

For admission to the first year **B.E./B.Tech. degree course in Maharashtra**, the normal route is through the **MHT-CET Centralised Admission Process (CAP)** conducted by the [Maharashtra State Common Entrance Test Cell](#).

1. Basic eligibility

A candidate should normally have passed Class XII (HSC/10+2) with:

- Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects; and
- one of Chemistry / Biotechnology / Biology / Technical Vocational subject / Computer Science / IT / Informatics Practices / Agriculture / Engineering Graphics / Business Studies; and
- the required aggregate percentage as prescribed in the current admission rules.

For Maharashtra State candidates, merit is generally based on the **MHT-CET PCM percentile**. For All India candidates, admission is generally through **JEE Main Paper-I score/percentile**. The detailed eligibility, candidate types and reservation conditions are issued in the official CAP Information Brochure. ([State Common Entrance Test Cell](#))

2. Entrance examination

Maharashtra State candidate

Appear for **MHT-CET (PCM)**. From 2026, the CET has been conducted in two attempts, and the better performance is intended to help candidates in admissions. ([State Common Entrance Test Cell](#))

Outside Maharashtra candidate / All India candidate

Use a valid **JEE Main Paper-I** score for admission under the All India quota. MHT-CET score may not provide the same state-quota benefit for an Outside Maharashtra State candidate; the CAP brochure should be checked carefully before applying. ([State Common Entrance Test Cell](#))

3. Register for CAP

After MHT-CET/JEE Main results, the CET Cell opens the online **CAP registration** portal.

The usual steps are:

1. Create/login to the candidate account.
2. Fill personal, academic, domicile and category details.
3. Upload required documents.
4. Pay the CAP application fee, if applicable.
5. Select **online scrutiny** or visit a notified **scrutiny centre** if offline verification is required.

6. Check the provisional merit list and submit grievance/correction, if any.
7. Download the final merit list.

CAP is an online centralized counselling process involving registration, document verification, merit-list publication, option filling and seat allotment. ([CollegeDekho](#))

4. Keep documents ready

Normally required documents include:

- MHT-CET score card and/or JEE Main score card
- Class X mark sheet and certificate
- Class XII mark sheet and passing certificate
- School/college leaving certificate
- Domicile certificate, where applicable
- Nationality certificate / Indian passport / school leaving certificate showing nationality
- Caste certificate, caste validity certificate and Non-Creamy Layer certificate, where applicable
- EWS certificate, where applicable
- Disability certificate, where applicable
- Aadhaar card
- Recent photograph and signature
- Income certificate for TFWS, if applicable
- Minority certificate/documents, if claiming minority status

The exact document list and validity requirements must be followed from the year-specific CAP brochure and notices. ([State Common Entrance Test Cell](#))

5. Fill college and branch preferences

After the final merit list, candidates fill an **Option Form** by listing colleges and branches in priority order, for example:

1. Computer Engineering – preferred college
2. AI & Data Science – preferred college
3. Mechanical Engineering – preferred college
4. Civil Engineering – preferred college

This step is very important. Admission depends on:

- CET/JEE merit;
- reservation category;
- Maharashtra State/All India candidature;
- branch and college preference order;
- available seats; and

- previous CAP cut-offs.

6. CAP seat-allotment rounds

The CET Cell usually conducts multiple CAP rounds. In each round:

1. Seat allotment is published.
2. Candidate accepts or rejects the allotted seat as per the rules.
3. Candidate uploads/validates acceptance and pays the prescribed seat-acceptance fee.
4. Candidate reports to the allotted institute within the deadline.
5. Original documents are verified and admission fees are paid.

Do not wait until the last date: missing online acceptance, institute reporting or document verification can result in cancellation of the allotted seat. The CET Cell has already published MHT-CET PCM 2026 result information; candidates should monitor the official portal daily for the engineering CAP schedule. ([State Common Entrance Test Cell](#))

7. Institute-level / ACAP admissions

After CAP rounds, vacant seats may be filled through:

- **Institute-level admissions;** and/or
- **Against CAP (ACAP) admissions.**

These are conducted by individual colleges according to CET Cell rules. Candidates should apply directly to the concerned college, verify the merit list and vacancy position, and ensure that the college follows the notified admission procedure.

Simple admission flow

Class XII PCM → MHT-CET / JEE Main → CAP registration → document verification → merit list → college/branch option form → CAP allotment → seat acceptance → reporting to college → final admission.

For 2026–27, use only the official CET Cell notices and the engineering CAP Information Brochure when released, because dates, fees, certificates and seat-acceptance rules can change. [Official CET Cell portal](#)