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# MCA admission (NIMCET and state tests)

Investigate how admission to MCA works: NIMCET for the NITs, the Maharashtra MCA CET, and an institution's own eligibility page.

## At a glance

For you

— Choose a qualification

Choose your degree on the Explore page to see what the sources say for you.

Cost

✓ 2 sourced

The non-refundable NIMCET-2026 application processing fee is Rs.2,500 for OPEN/OPEN-EWS/OBC and Rs.1,250 for SC/ST and PwD...

Stipend

— Not applicable

Study route, so no salary. A stipend appears only where a source states it.

Timetable

? Not established

Set by each institution. Check its brochure.

Admission

✓ 16 sourced

NIMCET-2026 accepts any undergraduate programme of at least three years that had Mathematics or Statistics as one of its subjects.

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## Cost, pay and hours

As sourced

## 1 Extra cost

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The non-refundable NIMCET-2026 application processing fee is Rs.2,500 for OPEN/OPEN-EWS/OBC and Rs.1,250 for SC/ST and PwD in any category.

**Basis:**

Indian rupees One-off NIMCET-2026 application processing, non-refundable

Excludes Counselling registration fee, programme fees, travel

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Note:**

Excludes payment-gateway charges (not stated) and the separate counselling registration fee.

A counselling registration fee of Rs 1000 is charged to qualified candidates who apply for counselling.

**Basis:**

Indian rupees One-off Counselling registration, NIMCET-2026

Excludes Seat acceptance or institute fees

**Scope:**

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**Note:**

2026 cycle only. Category-wise differences, if any, are not stated here.

## 2 Pay

Not established

This is a study route, so there is no salary.

A stipend or fee waiver appears only where a source states it.

**Have a source? Tell us**

## 3 Timetable & attendance

Not established

Timetable, attendance and leave rules are set by each institution. Check its brochure.

**Have a source? Tell us**



## Reality check

From the sources



### The work

Not established. The cited documents describe admission, not what an MCA graduate does.



### Entry requirements

- NIMCET-2026 accepted any undergraduate programme of at least three years that had Mathematics or Statistics as a subject, or B.E./B.Tech, with at least 60% or CGPA 6.5 (55% or 6.0 for SC/ST/PwD).
- MAH-MCA-CET 2026 named B.E./B.Tech, B.Sc, B.Com, B.Voc and BCA, with Mathematics at 10+2 or graduation 'preferably' and at least 50% marks.
- Christ University lists B.Sc Computer Science or BCA with 50%, or a degree with Mathematics or Computer Science as major or minor.



### Trade-offs to consider

- NIMCET does not name BCA: whether a BCA graduate qualifies depends on whether the degree had Mathematics or Statistics as a subject.
- The NIMCET brochure says it is the only route to MCA at the 11 NITs and 2 IIITs it lists.
- Every figure and date shown is from the 2026 cycle
- The 2027 notices were not yet published on 25 October 2026.
- Programme fees are not shown because the brochure's fee tables need a check by eye.



## Skills & employers

From the sources

### Skills to investigate

Mathematics

Exam preparation

Programming basics

### Institutions named in sources



National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli  
(coordinating NIMCET-2026)



CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

Examples in cited pages, not a hiring list.

### Study or credential needed

For 2026-27, admission to Maharashtra MCA institutes covered by the CET Cell (government, aided, university and covered un-aided institutes) is based on the MAH-MCA-CET score, so that test is the credential for those seats.

#### Scope:

- MAH-MCA-CET 2026, academic year 2026-27, two-year full-time MCA.
- Section 3.0 names 'any Graduation Degree (e.g. B.E/ B.Tech /B.Sc /B.Com /B.voc/BCA etc.)' with at least 50% (45% for stated reserved categories).

#### Note:

- Maharashtra institutes covered by the Act only
- Does not apply to NITs or private universities outside it.
- No 2027 cycle brochure was checked.

## How admission works

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NIMCET-2026 accepts any undergraduate programme of at least three years that had Mathematics or Statistics as one of its subjects.

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

### Scope:

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

### Not established:

- The brochure does not name BCA or B.Sc. A BCA graduate would qualify only if the BCA programme had Mathematics or Statistics as a subject
- That is a reading of the wording, not something the brochure says in so many words.
- A university or Open University degree needs UGC/AICTE/DEC approval (note on p. 6).

NIMCET-2026 also accepts B.E./B.Tech. from a recognised university or institution, with no branch named.

Names: B.Tech

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

### Scope:

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

### Not established:

- No branch restriction is stated, and no Mathematics-subject condition is attached to the B.E./B.Tech. route.
- Does not say a CSE branch gets any preference.

Minimum marks in the qualifying degree are 60% aggregate or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale, lowered to 55% or 6.0 CGPA for SC/ST/PwD.

Names: B.Tech

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

### Scope:

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- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

### Not established:

- Marks are computed over all subjects of all years including languages and optional subjects (p. 6).
- Conversion between CGPA and percentage is not permitted.
- Does not say what marks actually get a seat.

Final-year students may apply, but must show proof of eligibility at counselling or admission, not later than 30/09/2026.

Names: B.Tech

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

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- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Not established:**

- Applies to the 2026 cycle (academic year 2025-26 results).
- The deadline will differ for 2027.

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- NIMCET-2026 is one online paper of 120 multiple-choice questions in three timed parts
  - Part I is Mathematics (50 questions, 70 minutes).

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
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- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Not established:**

- The remaining parts are Analytical Ability and Logical Reasoning (40 questions, 30 min), Computer Awareness (20) and English (10) (20 min). Total printed marks 1000.
- Medium of questions is English only.

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- Each wrong answer carries 25% negative marking
  - Scoring zero or negative marks in Mathematics or in total disqualifies the candidate from a rank.

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
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- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Not established:**

- Tie-breaking uses marks in Mathematics first.
- Does not give cut-off scores.

- NIMCET-2026 key dates: registration 03/03/2026 to 01/05/2026 (5:00 PM IST)
- Test 06/06/2026, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Result on or before 29/06/2026
- Counselling registration 30/06/2026 to 03/07/2026.

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Not established:**

- All 2026 dates, now past. Brochure marks some dates tentative.
- 2027 dates are not published.

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- NIMCET-2026 is the only route into MCA at 11 NITs and 2 IIITs (Agartala, Allahabad, Bhopal, Delhi, Jamshedpur, Kurukshetra, Meghalaya, Patna, Raipur, Tiruchirappalli, Warangal
  - IIIT Bhopal and IIIT Vadodara).

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026 (admission session 2026-27).
- The brochure is the newest on the official NIMCET site as of 25 Oct 2026
- No NIMCET-2027 brochure had been published.

**Not established:**

- Does not describe what graduates do.
- Several NITs also list self-financing MCA seats.

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MAH-MCA-CET 2026 accepts any graduation degree and names B.E./B.Tech., B.Sc., B.Com., B.Voc. and BCA.

Names: B.Tech, BCA

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

**Scope:**

- MAH-MCA-CET 2026, admission to first year (and direct second year) of the two-year full-time MCA, academic year 2026-27, Maharashtra institutes only.
- The brochure's schedule is marked provisional.

**Not established:**

- The list is introduced with 'e.g.' and 'etc.', so it is not an exhaustive list.
- No branch restriction is stated for B.E./B.Tech.

The brochure asks for 'preferably' Mathematics at 10+2 or at graduation level, and at least 50% marks (45% for reserved categories, EWS and PwD belonging to Maharashtra State).

Names: B.Tech, BCA

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

**Scope:**

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**Not established:**

- Mathematics is stated as 'preferably', so it is not shown here as a hard requirement.
- The brochure adds that the criteria are 'as per previous year's CAP Information Brochure', so institute-level rules at CAP time may differ.

Final-year students of the qualifying degree may also appear for the CET.

Names: B.Tech, BCA

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

**Scope:**

- MAH-MCA-CET 2026, admission to first year (and direct second year) of the two-year full-time MCA, academic year 2026-27, Maharashtra institutes only.
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**Not established:**

Does not say what proof or result date is needed for admission.

The online CET has four sections (Mathematics and Statistics 30 questions, Logical/Abstract Reasoning 30, English 20, Computer Concepts 20), 200 marks, 90 minutes, 2 marks per question.

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

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- The brochure's schedule is marked provisional.

**Not established:**

Question counts come from the marking-scheme table in the same section.

There is no negative marking in the MAH-MCA-CET 2026.

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

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**Not established:**

2026 cycle only.

CET scores are used for admission to the two-year MCA at all government and government-aided institutes, university departments, university-managed institutes and un-aided MCA institutes covered by the Act in Maharashtra.

Source: State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra ↗

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- The brochure's schedule is marked provisional.

**Not established:**

No institute names, seat numbers or fees are given in the brochure.

Christ University (Central Campus) lists MCA eligibility as a pass in B.Sc. Computer Science or BCA with 50%, or an undergraduate degree with Mathematics or Computer Science as major or minor.

Names: BCA

Source: CHRIST (Deemed to be University) ↗

**Scope:**

- Page headed Central Campus; the page states no session or year.
- Selection process (test or interview), seats, fee and dates are not on this page.

**Not established:**

- It does not name B.E./B.Tech.
- It does not say whether the Mathematics or Computer Science route also needs 50%.

Admission to MCA at the thirteen NITs and IIITs covered by NIMCET for 2026-27 is based only on the NIMCET-2026 rank, so the NIMCET test is a mandatory credential for that route.

Source: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) ↗

**Scope:**

- NIMCET-2026, admission year 2026-27, 11 NITs and 2 IIITs (Bhopal, Vadodara).
- Eligibility to sit the test: 60% aggregate (55% SC/ST/PwD) in B.E./B.Tech or in any UG programme of minimum three years with Mathematics/Statistics as one subject.

**Not established:**

- Applies only to the 13 participating institutes in the 2026-27 cycle.
- A web search found no official NIMCET 2027 brochure yet (secondary sites expect March 2027).
- Does not apply to other MCA programmes.

## Sources and unanswered questions

- NIMCET-2026 and MAH-MCA-CET 2026 brochures and one university's eligibility page · India · 2026 cycle.
- Source checking confirms only the scoped statements on this page, not anyone's individual eligibility.
- Confirm current requirements with the employer or programme.

### NIT MCA Common Entrance Test 2026 (NIMCET-2026) Information Brochure ↗

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (coordinating NIMCET-2026) · accessed 25 Oct 2026

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### Information Brochure MAH-MCA-CET 2026 ↗

State Common Entrance Test Cell, Government of Maharashtra · accessed 25 Oct 2026

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### Eligibility for Admission - CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus ↗

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) · accessed 25 Oct 2026

#### Scope:

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**Your next step:** Read the latest brochure of the tests you plan to sit, and check the 2027 notices when they are published.



**Open the  
comparison**

## Keep reading

A source names these qualifications for this profile: B.Tech, BCA · Computer applications

M.Tech through GATE

B.Tech admission route (JEE Main and JoSAA)

Engineering Services Examination (UPSC)

Software developer or tester, entry level

IT service desk (level 1 support)

Government and public-sector IT posts