



## Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode PGP Admissions Policy and Procedure for 2024-2026 Batch

IIM Kozhikode adopts a three-staged selection process for its admissions to the PGP 2024-2026 batch. The details of the three stages are given below:

### Stage 1: Registration of Candidates Meeting the Minimum Eligibility Criteria

In Stage 1, the following minimum eligibility criteria will be applied to all those candidates who have opted for IIM Kozhikode. Only candidates obtaining a positive (greater than zero) scaled score in all sections of CAT 2023 will be considered.

1. Those candidates who have a Graduation Degree must secure a minimum of 60 percent aggregate marks in their Graduation Degree<sup>1</sup>.
2. Those candidates who do not have a Graduation Degree but completed CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS must secure a minimum of 50 percent aggregate marks in CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS.
3. Those candidates who have secured 50 percent aggregate marks in CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS and have a Graduation Degree must secure a minimum of 60 percent aggregate marks in their Graduation Degree.

**Table 1: Minimum Eligibility Criteria**

Category	CAT Score Percentile	Sectional Percentile	SSC/X Class Percentage*	HSC/XII Class Percentage* <sup>1</sup>
GEN	85	75	60	60
OBC-NCL/EWS	75	65	60	60
SC	65	55	55	55
ST/PwD	55	45	55	55

\* The percentage of marks obtained in Class X and Class XII would be calculated based on the aggregate marks of all subjects that appear in the marks sheet or grade sheet, irrespective of whether the Board considers them for calculation of percentage.

*Note:* General (GEN), Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Classes- Non creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Persons with Disability (PwD).

All candidates who have opted for IIM Kozhikode and are fulfilling the above-mentioned minimum eligibility criteria are eligible to register for the IIM Kozhikode PGP programme and would receive an email for online registration for admissions to IIM Kozhikode. Only those candidates who have successfully completed the online registration process for IIM Kozhikode will be considered for Stage 2. Please note that this is a pre-interview registration process and not the call for interview.

<sup>1</sup> Candidates who have not received any marks in their Graduation /Class 12<sup>th</sup> (due to Covid-19 pandemic) but have a pass certificate will be accepted to Stage 2 subject to providing a self-declaration in Stage-1 about the non-availability of marks. Independent vetting may be conducted for Graduation with the concerned University/College.

## Stage 2: Shortlisting for Writing Ability Test (WAT) and Personal Interview (PI)

The Stage 2 process applies to all eligible candidates who have successfully completed the registration process in Stage 1 for the admissions to IIMK and it is for the determination of the candidates to be called for personal interview (PI). A shortlist of candidates in each category will be prepared based on an Aggregate Index Score (AIS). The AIS is computed based on the performance in CAT 2023, Class X, Class XII, Gender/Academic diversity criterion, and work experience. The weight of each component in the AIS is as follows:

**Table 2: Aggregate Index Score Computation for Stage 2 Shortlist**

Component	Weight
CAT 2023 Index Score	45%
Class X Percentage Score	25%
Class XII Percentage Score*	15%
Gender/Academic Diversity Score**	10% / 5%
Work Experience Score	5%

\* Candidates who have not received any marks for their HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the weightage allocated (15%) shall be proportionately split between the CAT 2023 Index Score and Class X Percentage Score.

\*\* Refer point No. 4.

The details of each component are given as follows:

### 1) CAT Index Score

Scaled scores from the three sections (with equal weightages) of CAT 2023 will be considered for the computation of the CAT Index Score. The CAT Index Score will carry a weight of 45%.

### 2) SSC/Class X/IB/Equivalent Percentage Score

The percentage of marks obtained in SSC/Class X/IB/Equivalent would be calculated **based on the aggregate marks of all subjects** that appear in the marks sheet or grade sheet, irrespective of whether the Board considers them for calculation of percentage. The SSC/Class X/IB/Equivalent percentage scores are first adjusted by dividing each score by the highest percentage score obtained in the Board and then that adjusted score is multiplied by 25. The database of SSC/Class X/IB/Equivalent percentage scores of all CAT applicants for the past three years including the current year is used for identifying the highest percentage score of a Board.

### 3) HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma Percentage Score

The percentage of marks obtained in HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma would be calculated based on the **aggregate marks of all subjects that appear in the marks sheet or grade sheet**, irrespective of whether the Board considers them for calculation of percentage. The HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma percentage scores are first adjusted by dividing each score by the highest percentage score obtained in the stream of that Board and then that adjusted score is multiplied by 15. The database of HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma percentage scores of all CAT applicants for the past three years including the current year is used for identifying the highest percentage score of a stream in a Board. Candidates who have not received any marks for their HSC/Class XII/IB/Equivalent/Diploma due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the weightage allocated (15%) shall be proportionately split between the CAT 2023 Index Score and Class X Percentage Score.

#### **4) Gender/Academic Diversity Score**

Marks are awarded for gender/academic diversity. Only female/transgender candidates are eligible for a gender diversity score of 10. A candidate with (or pursuing) a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a discipline other than Engineering/Technology will be eligible for the academic diversity score of 5. A candidate is entitled to only one of two applicable diversity scores, from either gender diversity or academic diversity and not for both.

#### **5) Work Experience Score**

- a) Previous work/professional experience will carry a weight of up to 5%, depending on the length of service as on December 31, 2023. Only fulltime remunerative work experience after Graduation/(CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS)\* will be considered. Part-time/Project/Internship/Articleship/Pre-Graduation/Fellowship work experience will not be counted as work experience. A candidate with a work experience of 6 months or above will be eligible for work experience score. A sample illustration of the scores awarded is provided in [Annexure 1](#).

\*For details refer Stage-1, minimum eligibility criteria

- b) Regarding self-employment/partnership experience: fulltime self-employment must be established using **income tax returns** pertaining to years of employment or assessment year preceding to year of CAT registration, and any two of the following documents:
  - i. Registered partnership deed,
  - ii. MCA/RoC firm registration certificate,
  - iii. GST registration of firm,
  - iv. Firm's audited statements of account (for at least two continuous financial years),
  - v. DIPP Certificate of Recognition.

At least one of these documents must indicate the name of the firm and the name of the candidate as Promoter/Director. The other document must refer to the firm's name or registration number. The later date in these two submitted documents will be taken as the start date of self-employment. Both dates used to calculate start of self-employment must be after date of award of graduation. A sample illustration of the scores awarded is provided in [Annexure 1](#).

### **Stage 3: Final Shortlist**

The short-listed candidates will have to appear for a Written Ability Test (WAT) followed by a Personal Interview (PI). IIM Kozhikode will conduct the WAT and PI at Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Mumbai and New Delhi. The entire process will last for a half-day (morning or afternoon). In this process, the candidates will be writing an essay, followed by PI. The essay topic will be announced at the venue just before the start of the WAT session. During the PI process, the panel will evaluate the academic efforts and disposition, general awareness and social disposition, attitude, personality and communication and the quality of work experience of each candidate. The resume score will be calculated based on the quality of academic, professional qualifications and professional certifications.

After the conclusion of the WAT and PI process, the final scores will be computed (see Table 3) based on the performance in CAT 2023, PI, WAT and resume score. Category-wise merit list will be prepared based on the final scores. Admission offers will be made to candidates following the merit list as per the Government of India reservation norms.

**Table 3: Final Score Computation**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>CAT 2023 Index Score</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>PI Score</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>WAT Score</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Resume Score</b>	<b>10%</b>

### **Reservation Policy**

IIM Kozhikode will follow Government of India reservation policy for admission to Central Educational Institutions (CEIs).

**Any dispute concerning Admissions for the PGP Batch of 2024-2026 would be subject to jurisdiction of competent Courts within Kozhikode only.**

### **Important Information**

1. Stage 1 is a pre-interview registration process and not a call for PI.
2. Only candidates who have successfully registered online for admissions to IIMK will be considered for Stage 2 (PI). A successful registration does not automatically qualify a candidate for the Stage 2 selection process.
3. The number of candidates shortlisted for Stage 2 would be at the discretion of IIMK and would depend on the batch size planned for 2024-26.
4. Each IIM shortlists candidates for PI based on their own criteria. Hence, it is natural to observe variations in the lists of candidates shortlisted by different IIMs.
5. The short-list for Stage 2 (PI) will be made available on the IIMK website around the last week of January 2024. The interview call letters, venue details, etc. will be made available on the IIMK website and the candidates need to download the same.
6. After the completion of Stage 2 (PI), a merit list for admissions will be prepared around the second week of May 2024. The required number of admissions offers will be given in the order of merit, following the Government of India reservation policy.
7. A limited number of candidates will be kept in the waiting list. Offers to the candidates in the waiting list will depend upon the number of candidates not accepting offers from the initial lists. The number of candidates in the waiting list would be at the discretion of IIMK and will depend on the batch size planned for 2024-26.
8. All the candidates are advised to check their emails regularly and visit the IIMK website for updates on admission-related activities.
9. If a candidate fails to complete the admission formalities within the stipulated time period, irrespective of reasons, the seat will be forfeited and the next candidate in the waiting list will be given the offer.
10. IIMK reserves the right to change, modify or adopt any new admission policy and process to comply with Government/Judicial requirements or as it deems necessary. IIMK also reserves the right to adopt an admission policy, which best suits its purpose of identifying and admitting the most appropriate candidates to its postgraduate programme.
11. IIMK is not responsible for other institutions using the PI scores of IIMK for their admission process.

12. Originals of all certificates (academic/reservation/work experience/professional) must be produced for verification at the time of PI. ***Any candidate failing to produce any of the relevant original certificates mentioned will be disqualified from attending the PI process.***
13. All communication pertaining to IIM Kozhikode PGP admissions will be done only through the admissions office of IIM Kozhikode.
14. Disclosure of information about the admission process is driven by concerns, which at times conflict with each other. IIMK would like the admission process to be transparent. At the same time, IIMK would wish to protect the privacy of the individual candidates and confidentiality of the process to prevent abuse. Based on these considerations, the details of the performance of an individual are not made available to any other person. Similarly, the details of the performance of a candidate in PI, including assessment of attributes, is not disclosed to anyone to prevent exercise of undue pressure on the panelists participating in the admission/selection process. Adequate care is taken in formation of the interview panels, development of objective criteria for assessment, random allocation of candidates to interview panels and other such measures.
15. IIM Kozhikode does not allow deferment of an admission offer to subsequent years.
16. Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by a candidate at any stage during the admissions process or at any later date, will lead to immediate disqualification of the candidate from IIMK.
17. A candidate receiving the admission offer from IIM Kozhikode and accepting the offer within the stipulated date needs to remit an amount of ₹1,00,000/-, along with the offer acceptance. The candidate will have to register on the registration day for the postgraduate programme and pay the necessary fees to complete the admission process.
18. A candidate withdrawing from the programme will receive a fee refund, if the withdrawal is done before the date and time specified in the PGP 2024-26 withdrawal procedure, duly uploaded on the IIMK website. Note that the refund will be done after deducting processing charges as per Government of India Order: F. No. 21-166/2007-TS. II dated 18.05.2007 which encloses order No.14-4/2007-U.3(A)
19. A candidate withdrawing from the programme after the date and time specified in the withdrawal procedure will be permitted a refund only if he/she does not cause a resultant shortfall such that admitted batch size (total batch size) is lower than the sanctioned batch size for 2024-26.
20. All requests for withdrawal from the programme prior to the registration date would be handled only through the admission portal.
21. The Institute shall not interfere in any way with due process of law, initiated and enforced by law enforcing authorities, against students who violate laws and statutes in-force in India. In case of any such misconduct the student shall be responsible for the consequences and suitable action may be initiated by the Institute.
21. Any changes, in the above procedure due to any unforeseen reasons or due to the outbreak of pandemic, will be communicated accordingly.

## Resume Evaluation from Personal Data Form (2024-26)

### *Resume Evaluation Factors*

**A: Quality of the Undergraduate Academic Institution**

**B: Professional Qualification (CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS)**

**C: Professional Certification (CFA – Level 1, 2, 3)**

**Table A: Resume Evaluation Scheme**

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Score = 4</b>	<b>Score = 0</b>
<b>NIRF Ranking - Quality of the Undergraduate Academic Institution</b>	If the <b>Undergraduate Academic Institution</b> from which an applicant has completed his Graduation is ranked less than or equal to 30 in the <a href="#">NIRF 2023 ranking</a> , then such applicants will be eligible for resume score (4) under the NIRF ranking factor.	If the <b>Undergraduate Academic Institution</b> from which an applicant has completed his Graduation is ranked 31 and above in the <a href="#">NIRF 2023 ranking</a> , then such applicants will not be eligible for resume score under the NIRF ranking factor.
<b>Professional Qualification</b>	If an applicant has qualified CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS, then they would be eligible for resume score (4) under Professional Qualification	If an applicant has not qualified CA/ CMA(ICWA)/CS, then such applicants would not be eligible for resume score under Professional Qualification
<b>Professional Certification</b>	If an applicant has completed CFA level 1, 2, or 3, then they would be eligible for resume score (4) under Professional Certification	If an applicant has not completed CFA level 1, 2, or 3, then such applicants would not be eligible for resume score under Professional Certification

***Annexure 1: Score for Work Experience in Completed Months***

<b>Months</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>Score</b>
Below 6	0.00	33	4.67
6	0.17	34	4.83
7	0.33	35-36	5.00
8	0.50	37	4.80
9	0.67	38	4.60
10	0.83	39	4.40
11	1.00	40	4.20
12	1.17	41	4.00
13	1.33	42	3.80
14	1.50	43	3.60
15	1.67	44	3.40
16	1.83	45	3.20
17	2.00	46	3.00
18	2.17	47	2.80
19	2.33	48	2.60
20	2.50	49	2.40
21	2.67	50	2.20
22	2.83	51	2.00
23	3.00	52	1.80
24	3.17	53	1.60
25	3.33	54	1.40
26	3.50	55	1.20
27	3.67	56	1.00
28	3.83	57	0.80
29	4.00	58	0.60
30	4.17	59	0.40
31	4.33	60	0.20
32	4.50	61 and above	0.00