

BUSINESS RULES FOR ADMISSION 2023-2024 (ALL MASTERS DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES)

Indian Statistical Institute offer several academic programmes for which admission is on the basis of the written test(s) and interview.

The academic programmes, along with the category-wise intake capacity, can be found on the online portal:

<https://www.isical.ac.in/~admission/>.

The total number of seats in each of the Degree and Diploma programmes, other than JRF programmes, is shared by different programme codes under each of the programmes.

The business rules stated herein will be followed in the academic year 2023-24 for allocating seats for all degree and diploma programmes, other than JRF programmes.

Seats in an academic programme are allocated to candidates considering the following factors:

- (i) The category [GEN, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, PwD, EWS] of the candidate.
- (ii) The position of the candidate in merit list(s).
- (iii) Availability of seats at different centres of the Institute.
- (iv) Other business rules as mentioned in this document.

1 Categories of Candidates

For the purpose of admission, all candidates who qualify after interview should be partitioned into different categories based on (birth) categories, presence or absence of disability and nationality. On the basis of such a partition, each candidate is assigned a category tag as given below.

GEN: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who do NOT belong to EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce valid EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are NOT Persons with Disabilities.

GEN-PwD: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who do NOT belong to EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST category (or who fail to produce valid EWS, OBC-NCL, SC or ST certificate) and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid PwD certificate to be assigned this tag.

- GEN-EWS: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals of General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as defined in [Order No.36039/1/2019-Estt \(Res\)](#), Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidate must produce a valid GEN-EWS certificate to be assigned this tag.
- GEN-EWS-PwD: This is assigned to Indian nationals of GEN-PwD category belonging Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as defined in [Order No.36039/1/2019-Estt \(Res\)](#), Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, and are NOT Persons with Disabilities and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid GEN-EWS and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the economically-weaker sections of the general category are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags GEN-EWS or GEN-EWS-PwD.
- OBC-NCL: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid OBC- NCL certificate to be assigned this tag. The backward class must be in the Central List of OBCs.
- OBC-NCL-PwD: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid OBC-NCL and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. The backward class must be in the Central List of OBCs. Thus, candidates belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer of Other Backward Classes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags OBC-NCL or OBC-NCL-PwD.
- SC: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Castes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid SC certificate to be assigned this tag.
- SC-PwD: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Castes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid SC and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the scheduled castes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags SC or SC-PwD.
- ST: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Tribes and are NOT Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce a valid ST certificate to be assigned this tag.
- ST-PwD: This tag is assigned to Indian nationals who belong to Scheduled Tribes and are Persons with Disabilities. Candidates must produce valid ST and PwD certificates to be assigned this tag. Thus, candidates belonging to the scheduled tribes are divided into two mutually exclusive categories and are assigned either one of the tags ST or ST-PwD.
- Foreign: This tag is assigned to candidates who are of any non-Indian nationality, including OCI/PIO.

2 Merit list(s)

Merit lists for admission to each programme mentioned above will be prepared based on the qualifying score of candidates in Written test I and Written Test II (if applicable), and Interview. The following merit lists will be prepared:

- (i) GEN merit list : It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, SC-PwD, ST or ST- PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the general qualifying score. Foreign tag candidates who have obtained a score greater than or equal to the general cut-off score also included in this list.
- (ii) GEN-EWS merit list : It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-EWS or GEN-EWS-PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the GEN qualifying score.
- (iii) OBC-NCL merit list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag OBC-NCL or OBC-NCL-PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the OBC qualifying score.
- (iv) SC merit list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag SC or SC- PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the SC qualifying score.
- (v) ST merit list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag ST or ST- PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the ST qualifying score.
- (vi) GEN-PwD merit list: It includes candidates who are assigned the tag GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, or ST-PwD and have obtained a score greater than or equal to the PwD qualifying score.

3 Categories of Seats

The total intake for an academic programme is divided into different seat categories. These are GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD. The category tags of candidates who are eligible for various seat categories are as shown in the following table.

Seat category	Category tag(s) of eligible candidates
GEN	GEN, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD, GEN-EWS, GEN-EWS-PwD
GEN-EWS	GEN-EWS and GEN-EWS-PwD
OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL and OBC-NCL-PwD
SC	SC and SC-PwD
ST	ST and ST-PwD
GEN-PwD	GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD

4 Allocation of Seats for Seat Categories

1. The following table shows the business rules for seat allocation for all Degree and Diploma programmes (other than the Junior Research Fellowship programmes).

Sl. No.	Candidate's category tag	Merit list(s) in which the candidate appears	Sequence of SEAT CATEGORIES for allocation
1	GEN	GEN	1. GEN
2	GEN-PwD	GEN GEN-PwD	1. GEN 2. GEN-PwD
3	GEN-PwD	GEN-PwD	1. GEN-PwD
4	GEN-EWS	GEN GEN-EWS	1. GEN 2. GEN-EWS
5	GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN GEN-PwD GEN-EWS	1. GEN 2. GEN-PwD 3. GEN-EWS
6	GEN-EWS-PwD	GEN-PwD	1. GEN-PwD
7	OBC-NCL	GEN OBC-NCL	1. GEN 2. OBC-NCL
8	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL	1. OBC-NCL
9	OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN GEN-PwD OBC-NCL	1. GEN 2. GEN-PwD 3. OBC-NCL
10	OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN-PwD OBC-NCL	1. GEN-PwD 2. OBC-NCL
11	OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN-PwD	1. GEN-PwD
12	SC	GEN SC	1. GEN 2. SC
13	SC	SC	1. SC
14	SC-PwD	GEN GEN-PwD SC	1. GEN 2. GEN-PwD 3. SC
15	SC-PwD	GEN-PwD SC	1. GEN-PwD 2. SC
16	ST	GEN ST	1. GEN 2. ST
17	ST	ST	1. ST
18	ST-PwD	GEN GEN-PwD ST	1. GEN 2. GEN-PwD 3. ST
19	ST-PwD	GEN-PwD ST	1. GEN-PwD 2. ST

- As indicated in the foregoing table, candidates may become eligible for seat allocation in more than one seat category depending upon their category tag and merit lists in which they appear. If the allocated seat is not in the #1 seat category, in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, candidates will be automatically considered for upgradation of seat category. Meaning of upgradation of seat category: Suppose a candidate with the category tag SC has been allocated a seat under the seat category SC. Also, suppose that this candidate appears in two merit lists: GEN and SC. For this candidate, in subsequent rounds of seat allocation, an attempt will be made to offer a seat in the seat category GEN.
- If there are less number of seats available under a particular category in an academic programme than the number of candidates with the same category-wise rank seeking admission

to the programme, then all those candidates will be offered seats by creating requisite number of supernumerary seats.

4. **Seat Allocation for candidates with Foreign Tag**

For consideration for seat allocation, foreign tag candidates should satisfy all the eligibility requirements meant for a GEN category candidate.

- (a) A seat to a foreign tag candidate will be allotted if he/she is able to obtain a qualifying score as a GEN category candidate.
- (b) Seats to be allocated to foreign tag candidates will be supernumerary.
- (c) The number of supernumerary seats allotted in each programme to foreign tag candidates is limited to 10% of the total number of seats of the programme.

5. **Seat Allocation for candidates with Sponsored Tag**

- (a) Seats to be allocated to Sponsored candidates will be supernumerary.
- (b) The number of supernumerary seats allotted in each programme to sponsored tag candidates is limited to 10% of the total number of seats of the programme.

6. **Rules for de-reservation of seats**

- (a) If the number of seats in OBC-NCL category in any particular round of seat allocation is greater than the number of candidates in the OBC-NCL list then the difference will be de-reserved and treated as GEN category seats for allocation in every round of seat allocation.
- (b) If the number of seats in GEN-PwD category in any particular round of seat allocation is greater than the number of candidates in the GEN-PwD list then the difference will be de-reserved as GEN category seats.
- (c) If the number of seats in SC category in any particular round of seat allocation is greater than the number of candidates in the SC list, unfilled SC seats will be open to ST category candidates. Similarly, if the number of seats in ST category in any particular round of seat allocation is greater than the number of candidates in the ST list, unfilled ST seats will be open to SC category candidates. However, unfilled SC and ST category seats will NOT be de-reserved as GEN seats.
- (d) If the number of seats in GEN-EWS or category in any particular round of seat allocation is greater than the number of candidates in the GEN-EWS list then the difference will not be de-reserved.

5 **Merit list to Admission for Academic programmes**

5.1 **Provisional allocation of Seats**

1. From the merit list(s) and the sequencing order specified in Section 4, provisional allocation of seats will be made to eligible candidates for each programme. In each round, each candidate on the merit list(s) will either be allocated a provisional seat in the respective programme or put on the wait list.

2. Candidates are given a 2-3 day window in each round to fill-in their options:
 - (a) If a candidate is offered a provisional seat then the candidate has the option of accepting or declining the provisional seat.
 - (b) While accepting the provisional seat offer, a candidate will be required to pay a 'Seat Acceptance Deposit' (refundable).
 - (c) If a candidate is offered a position on wait list for a seat then the candidate has the option of accepting or declining to remain on the wait list.
 - (d) Any candidate on the merit list(s) who does not fill in the option by the 2-3 day window will be assumed to have declined the respective option.
 - (e) In the first round of seat allocation, while accepting the provisional seat or accepting a wait list offer the candidate will have to complete registration formalities for confirmation of choice. In subsequent rounds, a candidate will have to accept/decline the option if the offer changes.
 - (f) Option of a candidate who has declined a provisional seat offer or wait list offer at any round is locked for the rest of the admission process. Candidates will NOT be able to change this option.

5.2 Provisional Seats to Confirmation of Admission

1. Candidates who have accepted a provisional seat or wait list offer should report at a Reporting Center for document verification on the specified date.
2. If candidate has accepted a provisional seat then the candidate's admission will be confirmed by the Reporting Centre after verification of the original documents and ensuring that the candidate meets all the eligibility norms. Failure to report in person for seat acceptance will be considered as if the candidate has declined the provisional seat offer. This seat will be assigned to the next eligible person on the wait list.
3. If candidate has accepted a wait list offer then at the Reporting Centre verification of the original documents will be done to ensure that the candidate meets all the eligibility norms. At the final round if the candidate is eligible for a seat as per the sequencing order then the candidate will be offered admission to the programme. Failure to report in person will be considered as if the candidate has declined the wait list offer.

6 Miscellaneous

1. Only those candidates who appear for Written Test(s) and Interview (unless otherwise mentioned in the [Selection Policy](#)) will be considered for merit list ranking.
2. Filling-in of options on the online portal for waitlisted candidates is free of cost, i.e., candidates who are waitlisted are NOT required to pay any deposit while accepting the offer.
3. Candidates will NOT be able to change their options once submitted.

4. Delays or disruptions in service due to breakdown of admission portals computer servers [due to reasons beyond the control] shall be rectified as early as possible and notified on the website

<https://www.isical.ac.in/~admission/>.

The decisions taken in this regard shall be final and binding.

5. The Admission process for a programme will close on the date of reporting at the reporting centre when either all the seats are filled or the entire merit list(s) have been exhausted.