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Admission & Eligibility – PGPDGM 2019-21

1.0 This document details the process that will be adopted for selecting candidates for admission to the Post Graduate Program in Digital Governance & Management (PGPDGM) at the Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIMV) for the batch of 2019-21.

The admission process seeks to identify the most promising candidates for the PGPDGM batch of 2019-21 for IIMV. The Institute uses multiple parameters, such as work experience, candidates' scores in an entrance examination, performance in Personal Interview etc. to judge the suitability of candidates for the PGPDGM 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.

2.0 Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 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. (relaxation as permissible for deserving categories)
 - The applicant must not be more than 50 years of age as on 30th November 2019.
 - The applicant needs to have a minimum of five years of full-time work experience at an officer or executive level or higher; as a professional or as an entrepreneur in any industry as on 30th November 2019. 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.
 - 1. CAT: Test date must fall on or between 31-07-2017 and 31-07-2019
 - 2. GATE: Test date must fall on or between 31-07-2016 and 31-07-2019
 - 3. GMAT/GRE: Test date must fall on or between 31-07-2014 and 31-07-2019
- Alternatively, applicants also can choose to apply for PGPDGM by opting to take the IIMV Admission Test, to be conducted by IIMV, on a date and time to be announced in due course. The IIMV test will be computer based proctored test that the applicant can take from a computer/laptop anywhere provided they have an Internet connection and the device has a camera.
- For the sake of clarity, it is emphasized that candidates may opt for only ONE of the tests, namely, CAT, GMAT, GATE, GRE or IIMV Test, to apply for PGPDGM.
 When once a particular Test is chosen, valid scores of that Test only (and not of others) are considered by IIMV.

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 submitting of all of the following documents. Incomplete applications and/or applications not adhering to the requirements specified herein are liable for rejection.

2.2 Documents to be submitted:

- 1. Copy of Government issued Photo Identity proof (Driving Licence, Passport, PAN Card, Aadhar etc.,)
- 2. Bachelor's Degree Certificate
- 3. Master's Degree Certificate (if applicable)
- 4. CAT / GMAT / GRE / GATE Score Sheet (if applicable)
- 5. Statement of Purpose (SOP, not exceeding 800 words) for pursuing the PGPDGM program
- 6. Write-up on Technical Knowledge & Domain Experience.
- 7. 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)
- 8. Copy of caste / disability certificate (NC-OBC / SC / ST / PWD / EWS) if applicable

It may be noted that:

- (a) NC-OBC certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue; ensure that you submit a valid certificate (valid till the date of registration to the program -- end of January 2020).
- (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 RPwD Act 2016.
- (c) EWS certificate to be issued by an officer of the rank of Tehsildar or above.

3.0 Application Process

The application form for admission to PGPDGM 2019, will be available at http://www.iimv.ac.in/pgpdgm/application. Applications to the PGPDGM can be submitted from 10:00 a.m. on June 15, 2019 till 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2019.

4.0 Interview Process

Applicants will be short-listed based on their performance in CAT / GMAT / GATE / GRE / IIMV Test, as chosen by the candidate; evaluation of SOP, technical knowledge and domain experience. Shortlisted candidates will be called for a Personal interview. The interview panel will evaluate each candidate's performance on the basis of such factors/parameters as general awareness, leadership qualities, accomplishments at workplace, etc.

At the time of the interview, currently employed candidates will be required to produce "No Objection Certificates" in Part B of the application form, from their employers, indicating that they are permitted to pursue the program. Final selection will be made based on a composite score comprising the performance in CAT/GMAT/GATE/GRE/IIMV Test, nature and extent of work experience, SOP and Personal Interview scores. The composite total score will be calculated using a multi-factor model. 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.

5.0 The information in this document is applicable only for the admissions cycle PGPDGM 2019-21 batch 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 PGPDGM Batch 2019-21 would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of city of Visakhapatnam only.