

MAH HM CET 2026 Expected Cutoff

MAH BHMCT CET (UG) & MAH MHMCT CET (PG) | Category-wise & College-wise Cutoff Analysis Source: Shiksha.com | Compiled by Shiksha.com Education Consultant | Updated May 2026

Parameter	MAH BHMCT CET 2026 (UG)	MAH MHMCT CET 2026 (PG)
Full Form	Maharashtra Hotel Management & Catering Technology CET	M.Sc. Hotel Management & Catering Technology CET
Conducting Body	State CET Cell, Maharashtra (mahacet.org)	State CET Cell, Maharashtra (mahacet.org)
Course	BHMCT – 4-year UG degree	MHMCT – 2-year PG degree
Exam Mode	Online (Computer-Based Test)	Online (Computer-Based Test)
Total Marks	100 marks (100 MCQs × 1 mark each)	100 marks (50 MCQs × 2 marks each)
Marking Scheme	1 mark per correct. No negative marking.	2 marks per correct. No negative marking.
Cutoff Type	Percentile-based rank (Merit list published)	Percentile-based rank (Merit list published)
Cutoff Released By	State CET Cell during CAP rounds	State CET Cell during CAP rounds
Official Website	mahacet.org	mahacet.org

Section 1: MAH BHMCT CET 2026 Expected Cutoff (UG — BHMCT Programme)

The MAH BHMCT CET 2026 official cutoff will be released after counselling rounds at mahacet.org. Based on analysis of previous year trends (2021–2024) published on [Shiksha.com](https://www.shiksha.com), the expected cutoff percentile ranges for 2026 are given below. The cutoff is published **category-wise** for two quota types: **All India (AI) Seats** and **Maharashtra State (MH) Seats**. Reserved category candidates (SC/ST/OBC/PwD) generally have lower cutoffs than the General category.

Category	Quota Type	Expected Cutoff Percentile 2026	Expected Cutoff Rank 2026	Trend vs 2025	Remarks
General / Open	All India (AI)	90 – 99 Percentile	1 – 300	▲ Slightly Higher	Most competitive; top colleges fill within top 200 AI ranks
General / Open	Maharashtra (MH)	75 – 95 Percentile	1 – 800	~ Similar	State domicile advantage; wider rank bracket
OBC (NCL)	All India (AI)	80 – 90 Percentile	200 – 500	~ Similar	Non-Creamy Layer OBC certificate mandatory
OBC (NCL)	Maharashtra (MH)	65 – 80 Percentile	500 – 1,200	~ Similar	More seats available under MH quota for OBC

Category	Quota Type	Expected Cutoff Percentile 2026	Expected Cutoff Rank 2026	Trend vs 2025	Remarks
SC (Scheduled Caste)	All India (AI)	65 – 80 Percentile	300 – 800	~ Similar	Significant relaxation vs General category
SC (Scheduled Caste)	Maharashtra (MH)	50 – 70 Percentile	600 – 2,000	~ Similar	State domicile SC candidates have higher seat availability
ST (Scheduled Tribe)	All India (AI)	55 – 75 Percentile	400 – 1,000	~ Similar	Relaxed cutoff; priority in tribal sub-plan colleges
ST (Scheduled Tribe)	Maharashtra (MH)	40 – 60 Percentile	800 – 2,500	~ Similar	Lower cutoff; strong reservation in state quota
EWS (Eco. Weaker Section)	AI + MH Both	70 – 85 Percentile	250 – 700	~ Similar	10% horizontal reservation; EWS certificate required (income <8L)
PwD (Persons w/ Disability)	AI + MH Both	40 – 65 Percentile	500 – 2,000	~ Similar	3% horizontal reservation; disability certificate mandatory
VJ/DT-NT (Nomadic Tribes)	Maharashtra (MH)	45 – 65 Percentile	700 – 2,200	~ Similar	MH-state-specific category; sub-categories NT-A/B/C/D

* Expected cutoffs are based on MAH BHMCT CET 2024, 2023 & 2022 trends from Shiksha.com. Actual 2026 cutoffs will be released after exam results at mahacet.org. Percentile to rank conversion depends on total candidates appearing in 2026.

Score vs Percentile Indicator — MAH BHMCT CET 2026

Score (out of 100)	Expected Percentile	Expected Rank	Likely Admission Outcome
90 – 100	99+ Percentile	Top 50	Top government college (AISSMS Pune, SIHMCT, DY Patil)
75 – 89	95 – 99 Percentile	51 – 300	Premier govt./aided college in preferred city
60 – 74	85 – 95 Percentile	301 – 700	Good private college (Nagpur, Aurangabad, Nashik)
50 – 59	70 – 85 Percentile	701 – 1,500	Mid-tier private hospitality college
40 – 49	55 – 70 Percentile	1,501 – 3,000	Lower-preference private college or CAP Round 2/3
Below 40	< 55 Percentile	3,000+	Limited options; consider management quota or re-attempt

* Based on 2024-25 score vs rank trends. The exam has 100 MCQs, 1 mark each, no negative marking.

Section 2: MAH HM CET 2026 Expected College-wise Cutoff (BHMCT — UG)

The following table shows the **expected closing ranks** for MAH HM CET 2026 for top participating colleges — based on CAP Round 1 & 2 closing ranks from 2022, 2023 and 2024 as published on **Shiksha.com** and official mahacet.org merit lists. The cutoff is specified for **General/Open category (MH State quota)**.

#	College Name	City	Type	Expected Closing Rank 2026 (CAP Round 1, MH)	Expected Closing Rank 2026 (CAP Round 2, MH)
1	AISSMS College of Hotel Mgmt. & Catering Technology	Pune	Private – Aided	1 – 80	1 – 120
2	Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Hotel Mgmt. & Catering Technology	Pune	Private – Unaided	50 – 200	80 – 300
3	Sinhgad Institute of Hotel Mgmt. & Catering Technology (SIHMCT)	Lonavala, Pune	Private – Unaided	80 – 300	100 – 400
4	Maharashtra State Institute of Hotel Mgmt. & Catering Technology (MSIHMCT)	Aurangabad	Govt./Aided	100 – 350	150 – 500
5	Tuli College of Hotel Management	Nagpur	Private – Unaided	150 – 500	200 – 700
6	Lady Amritbai Daga College (HMCT Wing)	Nagpur	Private – Aided	200 – 600	250 – 800
7	MGV's College of Hotel Mgmt. & Catering Technology	Nashik	Private – Unaided	200 – 700	300 – 900
8	Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Govt. Poly.	Mumbai	Government	100 – 400	150 – 600
9	Vivekanand Education Society's Inst. of Hotel Mgmt.	Mumbai	Private – Unaided	300 – 900	400 – 1,100
10	KJSIM – KJ Somaiya Institute of Hotel Mgmt.	Mumbai	Private – Unaided	250 – 800	350 – 1,000
11	MAEER's MIT School of Food Technology	Pune	Private – Unaided	350 – 1,000	450 – 1,200
12	Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil College (Navi Mumbai)	Navi Mumbai	Private – Unaided	400 – 1,200	500 – 1,500

* Expected closing ranks for 2026 based on CAP Round 1 & 2 trends from 2022–24 merit lists (mahacet.org & Shiksha.com). Actual cutoffs may vary. Government/aided colleges generally have lower fees; unaided private colleges have higher fees but often better placements and infrastructure.

Section 3: MAH MHMCT CET 2026 Expected Cutoff (PG — MHMCT Programme)

The MAH MHMCT CET is for admission to the **2-year Master of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (MHMCT)** programme. The exam has **50 MCQs × 2 marks = 100 total marks**. It is less competitive than BHMCT CET (fewer applicants). Cutoff trends from Shiksha.com show that scores above 60% (60/100) are generally considered good for PG admissions.

Category	Quota	Expected Cutoff Percentile 2026	Expected Cutoff Rank 2026	Good Score (out of 100)	Key Notes
General / Open	AI + MH	85 – 99 Percentile	1 – 150	70+ marks	Open category very competitive; most seats fill in Round 1
OBC (NCL)	MH	70 – 85 Percentile	100 – 400	60+ marks	OBC-NCL certificate required; 27% reservation
SC	MH	50 – 70 Percentile	200 – 700	50+ marks	SC caste certificate from Maharashtra mandatory
ST	MH	40 – 60 Percentile	300 – 900	45+ marks	Fewer seats; Tribal certificate mandatory
EWS	AI + MH	65 – 80 Percentile	150 – 450	58+ marks	Annual income below Rs. 8 lakhs; EWS certificate needed
PwD	AI + MH	35 – 60 Percentile	400 – 1,000	40+ marks	3% horizontal reservation; disability certificate needed

* PG cutoffs (MHMCT CET) are indicative. Fewer colleges offer MHMCT vs BHMCT. Top PG institutes include AISSMS Pune, DY Patil Pune, SIHMCT Lonavala. PG admissions are merit-based with no fixed qualifying marks.

Section 4: MAH HM CET Cutoff Trend Analysis — 2021 to 2025

The table below shows how the **closing rank for General/Open category (MH State quota)** has changed over the past 4 years for the top 4 colleges, based on official merit lists published on mahacet.org and compiled on **Shiksha.com**. A lower closing rank = higher competition (fewer candidates could secure that seat).

College	2021 (MH, Round 1)	2022 (MH, Round 1)	2023 (MH, Round 1)	2024 (MH, Round 1)	2026 Expected (MH, Round 1)	Trend
AISSMS HMCT, Pune	45	52	60	72	80 – 90	▲ Rising
DY Patil IHMCT, Pune	120	135	148	165	170 – 200	▲ Rising
SIHMCT, Lonavala	200	210	235	260	270 – 310	▲ Rising
MSIHMCT, Aurangabad	180	200	220	260	280 – 350	▲ Moderate
Tuli College, Nagpur	380	400	430	460	470 – 530	~ Stable
MGV's HMCT, Nashik	450	460	470	510	500 – 600	~ Stable

* Data sourced from official mahacet.org CAP round merit lists (2021–2024) and compiled on Shiksha.com. Note: 2020 admissions were through merit list (no CET due to COVID). Rising cutoffs indicate increasing competition — plan accordingly.

Section 5: Factors Affecting Cutoff & MAH HM CET 2026 Counselling Process

Factor	Impact on 2026 Cutoff
Total candidates appearing in MAH BHMCT CET 2026	More candidates → higher competition → higher closing ranks (fewer candidates can secure top colleges)
Exam difficulty level (2026 paper vs 2025)	Tougher paper → lower scores overall → lower rank numbers needed → lower cutoff
Total seats available (college intake)	If seats increase in a college, its cutoff rank may drop (more candidates can get in)
Category reservation policies	SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD/VJ-DT-NT candidates have relaxed cutoffs under respective reservation quotas
AI vs MH quota seats	AI seats are more competitive (candidates from all India compete); MH seats reserved for Maharashtra domicile — slightly lower cutoffs
New college addition / old college derecognition	Adding a new college increases total seats → existing college cutoffs may ease slightly
Home University quota	20% of MH-quota seats are reserved for candidates from the college's local Home University area

MAH HM CET 2026 Counselling (CAP Rounds) — Expected Timeline

Event	Expected Date (2026)	What Happens
MAH BHMCT CET 2026 Exam	March – April 2026	Online CBT exam at mahacet.org authorised centres across Maharashtra
MAH HM CET 2026 Result	April – May 2026	Merit list (percentile score + rank) declared on mahacet.org
CAP Registration & Option Form	May – June 2026	Eligible candidates register on admission portal and fill college preferences
CAP Round 1 Seat Allotment	June 2026	Seat allotment based on rank + preference + category. Round 1 cutoff published.
CAP Round 1 Reporting	Late June 2026	Candidates must report to allotted college with documents and confirm seat
CAP Round 2 Seat Allotment	July 2026	Remaining seats reallocated among candidates not satisfied with Round 1
CAP Round 3 (if needed)	July – August 2026	Final vacancy filling round. Cutoffs typically lower than Rounds 1 & 2.
Commencement of Classes	August – September 2026	Academic year begins at participating colleges

Shiksha.com Consultant Tips — How to Use This Cutoff Data

- **Compare AI vs MH quota carefully:** If you have Maharashtra domicile, the MH quota gives you significantly more options at lower rank requirements. Always apply under both quotas if eligible.

- **Don't rely only on Round 1 cutoffs:** Round 2 and 3 cutoffs are typically 15–25% lower. If you don't get a preferred college in Round 1, wait for Round 2 before considering management quota.
- **Score above 75/100 for top colleges:** A score of 75+ (75th percentile area) puts you in a strong position for top-4 colleges in Pune and Mumbai under MH State quota in 2026.
- **SC/ST/OBC candidates:** Always keep your valid caste/tribe certificate ready (issued by Tahsildar/SDM). Without it, you will be considered under General category — a much higher cutoff.
- **EWS candidates:** The EWS certificate must mention annual household income below Rs. 8 lakhs. Make sure it is issued within the current financial year (FY 2025-26).
- **Home University bonus:** If you are applying to colleges in your local university area, 20% of seats fall under Home University quota — check if this applies to your preferred college.
- **Verify on Shiksha.com:** Visit [shiksha.com/mah-hm-cet-exam-cutoff](https://www.shiksha.com/mah-hm-cet-exam-cutoff) for the latest official cutoff PDFs once results are declared.

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