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GATE 2027: The Application Season Checklist

Registration closes 27 September 2026, and finally 5 October 2026 with a late fee. Dates, fees and eligibility rules come from IIT Madras's own pages.

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GATE 2027 registration closes on 27 September 2026 without a late fee, and 5 October 2026 with one. The examination is held by IIT Madras on 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 February 2027, and results are announced on 19 March 2027. The application fee is ₹1,000 or ₹2,000 per paper, by category.

DO THESE FIVE THINGS, IN THIS ORDER

1. **Create and verify a DigiLocker account** — DigiLocker registration is mandatory for Indian nationals, and it must exist before you open the form. Section 2.
2. **Check your own eligibility in the official table** — the floor is the **third year** of an undergraduate degree, or a completed government-approved degree; M.Sc., M.A. and MCA students are eligible from the **first year**, as are post-B.Sc. integrated M.E./M.Tech. students. Section 4.
3. **Choose your test paper** — 30 test papers for 2027: Robotics and Automation (RA) is new, and Textile Engineering and Fibre Science (TF) is folded into Engineering Sciences as XE9. Check the permitted combinations before adding a second. Sections 3 and 5.
4. **Complete and pay online through the GOAPS portal before 27 September 2026** — ₹1,000 or ₹2,000 per paper; the extended window runs to 5 October 2026 and costs ₹500 more per application. Sections 2 and 3.
5. **Use the 14–21 October 2026 rectification window if anything needs changing** — the only chance to change your category, your test paper, your examination city choices or your personal details, or to add a new test paper. Section 6.

BEFORE YOU READ ON

On the GATE 2027 portal the opening date was rescheduled twice and the closing dates revised once, and the schedule may move again. IAE Academy updates this checklist when it does. Send BRIEF1 on WhatsApp (details on the last page) and the updated version reaches you the day it is published, free.

1 · When exactly is the GATE 2027 exam?

GATE 2027 is held on six days across three consecutive weekends: **6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 February 2027**. Each candidate sits one session, on a date and slot named on the admit card.

Aspirants routinely read “6–21 February” as a long open window and assume they can choose a date. You cannot: the organising institute assigns your paper to a session, and you cannot choose your exam date. Your only job is to stay free until the admit card tells you which of the six days is yours.

There are two sessions on each exam day: **forenoon, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **afternoon, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** The brochure also states that there are **no international centres for GATE 2027** — candidates outside India must travel to an Indian centre.

GATE 2027 at a glance

MILESTONE	DATE
Organising institute	IIT Madras
Registration opened	2 September 2026
Last date — no late fee	27 September 2026
Last date — with late fee	5 October 2026
Application rectification window	14–21 October 2026
Exam city allotment	4 January 2027
Admit card download	Not announced
Examination — weekend 1	6 & 7 February 2027
Examination — weekend 2	13 & 14 February 2027
Examination — weekend 3	20 & 21 February 2027
Results	19 March 2027
Score validity	three years from the date of announcement of the results

Source: gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates for each dated row; the organising institute and the score validity from the Information Brochure, pages 2, 3 and 28. The portal states that all published GATE 2027 dates are liable to change. See section 7.

2 · When does GATE 2027 registration close?

GATE 2027 registration closes on **27 September 2026** without a late fee and on **5 October 2026** with one. The window opened on 2 September 2026, after two postponements from 14 August and 27 August 2026.

The opening date changes the arithmetic of your own planning. IIT Madras announced 14 August and 27 August 2026 in turn, and opened the portal on 2 September 2026. The Important Dates page still shows both superseded dates with a line through them. The closing dates, by contrast, have moved once and stayed put since: 21 September became 27 September, and 30 September became 5 October.

The regular application window is therefore under four weeks long — 25 days, not the five weeks the original schedule implied. Three warnings follow:

- **The late-fee window is not a soft extension.** It costs more, and 5 October 2026 is the final deadline. Nothing follows it.
- **DigiLocker comes first, not last.** DigiLocker registration is mandatory for Indian nationals, so create and verify that account *before* you open the application. Note that the brochure describes no auto-population of your address or date of birth from DigiLocker or Aadhaar — §6.4.3 on page 15 lists both among the data you enter yourself.
- **Do not assume another extension.** The opening date slipped twice; the closing dates have not slipped since they were revised. Plan for 27 September 2026 and treat anything later as luck.

A BOUNDARY WORTH STATING

On the DigiLocker requirement, the portal’s own notification says *mandatory*, while the Information Brochure is softer — the Highlights on page 2 and §6 on page 9 both say DigiLocker registration is “recommended”, and §6.4.2 on page 14 says Indian nationals “may need to” register. This guide follows the notification because it is the more recent and more specific instruction, and because being wrong costs more one way than the other: a registered DigiLocker account is useless to you if it turns out to be optional, and fatal to miss if it is not.

3 · What does it cost to apply for GATE 2027?

The GATE 2027 application fee is **₹1,000 per paper** for female, SC, ST and PwD candidates and **₹2,000** for everyone else. Applying in the extended window costs ₹500 more per application — ₹1,500 or ₹2,500 for one paper.

Payment is made online through the GOAPS portal. The official categories are worded as a single combined slab — “Female/SC/ST/PwD* candidates”, the asterisk carrying the benchmark-disability footnote — and the higher slab is worded “All other candidates including foreign nationals”.

CATEGORY	REGULAR ONE PAPER	REGULAR TWO PAPERS	EXTENDED ONE PAPER	EXTENDED TWO PAPERS
Female / SC / ST / PwD candidates	₹1,000	₹2,000	₹1,500	₹2,500
All other candidates, including foreign nationals	₹2,000	₹4,000	₹2,500	₹4,500

All eight figures are on gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees; the four one-paper figures match Table 5, page 14 of the Information Brochure, which has no two-paper columns. “Regular” is the window to 27 September 2026; “Extended” is 28 September 2026 to 5 October 2026. The fee excludes bank service charges, processing charges and any other charges the banks may levy. Note that the PwD concession applies only to candidates with a benchmark disability of 40% or higher under the RPwD Act 2016.

THE ₹500 DETAIL MOST SUMMARIES GET WRONG

Aggregator summaries repeat that the GATE fee is “charged per paper, so two papers cost twice”. That is true in the regular window and **false in the extended window**. Two papers in the extended window cost ₹2,500, not $2 \times ₹1,500$; and ₹4,500, not $2 \times ₹2,500$.

Reconciling the official table, the structure is: **the base fee is charged per paper, and the late-window surcharge is a flat ₹500 levied once on the application, not once per paper**. That reading is IAE Academy’s own; the eight figures it rests on are on the official fee table. Note that the brochure’s own blanket footnote — “For two papers, the fee payable will be twice that of a single paper”, page 14 — is loose, and is wrong by ₹500 in the extended period. Where the two conflict we follow the live fee table, which tabulates the two-paper amounts explicitly.

A candidate may apply for one or two test papers, and the permitted second paper for each primary paper must be chosen from the list in Table 4, which the brochure itself labels “**Tentative, Subject to change**”. This guide does not reproduce that list: it runs to 30 primary paper codes and, on the brochure’s own label, it is the kind of table that goes stale. The current list is published at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/two_paper_combinations.

4 · Who is eligible for GATE 2027?

GATE 2027 is open from the **third year** of an undergraduate degree, or a completed government-approved degree. Postgraduate routes start earlier: M.Sc., M.A. and MCA students are eligible from the **first year**, as are post-B.Sc. integrated M.E./M.Tech. students.

Two official wordings exist and they differ: §6.1 on page 9 reads “A candidate who is currently studying in the third or higher years of any undergraduate degree program or who has already completed any government approved degree program in Engineering/Technology/Architecture/Science/Commerce/Arts/Humanities is eligible to appear for GATE 2027”, while the Highlights on page 2 write the same rule as “3rd or higher years” and “any UGC/AICTE approved degree program”. Both say the same thing about the year floor, and we follow the fuller §6.1 text.

WHERE THE RULE IS PRINTED

Three official sources agree that GATE 2027 is open from the **third year** of an undergraduate degree, or a completed government-approved degree: the eligibility page, the official FAQ, and the Information Brochure at §6.1, page 9. Put plainly, a first- or second-year undergraduate is not eligible on that route. **The third-year floor is an undergraduate rule only: M.Sc., M.A. and MCA students are eligible for GATE 2027 from the first year, as are post-B.Sc. integrated M.E./M.Tech. students.** Those rows are in Table 2, page 10 of the same brochure.

There is no age limit for GATE 2027, and there is no cap on the number of attempts. Beyond that floor, the net is deliberately wide, and two groups rule themselves out for no reason:

- **Third-year students.** You can sit GATE while still studying, and some of the strongest results we have seen come from students who used a third-year attempt as a full-dress rehearsal.
- **Working professionals.** There is no age limit for GATE 2027, and there is no cap on the number of attempts. IIT Madras’s own FAQ answers both questions with a flat “NO”.

Other qualifying routes carry their own year thresholds — the postgraduate routes above from the first year, and professional medical degrees (M.B.B.S./B.D.S./B.V.Sc.) from the fifth semester or higher, and Pharm.D. across the third to sixth years. If your qualification is not a standard B.E. or B.Tech., check your own case against the official eligibility table at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/eligibility_criteria rather than against any summary, including this one.

5 · What has changed for GATE 2027?

GATE 2027 is conducted for **30 test papers**. Robotics and Automation (RA) is new, and Textile Engineering and Fibre Science (TF) is folded into Engineering Sciences as XE9. DigiLocker registration is mandatory for Indian nationals.

The paper count did not rise. It is widely reported that RA “brings the total to 30”, which implies a move from 29 to 30. GATE 2027 has 30 test papers, including RA and with no standalone TF, because TF has become section XE9 of the Engineering Sciences paper . The other half of that comparison is less certain: Reports put the GATE 2026 paper count at 30, including TF and without RA. IIT Madras does not state this. If you were planning to sit TF, this is the single most important line in this document for you. The XE, XH and XL sectional codes were renumbered for 2027 as well, first announced in a portal notification dated 20 July 2026.

The syllabi were revised. IIT Madras states on its syllabus page that the syllabi have been revised and advises candidates to check the updated versions; its press release adds that the revision followed a five-year gap. What the institute does not publish is the detail: IIT Madras publishes no per-paper change log, so nobody outside can tell you which papers moved. IAE Academy compared the PDFs itself.

PAPER	WHAT IAE ACADEMY’S COMPARISON OF THE OFFICIAL 2026 AND 2027 PDFS FOUND
Data Science & AI (DA)	Nothing added, removed or reworded: the listed items are identical to 2026. The 2027 PDF presents the same seven topics as numbered Sections 1 to 7, which the 2026 PDF did not.
Instrumentation (IN)	Listing changes in all 10 sections, including: newly listed permanent magnet synchronous machines, buck and boost converters, single phase inverters, IoT and basic AI applications in instrumentation; three phase induction motors not listed by name. Single phase transformers are still listed.
Computer Science (CS)	The GATE 2027 Computer Science syllabus differs from 2026 in three of its ten sections; the other seven are unchanged. Computer Networks is substantially shorter.
Biotechnology (BT)	The GATE 2027 Biotechnology syllabus has six sections where 2026 had seven: there is no counterpart to the 2026 Bioprocess Engineering and Process Biotechnology section, and most of its list appears under Section 4.
All other papers	Not compared. A paper’s absence from this table does not mean it is unchanged.

Source: token-by-token and phrase-by-phrase comparison of the official 2026 and 2027 syllabus PDFs. IIT Madras publishes no change log, so there is no official list to set it against; anyone can repeat the comparison from the same public documents.

If you are returning after a gap year, do not assume your old notes still map to the syllabus. Check your paper against the official 2027 PDF before planning a week of revision.

6 · What happens between the GATE 2027 application and the exam?

The GATE 2027 application closes 27 September 2026, or 5 October 2026 with a late fee. Corrections run 14–21 October 2026. Exam cities: 4 January 2027. Results: 19 March 2027. The admit card date has not been announced.

The rectification window is the part most checklists omit, and it is the only chance to change your category, your test paper, your examination city choices or your personal details, or to add a new test paper. The window runs 14–21 October 2026 — a later date in unpublished markup on the fees page is set aside in section 7. The brochure notes that an additional fee may be applicable per change, but no amount is published.

You choose preferred exam cities during the application: you choose three cities from one zone, and the GATE Committee reserves the right to allot a city that is not among your choices. Allotment is confirmed on 4 January 2027, so treat your city preference as a request, not a guarantee, and keep travel plans provisional until then. On the published order of events, the admit card follows the exam city allotment, and its date has not been announced.

After the exam, results are published on 19 March 2027. The score is valid for three years from the date of announcement of the results, which for GATE 2027 works out to 19 March 2030 (three years from 19 March 2027; IIT Madras publishes no expiry date). Beyond that, whether a particular institute or PSU accepts a score from an earlier year is that organisation's own rule — IIT Madras states explicitly that admission on a GATE score is not within the GATE committee's purview. Check each advertisement.

Scorecards are free to download in a window that has not yet been announced; after that they cost ₹500 per test paper until **31 December 2027**, after which none is issued. Archive yours before then.

7 · What is not announced or still open

Still open for GATE 2027 are dates not yet announced, figures where two sources disagree, and claims in circulation that have no official source. Each row below says what would settle it.

Everything in this guide that is not announced or not settled, stated plainly.

ITEM	WHAT IS KNOWN, AND WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT
Admit card release date	Both the portal and page 3 of the brochure print “TBA”, so the date has not been announced. Settled by an announcement on the Important Dates page.
Aggregator claim: “admit card from 3 January 2027”	The circulating claim of a GATE 2027 admit card from 3 January 2027 is unsourced, and it precedes the city allotment date of 4 January 2027. It circulates on at least one coaching site with no source. Do not plan around it.
Two-paper fee in the extended window (₹2,500 / ₹4,500)	All eight figures are on the live fee table. The reading is IAE Academy’s own: the base fee is charged per paper, and the late-window surcharge is a flat ₹500 levied once on the application, not once per paper. It conflicts with the common aggregator reading. Confirm on the live fee table at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees before paying — the brochure’s p.14 footnote, “For two papers, the fee payable will be twice that of a single paper”, is the loose one.
Correction / modification fee amount	The brochure says only that an additional fee may be applicable per change, but no amount is published. A detailed ₹500-per-change schedule does exist in the source of the official fees page, but it is not published content: a “to be updated soon” banner and a table of correction charges are both commented out in the HTML and do not render. Any site quoting a ₹500 change fee has taken it from unpublished markup. Settled when IIT Madras publishes the schedule visibly.
Rectification deadline: 21 October or 3 November 2026?	The Important Dates page gives a rectification window of 14–21 October 2026, and the brochure agrees with the 21 October end date. But a line reading “rectification up to November 03, 2026” appears in the fees page source, inside a non-rendering HTML comment, so it is not published content. This guide publishes 14–21 October 2026 and treats 3 November as unpublished. Work to 21 October. Settled when the portal states a single date in rendered content.
Is DigiLocker mandatory or recommended?	The portal notification says DigiLocker registration is mandatory for Indian nationals; the Information Brochure is softer — the Highlights on page 2 and §6 on page 9 both say DigiLocker registration is “recommended”, and §6.4.2 on page 14 says Indian nationals “may need to” register. This guide follows the notification. Settled when the brochure is aligned.
Does the form fill your address and date of birth from DigiLocker?	Nothing published says so: the brochure describes no auto-population of your address or date of birth from DigiLocker or Aadhaar — §6.4.3 on page 15 lists both among the data you enter yourself. Settled when IIT Madras documents what DigiLocker supplies to the form.
Free scorecard download window	The brochure prints TBA for the free window. Only the paid window is dated: ₹500 per test paper until 31 December 2027 , after which none is issued.
GATE 2026 paper count (the 30-to-30 comparison)	That GATE 2027 is conducted for 30 test papers is stated on the 2027 pages and in the brochure. The other half of the comparison is not: Reports put the GATE 2026 paper count at 30, including TF and without RA. IIT Madras does not state this. Settled by the GATE 2026 organising institute’s own list of test papers.

ITEM	WHAT IS KNOWN, AND WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT
Whether an institute or PSU accepts an older GATE score	A GATE 2027 score is valid for three years from the date of announcement of the results, but whether a particular institute or PSU accepts a score from an earlier year is that organisation's own rule — IIT Madras states explicitly that admission on a GATE score is not within the GATE committee's purview. Whether a given institute or employer accepts a score from an earlier year is that organisation's own rule, and those rules are set by each organisation and are not restated here. Settled only by the individual admission notice or recruitment advertisement.
IAE Academy's syllabus comparison, and the papers not compared	This is IAE Academy's own token-level comparison of the official PDFs, not an IIT Madras statement: Data Science & AI is word-for-word identical to 2026, Instrumentation is substantially revised, and Computer Science differs in three of its ten sections. IIT Madras publishes no per-paper change log, so there is no official list to set it against. Every GATE paper other than DA, IN, CS and BT is uncomparing by IAE Academy; absence from the syllabus table is not evidence that a paper is unchanged.
Whether the deadlines will move again	The opening date moved twice (14 August and 27 August 2026, then 2 September 2026) and the closing dates moved once (21 September became 27 September, and 30 September became 5 October), and whether they move again cannot be known in advance. The portal itself states that all published GATE 2027 dates are liable to change. No further movement had been posted by 5 September 2026 — the newest entry on the official notifications page is dated 2 September 2026. Treat 27 September 2026 as firm; read the portal again before you rely on anything later.
The score-validity end date	The three-year term is stated by IIT Madras. The end date is not: 19 March 2030 (three years from 19 March 2027; IIT Madras publishes no expiry date). Settled if IIT Madras ever prints an expiry date.

8 · Frequently asked questions

When is the GATE 2027 exam?

GATE 2027 will be held on 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 February 2027 across three consecutive weekends. Each candidate sits one session, on a date and slot named on the admit card. There are two sessions on each exam day: **forenoon, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **afternoon, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

What is the last date to apply for GATE 2027?

27 September 2026 without a late fee, and 5 October 2026 with one. The application window opened on 2 September 2026 online through the GOAPS portal, after being postponed twice from 14 August and 27 August 2026.

Can a second-year undergraduate apply for GATE 2027?

No — a first- or second-year undergraduate is not eligible on that route. Some other routes have a lower floor: M.Sc., M.A. and MCA students are eligible from the **first year**, as are post-B.Sc. integrated M.E./M.Tech. students. If in doubt, check your own case against the official eligibility table at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/eligibility_criteria rather than against any summary, including this one. There is no age limit for GATE 2027, and there is no cap on the number of attempts.

Can I apply for two GATE papers, and does it cost double?

Yes. A candidate may apply for one or two test papers. In the regular window the fee doubles — ₹2,000 or ₹4,000 depending on category. In the extended window it does not: two papers cost ₹2,500 or ₹4,500, because the base fee is charged per paper, and the late-window surcharge is a flat ₹500 levied once on the application, not once per paper. Note that the permitted second paper for each primary paper must be chosen from the list in Table 4,

which the brochure itself labels “**Tentative, Subject to change**”. The current list is published at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/two_paper_combinations.

When will the GATE 2027 admit card be released?

The admit card date has not been announced. Exam city allotment is confirmed for 4 January 2027, and the admit card follows the exam city allotment, but the official portal still lists the admit card download date as “to be announced”. The circulating claim of a GATE 2027 admit card from 3 January 2027 is unsourced, and it precedes the city allotment date. It has no source; see section 7.

How long is a GATE 2027 score valid?

A GATE 2027 score is valid for three years from the date of announcement of the results, which for GATE 2027 means from 19 March 2027. That works out to 19 March 2030 (three years from 19 March 2027; IIT Madras publishes no expiry date). Beyond that, whether a particular institute or PSU accepts a score from an earlier year is that organisation’s own rule — IIT Madras states explicitly that admission on a GATE score is not within the GATE committee’s purview. Check each advertisement. The scorecard itself can be downloaded for ₹500 per test paper until **31 December 2027**, after which none is issued.

9 · Sources

Where each claim comes from. Page numbers are the brochure’s own printed numbers.

CLAIM	SOURCE
GATE 2027 is held on six days across three consecutive weekends: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 February 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights and p.3 Important Dates, with days of week (Feb 06 Sat, 07 Sun, 13 Sat, 14 Sun, 20 Sat, 21 Sun)
GATE 2027 runs two sessions on each exam day: forenoon 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and afternoon 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates, Sessions block, and p.2 (“The exam will be held in two sessions on these dates – forenoon and afternoon”)
A GATE 2027 candidate sits only one session, on the date and slot specified on the admit card.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“a candidate will be required to appear for the examination in only one of the sessions of the test paper on the date and time specified on the Admit Card”) and §6.2 p.11
GATE 2027 candidates cannot choose their exam date; the organising institute assigns the session.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights, §6.2 p.11 (“a candidate will be mapped to appear for the examination in one of the sessions ONLY”) and §6 p.9 (“Requests for change in the Centre or Location or Date/Time specified in the Admit Card will not be entertained”)
There are no international centres for GATE 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure §6.4.1 p.13 (“There are no international centres for GATE 2027.”) and p.14 (“Foreign nationals or Indian nationals desirous of appearing for the exam will have to travel to India”)
IIT Madras is the organising institute for GATE 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) is the Organizing Institute (OI) for GATE 2027”) and the running header of all 143 pages · gate2027.iitm.ac.in
The GATE 2027 application portal opened on 2 September 2026.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates and /notifications The Information Brochure p.2 and p.3 both still print “To be Announced (TBA)” for the portal opening
The GATE 2027 opening date was announced twice before the portal opened: 14 August 2026, then 27 August 2026.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 and p.3, which preserve “August 14, 2026 / August 27, 2026 / To be Announced (TBA)” as a three-value sequence · strikethrough sequence on gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates
The two GATE 2027 closing dates are stated only as a pair: 27 September 2026 without a late fee, 5 October 2026 with one. Neither is meaningful alone.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates, two separate rows · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates

CLAIM	SOURCE
The GATE 2027 closing dates were revised once and have not moved since.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 and p.3, which carry both the superseded and the current value in each closing row · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates
Because the portal opened on 2 September rather than 14 August, the regular GATE 2027 application window is 25 days long, not the five weeks originally implied.	IAE Academy arithmetic on two portal dates: 2 September to 27 September 2026 is 25 days; the originally announced 14 August to 21 September 2026 was 38 days. Not stated on any official page.
The Important Dates page keeps superseded dates struck through rather than removed, which is how the two postponements can be read directly off the page.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates . GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 and p.3 likewise print three opening values and two closing values per row.
The GATE 2027 application rectification window runs 14 to 21 October 2026. The 21 October end date is in the brochure; the 14 October start date is on the portal only.	End date: GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (“Last date for change of Category, Paper and Examination City choices. Adding a new test paper, and change of personal details (additional fee may be applicable per change) — October 21, 2026”). Start date: gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates only; the brochure prints no start date.
The rectification window is the only chance to change category, test paper, examination city choices or personal details, or to add a new test paper.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates row, which names exactly these changes Brochure §6.9 p.21 (Application Scrutiny and Rectification) covers rectifying defects found during scrutiny and enumerates no changeable fields
A 3 November 2026 rectification date exists only inside a non-rendering HTML comment on the official fees page; this guide publishes 14–21 October 2026 and treats 3 November as unpublished.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees , page source. The Information Brochure contains no November date.
IIT Madras publishes no amount for the GATE 2027 correction fee; the brochure says only that an additional fee may be applicable per change.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates row (“additional fee may be applicable per change”). A detailed ₹500-per-change schedule sits only inside a non-rendering HTML comment in the source of gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees .
The official GATE 2027 application-fee page carries a “to be updated soon” banner and a correction-charge table inside HTML comments that do not render, so neither is published content.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees , page source.
GATE 2027 exam cities are notified to candidates on 4 January 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (“Notification of Exam cities to the Candidates — January 04, 2027”) §6 p.9 and §6.10 p.21 say only “during January 2027” · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates
A GATE 2027 exam city preference is a request, not a guarantee: the committee may allot a city the candidate did not choose.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure §6.3 p.11 (“Because of operational constraints, the GATE Committee reserves the right to add a new city or remove an existing one and allot a city that may not be from any of the choices selected by the candidate”)
The GATE 2027 admit card download date has not been announced; both the portal and the brochure print TBA.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (“Admit Cards download — To be Announced (TBA)”) and §6.10 p.21 (“The dates for the download of Admit Cards will be announced in the official website”) · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates also prints TBA
The GATE 2027 admit card is released after the exam city allotment; this ordering is IAE’s reading of the Important Dates sequence, not a stated rule.	IAE Academy reading of the order of the GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (city notification January 04, 2027; Admit Cards download TBA, listed after it) and §6.10 p.21 The brochure does not state the ordering in words
The circulating aggregator claim of a GATE 2027 admit card from 3 January 2027 is rejected: it is unsourced and would precede the 4 January 2027 city allotment.	Third-party coaching site, unsourced. Contradicted by GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3, which prints TBA for admit card download and January 04, 2027 for city notification
GATE 2027 results are announced on 19 March 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 (“DATE* FOR RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT — Friday, March 19, 2027”) and p.3 · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/important_dates

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A GATE 2027 score is valid for three years from the date of announcement of the results.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“GATE 2027 score will remain valid for THREE years from the date of announcement of results”) and §8.2 p.28 (“GATE 2027 scorecard is valid for THREE years from the date of announcement of the results”)
19 March 2030 as the end of GATE 2027 score validity is IAE Academy’s arithmetic, not a published figure. IIT Madras states the three-year term but no end date.	Three-year validity (GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights and §8.2 p.28) counted from the 19 March 2027 result date (p.2 and p.3). The brochure gives no expiry date.
The free GATE 2027 scorecard download window has not been announced; the brochure prints TBA.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (“Score Cards available for free download — TBA”)
After the free window, a GATE 2027 scorecard costs ₹500 per test paper until 31 December 2027; none is issued after that.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.3 Important Dates (“Score Cards available for download by paying a fee of ₹500 per test paper — TBA to December 31, 2027”) and §8.2 p.28 (“From January 1, 2028 onward, scorecards will not be issued for GATE 2027 qualified candidates”)
Whether an institute or PSU accepts an older GATE score is that organisation’s own rule; IIT Madras states that admission on a GATE score is not within the GATE committee’s purview.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/faqs . GATE 2027 Information Brochure Disclaimer p.29 items 2 and 3 (“Qualifying in GATE examination does NOT guarantee admission, scholarship, or a job”; “the GATE Committee is not responsible for admissions”).
All eight GATE 2027 fee figures are on the official fee page; only the four one-paper figures are also in the brochure.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees for all eight figures · GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 5 p.14 for the four one-paper figures only; the brochure tabulates no two-paper amount anywhere
The GATE 2027 extended-period surcharge is a flat ₹500 levied once on the application, not once per paper. This reading is IAE Academy’s own.	IAE Academy’s reading of the four two-paper columns on gate2027.iitm.ac.in/application_fees against the one-paper columns. It differs from the GATE 2027 Information Brochure blanket footnote on p.14
The brochure’s blanket two-paper footnote appears in three places and is wrong by ₹500 in the extended period; where the brochure and the live fee table conflict, this guide follows the live fee table.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.14, quoted verbatim; the same blanket statement also appears as footnote # on front matter page I (“For two papers, the fee payable is twice that of a single paper”) and in §6 p.9 (“the fees to be paid by the candidate will be TWICE that of a single paper”)
For fee purposes the regular window runs to 27 September 2026 and the extended window runs 28 September to 5 October 2026.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 5 p.14 column headers (“Regular Period** (Aug 27 – Sep 27, 2026)” and “Extended Period** (Sep 28 – Oct 5, 2026)”)
The GATE 2027 application fee excludes bank service charges, processing charges and any other charges the banks may levy.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.14 and footnote # on front matter page I
The GATE 2027 PwD fee concession applies only to candidates with a benchmark disability of 40% or higher under the RPwD Act 2016.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure, footnote * to Table 5 p.14 (“Only those candidates with benchmark disability (40% and higher) are eligible for fee concession. For benchmark disabilities, please refer RPwD Act 2016”)
GATE 2027 applications and fee payment are made online through the GOAPS portal.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“Applications will be accepted only through the GATE 2027 Online Application Processing System (GOAPS)”), §6.4 p.13 and §6.8 p.21
For an undergraduate degree the GATE 2027 floor is the third year, or a completed government-approved degree.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure §6.1 p.9 and Table 2 p.10, where B.E./B.Tech./B.Pharm., B.Arch., B.Sc.(Research)/B.S. and Int. M.Sc./B.S.-M.S. all read “Currently in the third year or higher or already completed” · Highlights p.2 · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/eligibility_criteria
The third-year floor is an undergraduate rule only: M.Sc., M.A. and MCA students are eligible for GATE 2027 from the first year, as are post-B.Sc. integrated M.E./M.Tech. students.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 2 p.10: “M.Sc./M.A./M.C.A. or equivalent — Currently in the first year or higher or already completed” and “Int. M.E./M.Tech. (Post-B.Sc.) — Currently in the first/second/third/fourth year or already completed”. Brochure p.2 Highlights carries the undergraduate rule only and does not state this

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Two official GATE 2027 eligibility wordings exist and differ: §6.1 p.9 says “third or higher years” and “government approved”; the p.2 Highlights say “3rd or higher years” and “UGC/AICTE approved”.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure §6.1 p.9 and Highlights p.2. “Government approved” occurs only on p.9 and “UGC/AICTE” only on p.2.
Other GATE 2027 qualifying routes carry their own thresholds: professional medical degrees from the fifth semester, Pharm.D. across the third to sixth years.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 2 p.10: “M.B.B.S./B.D.S./B.V.Sc. — Currently in fifth/sixth/seventh or higher semester or already completed” and “Pharm.D. (after 10+2) — Currently in the third/fourth/fifth/sixth year or already completed”
Candidates whose qualification is not a standard B.E. or B.Tech. should consult the official eligibility table rather than any summary, this guide included.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 2 p.10 carries twelve programme rows that this guide does not reproduce.
There is no upper age limit for GATE 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“There is NO age limit to appear for GATE 2027.”) · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/faqs
There is no cap on the number of GATE attempts — stated on the official FAQ, and nowhere in the Information Brochure.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/faqs . The word “attempt” does not occur in the Information Brochure.
GATE 2027 is conducted for 30 test papers.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“GATE 2027 will be conducted for 30 test papers as Computer Based Test (CBT)”); p.4 Pattern of Examination, §6.2 p.11 and §7 p.22 · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/exam_papers_and_syllabus
Robotics and Automation (RA) is a new GATE 2027 test paper, and Textile Engineering and Fibre Science is no longer standalone: it becomes section XE9 of the Engineering Sciences paper.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights and Table 3b p.12, which maps “Textile Engineering & Fibre Science” from GATE 2026 Code TF to GATE 2027 Code XE9 · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/exam_papers_and_syllabus
The GATE XE, XH and XL sectional paper codes were renumbered for 2027.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“Please note the changes in paper codes for sectional papers XE, XH, XL from GATE 2027”) and Table 3b p.12, which renumbers XE-A to XE0, XH-B1 to XH0 and XL-P to XL0
The 2027 test-paper changes were first announced in a portal notification dated 20 July 2026.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/notifications , entry dated 20 July 2026. The Information Brochure carries no such date.
Reports put the GATE 2026 paper count at 30, including TF and without RA. IIT Madras does not state this.	Secondary reports. GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 3b p.12 lists TF as the GATE 2026 code for what is now XE9; the brochure states no GATE 2026 paper count.
A GATE 2027 candidate may apply for one or two test papers.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“Candidates are allowed to appear for one or two test papers only”) and §6.2 p.11
The permitted GATE 2027 two-paper combinations are published in Table 4, which the brochure labels tentative and subject to change; the brochure also provides for a combination being removed.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 4 caption p.13 (“Allowed two test paper combinations in GATE 2027 (Tentative, Subject to change)”), §6.2 p.11 (“the combination of two test papers must be chosen only from the tentative list given in Table 4”) and §6.4.1 p.13, which states the fee is “not refundable except when a certain two-paper combination is removed” — so a combination can be withdrawn · current list at gate2027.iitm.ac.in/two_paper_combinations
Table 4 of the GATE 2027 brochure lists 30 primary paper codes.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure Table 4 p.13: AE, AG, AR, BM, BT, CE, CH, CS, CY, DA, EC, EE, ES, EY, GE, GG, IN, MA, ME, MN, MT, NM, PE, PH, PI, RA, ST, XE, XH, XL
Registration through DigiLocker is mandatory for all Indian nationals applying for GATE 2027, per the portal’s notification of 1 August 2026. This guide follows the notification over the brochure.	gate2027.iitm.ac.in/notifications , notification dated 1 August 2026. The brochure wording is softer; see the next row.
The Information Brochure is softer than the portal notification: it says DigiLocker registration is recommended, and that Indian nationals may need to register.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights and §6 p.9 (“It is recommended to register in DigiLocker”) and §6.4.2 p.14 (“The Indian nationals may need to register through DigiLocker”)

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The claim that a GATE 2027 applicant's address and date of birth are pulled from DigiLocker or Aadhaar is not supported by the brochure, which lists both among the data the candidate enters.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure §6.4.3 p.15 (Data Required for Filling the Application Form), which lists “Personal details (name, date of birth, ...)” and “Address for communication including PIN code” among the data the candidate supplies. Aadhaar appears only in the accepted photo-ID list at §6.4 p.13, never as a data source
IIT Madras states that the GATE 2027 syllabi have been revised and advises candidates to check the updated versions.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 Highlights (“Syllabus of GATE 2027 test papers has been revised. Candidates are advised to check the syllabus.”) and §7 p.22 (“the syllabi for most of the test papers have been revised for GATE 2027”) · gate2027.iitm.ac.in/exam_papers_and_syllabus
IIT Madras's own press release states that the GATE 2027 syllabus revision followed a five-year gap. The statement is on the portal only and is not in the brochure.	IIT Madras press release linked from gate2027.iitm.ac.in . The Information Brochure has no five-year statement.
IIT Madras publishes no per-paper change log for the GATE 2027 syllabus revision, so no outside party can say which papers moved without doing the comparison.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 and §7 p.22 announce the revision without itemising it. No change log appears in the 143 pages or on gate2027.iitm.ac.in/exam_papers_and_syllabus .
IAE Academy's own comparison of the official 2026 and 2027 syllabus PDFs found DA identical, IN substantially revised and CS differing in three of ten sections.	IAE Academy's token-level and phrase-level comparison of the official 2026 and 2027 syllabus PDFs.
The GATE 2027 Biotechnology syllabus has six sections where 2026 had seven: there is no counterpart to the 2026 Bioprocess Engineering and Process Biotechnology section, and most of its list appears under Section 4.	IAE Academy's section-by-section comparison of the official 2026 and 2027 Biotechnology syllabus PDFs, published at iaeacademy.in/resources/gate-bt-2027-syllabus-changes .
Every GATE paper other than DA, IN, CS and BT is uncomparing by IAE Academy; absence from the syllabus table is not evidence that a paper is unchanged.	Only DA, IN, CS and BT were compared, against the official IITM GATE 2027 syllabus PDFs.
IIT Madras states that all published GATE 2027 dates are liable to change.	GATE 2027 Information Brochure p.2 (“*Dates are liable to change”), p.3, Table 5 footnote p.14 and Disclaimer p.29 item 6
The 172 top-100 AIRs and 490+ placements are IAE Academy's own record of student outcomes since 2012.	IAE Academy's own record of student outcomes since 2012.
IAE Academy's experience is that some of its strongest results come from students who used a third-year attempt as a rehearsal.	IAE Academy's own experience with its students since 2012.

The Information Brochure referenced throughout is the official GATE 2027 Information Brochure (143 pages, marked “Revised version, Date: 27th August 2026”) published at gate2027ib.iitm.ac.in/GATE2027-IB.pdf, linked from the official download page. Where the brochure and the live site disagree, this guide follows the live site and says so.

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The portal moved two dates in the weeks before this guide was published: the opening date was rescheduled twice and the closing dates were revised once. The admit card date has not been announced, and a stray rectification date in the fees page source is not published content (section 7). None of that is unusual for a GATE cycle, and it is why a printed checklist can be out of date within a week.

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