

# Engineering Degree & Diploma Admission Guide

**Academic Year 2026 - 27**

**BE / B.Tech (First Year & Lateral Entry)**

**Diploma Engineering (First Year & Lateral Entry)**

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# Eligibility – First Year BE / B.Tech Engineering

*Entry via 10+2 (HSC) | 4-Year Degree Programme*

## OPEN CATEGORY

# 135/300

PCM Marks (45%)

## RESERVED CATEGORY

# 120/300

PCM Marks (40%)

## DIRECT 2nd YEAR (Lateral Entry)

**Diploma in Engg:**

**Open: 45% marks | Reserved: 40%**

**B.Sc Degree:**

**Open: 45% | Reserved: 40% + Maths at HSC**

## Additional Requirements for First Year BE/B.Tech Engineering

- **Passed 10+2 with Physics & Mathematics as compulsory subjects + Chemistry / Biotechnology / Biology / CS / IT / Electronics / Agriculture / Engineering Graphics....**
- **Must have appeared in ALL subjects of MHT-CET 2026 (PCM) and obtained a NON-ZERO score OR non-zero positive score in JEE (Main) BE / B.Tech**
- **Reserved Categories include: SC / ST / VJ / DT (NT-A) / NT-B / NT-C / NT-D / OBC / SEBC / EWS / PWD**
- **Must be a citizen of India**

# Eligibility – Diploma in Engineering

*First Year (Post-SSC) & Direct Second Year (Lateral Entry)*

## FIRST YEAR POST-SSC DIPLOMA

- **Passed SSC (Std. X) or equivalent**
- **Minimum 35% aggregate marks**
- **Open to ALL board candidates (State, CBSE, ICSE)**
- **No MHT-CET required for Diploma First Year**

## DIRECT SECOND YEAR (Lateral Entry)

- **Passed HSC (10+2) with Physics / Maths / Chemistry / CS / IT**
- **OR 10th + 2 Years ITI – eligible for any Engineering branch**
- **Working Professionals: min 1-year full-time experience + registered company within 50 km**
- **No minimum % required for 10+2 route – subject eligibility matters**

# Admission Procedure – Step by Step

*From Exam to Seat Allotment | BE/B.Tech & Lateral Entry Diploma Holders*

**01**

## **Appear in MHT-CET / JEE**

**PCM MHT-CET 2026 or  
JEE Main — obtain non-  
zero score**

**02**

## **Register Online at mahacet.org**

**Fill Application Form. CET  
candidates - free.  
JEE/Others ₹1,000 (Gen) /  
₹800 (Reserved)**

**03**

## **Upload Documents**

**Scan & upload all  
certificates (JPG/GIF, min  
150 dpi, ≤1 MB each)**

**04**

## **Document Verification**

**Visit nearest Scrutiny  
Centre (SC) with  
ORIGINALS — mandatory  
before merit list**

**05**

## **Merit List Published**

**Provisional Merit List →  
Raise grievances → Final  
Merit List on mahacet.org**

**06**

## **Fill Online Option Form**

**Up to 300 preferences  
(Institute + Course).  
Confirm before deadline —  
CANNOT change after**

**07**

## **CAP Rounds (I, II, III, IV)**

**Seat allotted per merit &  
preferences. Report to SC,  
pay ₹1,000 seat acceptance  
fee**

**08**

## **Report to Allotted College**

**Carry all original  
documents. Pay college  
fees. Take admission**

# Diploma Admission – CAP Process

*First Year Post-SSC Diploma & Direct Second Year | DTE Maharashtra*

## Phase 1 Registration

- **Apply online at [dtemaharashtra.gov.in](http://dtemaharashtra.gov.in)**
- **Fill Application Form with personal & academic details**
- **Upload scanned documents (JPG/GIF, min 150 dpi)**
- **Pay application fee as prescribed**

## Phase 2 Verification

- **Visit Facilitation Centre (FC) with original documents**
- **Document verification is MANDATORY**
- **Provisional Merit List published after verification**
- **Raise grievances if any discrepancy found**

## Phase 3 Option Form

- **Final Merit List published on website**
- **Seat Matrix (available seats) displayed**
- **Fill Online Option Form with institute/course preferences**
- **Confirm Option Form before deadline — no changes allowed after**

## Phase 4 Allotment & Admission

- **4 CAP Rounds for Diploma**
- **Provisional allotment displayed; report to ARC**
- **Freeze (accept) or Float (try for betterment)**
- **Report to allotted institute with originals & fees**

**Diploma Admission: 4 CAP Rounds | Direct 2nd Year: State-level merit via lateral entry |**

# Important Documents Required

*Upload scanned copies (JPG/GIF, min 150 dpi, ≤1 MB) | Originals for verification*

## MANDATORY – ALL CANDIDATES

- **SSC (Std. X) Mark Sheet**
- **HSC / Diploma / B.Sc. Mark Sheet**
- **Qualifying Examination Mark Sheet**
- **CET Score Card (MHT-CET / JEE )**
- **School Leaving Certificate**
- **Certificate of Indian Nationality**

## CATEGORY-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

### **Maharashtra Domicile:**

**Domicile / Birth Certificate**

### **Reserved Class SC/ST:**

**Caste Certificate + Validity Certificate**

### **OBC / NT / VJ / SEBC:**

**Caste Certificate + Validity + NCL (valid to 31 Mar 2027)**

### **EWS Candidates:**

**EWS Eligibility Certificate – Proforma V**

### **Defence (DEF 1/2/3):**

**Service Certificate – Proforma C / D / E**

### **Persons with Disability:**

**Disability Certificate ≥ 40% (permanent) from competent authority**

### **Orphan Candidates:**

**Orphan Certificate – as per GR**

### **TFWS Candidates:**

**Income Certificate – family income < ₹8 Lakh/year**

# Reservation – Reserved Class Categories

*Applicable to Maharashtra State candidates only | CAP Seats*

01

**13.0%**

**SC + SC-Buddhist**

02

**7.0%**

**Scheduled Tribes (ST)**

03

**3.0%**

**VJ / De-Notified Tribes (NT-A)**

04

**2.5%**

**Nomadic Tribes 1 (NT-B)**

05

**3.5%**

**Nomadic Tribes 2 (NT-C)**

06

**2.0%**

**Nomadic Tribes 3 (NT-D)**

07

**19.0%**

**Other Backward Classes (OBC)**

08

**10.0%**

**SEBC\***

**TOTAL RESERVATION FOR RESERVED CLASSES: 60.0%**

**Court**

**\*SEBC: Subject to decision of Hon'ble High**

# Special Category Reservations

**Defence · PWD · EWS · Orphan · Female | Maharashtra State Only**

**5%**

## **Defence Personnel (DEF-1, DEF-2, DEF-3)**

- **DEF-1: Children of Ex-Servicemen domiciled in Maharashtra**
- **DEF-2: Children of Active personnel domiciled in Maharashtra**
- **DEF-3: Active personnel transferred to Maharashtra**
- **Candidate must have passed HSC from Maharashtra**
- **NOT for civilian Defence staff**

**5%**

## **Persons with Disability (PWD)**

- **Minimum 40% benchmark disability — permanent in nature**
- **Covers: Locomotor, Blindness, Deafness, Cerebral Palsy, Mental illness, Autism, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid Attack victims & more**
- **Certificate from competent authority mandatory**
- **No academic exemptions after admission**

**10%\***

## **Economically Weaker Section (EWS)**

- **10% seats OVER & ABOVE sanctioned intake (supernumerary)**
- **As per GR dated 12 Feb 2019 & amended 31 May 2021**
- **EWS Eligibility Certificate (Proforma-V) valid for 2026-27 required**
- **Family income criteria as per GR norms**

**1%**

## **Orphan Candidates**

- **1% of CAP seats (excluding Minority institutions & All India seats)**
- **As per GR – Women & Child Welfare Dept. dated 2 April 2018**
- **Government-issued Orphan Certificate (Proforma-U) mandatory**

**30%**

## **Female Candidates**

- **30% of seats reserved for female candidates**
- **As per GR No. GEC-1000/(123/2000)/Tech.Edu.-1 dated 17 April 2000**
- **NO female reservation under Defence / PWD / Orphan categories**
- **Applies to all Maharashtra candidates**

# Centralised Admission Process (CAP)

*How the online seat allotment system works*

## What is CAP?

**Computerised, centralised seat allotment run by State CET Cell/DTE for ALL Government, Aided & Unaided Private engineering colleges/ Polytechnics in Maharashtra**

## Who Runs It?

**Commissioner, State CET Cell,/ DTE Maharashtra (Mumbai). All decisions are final and binding on candidates and institutes**

## How Many Rounds?

**4 CAP Rounds. Each round: Seat Matrix → Fill Option Form → Allotment → ARC/FC/SC Reporting → Institute Admission**

## Option Form

**Fill up to 300 Institute+Course choices in decreasing order of preference. Once confirmed, choices CANNOT be changed**

**⚠ The merit list gives RELATIVE POSITION only — it does NOT guarantee admission to any course or institute. Attend all rounds for best chance.**

# CAP ROUND AUTO-FREEZE RULES

*Round I → II → III → IV | Auto-Freeze rules apply each round*

## ROUND I

*Auto-Freeze if allotted 1st preference*

- **CET Cell publishes available seats (Seat Matrix)**
- **Fill & confirm Online Option Form (up to 300 choices)**
- **System allots seat based on merit & preferences**
- **1st preference → SEAT AUTO-FROZEN → must take admission**
- **Other than 1st → FREEZE (finalise) OR wait for Round II**

## ROUND II

*Auto-Freeze if within top 3 preferences*

- **Edit / update option form from Round I**
- **New allotment based on updated choices & available seats**
- **Within top 3 preferences → AUTO-FROZEN → must take admission**
- **Beyond 3rd preference → Freeze or wait for Round III**

## ROUND III

*Auto-Freeze if within top 6 preferences*

- **Edit option form again**
- **If within top 6 preferences → AUTO-FROZEN**
- **Beyond 6th preference → Freeze or wait for Round IV**

## ROUND IV

*FINAL ROUND - No further betterment*

- **Last opportunity for seat betterment**
- **Round IV allotment is FINAL**
- **No further improvement possible after this round**
- **Must take admission or lose the seat**

**Seat Acceptance Fee: ₹1,000 (non-refundable) payable at ARC or online. Failure to report = automatic forfeiture of seat.**

# Freeze • Float– Seat Options Explained

*Know your choices to make the best decision at each CAP Round*

## FREEZE

### WHEN TO USE

When you are **HAPPY** with the allotted seat and do **NOT** want further rounds

### WHAT HAPPENS

Seat is finalised. Report to institute and take admission. **NOT** eligible for further rounds.

 **Safe option. Choose when college/branch is acceptable.**

## FLOAT

### WHEN TO USE

Accept current seat (report to FC/SC) **BUT** also want a **BETTER** choice in next round

### WHAT HAPPENS

If better (higher preference) seat found → old seat **CANCELLED**. If no better seat → old seat **RETAINED**.

 **Best of both worlds. You hold a seat with option to upgrade.**

**Degree CAP web portal**

<https://cetcell.mahacet.org/>

**Diploma CAP web portal**

<https://dte.maharashtra.gov.in/>

**Auto-Freeze: Round I → 1st pref | Round II → top 3 | Round III → top 6 | Failure to report to Institute = automatic seat forfeiture**

# Latest CET Cell/DTE Rules – Key Features 2026-27

*Official rules notified vide CET Cell Notification dated 06.08.2025*

## Round I

*Auto-Freeze Rule*

Rule 9(2)(b)

If allotted seat matches your 1st preference → **AUTOMATICALLY FROZEN**. Candidate **MUST** take admission within the given time and is **NOT** eligible for further rounds.

## Round II

*Auto-Freeze Rule*

Rule 9(3)(b)(ii)

If allotted seat is within your first 3 preferences → **AUTO-FROZEN**. Candidate must take admission and is **NOT** eligible for further rounds.

## Round III

*Auto-Freeze Rule*

Rule 9(3)(b)(ii)

If allotted seat is within your first 6 preferences → **AUTO-FROZEN**. Candidate must take admission and is **NOT** eligible for further rounds.

## Round IV

*FINAL ROUND*

Rule 9(3)(c)

Allotment in Round IV is **FINAL**. No further betterment option. Float candidates who accepted earlier seats can get an upgrade. Working Professionals have 2 CAP Rounds only.

## Option Form

*Max 300 Choices*

Rule 9(1)(g)

Candidates can fill minimum 1 and maximum 300 choices (Institute + Course). Once confirmed, the Option Form **CANNOT** be changed. Do **NOT** share App ID & Password.

## Seat Acceptance

*₹1,000 Fee*

Rule 12(j) & (k)

₹1,000 non-refundable seat acceptance fee payable at FC/SC or online. Failure to report to institute = automatic forfeiture of seat. Seat becomes available for fresh allotment.

**Source: CET Cell Notification Ref. 1225/Pr.Cr.94/JN-11/CEPR/2025/2615 dated 06.08.2025 & Information Brochure 2025-26**

# Quick Summary

<b>BE/B.Tech Open</b>	<b>Min 135/300 PCM (45%) + Non-zero MHT-CET score</b>	<b>CAP Rounds</b>	<b>4 rounds for BE   4 rounds for Diploma   Max 300 preferences per option form</b>
<b>BE/B.Tech Reserved</b>	<b>Min 120/300 PCM (40%) + Non-zero MHT-CET score</b>	<b>Auto-Freeze</b>	<b>Round I: 1st pref   Round II: top 3   Round III: top 6   Round IV: FINAL</b>
<b>Lateral Entry BE</b>	<b>Diploma: 45% (Open), 40% (Reserved)   B.Sc: 45% (Open) + Maths at HSC</b>	<b>Seat Fee</b>	<b>₹1,000 non-refundable at ARC or online. No report = seat forfeiture</b>
<b>Diploma 1st Year</b>	<b>SSC passed with min 35% aggregate — No CET required</b>	<b>Freeze/Float</b>	<b>Freeze = lock   Float = keep + try better  </b>
<b>Diploma 2nd Year</b>	<b>HSC with Phy/Maths/Chem/CS/IT OR 10th + 2 yr ITI</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.mahacet.org">www.mahacet.org</a> (BE/B.Tech)   <a href="http://www.dte.maharashtra.gov.in">www.dte.maharashtra.gov.in</a> (Diploma)</b>
<b>Reservations</b>	<b>SC 13%   ST 7%   OBC 19%   SEBC 10%*   EWS 10%†   Female 30%   Defence &amp; PWD 5% each   Orphan 1%</b>		

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## Thank You

 **BE/B.Tech Portal**

[www.cetcell.mahacet.org](http://www.cetcell.mahacet.org)

 **Diploma Portal**

[www.dte.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.dte.maharashtra.gov.in)

 **Information Brochure**

Available on  
[cetcell.mahacet.org/](http://cetcell.mahacet.org/)  
[dte.maharashtra.gov.in](http://dte.maharashtra.gov.in)

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