

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI), Pune

(An Autonomous Institute of the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra)

ACTS PG Course Sponsorship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Candidate from Maharashtra

Introduction

About Program

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI), Pune, is sponsoring Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates from Maharashtra for skill development through PG Certificate Programmes 2026 in collaboration with Advanced Computing Training School (ACTS), of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune.

Sponsorship

BARTI will sponsor only the course fee of successful candidates who meet the eligibility (see below) and have secured an admission in PG Certificate Programmes February 2026 course. Applicants must take admission at the allotted centers for getting the sponsorship.

Eligibility Criteria for Admission

1. Applicant must have Scheduled Caste Certificate of Maharashtra state.
2. Applicant must have Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra state.
3. Applicant must have Aadhar Card with address in Maharashtra state.
4. Applicant must fulfill all the academic and merit-based eligibility criteria as mentioned in the C-DAC ACTS PG Certificate Programmes Admission Booklet for admission into the February 2026 batch. For details, please refer to the acts.cdac.in website.
5. Applicant must have (all steps must be completed):
 - a. Applied for and appeared in the C-CAT entrance examination
 - b. Secured the requisite C-CAT rank for Counselling Rounds
 - c. Secured an allocated seat in a PGCP course at any Centre through Counseling round(s)
 - d. Paid the First Instalment as a Caution Deposit for confirming the seat at the concerned C-DAC centre
6. Applicant must have applied for the BARTI Sponsorship Scheme

Important Dates:

Important dates related to admission to C-DAC's PG Certificate Programmes of February 2026 batch through the C-CAT of January 2026 are available on ACTS C-DAC website, please refer: https://cdac.in/index.aspx?id=edu_acts_PGDiplomaAdmission
For purpose of this scheme, important dates are listed here, however the applicant must ensure they follow the date schedule as prescribed by C-DAC for same.

No. Event	Date
1. Last date of Online Registration & Application, and Payment of Examination Fee for C-CAT	29 December 2025
2. C-DAC's Common Admission Test (C-CAT) at the Test Centers	10 & 11 January 2026
3. Announcement of C-CAT Ranks	22 January 2026
4. Counselling and Payment of First Installment / Caution Deposit at end of each Round	22 January - 16 February 2026
5. Application for Sponsorship <i>Candidates are advised to apply for sponsorship as soon as possible after confirming seat</i>	31 January - 18 February 2026
6. Confirmation of Sponsorship <i>Subject to Document Verification</i>	22 February 2026
7. Last Date of Payment of Balance Course Fee <i>For unconfirmed/not-sponsored candidates</i>	23 February 2026

Admission Process

1. Applied for and appeared in the C-CAT entrance examination: The applicant must have applied for and appeared in the C-CAT entrance examination for PGCP Feb 2026 batch as per the ACTS C-DAC processes.
2. Secured the requisite C-CAT rank for Counselling Rounds: The applicant must have obtained a rank in C-CAT to be eligible for entering the Counselling Rounds as per the ACTS C-DAC processes.
3. Secured an allocated seat in a PGCP course at any Centre through Counseling round(s): The applicant must have preferred course(s) and centre(s) and any of the Counselling Round(s) and have been allocated a seat in a course at any centre of ACTS or Authorized Training Centres as per the ACTS C-DAC processes.
4. Paid the First Instalment as a Caution Deposit for confirming the seat at the concerned C-DAC centre: The applicant must pay the requisite fee (see Admission Booklet) as First Installment / Caution Deposit to confirm the seat as per the ACTS C-DAC processes. For candidates who will be ultimately selected for BARTI full course fee sponsorship, this amount will be retained by ACTS C-DAC as interest free caution deposit (see caution deposit refund rules below).
5. Apply for BARTI sponsorship scheme: The applicant must apply for the BARTI sponsorship scheme with all the self-attested documents as required for the scheme at the C-CAT Registration Website:
 - Copy of Scheduled Caste Certificate of Maharashtra state
 - Copy of Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra state
 - Copy of Aadhar Card with address in Maharashtra state (showing only the last 4 digits)
 - Copy of C-CAT Admit Card
 - Screenshot of C-CAT Rank (from Counselling Website)
 - Screenshot/Receipt of First Installment / Caution Deposit Payment
 - Screenshot of Course and Centre Allocation (from Counselling Website)

NOTE: All documents must self-attested, in PDF of less than 2MB, the content of PDF must be clear and legible. Low resolution, part-scan, illegible documents are liable to be rejected.

6. The applicant must submit following three documents in ORIGINAL; mark sheets of last year of qualifying degree, declaration form as per format signed by both applicants' parents and applicant, and latest medical fitness certificate from Government Registered Practitioners (GRP). These original documents will be retained by C-DAC till the completion of the Course.

Caution Deposit & Refund

The amount paid as the First Instalment, retained as an interest-free caution deposit, shall be refunded to the student upon fulfilment of both of the following conditions:

- The student meets the minimum attendance requirement in the PG Certificate Programme, as prescribed by ACTS, C-DAC.
- The student appears for the CMCE/ CCEE of the February 2026 batch.

Forfeiture of Caution Deposit: The caution deposit, or a part thereof, may be forfeited under the following circumstances:

- Recovery towards damage, breakage, or loss of training centre property.
- Penalty imposed due to disciplinary action, as applicable.

Refund Timeline: The refund of the caution deposit shall be processed within 15 days after the conduct of the CCEE, subject to submission of the duly completed clearance form.

Additional Terms & Conditions

1. Application to the courses/sponsorship by candidates and/or admission in any of the courses by students shall indicate their acceptance of all Terms & Conditions, Conduct Rules, Dos & Don'ts, etc. as may be prescribed by C-DAC/BARTI from time to time. C-DAC/BARTI shall have the right to impose appropriate disciplinary and other penalties for violation of prescribed terms and rules, including cancellation of candidature, admission, placements, and/or award of certificate.
2. In case a candidate is found to be non-eligible during any stage of the admission process or course delivery, his/her admission will stand cancelled with immediate effect and he/she will be subjected to the forfeiture of the caution deposit.
3. All decisions of BARTI/C-DAC with regards to the sponsorship provisions, processes, and results shall be final and binding on all candidates/students.
4. The sponsorship amount shall be paid by BARTI to C-DAC, Pune, only. The applicant / student shall have no direct / indirect claim, whatsoever, on the sponsorship amount such as any partial / full refund, etc., owing to any circumstances.
5. The sponsorship amount to the final selected applicants shall be limited to only covering the Course Fee (including any applicable taxes) of the covered courses as specified in the Admission Booklet issued by C-DAC. No other amount for any other purpose or expenditure heads, by any name, shall be admissible.

Contact details and important links:

Admission Booklet: PG CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME (Formerly known as PG Diploma Course)

https://www.cdac.in/index.aspx?id=edu_acts_admission_booklet

For more details please visit: acts.cdac.in; www.barti.in