

JEE Main JoSAA Counselling: Complete Process Guide

Step-by-Step Walkthrough of Seat Allotment for NITs, IIITs, GFTIs & IITs

What is JoSAA?

- The Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) conducts centralised counselling for admission to IITs, NITs, IIITs, and GFTIs (Government-Funded Technical Institutes) based on JEE Main and JEE Advanced ranks.

Step-by-Step Process

- **Step 1 — Registration:** Register on the JoSAA portal using your JEE Main/Advanced credentials once counselling opens.
- **Step 2 — Choice Filling:** List your preferred institute-branch combinations in order of preference; you can add, reorder, or remove choices until the deadline.
- **Step 3 — Choice Locking:** Lock your final choice list before the deadline — unlocked lists may not be considered for allotment.
- **Step 4 — Seat Allotment Rounds:** JoSAA conducts multiple rounds (typically 5-6); in each round you can Accept & Freeze, Accept & Upgrade (float), or decline your allotted seat.
- **Step 5 — Reporting/Document Verification:** After accepting a seat, complete online reporting and document verification within the specified window.
- **Step 6 — CSAB Special Rounds:** Seats vacant after JoSAA rounds are filled through CSAB special rounds for eligible candidates.

Key Tips

- 'Float' keeps you eligible for a better choice in later rounds; 'Freeze' locks your current seat and exits further upgrades
- Rank predictors and previous years' opening/closing ranks help you order your choice list realistically
- Keep all original documents (Class 10/12 marksheets, category certificate, JEE admit card, photo ID) ready well before reporting deadlines

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Always follow the latest schedule, rules, and choice-filling interface on josaa.nic.in — this guide summarises the general process and may not reflect every year-specific change.

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