

Rules for Change of Branch

The Senate of IIT Bombay has approved new rules for change of branch which is effective from the JEE batch of 2011 onwards. Students are eligible to apply for change of Branch / Programme after completing the first two semesters. The following rules/guidelines will be used for considering applications for change.

1. The eligibility criteria to apply for change of Branch / Programme are
 - (a) completion of the course credits prescribed in the first two semesters, and
 - (b) no backlog at the end of first year of 4-year B.Tech./5-year M.Sc./Dual Degree programmes, and
 - (c) secured a Cumulative Performance Index (CPI)
 - ≥ 8.0 for General and OBC category students
 - ≥ 7.0 for SC, ST and PD category students
2. Applications from students who satisfy the eligibility criteria are to be considered in the order as given below.
 - All students who satisfy the norms specified in rule 3 are allocated first.
 - Students who satisfy the norms specified in rule 4 are allocated subsequently.
 - Students who satisfy the norms specified in rule 5 are allocated at the end.
3. A student with $CPI \geq 9.0$ will be permitted to change from branch A to branch B, strictly in CPI order, provided the strength in branch B, to which the change is being sought, does not exceed its sanctioned strength by more than 10%. There is no restriction on the strength of branch A (may go well below its sanctioned strength) during the application of this rule. The request of this student will be reconsidered again, strictly in CPI order, if she/he does not violate the not exceeding 10% of sanctioned strength in the branch condition, due to another student getting transferred to branch A.
4. A student will be permitted to change from branch A to branch B, strictly in CPI order, if she/he
 - (a) was eligible for admission to branch B at the time of entry to IIT Bombay, and
 - (b) strength of branch B does not exceed the sanctioned strength by more than 10%, and
 - (c) strength of branch A does not fall below 85% of its sanctioned strength (equivalently at most 15% students of sanctioned strength of a branch are permitted to leave it). The request of this student will be reconsidered again, strictly in CPI order, if she/he does not violate rule 4(b) and 4(c) due to another student getting transferred to branch A.
5. For other students, request for change, strictly in CPI order, from a student from branch A to branch B will be considered if the
 - (a) Strength of branch B does not exceed the sanctioned strength by more than 10%
 - (b) Strength of branch A does not fall below 85% of its sanctioned strength (equivalently at most 15% students of sanctioned strength of a branch are permitted to leave it). The request of this student will be reconsidered again, strictly in CPI order, if she/he does not violate rule 5(b) and 5(c) due to another student getting transferred to branch A.
6. If a student S1 is not permitted to change from branch A to branch B, due to rules 3, 4 or 5, any other student S2 with CPI less than S1 will also not be permitted to change to branch B.

7. (a). The rules 3 to 6 are applicable for all categories with the concession in eligibility criteria mentioned in rule 1 for SC, ST and PD students.
- (b) Every student has a birth category attribute, which is one of GE, OBC, SC, ST or ST.
- (c) A vacant seat that is available for allocation is defined to be one of six different types. The types are i) open, ii) reserved for GE, iii) reserved for OBC, iv) reserved for SC, iv) reserved for ST and vi) reserved for PD.
- (d) The additional seats in a branch, limited to maximum of 10% of its sanctioned strength, that are made available to students for allocation at the time of change of branch are defined at the start of the allocation process to be of type "open" in nature (do not belong to any category). There may also be a few vacant seats of type "reserved for category X" at this point in time.
- (e) A vacant open seat in Branch B, when allocated to a student in branch A belonging to birth category X, creates a vacant seat in branch A of type "reserved for category X".
- (f) A vacant seat of type "reserved seat of category X" is available for re-allocation only to students of birth category X.

8. All branch transfers can be effected only once at the beginning of the second academic year. No application for change of branch during the subsequent academic years will be entertained.

9. Students will be permitted to change from B.Tech. to Dual Degree Programme in the same department at the end of third and fourth semesters subject to the department's recommendation.
