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**The revision in eligibility criteria for admission to MBA programme offered by
Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management, IIT Bombay**

Mumbai | June 3, 2025: The candidates with four Bachelor Degree or Masters Degree in any discipline with first class (or minimum CPI of 6.5 out of 10) have been eligible for admission to MBA until last year. The minimum eligibility criteria for admission to MBA have been revised and approved by IITB senate last year. The revised criteria make candidates with three-year Bachelor Degree in any discipline with first class (or minimum CPI of 6.5 out of 10) also eligible for admission to MBA w.e.f. the academic year 2025-26. The 2025-27 batch of MBA will include significant number of candidates from other disciplines unlike the situation until last year when the batches included mostly engineers.

This revision in eligibility criteria is intended to improve the discipline and gender diversity of the cohort given the multi-disciplinary nature of management. The diverse cohort will also help bring different perspectives to the classroom discussion and enrich the learning experience. The case method employed in management education and training also requires diversity in the classroom given the unstructured situations managers are required to deal with as there are no unique solutions or unique algorithms to solve the problems unlike in Science and Engineering.

The recruiting companies have also been facing pressures to improve gender (and discipline) diversity while hiring and planning their human resources and hence many management institutions have been employing different means to improve gender and discipline diversity while admitting students to their management programmes. The continuous and constant feedback in this regard from recruiters visiting SJMSOM is also one of the inputs to the decision to revise the eligibility criteria. There is no reason or justification to restrict the admission to students of engineering and science given the fact that the School is offering a general MBA degree.

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The revised eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Bachelor degree with at least 60% marks (55% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category) or a minimum CPI of 6.5 (6 in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category) out of 10 from institutions / universities incorporated by an act of parliament or state legislature in India or other institutions declared to be deemed as University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
2. Candidates in final year of the degree and those awaiting results can also apply. The applicant should have secured an aggregate of 60% marks (55% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/PWD category) or equivalent till the latest exam that has been completed and whose scores are available. The admission will be subject to candidate fulfilling the eligibility criteria.
3. The candidate should have a valid CAT score.

Reason(s) / Justification for Change

1. This is in line with the eligibility criteria for admission to MBA programmes offered by other IITs and IIMs.
2. To improve discipline and gender diversity, and to have more candidates to select from.

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Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, set up in 1958 as the second IIT, is recognised worldwide as a leader in the field of science and engineering education and research. The Institute was granted the status of 'Institution of Eminence' by the Ministry of Education (the then Ministry of Human Resources Development) on July 9, 2018. IIT Bombay is reputed for the quality of its faculty, cutting-edge research, industry relations and the outstanding calibre of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 17 academic departments, 39 other academic entities (Centres/ Programmes/ Academic facilities/ Hubs/ Externally funded centres and Labs) and three schools. Over the last six decades, more than 75,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by 744 faculty members and about 150 visiting and part-time faculty, considered not only amongst the best within the country but also highly recognised in the world for achievements in the field of education and research. On March 12, 2025, the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in their ranking by Subject has ranked IIT Bombay 2nd in India and 28th globally in Engineering and Technology. For the first time, IIT Bombay was ranked 118th globally, thus securing our position in the top 125 universities in the QS World University Ranking 2025.

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