# GATE 2027 Application Form Checklist

Everything you need to complete your GATE 2027 registration on GOAPS without errors, rejections, or last-minute scrambling.

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| **Registration opens (revised)** | 27 August 2026 |
| **Regular deadline (no late fee)** | 27 September 2026 |
| **Extended deadline (late fee Rs.500)** | 5 October 2026 |
| **Correction window** | 14 – 21 October 2026 |

*IIT Madras revised the GATE 2027 schedule on 13 August 2026 — registration now opens 27 August (previously 14 August). Always confirm on gate2027.iitm.ac.in before acting.*

## 1. Documents Required

- ☐ Recent passport-size photograph, taken after 1 August 2026, in JPG/JPEG format
- ☐ Scanned signature in black or dark blue ink
- ☐ Photo ID proof — Aadhaar (preferred), Passport, PAN Card, Voter ID, or Driving License
- ☐ Qualifying degree certificate — final year or provisional certificate
- ☐ Category certificate (SC/ST) in PDF format, if applicable
- ☐ PwD certificate in PDF format, if applicable
- ☐ Certificate of Dyslexia in PDF format, if applicable
- ☐ DigiLocker account, verified and linked to a valid government ID — mandatory for GATE 2027 registration

## 2. Photo & Signature Specifications

- **Photograph:** Dimension 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm; resolution between 200x260 and 530x690 pixels; face should cover 60%–70% of the frame.
- **Photograph timing:** Must be taken on or after 1 August 2026 — older photos will be rejected.
- **Signature:** Scanned in black or dark blue ink; resolution between 250x80 (minimum) and 580x180 pixels (maximum).
- **Format:** Both photograph and signature to be uploaded in JPG/JPEG, within the file-size limits shown on the GOAPS upload screen.
- **Background:** Use a plain, light-colored background — no filters, shadows, sunglasses, or caps that obscure the face.
- Specs are as per the current GATE 2027 information brochure and are subject to revision — verify on GOAPS before uploading.

## 3. Application Fee

| Category | Regular window | Extended window (+ Rs.500 late fee) |
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| General / OBC / EWS / Foreign nationals | Rs. 2,000 per paper | Rs. 2,500 per paper |
| Female / SC / ST / PwD | Rs. 1,000 per paper | Rs. 1,500 per paper |

- Fee is charged **per test paper** — a second paper attracts a separate, full fee.
- Payment is online only — net banking, debit card, credit card, or UPI. No offline/DD/cash mode.
- Application fee is **non-refundable** under any circumstances.
- Confirm final fee figures on GOAPS at the time of filling — amounts above reflect the officially notified structure and may be revised.

## 4. Step-by-Step Registration Guide

1. Before the portal opens: create and verify a DigiLocker account, and link a valid government ID to it — this is mandatory for GATE 2027.
2. Visit the official GATE 2027 website / GOAPS portal at gate2027.iitm.ac.in.
3. Register with your name, email ID, country of residence, mobile number, and a password. Use contact details only you can access — OTPs and admit card alerts go here.
4. Verify the OTP sent to your email and mobile to receive your unique Enrollment ID.
5. Log in again with your Enrollment ID and password, and start filling the application form.
6. Enter personal details, academic information, your test paper(s), and select three exam centre preferences in order of choice.
7. Upload scanned photograph and signature as per specification, along with your verified photo ID.
8. Review the complete application in preview mode and verify every field carefully.
9. Pay the application fee online through the available payment modes.
10. Submit the form and download/print the confirmation page — save your Application Number.

## 5. Two-Paper Combination Checklist

- IIT Madras has revised the two-paper combination list for GATE 2027 — not every subject pairing is allowed.
- Examples of permitted secondary papers: **CS** → DA, EC, GE, MA, ME, PH, RA, ST | **EE** → DA, EC, IN, PH, RA | **ME** → AE, CS, DA, IN, NM, PI, RA, XE | **CE** → AE, AG, AR, ES, GE, NM, XE.
- **MN (Mining Engineering)** currently has no permitted secondary paper — it can only be taken as a single paper.
- A separate, full fee applies for the second paper — budget for it upfront (see fee table above).
- Verify your exact combination against the full official list on GOAPS — pairings can be revised until the portal opens.
- Double-check your combination in preview mode before payment — changes to paper selection may be restricted after submission.

## 6. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Paying the fee before verifying uploaded documents — some fields lock after payment.
- Missing the correction window by not checking GOAPS regularly after registration closes.
- Choosing exam city preferences without a backup, risking an inconvenient allotment.
- Not saving the confirmation page and Application Number after final submission.
- Using a mobile number or email ID shared with someone else — OTPs and alerts must reach you directly.
- Uploading photos/signatures outside the specified file size or format, causing rejection at verification.
- Waiting until the last day to register — portal traffic peaks near the deadline and payments can fail.

## 7. Final Submission Checklist

- ☐ All personal and academic details reviewed for accuracy in preview mode
- ☐ Photograph and signature uploaded per specification and clearly visible

- [ ] Correct test paper(s) and valid two-paper combination selected
- [ ] Exam city preferences chosen, with a backup option
- [ ] Application fee paid in full for all selected papers
- [ ] Confirmation page downloaded and saved
- [ ] Application Number noted and stored safely
- [ ] Login credentials saved for the correction window and admit card download

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*Dates, fees, and specifications reflect the GATE 2027 schedule as revised by IIT Madras on 13 August 2026 and are subject to further change. Always cross-check against the official GOAPS portal (gate2027.iitm.ac.in) before submitting your application or making payment.*

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