



**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPROVAL PROCESS 2026-27

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) invites applications for:

1. **Setting up New Technical Institutions** at all the levels in Engineering and Technology, Management, Computer Applications, Applied Arts and Craft, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Design and Planning
2. **Extension of Approval** for Existing Technical Institutions, Institutions Deemed to be Universities, or Universities (Central/State/Private).
3. **Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or Online Mode Programs** in Management and Computer Applications for Standalone Institutions or Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

Applications for the Academic Year 2026-27 must be submitted online on the AICTE Web Portal which would go live from **November 28, 2025**. The applicants are advised to thoroughly read the AICTE Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2024-25 to 2026-27 along with the amendments issued from time to time available at www.aicte.gov.in.

Submission Guidelines:

- The applicants seeking to establish new Technical Institutions must submit their applications through the "National Single Window System (NSWS)" available at <https://www.nsws.gov.in>, adhering to the provisions of the APH 2024-25 to 2026-27.
- Central, State, or Private Universities seeking AICTE approval for their Technical Programmes must apply for All programmes. Partial approval will not be permitted and would be subsequently withdrawn if obtained.
- For Institutions Deemed to be Universities, AICTE approval has been mandatory since the Academic Year 2018-19, in compliance with the Supreme Court order dated November 3, 2017 (CA No. 17869-17870/2017).
- Standalone Institutions, Institutions Deemed to be Universities offering or intending to offer ODL or online programs must submit applications as per the provisions laid out in the APH.

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Detailed Schedule and Timelines

S. No.	Category of Institutions to apply on the AICTE web portal (Particulars/Description)	Without Penalty	
		Start Date	End Date
I	1.New Institutions applying for the programmes: - A) Engineering & Technology - All levels B) Management – All levels C) Computer Applications – All levels D) Applied Arts & Craft - All levels E) Hotel Management and Catering Technology - All levels F) Design - All levels G) Planning- All levels	28 th November 2025	12 th January 2026
II	1.Existing Institutions running Programmes in: A) Engineering & Technology - All levels B) Management-only PG level (MBA/PGDM/PGCM/FPM) C) Computer Applications - PG level (MCA) D) Applied Arts & Craft - All levels E) Hotel Management and Catering Technology - All levels F) Design - All levels G) Planning- All levels 2. Existing Institutions applying for BBA / BCA/BMS under NPNL Category	28 th November 2025	20 th December 2025
III	1. Existing Institutions running only BBA/ BCA/BMS 2. Existing Institutions running only BBA/BCA/BMS and are applying to other programmes/levels under the NPNL Category.	19 th December 2025	12 th January 2026
		With Late Fee	
IV	All Existing /New Institutions with Late Fee	13 th January 2026	20 th January 2026

All Higher Education Institutions conducting or intending to conduct Technical Programmes are advised to regularly visit the AICTE website at www.aicte.gov.in under the section "**Home > Quick link: Approval Process 2026-27**" for updates, general notifications, and official communications related to the approval process for the Academic Year 2026-27.

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