

OPEN CDC 3 – Test Center – Students Guidelines

What's This All About?

You're about to take your CAT preparation to the next level!

By booking your slot for **OPEN CDC 3 in a real test center**, you get to experience the entire CAT exam journey — from **admit card** and **ID verification** to **sitting in a real computer-based test lab** under strict time and conduct protocols.

Timeline & Coverage

- **Live on the website and MyZone, with booking open from 11th August 2026**
- **Scheduled on 26th & 27th September 2026**
- **To be conducted in three slots:**
 - **Slot 1: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM**
 - **Slot 2: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**
 - **Slot 3: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

Where Can You Take the Test?

Choose from **44 cities** across India, with infrastructure matching CAT exam norms. The cities include:

New Delhi	Jabalpur	Bhubaneswar	Navi Mumbai	Lucknow
Kolkata	Rourkela	Jamshedpur	Varanasi	Ghaziabad
Mumbai	Raipur	Agra	Indore	Ranchi
Pune	Bhilai	Faridabad	Dehradun	Allahabad
Bangalore	Meerut	Surat	Baroda	Jaipur
Gurugram	Gwalior	Patna	Kanpur	Amritsar
Hyderabad	Guwahati	Chennai	Ahmedabad	Ernakulam
Nagpur	Chandigarh	Rajkot	Trivandrum	Thrissur
Noida	Visakhapatnam	Bhopal	Udaipur	

Timeline (Important Dates)

	Date / Deadline
Select Mode (Test Center/ Home)	11 th August to 22 nd September 2026, 11:59 PM
City Selection Opens	11 th August 2026, 09:00 AM
Booking Window Closes	22 nd September 2026, 11:59 PM
Last Date for Prep Material Eligibility	31st August 2026 (students booking on/before this date receive prep material; not given thereafter)
Pricing Tier Change	Higher pricing tier applies from 1st September 2026 (see Pricing table below)
Booking – City Modification/Change	Not allowed after 22 nd September 2026, 11:59 PM
Admit Card Download Starts	24 th September 2026
Mock Test Date	26th & 27th September 2026
Test Slot Timings	Slot 1: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Slot 2: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Slot 3: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Post-Test Analytics	(Available in MyZone) – 28 th September, 8:30 PM onwards
Scorecard	(Available in MyZone) – 29 th September, 10:00 AM onwards

Pricing (Test Center Booking)

Student Category	Till 31st Aug 2026	From 1st Sept 2026
OC / NC / Classroom (CR)	Free	Free
Test Series (TS) / VARC1000 / DILR1000 / QA1000	₹99 + GST	₹149 + GST
Non-CL / New Students	₹149 + GST	₹199 + GST

Note: Students who book on or before 31st August 2026 will additionally receive prep material for OPEN CDC 3; this will not be given for bookings made from 1st September 2026 onwards.

How to Book Your Slot?

1. **Login to MyZone:** <https://myzone.careerlauncher.com>
2. Go to **OPEN CDC 3 – Test Center Booking** tab.
3. Select your preferred **test center city**.
4. Make the payment (if applicable – based on the course you are enrolled in).
5. Choose your slot and **lock your seat**.

6. From 24th September 2026, download your **Admit Card** with all details.

Note: Once booked, slots cannot be changed. Book early to secure your preferred time.

What to Carry on Test Day?

- **Printed Admit Card** (available from 6th August)
- **Valid Government Photo ID** (Aadhaar, PAN, Passport, Voter ID, Driving License, etc.)
- A **recent photograph** matching the one you uploaded during slot booking

Note: Entry will be denied if your photograph does not match or you arrive late.

What Happens at the Test Center?

- Arrive **60 minutes before** your chosen slot
- Get your **ID & Admit Card verified**
- Take your seat as per your allotted system for the test
- Follow all instructions from invigilators
- Receive rough sheets & pen (must return after use)
- Complete your test in the allotted time

What to do after Test?

- Access your **scorecard on MyZone**
- See your **section-wise performance, percentiles, and All India rank**
- Use the **review window** to revisit questions and answers
- Attend **in-center analysis sessions** for post-mock doubt solving

What are the Exam Conduct Rules (Just Like CAT) | Exam Day Instructions (As per Admit Card)

- **Print your Admit Card on A4 size paper** using a laser printer. It must include your clearly printed photo.
Please affix the same photo used during registration/ booking at the designated spot.
- **Arrive at the test center at least 60 minutes before your slot time.**
No candidate will be allowed entry after the gate-closing time.

- **Carry a valid government-issued photo ID in original**, along with the printed Admit Card. The ID must not be damaged or smudged.
- **You will not be allowed to leave the test center before the test ends.**
- It is strongly advised to **locate your test center a day before** to avoid last-minute confusion.
- A **writing pad and pen will be provided** at the center for rough work. You must return them after the exam and write your name and application number on the pad.
- **Prohibited items inside the center include:**
 - Mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, wallets, papers
 - Electronic gadgets of any kind
 - Stationery items
 - Jewellery or metal accessories
 - Shoes with thick soles or garments with large buttons
- **There may be no provision/ facility to store personal belongings at the center, so plan accordingly.**
- **No request for a change in test center will be entertained (post admit card generation)**
- If you are accompanied by **parents or guardians**, they will not be allowed inside the center.
- **Violation of any rule — including impersonation or misconduct — will lead to disqualification.**
- **Bio-breaks are discouraged** unless for a medical reason. You will be checked again if you exit and re-enter, and no extra time will be given.

Final Notes

- This is **your chance to rehearse CAT Day** before the real thing.
- You are required to **upload accurate information, including a valid photograph and correct contact details**. Any mismatch between the uploaded photo and the individual appearing at the center will lead to denial of entry, and the student will be asked to leave the venue. This will be enforced strictly in line with CAT exam norms.
- Treat it like the actual exam — timing, pressure, environment — everything counts.

We are here to help you succeed. If you need any assistance, reach out to us.

Book your slot now and take the next step toward your 99+ percentile journey!