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# Admission & Eligibility – PGPEx 2019

This document details the process that will be adopted for selecting candidates for admission to the Post Graduate Program for Experienced Professionals (PGPEx) at the Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIMV) for the batch of 2019.

The admission process seeks to identify the most promising candidates for the PGPEx batch of 2019 for IIMV. IIMV uses multiple parameters, namely past academic performance, work experience, candidates' scores in an entrance examination, as well as performance in Personal Interview and Written Ability Test to judge the suitability of candidates for the PGPEx program. Evaluation by multiple criteria is also consistent with empirical research on recruitment and selection that shows greater efficacy of recruitment processes that uses multiple criteria. Such multiple criteria are used to arrive at a composite score for every candidate, which is used to select candidates. The remaining part of the document explains this process in detail.

# **Eligibility Criteria**

The eligibility criteria for admission into the Program are as follows:

- The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree (minimum 55% marks or equivalent) that has been recognized by an authorized body in India. The Bachelor's degree obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or its equivalent.
- The applicant must have a minimum of three years of full-time work experience as on August, 2019 at an officer/executive level or higher; as a professional or as an entrepreneur. Part time work experience, clerical (non-officer/ non-executive) experience and apprenticeship will not be considered as eligible work experience.
- Applicants require a valid CAT, GMAT, GATE or GRE score to be considered for admission.

- I. CAT score validity: Not more than two years old as on 20/7/2019
- II. GATE score validity: Not more than three years old as on 20/7/2019
- III. GMAT/GRE score validity: Not more than five years old as on 20/7/2019
- Alternatively, applicants also can choose to apply for PGPEx by opting to take the IIMV Test.

# **Application Process**

The application form for admission to PGPEx 2019-21, will be available at https://www.iimv.ac.in/admissions/pgpex/application-form

A non-refundable application fee of INR 1000/- is to be submitted along with the application. SC, ST, PwD, Women applicants are totally exempt from paying the application fee. NC-OBC and EWS applicants are required to pay 50% of the fee viz. INR 500/-.

Candidates those opting to appear for the IIMV Test will have to pay a non-refundable fee of INR 1000/- in addition to the application fee. There is no discount for any category of applicant in the IIMV Test fee.

Application fee and IIMV Test fee (both non-refundable) as mentioned above, should be paid on-line through the 'Online Fee Payment' SBI link in the Institute's website <u>www.iimv.ac.in</u>

This link will also be available in the admissions page for PGPEx.

The venue for IIMV Test will be IIM Visakhapatnam campus (only) and at no other City/ Centre in India or abroad. IIMV Test will be a paper-and-pencil based test and not a computer-based test.

Applicants are required to ensure that the following documents are submitted along with the application form. It is emphasized that the application form will be considered to have been completed only upon submission of all the following documents. Incomplete applications and/or applications not adhering to the requirements specified herein are liable for rejection.

# Documents to be submitted:

- i) Copy of Government issued Photo Identity proof (Driving License, Passport, PAN Card, Aadhar etc.,)
- ii) SSC, HSC & Bachelors' Degree Transcripts or Mark Sheets
- iii) Bachelor's Degree Certificate
- iv) Master's Degree Certificate (if applicable)
- v) CAT / GMAT / GRE/ GATE Score Sheet (if applicable)
- vi) Statement of Purpose (SOP, not exceeding 800 words) for pursuing the PGPEx program
- vii) Work Experience letters / Last Pay-drawn Certificates (LPCs) / Authenticated Salary Slips (First & Last) indicating Date of joining, Date of leaving (if any) and duration of

service. The work experience letters, LPCs or the Salary Slips, as the case may be, would be required for each of the employment positions served by the applicant)

viii) Copy of caste / disability certificate (SC / ST /NC-OBC /PwD / EWS) — if applicable

It may be noted that:

- a) NC-OBC certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue; Applicants must ensure that they submit a valid certificate (valid till August 2019).
- b) The PwD certificate must be issued by a Government hospital signed by a panel of three doctors or by a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) as per the PwD Act 2016.
- c) EWS certificate must be issued by an officer of the rank of Tehsildar or above.

Applications to the PGPEx can be submitted from 10:00 a.m. on June 20, 2019 till 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2019. The application form for admission to PGPEx 2019, will be available at <a href="https://www.iimv.ac.in/pgpex/application-form">https://www.iimv.ac.in/pgpex/application-form</a>

# **Selection Process**

- Applicants will be short-listed based on their performance in CAT/ GMAT/ GATE/ GRE/ IIMV Test, as chosen by the candidate, performance in the prior qualifications, and duration of work experience.
- Shortlisted candidates will be called for a Writing Ability Test and Personal interview. The interview panel will evaluate each candidate's performance based on such factors/parameters as SOP, diversity, general awareness, leadership qualities, accomplishments at workplace, etc.
- At the time of the interview, employed candidates will be required to produce a "No Objection Certificate" from their employers.
- Final selection will be made based on a composite score comprising the performance in the Admission Test, nature and extent of work experience, SOP, Writing Ability Test and Interview.
- The composite total score will be calculated using a multi-factor model.

The venue for the entire Selection Process as above will be IIM Visakhapatnam campus only.

The admission offer will be made to a certain percentage of applicants depending on the availability of seats and their satisfying a minimum cut-off on the composite score.

The information in this document is applicable only for the admissions cycle PGPEx - 2019 of IIM Visakhapatnam and therefore, no inference can be made from this document about the admissions process that will be used for future admission cycles at IIMV. The Institute (IIMV) reserves the right to change, modify or adopt any new admissions process that it deems necessary, at any point.

Any dispute concerning Admissions for the PGPEx Batch 2019-21 would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of city of Visakhapatnam only.