

JAC DELHI 2026 ADMISSIONS

Freeze or Float?

The Joint Admission Counseling (JAC) Delhi Decision Guide for
Class 12 Students

Mastering DTU, NSUT, IIIT-D, IGDTUW & DSEU Allocation

A simple step-by-step roadmap to upgrading your engineering branch safely

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Introduction: Welcome to JAC Delhi Counselling!

If you are looking to join premium engineering universities in Delhi, the **Joint Admission Counseling (JAC) Delhi** process is your absolute gateway. Covering powerhouse institutions like DTU, NSUT, and IIT-Delhi, JAC Delhi allocates engineering seats to thousands of qualified Class 12 graduates based on their JEE Main ranks.

Unlike other counseling platforms, JAC Delhi has a fast-paced, highly strategic rulebook. Once you are allocated a seat in a counseling round, you must pay the seat acceptance fee and get your documents physically or online verified. Right after validation, you face a critical milestone choice: **Freeze or Float?**

Making a careless choice here can lock you into a branch you never wanted, or throw you out of the race entirely. This handbook clarifies the rules using simple language, real scenarios, and dedicated university-wise strategies.

1. What Freeze and Float Mean in JAC Delhi

When you clear a counseling round and get an allotment, the seat is kept on hold for you. To confirm you want to remain in the system, you pay the seat fee. Then, you decide how you want to proceed for the upcoming rounds using these options:

1. FREEZE (Locking Your Seat and Branch)

Choosing "Freeze" means you are fully satisfied with both the college and the engineering branch you have received. You do not want to change it under any circumstances, and you want to opt out of any branch upgrades in the next rounds.

You are telling JAC Delhi: *"I love this allocation. Do not change it. Lock my seat right here!"* Once you select Freeze, your counseling journey finishes.

2. FLOAT (Upgrading Your Branch Automatically)

Choosing "Float" means you accept your currently allotted seat, but you want to see if your higher preferences can be met in subsequent rounds. In JAC Delhi, **Float operates automatically across your choice preference list**.

If a seat opens up in a branch listed higher up on your choices, you will be shifted up automatically. If no upgrade happens, your current seat remains safe with you. You are saying: *"I will take this seat for safety, but please upgrade me if a higher-ranked option becomes vacant!"*

Note on "Slide" in JAC Delhi:

Unlike JoSAA, JAC Delhi primarily operates on a clear **Freeze vs. Float** structure. If you wish to upgrade to better branches within the same university or across different universities under the JAC banner, you simply select **Float**. The system evaluates every choice placed above your current allotment, treating it seamlessly across the combined preferences of DTU, NSUT, IIIT-D, IGDTUW, and DSEU.

Quick Summary Table

Option Selected	Is Your Current Seat Secured?	Will You Move to Higher Choices?	Can Your College / Branch Change?
Freeze	Yes (Permanently Secured)	No (Opt out of future rounds)	No (Stays exactly the same)
Float	Yes (Kept as backup)	Yes (If a vacancy opens up)	Yes (Only to a higher-filled preference)

2. Real Student Scenarios: When to Choose What

Let's look at how actual Delhi candidates handle these situations to map out your own choice pattern.

Scenario A: When to choose FREEZE (Karan's Story)

Karan's Top Choices:

1. DTU - Computer Science Engineering (CSE)
2. NSUT - Computer Science Engineering (CSE)
3. IIIT-Delhi - Computer Science Engineering (CSE)

Karan gets allocated his **Choice Number 1: DTU CSE** in Round 1. Since DTU is his absolute dream campus and CSE is his favorite branch, he has achieved his ultimate goal.

What should he do? Karan must choose **Freeze**. There is nothing higher on his list to upgrade to anyway. Freezing allows him to secure his seat and safely exit the portal.

Scenario B: When to choose FLOAT (Sneha's Story)

Sneha's Choice List:

3. DTU - Information Technology (IT)
4. NSUT - Electronics & Communication (ECE)
5. DTU - Mechanical Engineering

In Round 1, Sneha gets allocated **Choice Number 5: DTU Mechanical Engineering**. While she is happy to enter DTU, her real passion lies in coding and tech fields, which she filled higher as Choice 3 and 4.

What should she do? Sneha must select **Float**. This keeps her DTU Mechanical seat safe as a solid backup. In Round 2 or 3, if a seat opens up in NSUT ECE or DTU IT, the portal will move her up instantly. If no seat opens up, she stays in DTU Mechanical.

Scenario C: The Upward Movement Trap (Rohit's Story)

Rohit's Choice List:

2. NSUT - Instrumentation & Control Engineering (ICE)
3. DTU - Electrical Engineering (EE)
4. IIT-Delhi - Computer Science & Bioscience (CSB)

Rohit is allocated **Choice Number 3: DTU Electrical Engineering**. He likes this seat. However, he accidentally placed NSUT ICE as Choice 2, thinking it was a higher tech branch, but he actually dislikes Instrumentation.

What happens if he chooses Float? If Rohit leaves it on Float and a vacancy arises in Choice 2, he will be pushed to NSUT ICE. Once upgraded, his DTU Electrical seat is cancelled automatically, and he cannot revert back. This is why choice order is vital before choosing Float!

3. Common Mistakes to Avoid

Make sure you do not fall into these typical counseling pitfalls:

Mistake 1: Missing the Mandatory Physical/Online Document Verification

Getting a seat online is only half the battle. You must pay the Seat Acceptance Fee and complete document verification within the round's designated deadline. If you miss this, your seat allocation is permanently deleted, and you will not be considered for future normal rounds.

Mistake 2: Freezing a Seat Too Early out of Fear

Many students choose Freeze in Round 1 because they are afraid of losing their current seat. Remember, **Float never deletes your current seat unless you get a better choice**. If you are at Choice #8, Floating can only bring you to Choices 1 through 7. If those are full, you stay at Choice #8. Don't freeze early if you want a better branch!

Mistake 3: Filling "Filler" Choices on Top

Never put a branch or university on your preference list that you would hate to attend. Because Float automatically moves upwards, a bad choice placed high up can destroy your backup seat instantly.

4. Best Choice Strategy for JAC Delhi Candidates

JAC Delhi features unique campuses with distinct cultures. Here is how you should think when choosing to Freeze or Float across them:

DTU (Delhi Technological University) Candidates

DTU is famous for its vast campus life, strong alumni network, and excellent placements. If you get a core branch (like Mechanical, Civil, or Chemical) but want to try for tech/circuitual branches (like EE, ECE, IT, or SE), **always choose Float**. Cutoffs drop significantly across the rounds, especially for Delhi region candidates.

NSUT (Netaji Subhas University of Technology) Candidates

NSUT has strict attendance guidelines and an exceptional reputation for tech placement. If you get an elite specialization like CSE with Data Science or AI, and that was your target, feel free to **Freeze**. If you are placed in lower branches on the West or East campuses, use **Float** to try and shift to the Main Campus in Dwarka.

IIIT-Delhi (Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology) Candidates

IIIT-D is research-heavy and academically intense. If you get specialized branches like CSAM (CS and Applied Mathematics) or CSD (CS and Design) and enjoy technical depth, you can lock it. If the workload feels too high, or you prefer a traditional college experience at DTU/NSUT, make sure your choices reflect that before hitting **Float**.

IGDTUW (Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women) Candidates

For female candidates, IGDTUW offers stellar placement statistics that match top NITs. If you get a top-tier tech branch here, it is highly rewarding. However, if you are holding out for an open-campus culture at DTU or NSUT, keep your options on **Float** to see if those ranks clear up.

DSEU (Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University) Candidates

DSEU focuses heavily on industry-aligned skill building. If you receive an allocation here in early rounds but hold a competitive JEE Main rank, keep your options on **Float**. This allows you to climb into core branches at DTU or NSUT if the seat matrix shifts in later rounds.

Final Check before the Rounds End

Review your choice numbers carefully on the JAC portal. Keep your seat floating safely as long as there are better options above it. May you secure your dream Delhi university seat!