

**Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology
Government of India**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS GAT-B 2026 & BET 2026

Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India through its nodal agency Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) announces the national examinations: Graduate Aptitude Test in Biotechnology (GAT-B) & Biotechnology Eligibility Test (BET) 2026



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Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026

For admissions to Department of Biotechnology supported Post Graduate programmes in Biotechnology and allied areas in participating institutions

Biotechnology Eligibility Test (BET) 2026

For award of DBT-Junior Research Fellowship (DBT-JRF) for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology at Indian research universities/institutions

**Applications Starting on
(19.03.2026)**

**Last Date For Applying
(09.04.2026)**

**Date of Examination
(17.05.2026)**

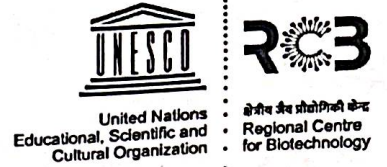
To apply, please visit:

**www.dbt.gov.in, www.rcb.res.in,
<https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/>**



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GRADUATE APTITUDE TEST - BIOTECHNOLOGY (GAT-B) 2026

Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) is a national entrance examination to test the eligibility of bonafide Indian nationals for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology and allied sciences at participating institutions and universities. DBT supported Post Graduate Programmes include M.Sc. Biotechnology and allied sciences, M.Tech. Biotechnology and allied sciences, M.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology and M.V.Sc. Animal Biotechnology.

Graduate Aptitude Test – Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026 will be held on 17th May, 2026 from 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM (Three Hours/ 180 minutes duration) via Computer Based Mode across India. Only bonafide Indian nationals are eligible to apply. Medium of examination will be English only. GAT-B 2026 shall be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), on behalf of RCB/DBT.

GAT-B 2026 Score is valid for admissions in academic year 2026-27 only.

Details of participating institutions and universities (indicative list) in GAT-B 2026, offering DBT supported Post-Graduate courses in Biotechnology and allied sciences, eligibility criteria, sanctioned seats, etc. are provided at <https://rcb.res.in/DBTPG/> and in NTA's Information Bulletin hosted at <https://dbt.nta.ac.in>.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates meeting minimum eligibility criteria of participating institutions and universities are eligible to apply for Graduate Aptitude Test – Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026. Candidates may further verify the eligibility criteria on the website of the respective institutions and universities. Candidates who do not meet minimum eligibility criteria of institutions and universities and still appear for GAT-B 2026 entrance examination will do so at their own risk. If at any stage it is found that a candidate does not fulfil minimum eligibility requirements of participating institutions and universities, rules of cancellation or termination of respective institutions and universities will be applicable. Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will not play any role and responsibility in the admission and selection process (transfer/ cancellation/ conversion of seats/ fee refund policy) of institutions and universities. Any disputes arising will be subject to Delhi jurisdiction only.

Candidates who have either appeared or due to appear in the final examination of their qualifying degree are eligible to apply for GAT-B 2026, under the result awaited (RA) category. Such candidates will submit an Undertaking/ Attestation Form, duly certified and stamped by the Head of Institution/ University (with address and name) from where the candidate is appearing for the qualifying degree. Failing to comply with the instruction will result in rejection of application. Undertaking/ Attestation Form for appearing/ result awaited candidates are provided in NTA's Information Bulletin for GAT-B 2026 hosted at <https://www.nta.ac.in/>; <https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/>

RESERVATION POLICY

Reservation Policy of Government of India will be followed for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology and allied sciences at participating institutions and universities. Any disputes arising will be subject to Delhi jurisdiction only.



MERIT LIST

Following declaration of GAT-B 2026 results, an all-India category wise merit list will be prepared following Reservation policy of Government of India. Call for admissions for GAT-B 2026 qualified candidates will be advertised separately by participating institutions and universities as per institutional admission and selection norms. Reservation policy of Government of India will be followed for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate Programmes in Biotechnology and allied sciences at participating institutions and universities. Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will not play any role and responsibility in the admission and selection process (transfer/ cancellation/ conversion of seats/ fee refund policy) of institutions and universities.

TRANSFER POLICY

Transfer policy in participating institutions and universities will be as per institutional admission and selection norms. Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will not play any role and responsibility in the admission & selection process (transfer/ cancellation/ conversion of seats/ fee refund policy) of institutions and universities.

CONVERSION OF VACANT SEATS FOR ADMISSION

Conversion of vacant seats for admissions at participating institutions and universities will be done as per institutional admission and selection norms. Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will not play any role and responsibility in the admission and selection process (transfer/ cancellation/ conversion of seats/ fee refund policy) of institutions and universities.

CANCELLATION AND FEE REFUND POLICY

Cancellation and fee refund policy will be done as per institutional admission and selection norms. Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will not play any role and responsibility in the admission and selection process (transfer/ cancellation/ conversion of seats/ fee refund policy) of institutions and universities.

STUDENTSHIP SUPPORT

Qualified candidates of GAT-B 2026, admitted to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) programmes in Biotechnology and allied sciences, at participating institutions and universities will be paid stipend as under:

- M.Sc. Biotechnology & Allied sciences: Rs. 5000/- per month
- M.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology: Rs. 7500/- per month
- M.Tech. Biotechnology and allied sciences and M.V.Sc. Programmes - Rs. 12000/- per month



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Stipend will be disbursed through the participating institutions and universities after due verification of students pursuing prescribed DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) programmes in Biotechnology and allied sciences. Continuation of stipend for the second year of the Programme is subject to satisfactory progress of the student, to be certified by the participating institution and university.

SYLLABUS FOR GAT-B Syllabus for GAT-B is provided at <https://rcb.res.in/DBTPG/>

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION AND MARKING SCHEME

The question paper will have two sections:

Section A will have 60 compulsory multiple-choice questions of the level of 10+2 in the subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Each correct response will be awarded One (1) mark. There will be negative marking and for each wrong answer, Half (1/2 or 0.5) mark will be deducted.

Section B will have multiple-choice questions of Bachelor's (Graduate) level. There will be questions from Basic Biology, Life Sciences, Biotechnology and allied sciences as per syllabus. There will be 100 questions out of which candidates will have to attempt 60 questions. Each correct response will be awarded Three (3) marks. There will be negative marking and for each wrong answer, One (1) mark will be deducted. Un-answered/ un- attempted question will be given Zero (0) mark.

Sections	Number of Questions	Number of Questions to be attempted	Marks
Section A (Multiple choice questions of the level of 10+2 in the subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology).	60	60	1*60 = 60
Section B (Multiple choice questions of Graduate / Bachelor's level in the subjects: Basic Biology, Life Sciences, Biotechnology and allied sciences).	100	60	3*60 = 180
Total	160	120	240

REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GAT-B 2026

Applicants desirous of appearing in GAT-B 2026 may register online only via online application form hosted at <https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/> or <https://www.nta.ac.in> . Applicants are advised to read complete details regarding GAT-B 2026 provided in the Information Bulletin hosted at <https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/> and <https://www.nta.ac.in/> before applying. Online Registration and Submission of duly Completed Application Form for GAT-B 2026 is scheduled from 19th March 2026 to 9th April 2026 (upto 5PM). A non-refundable and non-transferable application fee of Rs.1300/- is payable online for General (UR) /OBC-NCL /EWS and Rs. 650/- by SC/ ST/ PwD social category applicants. Templates and Formats of all Certificates and supporting documents required for applying to Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026 are provided at <https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/> for download and enclosure while applying.

Helpdesk for GAT-B 2026 Email: dbt@nta.ac.in | Phone No.: 011-40759000



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IMPORTANT DATES

Events	Dates
Start Date of submission of online Application	19th March 2026
Closing Date of submission of online application	9th April 2026 (up to 5.00 PM)
Closing Date for submission of online application fee	9th April 2026 (up to 11.50 PM)
Correction in Particulars of Application Form (Online Only)	11 April to 13th April 2026
Graduate Aptitude Test - Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026	17 th May 2026 (Sunday) 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon