

PGDM (ABM) 2026 ADMISSION POLICY

A. Eligibility

1. **The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Sciences or in Agriculture-related disciplines**, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in case of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST), Persons with Disability (PwD) category] from a recognized ICAR accredited university/institute or any of the Universities incorporated by an act of the Central or State legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. However, the Bachelor's Degree obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of **FOUR** years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (XII/10+2) or equivalent.

Agriculture related disciplines shall include: *Agriculture, Agri Business Management, Agricultural Marketing and Cooperation, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Information Technology, Commercial Agriculture, Dairy Technology, Fisheries, Food Technology, Food Processing Engineering, Forestry, Horticulture, Sericulture, Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry and any other streams of Agriculture and Allied sectors.*

2. **The candidates must have a valid score of CAT-2025 conducted by Indian Institutes of Management.**
3. MANAGE uses CAT percentile as a primary category for short-listing the candidates for admissions in PGDM (ABM). IIMs have no other role either in the selection process or in conduct of the programme.

4. Reservation of seats will be applicable for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), EWS, SC, ST, PwD/PH and Kashmiri Migrant categories as per Govt. of India rules.
5. Candidates who are in final year of their graduation can also apply and submit their mark sheets/grade card indicating up to date and latest cumulative marks/CGPA/OGPA till the previous year/semester and also indicate the same in the application form. Their provisional eligibility will be decided based on the same. If selected, they may seek provisional admission into the programme on payment of the required fee and other charges as specified. Before the commencement of academic sessions candidate have to submit the provisional degree certificate, aggregate marks/CGPA/OGPA and other certificates, failing which the provisional admission will automatically stand cancelled.
6. There will be no refund of fee paid by the students, in the event of the cancellation of their admission for the above reasons or withdrawal by the student. All candidates are required to submit attested photocopies of a complete set of documents as specified in the application form along with their application. They must produce all original certificates/documents for verification at the time of interview and admission.
7. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ascertain and ensure that they possess the requisite qualifications for admission. Having been admitted provisionally does not mean acceptance of eligibility. Final eligibility for admission will be decided by MANAGE.

B. Selection Procedure

A multi-stage selection procedure will be followed for admission as described below.

1. All candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria will have to submit the CAT-2025 Scorecard latest by **10th February, 2026**.
2. The shortlisting of the candidates will be prepared category wise i.e., GEN, EWS, OBC (Non-Creamy layer), SC, ST, PwD and Kashmiri Migrants. The shortlisted candidates will be called for Essay Writing, Group Discussion, Personal Interview etc., based on CAT percentile/cutoff.
3. The CAT Score weightage will be computed as follows:

1.	CAT Score (CS)	$CS = \text{Candidate's CAT Score} / \text{Highest CAT Score} * 55$
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4. The final merit list will be prepared based on the following selection parameters and respective weightages as given below:

Table 1

S. No.	Parameter	Weightage
1.	CAT Score	55
2.	Essay Writing	05
3.	Group Discussion	12
4.	Personal Interview	17
5.	Work experience	05 (as in Table 2)
6.	Academic Record	06 (as in Table 3)
Total		100

- (i) Personal interview, GD, Essay Writing may include subjects to test candidates' aptitude for Agriculture and Management. Candidates' record in extracurricular activities and any additional qualifications or accomplishments may also be considered during the interview process.
- (ii) About 2 minutes time will be given to the candidates to prepare before Group Discussion.
- (iii) During Group Discussion, every candidate in a group shall be given at least 2 minutes during which nobody else will interject.

5. **Work Experience Marks** shall be awarded as per table given below:

Table 2

S.No.	Years of Experience	Marks
1.	Minimum one year	1
2.	>1 year to 1½ years	2
3.	>1½ years to 2 years	3
4.	>2 years to 3 years	4
5.	>3 years	5

Note: Relevant experience alone will be considered for awarding marks.

6. **Academic Record:** Six marks earmarked for academic record shall be split further in the ratio of 2:4 for percentage / grade points in plus 2 and graduation level respectively. Wherever the University gives a well-defined formula for conversion of grades into marks, the same shall be used.

Table 3

S. No	Components	Method of scoring for Academic Record
1.	Class – XII Marks	Candidate's Class XII Percentage Score/100 X 2
2.	Graduation Marks	Candidate's Graduation Percentage Score/100 X 4

7. The final merit/rank list will be based on the summation of points earned in all the assessment items as depicted in Table 1.
8. The category-wise final merit list will be hosted on MANAGE website.

For International students the admissions procedures and fee details are mentioned in separate brochure placed on MANAGE PGDM (ABM) website.

C. Application Form

Application fee: Rs.600/- (Rs.200/- for SC and ST categories).

Application Form can be filled in through any one of the following options:

1. Online Application:

- (i) Application form can be filled online by clicking:

<https://www.manage.gov.in/abmonline/>

(ii) Please upload the following Academic / Caste / Category / Work Experience Certificates;

a) SSC, XII/10+2, and Graduation (provisional, transcript, conduct & migration certificates). The candidates pursuing their final year are directed to upload the latest semester/trimester marks sheets along with the bonafide certificate.

b) Candidates claiming reservation should submit Caste / Category Certificate.

c) Candidates claiming experience should submit relevant work experience certificate along with offer letter and pay slips.

Note: All the above relevant certificate should be uploaded individually and work experience certificates in a 'SINGLE PDF' file.

(iii) All the online applicants must pay the application fee through **MANAGE payment gateway** only.

(iv) After filling all the details, verify and submit the online application form.

2. Offline Application:

i. Application form can also be downloaded by clicking the link

<https://www.manage.gov.in/ABM-Admissions/appln.pdf>

ii. The application fee is also payable through Demand Draft drawn in favour of "MANAGE, Hyderabad" from any nationalised bank.

The filled in application form (offline) along with photocopies of documents as prescribed in the application may be sent to the following address by speed post / courier.

Address to:

**Head & Principal Coordinator - PGDM (ABM)
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (MANAGE)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030, Telangana**

Last date for application: 10th February, 2026