

## SCHEDULED CASTE (SC) & SCHEDULED TRIBES (ST)

As per the legal requirements, 15% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates.

### **Eligibility Criteria for SC/ST Candidates**

- The SC & ST candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree/Professional Degree, with at least 45% marks or equivalent CGPA.
- If a candidate belongs to the SC or ST categories, the respective caste/tribe must be listed in the Government of India schedule.
- Valid caste/tribe certificate in the Government approved format and issued by a competent authority.

### **Required Documents**

- Verified Caste/Tribe Certificate issued by competent authority.
- The caste certificate that the candidate submits should be in the Government approved format and should clearly state:
  - a) Name of the caste/tribe.
  - b) Whether the candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
  - c) District and State or Union Territory of the candidate's ordinary residence
  - d) The appropriate Government of India schedule under which the candidate's caste/tribe is approved by it as Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
  - e) The certificate should be in Hindi or English only.

#### **Note:**

- A copy of the SC & ST Certificate must be uploaded at the time of the CAT application registration.
- The SC & ST Certificate must be shown and a photocopy should be submitted at the time of interviews. Moreover, the certificate(s) must be submitted at the time of joining the programmes of any of the IIMs.

#### **Caste Certificate Proforma:**

[SC & ST Certificate](#)

## **Competent Authorities to Issue SC/ST Certificate**

Candidates must ensure that the caste/tribe certificate has been issued and signed by the competent authorities.

The authorities competent to issue the certificate are:

- District Magistrate
- Additional District Magistrate
- Collector
- Deputy Commissioner
- Additional Deputy Commissioner
- Deputy Collector
- I Class Stipendiary Magistrate
- City Magistrate
- Taluka Magistrate
- Executive Magistrate
- Extra Assistant Commissioner
- Chief Presidency Magistrate
- Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate
- President Magistrate
- Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tahsildar
- Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the person and his family normally resides
- Development Officer

The certifying authority should be the one concerned with the locality in which the person applying for a certificate has his permanent place of abode.

Revenue Authorities have been empowered to issue certificates on the basis of a certificate issued by an MP, MLA, Gazetted Officer, etc. But they should do so only after proper verification and after having satisfied themselves of the corrections.

## **FAQs**

**1. I have an SC/ST certificate in the format uploaded on the CAT 2019 website. Can I use the same certificate or do I have to download the certificate template from the CAT website and fill it again?**

Answer: If your certificate fulfils the following conditions, you can upload the same certificate:

- The certificate should have been issued by a competent authority.
- The name of the caste and caste number should appear in the certificate.
- The Ministry's resolution/order number should be available.
- The certificate should be in Hindi or English only.

The Certificate must be issued by a competent authority. Refer [here](#) more details.

**2. Which documents must I submit if I belong to the SC/ST category?**

Answer: If you belong to the SC or ST category, your caste/tribe must be listed in the Government of India schedule. For more information, refer the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment website [www.socialjustice.nic.in/Home](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in/Home) and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs website [www.tribal.nic.in](http://www.tribal.nic.in)

For more details, refer the criterion mentioned [here](#).

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