

# Delay in holding CAT retest tests students' patience

## Repeat in January may overlap with tests conducted by other institutions

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**BANGALORE:** As the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are yet to announce the dates of CAT 2009 Retest, candidates are in a fix with other management aptitude tests lined up in January.

MBA aspirants are hoping that the new test dates will not clash with other entrance tests.

Rahul Baweja, a BE student, observes that CAT leads the way for other management aptitude tests.

"By appearing for CAT which is the toughest entrance examination, students grow confident enough to take up other aptitude tests."

CAT scores are accepted by many management institutes and students stand a good chance by just appearing for the test and the marks.

The retest dates will hamper the plans made by students as two other important entrance tests have been lined up in January and early February, Baweja said. The Management Aptitude Test conducted by All India Management Association has been scheduled for February 7, 2010.

### MAT on Jan 3

MAT is a popular entrance test whose scores are accepted by 160 management institutes across the country. The man-



agement aptitude test conducted by the Xavier Institute of Labour Relation (XLRI) Institute has also been scheduled for January 3.

Rakesh Sharma, a Chartered Accountant and CAT aspirant, says, "XLRI Aptitude Test (XAT) has been scheduled for this weekend. Once students complete CAT, they are free to concentrate on other management tests. For a thousand seats in prestigious IIMs, more than two lakh students appear for the test.

Not all are selected, and hence other management entrances play a crucial role. CAT retest will definitely affect students study schedule for no fault of theirs, Rakesh said.

### Students anxious

While appearing for management tests has become worrisome, students are praying that

the dates do not overlap.

Shruti Srivastava, a final year graduate said, "Students in final year prepare for many entrance tests to become a MBA graduate. It is very discouraging to see that the one of the biggest entrance test has to be rescheduled, without any inkling of the consequences that students have to bear. Preparation of the final year examination too is vital along with the entrance tests".

### Retest schedule

The IIMs announced that students who had faced genuine technical problems while appearing for computerised CAT would be identified by the video recordings from the respective examination centers.

Students will also receive intimation of the retest dates from Prometric Testing Services.

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