissions) for Indian nationals under GEN or GEN-PwD category only, including qualifying the JEE (Advanced) 2026 in the respective category.
3. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
4. The candidate shall be included in the CRL, and/or CRL-PwD, subject to qualifying the JEE (Advanced) 2026 or JEE (Main) 2026, as applicable.
5. The candidate will have to submit a valid Indian passport or Voter ID to prove his/her claim.

83F. The business rules remain the same in this type of nationality status change as outlined in Table 1.

83G. The following business rules will apply for the indicated nationality status change outlined in Table 1 and Table 2:

1. The candidate has to produce proof of valid OCI/PIO card at the time of online reporting/document pre-upload stage. The business rules remain the same in this type of nationality status change mentioned in Table 1 and Table 2.

84. At the Time of Online Reporting

The following action will be taken if the nationality status of a candidate is changed at the time of online reporting from JoSAA registration:

For IITs/IISc Only:

Nationality mentioned originally	**Nationality Changed at reporting time**	**Action to be taken**
Indian	Foreign	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled, and the candidate will be considered for a seat allocation in subsequent rounds (if any) based on updated credentials as a Foreign tag candidate (see Section X). The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality.
	OCI/PIO (F) [3]	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled, and the candidate will be considered for a seat allocation in subsequent rounds (if any) based on updated credentials as a Foreign tag candidate (see Section X). The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality and OCI/PIO card.

[3] (see **Annexure 9**)

	OCI / PIO (I)[3]	If the allocated seat is other than OPEN or OPEN-PwD, then the currently allocated seat will be cancelled. Candidate whose seat is cancelled will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any), provided they (a) produce a proof of valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN or GEN-PwD category, as applicable. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
Foreign	Indian	The currently allocated supernumerary seat will be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats, provided they (a) produce a proof of Indian nationality, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for Indian Nationals including satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.

	OCI / PIO (I)	The currently allocated supernumerary seat will be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats, provided they (a) produce a proof of valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category, as applicable. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
	OCI/PIO (F)	The candidate needs to produce a proof of valid OCI/PIO card. The currently allocated seat will not be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats only.

OCI / PIO (I)	Indian	The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of Indian nationality. The currently allocated seat will not be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN / OPEN-PwD category of seats. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
	OCI/PIO (F)	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled, and the candidate will be considered for a seat allocation in subsequent rounds (if any) based on updated credentials as a Foreign tag candidate (see Section X). The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality and OCI/PIO card.
	Foreign	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled, and the candidate will be considered for a seat allocation in subsequent rounds (if any) based on updated credentials as a Foreign tag candidate. The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality.

OCI / PIO (F)	Indian	The currently allocated supernumerary seat will be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats, provided they (a) produce a proof of Indian nationality, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for Indian Nationals including satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats in subsequent rounds (if any).

	OCI/PIO (I)	The currently allocated supernumerary seat will be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats, provided they (a) produce a valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for Indian Nationals including satisfying the JEE (Main) 2026 cut-off marks for qualifying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 in GEN category. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats in subsequent rounds (if any).
	Foreign	The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of foreign nationality. The currently allocated seat will not be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for IITs/IISc under OPEN category of seats only.

For NIT+ System:

Nationality mentioned originally	**Nationality Changed at reporting time**	**Action to be taken**
Indian	Foreign or OCI/PIO(F)	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled and the candidate will not be considered for any further seat allocation in NIT+ System.
	OCI / PIO(I)	If the allocated seat is other than OPEN or OPEN-PwD, then the currently allocated seat will be cancelled. Seat may also be cancelled depending on the changed State Code of Eligibility and HS/OS/AI quota seat pool from where the seat was allocated (Refer to Clause 8 of the Business Rule). Such candidate(s) will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for NIT+ System under OPEN category of seats, provided they (a) produce a proof of valid OCI/PIO card issued before 04.03.2021, (b) meet all other eligibility criteria for qualifying for JEE (Main) 2026 in GEN or GEN-PwD category, as applicable. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
Foreign or OCI/PIO(F)	Indian	Not Applicable
	OCI/PIO(I)	Not Applicable

OCI/PIO(I)	Indian	The candidate needs to produce a valid proof of Indian nationality. The currently allocated seat will not be cancelled. The candidate will be considered for seat allocation in the subsequent round(s) of seat allocation (if any) for NIT+ System under OPEN / OPEN-PwD category of seats. The female candidate will get the benefit of female supernumerary seats.
	Foreign or OCI/PIO(F)	The currently allocated seat will be cancelled and the candidate will not be considered for any further seat allocation in NIT+ System.

85. Grievance Redressal / Queries:

- In case of any query / grievance with respect to the joint seat allocation process pertaining IITs/IISc, please contact: josaa@iitr.ac.in or Helpdesk number: +91-1332-284272 (English and Hindi).
- In case of any query / grievance with respect to the joint seat allocation process pertaining to NIT+ System, please contact: info.csab2026@iiests.ac.in or Multilingual Helpdesk Number: +91-9230189233 (Languages: Bengali, English, Hindi, Marathi, Odia, Tamil, and Telegu)
- The decision(s) by the concerned authorities with regard to such grievances shall be final. The concerned authority for IITs/IISc is the Chairman, JAB 2026 and that for NIT+ System is the Chairman, CSAB 2026.
- Candidates may also refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the official website: https://josaa.nic.in.

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Annexure 1

Institutes Admitting Candidates Through Joint Seat Allocation (Academic Year 2026-27)

Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and IISc	
1.	Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai
2.	Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi
3.	Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar
4.	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar
7.	Indian Institute of Technology Goa
8.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
9.	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad
10.	Indian Institute of Technology Indore
11.	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad
12.	Indian Institute of Technology Jammu
13.	Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur
14.	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
15.	Indian Institute of Technology Dharward
16.	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
17.	Indian Institute of Technology Madras
18.	Indian Institute of Technology Mandi
19.	Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad
20.	Indian Institute of Technology Patna
21.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
22.	Indian Institute of Technology Ropar
23.	Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati
24.	Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru

National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and IIEST Shibpur	
1.	Dr. B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar
2.	Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
3.	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology Bhopal
4.	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad
5.	National Institute of Technology Agartala
6.	National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh
7.	National Institute of Technology Calicut
8.	National Institute of Technology Delhi
9.	National Institute of Technology Durgapur
10.	National Institute of Technology Goa
11.	National Institute of Technology Hamirpur
12.	National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal
13.	National Institute of Technology Meghalaya
14.	National Institute of Technology Nagaland
15.	National Institute of Technology Patna
16	National Institute of Technology Puducherry
17.	National Institute of Technology Raipur
18.	National Institute of Technology Sikkim
19.	National Institute of Technology Arunachal Pradesh
20.	National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur
21.	National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra
22.	National Institute of Technology Manipur
23.	National Institute of Technology Mizoram
24.	National Institute of Technology Rourkela
25.	National Institute of Technology Silchar
26.	National Institute of Technology Srinagar
27.	National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli
28.	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand
29.	National Institute of Technology Warangal
30.	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology Surat
31.	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology Nagpur
32.	Indian Institute of Engineering Science & Technology, Shibpur

Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs or Triple-I-Ts)	
1.	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management, Gwalior
2.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad
3.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Design & Manufacturing Kancheepuram
4.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Dharwad
5.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati
6.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani
7.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kota
8.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kottayam
9.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Design & Manufacturing, Kurnool
10.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Lucknow
11.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Manipur
12.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur
13.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune
14.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Ranchi
15.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sonipat
16.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sri City, Chittoor
17.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Tiruchirappalli
18.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Una
19.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Vadodara
20.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bhagalpur
21.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Surat
22.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bhopal
23.	Pt. Dwarka Prasad Mishra Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing, Jabalpur
24.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Agartala
25.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Raichur
26.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Vadodara International Campus (IIITVICD), Diu

OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FUNDED FULLY OR PARTIALLY BY CENTRAL OR STATE GOVERNMENTS (OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDED TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR OTHER-GFTIs)	
1.	Assam University, Silchar
2.	Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi
3.	Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya Haridwar
4.	Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Bhadohi
5.	Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management, Ahmedabad
6.	School of Studies of Engineering & Technology, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Bilaspur Chhattisgarh
7.	Department of Electronics & Communication, J. K. Institute of Applied Physics & Technology, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj
8.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Aurangabad
9.	National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Ranchi
10.	Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal
11.	Mizoram University, Aizawl
12.	Tezpur University, Tezpur
13.	School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal
14.	School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi
15.	School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
16.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra
17.	Dr SPM International Institute of Information Technology, Naya Raipur
18.	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
19.	Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh
20.	School of Engineering, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
21.	International Institute of Information Technology Bhubaneswar
22.	Central Institute of Technology, Kokrajhar
23.	Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry
24.	Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Malda
25.	Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh
26.	National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli, Sonipat, Haryana
27.	National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T)

28.	North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar
29.	Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Varanasi
30.	Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Bhilai
31.	Institute of Chemical Technology-IOC Bhubaneswar
32.	North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong
33.	Central University of Jammu, Samba
34.	Institute of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya Sagar M.P. (A Central University)
35.	Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh
36.	Birla Institute of Technology, Deoghar Offcampus
37.	Birla Institute of Technolgy, Patna Offcampus
38.	Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem
39.	Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara
40.	Central University of Jharkhand
41.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Ropar
42.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Patna
43.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Ajmer
44.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Gorakhpur
45.	Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University, Fursatganj
46.	Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir
47.	Shri G S Institute of Technology and Science, Indore
48.	National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (Deemed to be University under distinct Category) Bhopal (M.P)
49.	Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi
50.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Agartala
51.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Aizawl
52.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Imphal
53.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Calicut
54.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Kohima
55.	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Srinagar
56.	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Annexure 2(a)

Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination
(Applicable only for candidates seeking admission to IITs/IISc)

- The candidates must satisfy at least one of the following two criteria with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as compulsory subjects in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination:
  1. Must have passed class XII (or equivalent) Board examination with a **minimum of five subjects** and secured at least 75% aggregate marks. The aggregate marks for SC, ST and PwD candidates should be at least 65%.
  2. Must have passed class XII (or equivalent) Board examination with a **minimum of five subjects** and be within the category-wise (category as per the central list https://www.ncbc.nic.in, https://socialjustice.gov.in and https://ncst.nic.in) top 20 percentile of successful candidates in their respective Class XII (or equivalent) board examination.

The percentile calculation will be done for all the required subjects in a single academic year only. Therefore, candidates appearing for improvement in Board examinations can EITHER appear in one or more subjects and secure 75% aggregate marks (65% for SC, ST and PwD) after improvement, OR, appear for improvement in ALL subjects to be in top 20 percentile (see Section 2(a).1 titled "Regarding the cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile") of the corresponding academic year.

In all cases, the marksheet is required to have been issued by the same examination board and marksheets from separate boards are not permitted.

- The marks scored in the following five subjects will be considered for calculating the aggregate marks and the cut-off marks for fulfilling the top 20 percentile criterion.
  i. Physics
  ii. Chemistry
  iii. Mathematics
  iv. A language (if the candidate has taken more than one language, then the language with the higher marks will be considered)
  v. Any subject other than the above four (the subject with the highest marks will be considered).
- For calculation of the total marks for five subjects, if the marks awarded in a subject is NOT out of 100, then the marks will be scaled (up or down) to 100 so that the total aggregate mark is out of 500.
- If a Board awards only letter grades without providing an equivalent percentage of marks on the grade sheet, the candidate should obtain a certificate from the Board specifying the equivalent marks and submit it at the time of acceptance of the allocated seat. In case such a certificate is not provided, the decision taken by the Joint Implementation Committee of JEE (Advanced) 2026 will be final.
- For candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination for the first time in 2025 and reappeared in ALL subjects (for whatsoever reason) in 2026, the best of the two performances will be considered.
- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering both Class XI and Class XII examinations (in the 10+2 system), then only Class XII marks will be considered.
- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering the results of both years of a 2-year Intermediate or equivalent course, then the marks scored only in

the final year will be considered. In case such a Board gives marks of both years separately, then also the marks scored only in the final year will be considered.

- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering the results of all three years of a 3-year diploma or courses of equivalent duration, then the marks scored only in the final year will be considered.
- If a Board follows a semester system, then the marks scored in the final two semesters will be considered.
- In case any of the subjects Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Language are not evaluated in the final year (e.g., in a 3-year diploma course), then the marks for the same subject from the previous year(s) will be used for calculating percentage of aggregate marks.
- If a Board does not give marks scored in individual subjects but gives only the aggregate marks, then the aggregate marks given by the Board will be considered as such.
- The above will also apply correspondingly to those candidates who first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2024 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2023-24 on or after June 18, 2024.

2(a).1 Regarding the cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile

- The category-wise cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile are calculated based on the marks scored by the successful candidates who appeared in their respective boards for all the required subjects, in the particular year.
- The cut-off marks for PwD candidates will be the same as the lowest of the cut-off marks for GEN, OBC-NCL, SC and ST categories.
- It is clarified that top 20 percentile cut-off for the academic year 2025–26 will be considered against the successful candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2026.

- Similarly, top 20 percentile cut-off for the academic year 2024–25 will be considered against the successful candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2025.
- Candidates who appeared in Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in 2025 and wish to (or have to) reappear in 2026 with the objective to qualify through top 20 percentile cut-off criteria, must reappear in all the subjects. For such candidates, top 20 percentile cut-off for 2026 will be considered.
- In case a Board does not provide information about the cut-off for the top 20 percentile, the candidate will have to produce a certificate from the respective Board (in the format given in Annexure 11) stating that he/she falls within the top 20 percentile of successful candidates. If the candidate fails to do so, then the cut-off marks, in the respective categories, of the Central Board of Secondary Education will be used.
- The above will also apply correspondingly to those candidates who first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2024 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2023-24 on or after June 18, 2024.

2(a).2 Regarding the aggregate marks of 75% (or 65% for SC, ST and PwD)

- The aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the 2026 Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination will be considered for candidates who will appear in the Class XII examination in 2026.
- The aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the 2025 Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination will be considered provided the candidate does not reappear in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2026 in any of the subjects.

- If a candidate had appeared in his/her Class XII (or equivalent) in 2025 and wishes to improve his/her aggregate marks to meet the “aggregate marks of 75% (or 65% for SC, ST and PwD) criterion”, he/she can reappear for any number of subjects he/she wishes for improvement. The percentage marks in this situation will be calculated by considering the marks obtained in 2025 or 2026, whichever is higher, in the respective subjects, in his/her two attempts in 2025 and 2026.
- The above will also apply correspondingly for the candidates who first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2024 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2023-24 on or after June 18, 2024.
- The marksheet submitted by the candidates for their Class XII (or equivalent) examination must be issued by a single examination Board.

Annexure 2(b)

Performance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination
(Applicable only for candidates seeking admission to NIT+ System)

- The candidates should have appeared for the class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in 2024 or 2025 or 2026 and must satisfy **at least one of the following two criteria**:
  1. Must have passed class XII (or equivalent) Board examination with a minimum of five subjects and secured at least 75% aggregate marks. The aggregate marks for SC, ST, and PwD candidates should be at least 65%.
  2. Must have passed class XII (or equivalent) Board examination with a minimum of five subjects and be within the category-wise (category as per the central list https://www.ncbc.nic.in, https://socialjustice.gov.in, and https://ncst.nic.in) top 20 percentile of successful candidates in their respective Class XII (or equivalent) board examination.

The percentile calculation will be done for all the required subjects in a single academic year only. Therefore, candidates appearing for improvement in Board examinations can EITHER appear in one or more subjects and secure 75% aggregate marks (65% for SC, ST and PwD) after improvement, OR, appear for improvement in ALL subjects to be in top 20 percentile (see Section 2(b).1 titled "Regarding the cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile") of the corresponding academic year.

In all cases, the marksheet is required to have been issued by the same examination board and marksheets from separate boards are not permitted.

- The marks scored in the following five subjects will be considered for calculating the aggregate marks and the cut-off marks for fulfilling the top 20 percentile criterion. Candidates must also pass each of the following subjects in Class XII (or equivalent) to qualify for admission to the NIT+ System:
  - For B.E./B.Tech. programmes
    i. Physics
    ii. Any one of Chemistry, Biology, Biotechnology, Technical Vocation subject
    iii. Mathematics
    iv. A language (if the candidate has taken more than one language, then the language with the higher marks will be considered)
    v. Any subject other than the above four (the subject with the highest marks will be considered).
  - For B. Plan. programme:
    i. Mathematics
    ii. Other four subjects (the subject with the highest marks will be considered).
  - For B. Arch. programme:
    i. Physics
    ii. Chemistry
    iii. Mathematics
    iv. Other two subjects (the subject with the highest marks will be considered).
- For calculation of the total marks for five subjects, if the marks awarded in a subject is NOT out of 100, then the marks will be scaled (up or down) to 100 so that the total aggregate mark is out of 500.
- If a Board awards only letter grades without providing an equivalent percentage of marks on the grade sheet, the candidate should obtain a

certificate from the Board specifying the equivalent marks and submit it at the time of acceptance of the allocated seat. In case such a certificate is not provided, the decision taken by the Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) 2026 will be final.

- For candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination for the first time in 2024 and reappeared in ALL subjects (for whatsoever reason) in 2025 or 2026, the best of the three performances will be considered. Similarly, for candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination for the first time in 2025 and reappeared in ALL subjects (for whatsoever reason) in 2026, the best of the two performances will be considered.
- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering both Class XI and Class XII examinations (in the 10+2 system), then only Class XII marks will be considered.
- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering the results of both years of a 2-year Intermediate or equivalent course, then the marks scored only in the final year will be considered. In case such a Board gives marks of both years separately, then also the marks scored only in the final year will be considered.
- If a Board gives aggregate marks considering the results of all three years of a 3-year diploma or courses of equivalent duration, then the marks scored only in the final year will be considered.
- If a Board follows a semester system, the marks scored in the final two semesters will be considered.
- In case any of the subjects (e.g., Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Language) are not evaluated in the final year (e.g., in a 3-year diploma course), then the marks for the same subject from the previous year/s will be used for calculating percentage of aggregate marks.
- If a Board does not give marks scored in individual subjects but gives only

the aggregate marks, then the aggregate marks given by the Board will be considered as such.

- The above will also apply correspondingly to those candidates who first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2023 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2022-23 on or after June 28, 2023.

2(b).1 Regarding the cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile

- The category-wise cut-off marks for the top 20 percentile are calculated based on the marks scored by the successful candidates who appeared in their respective boards, in the particular year.
- The cut-off marks for PwD candidates will be the same as the lowest of the cut-off marks for GEN, OBC-NCL, SC and ST categories.
- It is clarified that top 20 percentile cut-off for the academic year 2025–26 will be considered against the successful candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2026.
- Similarly, top 20 percentile cut-off for the academic year 2023–24 and 2024–25 will be considered against the successful candidates who appeared in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2024 or 2025, respectively.
- Candidates who appeared in Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in 2024 or 2025 and wish to (or have to) reappear in 2025 or 2026 with the objective to qualify through top 20 percentile cut-off criteria, must reappear in all the subjects. For such candidates, top 20 percentile cut-off will be considered as per the year of reappearance.
- In case a Board does not provide information about the cut-off for the top 20 percentile, the candidate will have to produce a certificate from the respective Board (in the format given in Annexure 11) stating that he/she falls within the top 20 percentile of successful candidates. If the candidate

fails to do so, then the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) cut-off marks, in the respective categories, will be used.

- The above will also apply correspondingly to those candidates who had first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2023 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2022-23 on or after June 28, 2023.

2(b).2 Regarding the aggregate marks of 75% (or 65% for SC, ST and PwD)

- The aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the 2026 Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination will be considered for candidates who will appear in the Class XII examination in 2026.
- The aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the 2025 Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination will be considered provided the candidate does not reappear in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2026 in any of the subjects. Similarly, the aggregate marks scored by the candidate in the 2024 Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination will be considered provided the candidate does not reappear in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2025 or 2026 in any of the subjects.
- If a candidate had appeared in his/her Class XII (or equivalent) in 2025 and wishes to improve his/her aggregate marks to meet the "aggregate marks of 75% (or 65% for SC, ST and PwD) criterion", he/she can reappear for any number of subjects he/she wishes for improvement. The percentage marks in this situation will be calculated by considering the marks obtained in 2025 or 2026, whichever is higher, in the respective subjects, in his/her two attempts in 2025 and 2026.
- If a candidate had appeared in his/her Class XII (or equivalent) in 2024 and appeared in improvement examination to improve his/her aggregate marks to meet the "aggregate marks of 75% (or 65% for SC, ST and PwD) criterion", he/she can reappear for any number of subjects he/she wishes

for improvement. The percentage marks in this situation will be calculated by considering the marks obtained in 2024 or 2025, whichever is higher, in the respective subjects, in his/her two attempts in 2024 and 2025.

- The above will also apply correspondingly to those candidates who first appeared for their Class XII examination in 2023 but the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2022-23 on or after June 28, 2023.
- The marksheet submitted by the candidates for their Class XII (or equivalent) examination must be issued by a single examination Board.

Annexure 3

Schedule of Events of JoSAA 2026 (ONLINE REPORTING)			
	Date	**Time (IST)**	**Event**
	Monday, 20 April, 2026	10:00	Joint Apex Board declared JEE (Main) 2026 Ranks
	Monday, 1 June, 2026	10:00	Announcement of JEE (Advanced) 2026 Result
Candidate Registration and Choice Filling	Tuesday, 2 June, 2026	17:00	1. Candidate registration/choice filling for academic programs under JoSAA STARTS; candidates who qualify for the Architecture Aptitude Test (AAT) can fill in their AAT-specific choices starting from June 7, 2026, after the declaration of the AAT result.
			2. Pre-payment of the JoSAA seat acceptance fee & pre-upload of documents start
	Monday, 8 June, 2026	14:00	Display of Mock Seat Allocation-1 based on the choices filled- in by candidates as on June 7, 2026, 20:00 IST
	Wednesday, 10 June, 2026	13:00	1. Display of Mock Seat Allocation-2 based on the choices filled-in by candidates as on June 09, 2026, 17:00 IST.
			2. Candidates can Lock their Choices
	Thursday, 11 June, 2026	17:00	1. Candidate registration and choice filling for academic programs under JoSAA 2026 ENDS (Auto/System Locking of Choices)
			2. Pre-payment of the JoSAA seat acceptance fee & pre-upload of documents end
	Friday, 12 June, 2026		Reconciliation of data, verification, and validation by the JoSAA
Round 1	Saturday, 13 June, 2026	10:00	Seat Allocation (Round 1)
	Saturday, 13 June, 2026	By 17:00, June 26, 2026	Online reporting: fee payment* / document upload / response by candidate to queries (if required) (Round 1)
	Friday, 26 June, 2026		
	Friday, 26 June, 2026	**By 17:00**	***Last date for fee payment (Round 1)**
	Monday, 29 June, 2026	By 13:00	Resolution of Fee Payment Issues for Candidates who have made Payment Attempts before the payment deadline
	Monday, 29 June, 2026	By 17:00	Last day to respond to Withdrawal Query
Round 2	Tuesday, 30 June, 2026	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 2)
	Tuesday, 30 June, 2026	By 17:00, July 3, 2026	Online reporting: fee payment* / document upload / response by candidate to query (if required) (Round 2)
	Friday, 3 July, 2026		
	Friday, 3 July, 2026	**By 17:00**	***Last date for fee payment (Round 2)**
	Saturday, 4 July, 2026	By 17:00	Resolution of Fee Payment Issues (Round 2)
	Wednesday, 1 July, 2026	10:00	Initiation of Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 2). July 01, 2026, 10:00 IST – July 03, 2026, 17:00 IST
	Friday, 3 July, 2026	By 17:00	
	Sunday, 5 July, 2026	By 17:00	Last day to respond to Withdrawal Query & Last day to respond to queries (Round 2)
Round 3	Monday, 6 July, 2026	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 3)
	Monday, 6 July, 2026	By 17:00, July 8, 2026	Online reporting: fee payment* / document upload / response by candidate to query (if required) (Round 3)
	Wednesday, 8 July, 2026		
	Wednesday, 8 July, 2026	**By 17:00**	***Last date for fee payment (Round 3)**
	Thursday, 9 July, 2026	By 17:00	Resolution of Fee Payment Issues (Round 3)
	Tuesday, 7 July, 2026	10:00	Initiation of Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 3). July 07, 2026, 10:00 IST – July 08, 2026, 17:00 IST
	Wednesday, 8 July, 2026	By 17:00	
	Thursday, 9 July, 2026	By 17:00	Last day to respond to Withdrawal Query & Last day to respond to queries (Round 3)

Round 4	Friday, 10 July, 2026	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 4)
	Friday, 10 July, 2026 Monday, 13 July, 2026	By 17:00, July 13, 2026	Online reporting: fee payment* / document upload / response by candidate to query (if required) (Round 4)
	Monday, 13 July, 2026	**By 17:00**	***Last date for fee payment (Round 4)**
	Tuesday, 14 July, 2026	By 17:00	Resolution of Fee Payment Issues (Round 4)
	Saturday, 11 July, 2026	10:00	Initiation of Withdrawal of seat / Exit from seat allocation process (Round 4). July 11, 2026, 10:00 IST – July 14, 2026, 17:00 IST **LAST ROUND FOR WITHDRAWAL/EXIT (For IITs/IISc Only)**
	Tuesday, 14 July, 2026	By 17:00	
	Wednesday, 15 July, 2026	By 17:00	Last day to respond to Withdrawal Query & Last day to respond to queries (Round 4)
Round 5: Final Round for IITs/IISc	Thursday, 16 July, 2026	17:00	Seat Allocation (Round 5) FINAL ROUND of seat allocation for IITs/IISc
	Thursday, 16 July, 2026 Monday, 20 July, 2026	By 17:00, July 20, 2026	Online reporting: fee payment* / document upload / response by candidate to query (if required) (Round 5)
	Monday, 20 July, 2026	**By 17:00**	***Last date for fee payment (Round 5)**
	Tuesday, 21 July, 2026	By 17:00	Resolution of Fee Payment Issues, if any / Last day to respond to queries (Round 5)
			FINAL ROUND of seat allocation for IITs/IISc Ends
For NIT+ System only	Thursday, 16 July, 2026 – Tuesday, 21 July, 2026 (For NIT+ System)	By 17:00, July 21, 2026	[For NIT+ System Only] 1. Initiation of Withdrawal of seat (Round 5). July 16, 2026 – July 20, 2026, 17:00 IST 2. Withdrawal Query Response: July 17, 2026 – July 21, 2026, 17:00 IST
	Wednesday, 22 July, 2026 – Friday, 24 July, 2026 (For NIT+ System)	By 17:00, July 24, 2026	[For NIT+ System Only] Online payment of Partial Admission Fee (PAF). Visit CSAB 2026 website (https://csab.nic.in) for further details on Institute reporting, admission process, and special rounds
Note: The schedule for the physical verification of PwD candidates is given in Section XIX JoSAA Business Rules.			
#Payment Attempt means that a candidate has uploaded the required documents and clicked on the "Pay Seat Acceptance Fee" button on the JoSAA portal but could not complete the payment.			

Document verification and resolution of query responses by IITs, IISc, and NIT+ Institutes will proceed in parallel in each round.

1. JoSAA 2026 Registration process is mandatory for any qualified candidate interested in joining any of the IITs, IISc, NITs, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs (within the purview of JoSAA 2026). The process of registration requires candidates to reconfirm a few basic details, viz. gender, state code of eligibility and nationality, and provide their contact details.
2. Registered candidates must visit the JoSAA portal for all information pertaining to their application, including allocation of seat and queries raised by the reporting

officer. There is no other mode of informing candidates of the status of their seat allocation.

3. To accept allotted seats (and continue to be a part of JoSAA 2026 till the final round of seat allocation), candidates must upload ALL required documents and MUST pay seat acceptance fee as per the details and the schedule provided at http://josaa.nic.in.
4. The number of days and time available for document upload, query response and verification for seat acceptance in various rounds will be strictly adhered to. Candidates are advised to keep visiting http://josaa.nic.in for regular updates on schedule of events. Timelines once announced, or modified for any reason, will not be extended under any circumstances and no requests in this regard can be entertained.
5. Candidate whose seat has been confirmed by JoSAA can WITHDRAW from the seat allocation process starting from the 2nd round and up to the 4th round of seat allocation, i.e. before the last round of seat allocation (i.e. for IITs/IISc no WITHDRAWAL will be allowed after July 14, 2026, 17:00 IST, whereas for NIT+ System WITHDRAWAL will be allowed up to July 20, 2026, 17:00 IST).
6. Candidates who have not been allocated any seat by JoSAA can EXIT from the seat allocation process starting from the 2nd round and up to the 4th round of seat allocation, i.e. before the last round of seat allocation (i.e. no EXIT will be allowed after July 14, 2026, 17:00 Hrs).
7. Details regarding beginning of academic sessions at IITs, IISc, NITs, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs will be available along with other Institutional information (e.g., fee structure, etc.) at https://josaa.nic.in.
8. Delays or disruptions in service due to unavoidable circumstances shall be rectified as early as possible and information in this regard shall be notified on the JoSAA website (https://josaa.nic.in). The decisions of JoSAA 2026 in this regard shall be final and binding.

Suggested List of Documents to be uploaded by Candidates for Registration/Online Reporting (for Admission to NIT+ System)

1. Class X Mark Sheet/Certificate or Aadhaar Card or Birth Certificate (for Date of Birth)
2. Class XII Mark Sheet and Certificate (Qualifying Examination)
3. Admit card of JEE (Main) 2026
4. Certificate of category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS), if applicable, as per Government of India format, available on the JoSAA 2026 website, issued by the competent authority.

   In case of OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS category, the certificate must be either

   a) issued on or after April 01, 2026,

   OR

   b) a Government issued, online verifiable certificate which must be valid till August 31, 2026 or the day of physical reporting at the admitting institute, whichever is later.

   Please note that

   (i) Caste certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL) issued by Maharashtra State must be validated by Social Welfare department (in case of SC and OBC-NCL category) and Tribal Welfare department (in case of ST category) of Maharashtra Government. The SC/ST/OBC-NCL candidates of Maharashtra State have to produce their caste validity certificate in the format available on JoSAA 2026 website.

   (ii) ST certificates from Tamil Nadu state must be issued by the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer.
5. Original Certificate for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwD), if applicable, issued by the competent authority. Refer JoSAA 2026 website for format.
6. Original Certificate for persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing, if applicable [in the format provided in the Information Bulletin of JEE (Main) 2026, issued by the competent authorities listed in the Information Bulletin of JEE (Main) 2026.
7. Crossed Bank Cheque copy / Image of Passbook with bank account details
8. Medical Certificate (in specified Format available on JoSAA 2026 format, **Annexure 7**)
9. OCI certificate/ PIO card, if applicable
10. Passport/Citizenship certificate, if applicable

In addition to the above documents, the verifying officials will also check the special eligibility conditions, if any, for all the choices including and above the seat allotted to the candidate.

Note: If the original certificates are not in English/Hindi, English/Hindi version/translation of such certificates, duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority of the graduating Institute, will be required during the verification of documents.

List of Documents to be uploaded by Candidates for Registration/Online Reporting (for Admission to IITs and IISc)

1. Class X Mark Sheet/Certificate or Aadhaar Card or Birth Certificate (for Date-of-Birth)
2. Class XII Mark Sheet (Qualifying Examination)
3. Certificate of category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS), if applicable [in the format provided in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2026 or as per Government of India format, available on the JoSAA 2026 website, issued by the competent authority].

   In case of OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS category, the certificate must be either
   a) **issued on or after April 01, 2026, OR**
   b) **a Government issued, online verifiable certificate with date of validity being at least till July 21, 2026.**
4. Original Certificate for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), if applicable [in the format provided in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2026, issued by the competent authority]
5. Original Certificate for persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing, if applicable [in the format provided in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2026, issued by the competent authority]
6. Crossed Bank Cheque copy / Image of Passbook with bank account details
7. Medical Certificate [in the format provided in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2026, issued by the competent authority] (in specified Format available on JoSAA 2026 format, **Annexure 7**)
8. OCI certificate /PIO card, if applicable
9. Passport / Citizenship certificate, if applicable

In addition to the above documents, the verifying officials will also check the special eligibility conditions if any, for all the choices including and above the seat allotted to the candidate.

Note: If the original certificates are not in English/Hindi, English/Hindi version/translation of such certificates, duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority of the graduating Institute, will be required during the verification of documents.

Annexure 4

Class XII and Equivalent Examinations

1. The final examination of the 10+2 system, conducted by a Central or State Board recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
2. Intermediate or two-year Pre-University examination conducted by a Board or University recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.
3. Final examination of the two-year course of the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy.
4. Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling with a minimum of five subjects.
5. Any Public School, Board or University examination in India or in a foreign country recognized as equivalent to the 10+2 system by the AIU.
6. H.S.C. vocational examination.
7. A Diploma recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) or a State Board of Technical Education of at least 3 years duration.
8. General Certificate Education (GCE) examination (London, Cambridge or Sri Lanka) at the Advanced (A) level.
9. High School Certificate Examination of the Cambridge University or International Baccalaureate Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Office, Geneva.
10. Candidates who have completed Class XII (or equivalent) examination outside India or from a Board not specified above should produce a certificate from the AIU to the effect that the examination they have passed is equivalent to the Class XII examination.

In case the Class XII examination is not a public examination, the candidate must have passed at least one public (Board or Pre-University) examination earlier.

Annexure 5

Additional business rules pertaining to preparatory courses (Applicable only for IITs)

1. IITs conduct preparatory courses of one year duration for SC, ST and PwD candidates. In case the seats reserved for SC, ST and PwD candidates are not filled completely, a limited number of candidates are admitted to a preparatory course of one-year duration on the basis of further relaxation of admission criteria.
2. Admission is given to the candidates in the preparatory course provided (i) the seats reserved for the respective category are vacant, (ii) candidates satisfy the norms for preparatory courses, and (iii) the candidate has NOT accepted offer of admission to preparatory course earlier.
3. On successful completion of the course, the students will be offered direct admission to the Academic Year 2027-28 to the first year of the already allocated undergraduate program in the institute they are allotted a seat through JoSAA 2026.
4. Candidates admitted to the preparatory course are also eligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2027 subject to fulfilling other eligibility criteria.
5. Filling-in of choices for preparatory courses is also through the same JoSAA online portal and during the same schedule.
6. The institute at which one-year preparatory course is run for a candidate may be different from the institute allocated to the candidate for their academic program. The list of institutes where preparatory course will be run for the academic year 2026-27 will be available on the JoSAA website.

Annexure 6

Additional Business Rules Pertaining to Rank Lists

(Applicable only for JEE (Advanced) 2026 rank lists)

A. Only candidates who appeared for **BOTH** Paper 1 and Paper 2 of JEE (Advanced) 2026 will be considered for ranking.

B. The marks obtained by a candidate in Physics in JEE (Advanced) 2026 will be equal to the marks scored in Physics part of Paper 1 plus the marks scored in Physics part of Paper 2. Marks obtained in Chemistry and Mathematics will be calculated in the same way.

C. The aggregate marks obtained by a candidate in JEE (Advanced) 2026 is the sum of the marks awarded in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

D. Rank lists will be prepared based on the aggregate marks in JEE (Advanced) 2026.

E. If the aggregate marks scored by two or more candidates are the same, then the following tie-break policy will be used for awarding ranks:

Step 1: Candidates having higher positive marks will be awarded higher rank.

If the tie breaking criterion at Step 1 fails to break the tie, then the following criterion at Step 2 will be followed:

Step 2: Higher rank will be assigned to the candidate who has obtained higher marks in Mathematics. If this does not break the tie, higher rank will be assigned to the candidate who has obtained higher marks in Physics. If there is a tie even after this, candidates will be assigned the same rank.

F. A candidate can appear in more than one rank list subject to the candidate satisfying the minimum marks and category criteria.

G. There will be no waiting list for ranking.

Annexure 7

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
(to be issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner)

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Candidates should have good general physique. In particular,

- Chest measurement should not be less than 70 cm, with satisfactory limits of expansion and contraction.
- Vision should be normal. In case of defective vision, it should be corrected to 6/9 in both eyes or 6/6 in the better eye. Colour blind and uni-ocular (having vision in only one eye) persons are restricted from admission to certain programs.
- Hearing should be normal. Defective hearing should be corrected.
- Heart and lungs should not have any abnormality and there should be no history of mental illness and epileptic fits.
- It is mandatory that all fields in this form are filled up.

1	Name of the candidate:			Gender:	
2	Identification Mark (a mole, scar or birthmark), if any				
3	Major illness/operation, if any (specify nature of illness/operation)				
4	Height in cm:	Weight in kg:		Blood Group:	
5	Past History	(a) Mental illness (b) Epileptic Fit			
6	Chest (a) Inspiration in cm		(b) Expiration in cm		
7	Hearing				
8	Vision with or without glasses:	Right Eye	Left Eye	Colour Blindness Yes/No	Uniocular vision (having vision in only one eye) Yes/No
9	Respiratory System				
10	Nervous System				
11	Heart (a) Sounds		(b) Murmur		
12	Abdomen (a) Liver (b) Spleen	Hernia		Hydrocele	

Any other defects:

Certificate of Medical Fitness
(**Please ensure all the fields above are filled up**)

☐ The candidate fulfils the prescribed standard physical fitness, medical fitness and is FIT for admission to Engineering/Architecture/ Pharmaceutics/ Science Program.

☐ The candidate does not fulfil the prescribed standard of physical fitness/medical fitness and is unfit/temporarily unfit for admission due to following defects:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name of the Doctor	Regn. No	Signature with date	Seal

Name of the Doctor Signature Registration number Seal

Annexure 8

JoSAA 2026

Form for Withdrawal of Allotted Seat from JoSAA Counselling

(To be printed out, signed, scanned and uploaded on JoSAA 2026 portal by the candidate while applying for withdrawal. This form will not be accepted or processed unless it contains the signature of the parent / guardian)

I, _____ _____ (Candidate's Name), JEE (Main) Application number _____ have been allotted a seat _____ (Branch Name) in the Institute _____ _____ through JoSAA 2026 process. My mother's name is _____.

I would like to withdraw my allotted seat (by not accepting the same) and I do not want to be considered for seat allocation/allotment in all the subsequent rounds (if any) of JoSAA 2026 due to the following reason:

_____
_____

I understand that any seat allocated to me shall stand cancelled and rejected; I will be out of the JoSAA 2026 process entirely and I will not be considered in any further rounds of JoSAA 2026 seat allocation process. Thus, I will forfeit the eligibility for admission to any of the institutes through JoSAA 2026.

(Signature of applicant)
Name:
Date & Place:

(Signature of parent/guardian)
Name:
Relationship:

Annexure 9

Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO Candidates

(Applicable only for candidates seeking admission to IITs and IISc)

9A. Foreign Nationals

Candidates who are NOT citizens of India (by birth or naturalized) shall be considered as foreign nationals. Seats allotted to such foreign national candidates are supernumerary with a cap of 10% of total number of seats in every program. These candidates are outside the ambit of reservation of seats under the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, and PwD categories/sub-categories, as specified herein. There are no separate supernumerary seats or sub-category for females in the foreign national supernumerary seats.

The foreign national candidates, at the time of registering for JEE (Advanced) 2026 are NOT required to write JEE (Main) 2026 and may register for JEE (Advanced) 2026 directly subject to fulfilment of other eligibility criteria (for details foreign candidates may refer to https://jeeadv.ac.in/foreign.html).

9B. OCI/PIO Candidates

In light of recent judicial pronouncement[4] concerning OCI/PIO candidates, the following provisions are made for such candidates.

OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 have the option of applying for JEE (Advanced) 2026 EITHER as (a) foreign nationals OR (b) at par with Indian nationals. Accordingly, OCI/PIO candidates are divided into three categories as follows:

[4] *Reference: Decision dated October 16, 2024 passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 12263/2024.*

(i) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards subsequent to 04.03.2021[5] will be considered as foreign national candidates and will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates (see *Clause 11 of JEE (Advanced)* 2026 Information Brochure). For ease of convenience, these candidates are referred to as **OCI/PIO (F)**. The OCI/PIO (F) candidates will be eligible to compete only for the foreign supernumerary seats.

(ii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 **AND** choose to be considered as foreign nationals, will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates and are also referred to as **OCI/PIO (F)** (see *Clause 11 of JEE (Advanced)* 2026 Information Brochure). The OCI/PIO (F) candidates will be eligible to compete only for the foreign supernumerary seats.

(iii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 **AND** choose to be treated at par with Indian nationals, will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the Indian national candidates and are referred to as **OCI/PIO (I)** (see *Clause 11 of JEE (Advanced)* 2026 Information Brochure).

At the time of seat allocation, the OCI/PIO (I) candidates shall be considered for the seats in the OPEN and/or OPEN-PwD category and shall be included in the Common Rank List (CRL) and/or CRL-PwD, as also for the Female Supernumerary seats as applicable, subject to qualifying the JEE (Advanced) 2026.

[5] *Reference: Decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 891/2021.*

OCI/PIO (I) and OCI/PIO (F) candidates are NOT entitled to the benefit of reservation under the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST categories for the allocation of seats.

OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 are advised to choose their option (OCI/PIO (I) or OCI/PIO (F)) carefully. These candidates have to exercise their option while registering for JEE (Advanced) 2026.

Candidates may also refer *Clause 11 of JEE (Advanced)* 2026 Information Brochure and upload correct and complete documents at the stage of registration for JEE (Advanced) 2026.

In the event it is discovered that an OCI/PIO candidate has applied for JEE (Advanced) 2026 using his/her JEE (Main) credentials and has also applied as OCI/PIO (F) through direct registration, then such cases shall be treated as use of unfair means and the candidature shall be summarily cancelled.

The options once exercised by the candidate during JoSAA registration cannot be changed after JoSAA registration and shall remain the same for all rounds of JoSAA.

Annexure 10

Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO Candidates

(Applicable only for candidates seeking admission to NIT+ System)

10A. Foreign Nationals

Candidates who are NOT citizens of India (by birth or naturalized) shall be considered as foreign nationals. Such candidates are not eligible for seat allocation through JoSAA to NIT+ System.

10B. OCI/PIO Candidates

In light of the recent judicial pronouncement[6] concerning OCI/PIO candidates, the following provisions are made for such candidates.

OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 have the option of registration for JoSAA 2026 EITHER as (a) foreign nationals OR (b) at par with Indian nationals. Accordingly, OCI/PIO candidates are divided into three categories as follows:

(i) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards subsequent to 04.03.2021[7] will be considered as foreign national candidates and will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates. For ease of convenience, these candidates are referred to as **OCI/PIO (F)**. The OCI/PIO (F) candidates are NOT eligible for seat allotment through JoSAA to NIT+ System.

[6] *Reference: Decision dated October 16, 2024 passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 12263/2024.*

[7] *Reference: Decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 891/2021.*

(ii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 **AND** choose to be considered as foreign nationals, will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates and are also referred to as **OCI/PIO (F).** The OCI/PIO (F) candidates will NOT be eligible for seat allocation through JoSAA to NIT+ System.

(iii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 **AND** choose to be treated at par with Indian nationals, will be governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the Indian national candidates and are referred to as **OCI/PIO (I).**

At the time of seat allocation, the OCI/PIO (I) candidates shall be considered for the seats in the OPEN and/or OPEN-PwD category and shall be included in the Common Rank List (CRL) and/or CRL-PwD, as also for the Female Supernumerary seats as applicable.

OCI/PIO (I) candidates are NOT entitled to the benefit of reservation under the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST categories for the allocation of seats.

OCI/PIO candidates who have not registered for JEE (Advanced) 2026 and have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 are advised to choose their option (OCI/PIO (I) or OCI/PIO (F)) carefully. These candidates have to exercise their options while registering for JoSAA 2026. OCI/PIO candidates who have registered for JEE (Advanced) 2026 will be asked to confirm their choice of OCI/PIO(I) or OCI/PIO(F), which they made during JEE (Advanced) 2026 registration.

The options once exercised by the candidate during JoSAA registration cannot be changed after JoSAA registration and shall remain the same for all rounds of JoSAA and thereafter for further seat allocation processes for NIT+ System.

In the event it is discovered that an OCI/PIO candidate has applied for JEE (Advanced) 2026 using his/her JEE (Main) credentials and has also applied as OCI/PIO (F) through direct registration, then such cases shall be treated as use of unfair means and the candidature shall be summarily cancelled.

Annexure 11

TOP 20 PERCENTILE SCORE CERTIFICATE BY SCHOOL BOARDS

<Name of the Board of Examination>

<Year of Examination>

Category-wise Top 20 Percentile Cut-off Marks

This is to declare that the following are the cut off marks for the category-wise top 20 percentile of candidates who appeared in the <name of examination> (<month and year> of examination) conducted by the <name of the board>.

Total Marks: <total marks>

Cut off Marks: as per the following table.

GEN	GEN-EWS	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	PwD

Name & Signature.

Seal of the Competent Authority of the Board.