

Press Release

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for Indian Nationals and OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO Card before 04.03.2021 for appearing for JEE (Advanced) 2025

All the candidates **must simultaneously fulfil each and every one of the following five criteria.**

Criterion A1- Performance in JEE (Main) 2025:

Candidates should be among the top 2,50,000 successful candidates (including all categories) in B.E./B.Tech. paper (Paper I) of JEE (Main) 2025.

The percentages of various categories of candidates to be shortlisted are as follows: 10% for GEN-EWS, 27% for OBC-NCL, 15% for SC, 7.5% for ST, and the remaining 40.5% is OPEN for all. Within each of these five categories, 5% horizontal reservation is available for PwD candidates.

The following table shows the order to be followed while choosing the top 2,50,000 candidates in various categories based on the performance in B.E./B.Tech. paper of JEE (Main) 2025.

Category-wise distribution of top 2,50,000* candidates (Criterion A1)

SI No.	Category	Number of "Top" candidates	
1	OPEN	96187	101250
2	OPEN-PwD	5063	
3	GEN-EWS	23750	25000
4	GEN-EWS-PwD	1250	
5	OBC-NCL	64125	67500
6	OBC-NCL-PwD	3375	
7	SC	35625	37500
8	SC-PwD	1875	
9	ST	17812	18750
10	ST-PwD	938	

** The total number of candidates may be slightly greater than 2,50,000 in the presence of "tied" ranks / scores in any category.*

As per the decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) 891 / 2021, the OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021 shall be considered as Indian nationals for the purpose of seat allocation to IITs. However, these candidates are not eligible for benefits of any kind of reservation (e.g., GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST) with the exception of OPEN-PwD. That is, Sl No. (3) to (10) in the above table are not applicable for such OCI/PIO card holders and these candidates are required to be in the rank list in Sl. No. 1 and / or 2 in the above table.

Criterion A2- Age Limit:

Candidates should have been born on or after October 1, 2000. Five years age relaxation is given to SC, ST, and PwD candidates, i.e. these candidates should have been born on or after October 1, 1995.

Criterion A3 – Number of attempts:

A candidate can attempt JEE (Advanced) maximum of **three** times in three consecutive years.

Criterion A4 – Appearance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*:

A candidate should have appeared for the Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in either 2023 or 2024 or 2025 with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics as compulsory subjects.

Candidates who had appeared in Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in 2022 or earlier, are NOT eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025, irrespective of the combination or number of subjects attempted/offered.

** By appearance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination, it is meant that the Board concerned declared the result for that year irrespective of whether or not examination was conducted. It will be considered as an appearance even if the result of a particular candidate got withheld.*

However, if the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2021-22 on or after September 21, 2022, then the candidates of that Board who appeared for their Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2022 are also eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025, provided they meet all the other eligibility criteria. In case the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2021-22 before September 21, 2022 but the result of a particular candidate was withheld for whatever reason, then the candidate will not be eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025.

Criterion A5 – Earlier admission at IITs:

A candidate should NOT have been admitted to an IIT under any academic program that is listed in JoSAA Business Rules of 2024 or earlier, irrespective of whether or not the candidate continued in the program OR accepted an IIT seat by reporting “online” / at a “reporting centre” in the past. Candidates whose admission to IITs was

cancelled (for whatever reason) after joining any IIT are also NOT eligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2025.

Candidates who have been admitted to a preparatory course in any of the IITs for the first time in 2024 can appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025.

The candidates who were allocated a seat in an IIT through JoSAA but did not report “online” OR, (ii) withdrew before the last round of seat allotment, OR, (iii) had their seat cancelled (for whatever reason) before the last round of seat allotment for IITs, are eligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2025.

However, in all of the above cases, the candidate is also required to fulfil the conditions mentioned from **Criterion A1** to **Criterion A4**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for foreign national candidates and for those OCI/PIO candidates who obtained their OCI/PIO Cards on or after 04.03.2021 for appearing for JEE (Advanced) 2025

Foreign National Candidates:

Candidates who are NOT citizens of India (by birth or naturalized) (but not Overseas Citizens of India / Persons of Indian Origin (OCI/PIO) candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021) shall be considered as FOREIGN NATIONALS.

The foreign national candidates, at the time of registering for JEE (Advanced) 2025 are NOT required to write JEE (Main) 2025 and may register for JEE (Advanced) 2025 directly subject to fulfilment of other eligibility criteria mentioned below.

All foreign national candidates will be considered in addition to, and not as a part of the 2,50,000 Indian national candidates who qualify for appearing in JEE (Advanced) 2025.

All the seats allotted to the foreign national candidates will be supernumerary with a cap of 10% of total number of seats in every course. These candidates are outside the ambit of reservation of seats under the GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories/sub-categories as will be specified in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2025. There are no separate supernumerary seats or sub-category for females in the foreign national supernumerary seats.

OCI/PIO Candidates:

As per the decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) 891 / 2021, the OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021 shall be considered as Indian nationals.

OCI/PIO card holders who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021, are required to fulfil all the eligibility criteria as listed above in **Eligibility Criteria A1-A5** and shall be required to be in the Open and Open-PwD rank lists in JEE (Main) 2025 to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2025.

At the time of seat allocation, the OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021 shall be considered for the seats in the OPEN category. These OCI/PIO candidates shall be included in the Common Rank List, and/or CRL-PwD list as also for the Female Supernumerary seats, as applicable, subject to qualifying the JEE (Advanced) 2025. These OCI/PIO candidates are NOT entitled to the benefit of reservation under the GEN-EWS, OBC (NCL), SC or ST categories for the allocation of seats.

Identity Proof: Identity proof of the candidate is required in the form of Citizenship Certificate/Foreign Passport and/or OCI/PIO Card, where applicable.

Eligibility criteria for appearing in JEE (Advanced) 2025:

Candidates who are NOT citizens of India (by birth or naturalized) (but not OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021) and have studied or are studying in INDIA/ABROAD at 10+2 level or equivalent at the time of registering for JEE (Advanced) 2025 must simultaneously fulfil **each and every one of the following four criteria (Criterion B1 to B4)** to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2025.

Criterion B1- Age Limit:

Candidates should have been born on or after October 1, 2000. In countries where a minimum stint in the armed forces (or allied) for a certain period is mandatory before/after Class XII (or equivalent) examination, the candidate will be given a relaxation of the required number of years. In such cases, the candidate is required to upload a certificate/testimonial issued by the competent authority to this effect at the time of registration.

Criterion B2-Number of Attempts:

A candidate can attempt JEE (Advanced) maximum of **three** times in three consecutive years.

Criterion B3 – Appearance in Class XII (or equivalent) examination*:

A candidate should have appeared for the Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in either 2023 or 2024 or 2025 with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics as compulsory subjects.

Candidates who had appeared in Class XII (or equivalent) examination for the first time in 2022 or earlier, are NOT eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025, irrespective of the combination or number of subjects attempted/offered.

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However, if the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2021-22 on or after September 21, 2022, then the candidates of that Board who appeared for their Class XII (or equivalent) examination in 2022 are also eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025, provided they meet all the other eligibility criteria. In case the examination Board of Class XII (or equivalent) declared the results for the academic year 2021-22 before September 21, 2022 but the result of a particular candidate was withheld for whatever reason, then the candidate will not be eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2025.

Criterion B4 – Earlier admission at IITs:

A candidate should NOT have been admitted to an IIT under any academic program that is listed in JoSAA Business Rules of 2024 or earlier, irrespective of whether or not the candidate continued in the program OR accepted an IIT seat by reporting “online” / at a “reporting centre” in the past. Candidates whose admission to IITs was cancelled (for whatever reason) after joining any IIT are also NOT eligible to appear for JEE (Advanced) 2025.

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Information regarding JEE (Advanced) 2025 is available at: <https://jeeadv.ac.in/>

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