NMAT 2026 Exam-Day Checklist

Quick reference for the test-centre exam in India. Every fact below comes from GMAC's official NMAT by GMAC pages and was checked on 2 November 2026.

Key Dates (Exam Phase)

Event	Date
Exam delivery window	Monday, 2 November 2026 to Sunday, 20 December 2026 (49 days)
Rescheduling window closes	Thursday, 17 December 2026
Retake registration and scheduling	Tuesday, 3 November 2026 to Thursday, 17 December 2026
Admit card	Available to download 7 days before your scheduled exam date
Official scorecard	Within 48 hours of the exam, with an email notification when ready

Your own exam date is the one on your confirmation email. The window is not a single exam day.

Exam Structure

Section	Questions	Time	Score range
Language Skills	36	28 minutes	12-120
Quantitative Skills	36	52 minutes	12-120
Logical Reasoning	36	40 minutes	12-120
Total	108	120 minutes	36-360

You choose the section order at the start. Unused time in one section is not added to the next.

Documents to Carry

Document	What GMAC requires
Admit card	Fresh copy for each attempt, downloaded from your NMAT by GMAC dashboard. The photo must be recent and clearly recognisable.
Photo ID (one)	Valid, original, non-expired, with your name and a recent photo. Accepted: UID/Aadhaar card, Indian passport, PAN card, Voter's ID card, Driver's license.
Candidates with disabilities	Any other document advised by NMAT by GMAC for your accommodation.

Without a valid ID and your admit card you will not be admitted to the testing room, and the exam fee is not refunded. Your name on the admit card must match your ID.

Checklist

Tick each item before you leave home.

The Day Before

- [ ] Download your fresh admit card and check name, photo, date, time and centre address.
- [ ] Confirm the photo on the admit card is clear. If it is blank or unclear, email nmatsupport@gmac.com to get it updated.
- [ ] Keep your original photo ID ready and check that it has not expired.
- [ ] Check your confirmation email for your reporting details. It can be shown on your phone or as a printout.
- [ ] Plan your route and travel time to the test centre.

Morning of the Exam

- [ ] Carry your admit card and one valid original photo ID.
- [ ] Plan to reach the test centre at least 45 minutes before your appointment.
- [ ] Leave study material and personal items out of the testing room. Rough sheets and a pen are provided at the centre.

Inside the Exam

- [ ] Accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement ('Yes, I Accept') within 2 minutes.
- [ ] Choose your section order before you begin.
- [ ] Remember that you cannot return to earlier questions within a section.
- [ ] Report any computer problem to the Test Administrator immediately.
- [ ] Tear your rough sheets in front of the invigilator when you leave.

Rules That Cost Candidates Their Attempt

Rule	What GMAC says
Late arrival	Arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start may mean you are not permitted to test and the full fee is forfeited.
NDA screen	Clicking 'No, I do not Accept' twice, or timing out, ends the exam. The attempt and the fee are lost.
No-show	Counts as an attempt. A maximum of 3 attempts is allowed, including no-shows.
Breaks	No scheduled breaks. You may take unscheduled breaks, but the clock keeps running. You must leave the room, show a valid ID on re-entry, and may access only food or medicine.
Identification	Digital photograph and signature are taken at the centre, and the test is under video surveillance.

After the Exam

Stage	What happens
Immediately after submitting	You can see your unofficial scorecard at the test centre.
Within 48 hours	Your official scorecard with section scores and a total score is released, subject to no test delivery incidents and completion of the audit. You are notified by email.
If a security incident is flagged	The exam is audited and the result is published in 10 working days.
If you want a retake	Retake registration and scheduling run from 3 November to 17 December 2026.

Official Sources

- mba.com/exams/nmat/about (exam structure and scoring)
- mba.com/exams/nmat/about/important-dates-fees (dates)
- mba.com/exams/nmat/exam-day/test-centre-exam (documents and reporting time)
- mba.com/exams/nmat/exam-day/post-check-in (NDA and section order)
- mba.com FAQ: NMAT by GMAC, On the Day of the Exam (late entry, breaks, malfunctions)

GMAC may update these rules. Your confirmation email and admit card instructions, and the live pages at mba.com/exams/nmat, take priority over this sheet. This checklist is an independent summary by CATMOCK and is not issued by GMAC.