Q. What is JoSAA?

A. JoSAA is an acronym for "Joint Seat Allocation Authority". It is constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to oversee joint seat allocation for the IITs and NITs. It consists of representatives from the Joint Admission Board (JAB) 2015 (for IITs/ISM) and the Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) 2015 (for NITs, IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) and Other-GFTIs). JoSAA is the ONLY authorized agency responsible for joint seat allocation.

Q. Are there any other agencies for conducting the seat allocation to IITs and NITs?

A. **NO** agency other than JoSAA 2015 is responsible for joint seat allocation for IITs/ISM and NIT+ Institutes. **Candidates seeking information / assistance from any agency / agent other than JoSAA 2015 shall be doing so at their own risk and cost.**

Q. What is CSAB?

A. CSAB is an acronym for "Central Seat Allocation Board". It is an agency constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It is entrusted with the responsibility of admission for the various undergraduate courses offered by the National Institutes of Technology [NITs], Indian Institutes of Information Technology [IIITs or Triple-I-Ts] and a few other technical Institutes funded fully or partially by Central or a State government [Other-GFTIs]. These Institutes are collectively referred to as NIT+ Institutes.

Q. What are the qualifying examinations for admission to NIT+ Institutes?

A. Candidates qualifying in either one or both JEE (Main) 2015 Paper-1 (B.E. / B.Tech.) and JEE (Main) 2015 Paper-2 (B.Arch. / B. Planning) are eligible for admission to NIT+ Institutes.. However, merely qualifying in these examinations does not guarantee admission in any of the Institute. Each Institute / academic program has additional eligibility requirements which candidates have to satisfy to get admission.

Q. Can JoSAA prepare / announce JEE (Main) 2015 ranks?

A. NO. JEE (Main) 2015 ranks are provided by the JEE Apex Board. JoSAA 2015 uses these ranks as such without any further change. If two or more candidates have the same rank, JoSAA uses them as such and does not apply any tie-breaking rules.

Q. Can I appear in one or more rank list?

A. Yes. JEE Apex Board will announce eight rank lists viz., OPEN or common rank list, OPEN-PwD rank list, OBC-NCL rank list, OBC-NCL-PwD rank list, SC rank list, SC-PwD rank list, ST rank list and ST-PwD rank list. Depending upon your (birth) category and physical disability status and performance in JEE (Main) 2015 / JEE (Advanced) 2015, you may appear in more than one rank list and a maximum of four rank lists.

Q. After JEE (Main) 2015 ranks published, my Class XII marks got changed due to re-evaluation. What will happen to my rank and seat allocation?

A. You have to approach the JEE Apex Board for the modified JEE (Main) 2015 AIR(s). You will be allocated a seat in subsequent rounds. The allocated seat shall be the same as what you would have got on the basis of revised marks were considered to begin with. This can be a supernumerary seat.

Q. What is an “academic program” referred to in seat allocation?

A. In the context of seat allocation, “academic program” refers to the combination of academic program and Institute. For example, 4-year B.Tech. program in Biotechnology offered by NIT Calicut is an “academic program”.

Q. Where I can find the academic program and category-wise intake capacity?

A. You may visit the JoSAA 2015 web portal https://josaa.nic.in

Q. How should I order the choices of academic programs?

A. You must order the choices of academic program in the DECREASING order of preferences. The opening and closing ranks of the various programs in 2013 and/or 2014 may be used as a guide to expect one's chances of securing a seat in an academic program based on your rank.

Q. How are candidates partitioned in JoSAA?

A. Candidates are partitioned based on their nationality, (birth) categories and physical disability status as **GEN, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC, SC-PwD, ST, ST-PwD, Foreign.**

Q. What are the seat categories in JoSAA?

A. JOSAA has the following types of seat quotas:
All India, Home State, Other State.
All India seat quota: all candidates are eligible for this seat quota
Home State seat quota: only candidates whose State of Eligibility is same as the state / union territory in which the Institute is located are eligible for this seat quota
Other State seat quota: Only candidates whose State of Eligibility is NOT the same as the state / union territory in which the Institute is located are eligible for this seat quota.

Each of the above types of seat quotas are further divided into following types of seat categories:
OPEN, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, OPEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD and ST-PwD

Q. What types of seat quotas are available for admission into IITs/ISM?

A. There is only ONE type of seat quota, viz., All India, in IITs/ISM.

Q. What types of seat quotas are available for admission into NITs?

A. There are two types of seat quotas in NITs. These are Home State quota and Other State quota.

Q. What types of seat quotas are available for admission into IIITs (Triple-I-Ts)?

A. There is only one type of seat quota, viz., All India, in IIITs (Triple-I-Ts) also.

Q. What types of seat quotas are available for admission into Other-GFTIs?

A. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi and IIEST, Shibpur, Dist. Howrah are like NITs and have Home State and Other State quotas.
Assam University has All India and Home State quotas.
All other GFTIs have only All India quota.

Q. What will be the state code of eligibility for a candidate who is a resident of Bihar and appears for the Class XII examination in West Bengal?

A. The candidate's State code of eligibility will be that of West Bengal and **NOT** that of Bihar.

The state code of eligibility **does NOT** depend upon the native place or the place of residence of the candidate. The state code will be based on the place from where the candidate has passed Class XII.

Q. What will be the state code of the candidate who passes Class XII examination from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)?

A. This will be the state from where the candidate appears and passes the Class XII examination. In case of "compartment", state of eligibility will be based on the state from which the candidate appears for the compartmental examination of NIOS.

Q. What is the state code for Indian nationals passing the class XII from abroad (includes Nepal/Bhutan)?

A. The state code of the candidate will be determined on the basis of permanent address in India as given in the passport of the candidate.

Q. When will be the number of seats available in different categories / quotas (seat matrix) announced?

A. It has already been announced; visit www.josaa.nic.in for details.

Q. Is JOSAA responsible for seat matrix data?

A. NO, JoSAA 2015 is **NOT** responsible for the seat matrix data. JoSAA 2015 merely allocates seats as per the seat matrix data provided by the participating Institutes.

Q. Do I need to pay any fees for registration and filling up choices?

A. Registration and filling-in of choices on the online portal https://josaa.nic.in is free of cost i.e., you are NOT required to make any kind of payment as fee.

Q. Can candidates change their personal details during or after registering in the JoSAA portal?

A. Candidates may edit only **gende**r and **state of eligibility**. No other personal data can be modified by the candidates; these will be taken from the JEE (Main) 2015 database.

Q. Where I can fill my choices of academic programs?

A. You can login to the portal https://josaa.nic.in using the JEE (Main) 2015 Roll Number as login ID and date of birth as password. After that you can fill-in your choices.

Q. How many days are given to fill in choices?

A. Candidates will get a 5-day window to fill-in their choices. This includes one round of mock seat allocation. This 5-day window will not be extended under any circumstance. For admission schedule visit www.josaa.nic.in

Q. What happens if I do not “lock” my choices?

A. If you do not lock your choices, the last saved choices/preferences will be locked automatically at the conclusion of the time-window for filling-in of choices.

Q. What happen if one forgets to lock the choices?

A. One **MUST** “lock” his/her choices. If one does NOT lock own choices, last saved choices will be locked automatically in the last minute of last date of choice filling.

Q. Can I unlock my choices after mock seat allocation?

A. In fact, the facility to lock the choices is available ONLY after the mock round of seat allocation. After you lock your choices, you will NOT be able to change your choices / preference order.

Q. Can I reshuffle my choices after I “lock” my choices?

A. NO. You can reshuffle your choices only before you lock the choices. “**You must fill and order your choice priority wise carefully**”

Q. How does JoSAA allocate seats?

A. JoSAA allocates seats based on candidate’s JEE (Main) 2015 ranks [for NIT+ institutes] or JEE (Advanced) 2015 ranks [for IITs/ISM] in the order of highest to least preference and availability of seats.

A seat to the highest possible choice of academic program is allocated to the candidate considering the following factors:

(1) The category [GEN, OBC-NCL, SC, etc.] of the candidate
(2) The position of the candidate in rank list (s)
(3) The prioritization of academic programs of the candidate
(4) The availability of seats in different seat categories / seat quotas for which the candidate is eligible for
(5) The business rules

Q. What happens if there are multiple students with the same rank seek admission to the same academic program?

A. Suppose that, under a particular seat category for an academic program, there are $m > 0$ seats left to be filled and there are $n$ ($m < n$) candidates with the same category-wise rank seeking admission to this academic program, then all the $n$ candidates will be offered admission; in this case, there will be $(n - m)$ supernumerary seats.

Q. How many seats one can get allocated in this system of joint seat allocation?

A. Even if a candidate is eligible based on any two or all three examinations, only a single set of academic programs is made available and he/she will be allocated only ONE seat from among his/her choices based on ranks in categories and their applicability in type of examination / institution. Hence, **it is important for candidates to carefully prioritize the academic programs while filling-in the choices**.

Q. Where should a candidate report after seat allotment?

A. A candidate who is allotted a seat in an IIT/ISM must report at any one of the reporting centres designated by the JAB [IITs].

A candidate who is allotted a seat in an NIT+ Institute must report at any one of the reporting centre designated by the CSAB.

The list of reporting centres is available on the JoSAA web portal, http://josaa.nic.in

Q. What is dual reporting?

A. If a candidate has accepted a seat in an NIT+ Institute in one round, and then in a subsequent round the candidate is allocated a seat in an IIT/ISM, the seat accepted by him/her in the NIT, IIIT (Triple-I-T) or Other-GFTI is treated as forfeited. However, he/she has to report to any one of the reporting center of the IITs. Otherwise he/she has to forfeit both the seats. Note that there is no need to pay seat acceptance fee again; the amount deposited in the earlier round of allotment will be adjusted with the subsequent allotment.

Q. I have accepted my seat in NIT/ IIIT/ Other-GFTI in one round, now I got an offer from IIT seat allocation in subsequent. What will happen to my earlier seat?

A. The seat accepted by you in the NIT, IIIT (Triple-I-T) or Other-GFTI is treated as forfeited. However, you have to report any one of the RC's of IITs. Otherwise you have to forfeit both the seats.

Q. For the above case if I do not appear in IIT physically. Can I get back my NIT seat again?

A. No, you have forfeited the seat; in other words, you have neither the NIT / IIIT (Triple-I-T) / Other-GFTI seat accepted nor the IIT / ISM seat allocated in the subsequent round.

Q. Can I participate in the seat allocation again?

A. No. You cannot

Q. Do I need to pay any fees at the time of seat acceptance?

A. At the time of seat acceptance, you have to remit only the seat acceptance fee. It is Rs. 45,000 for GEN, OBC-NCL or Foreign candidates and Rs. 20,000 for SC, ST, GEN-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD or ST-PwD candidates.

The seat acceptance fee will be adjusted against the admission fee by the admitting institute.

Q. How to remit seat acceptance fee?

A. Candidates can remit seat acceptance fee using an e-challan at any branch of **State Bank of India** [and no other bank].

Q. Am I required to pay seat acceptance fee again if I am allocated a seat in next round in IIT?

A. NO. There is no need to pay seat acceptance fee again; the amount deposited in the earlier round of allotment will be adjusted with the subsequent allotment.

Q. What are the documents needed during reporting?

A. Original certificates, along with one photocopy each, of the following:

(1) Provisional Seat Allocation Letter

(2) Original Admit Card of JEE (Main) 2015 / JEE (Advanced) 2015

(3) Medical Examination Report

(4) Class X marks sheet

(5) Class XII marks sheet
(6) Category (OBC-NCL / SC / ST) certificate, if applicable
(7) PwD certificate, if applicable.

Q. In case of upgradation, does the candidate have to report again?

A. NO if the upgradation is from an IIT/ISM to same / another IIT/ISM or if the upgradation is from an NIT+ Institute to the same or different NIT+ Institute.
YES if the upgradation is from an IIT/ISM to an NIT+ Institute or from an NIT+ Institute to an IIT/ISM. THIS IS MANDATORY. ELSE, THE CANDIDATE WILL FORFEIT (LOSE) BOTH THE SEATS (the one allotted earlier and the one allotted in the present round).

Q. I do not want to accept the allocated seat. What to do?

A. You can reject the allocated seat by (i) NOT remitting the seat acceptance fee [and hence, not reporting at the admitting institute / reporting center] (ii) Not reporting at the Reporting Center, if the seat acceptance fee has already been remitted. Your Seat acceptance fee will be refunded to you later once the complete seat allocation process is over.

Q. Can I withdraw from admission process?

A. **NO**. There is no option to withdraw from seat allocation or to surrender an allocated seat other than by rejecting the seat as mentioned above

Q. Can I participate again in joint seat allocation in the next round once I reject the allocated seat?

A. NO. You cannot participate any more in seat allocation for the academic year 2015-16.

Q. How many rounds of seat allotment are there?

A. There will be four rounds of seat allotment for NITs/IIITs/GFITs and three for IITs/ISM. The 4$^{th}$ round will be exclusively for preparatory courses at IITs/ISM.

Q. Is there any spot round of allotment?

A. No, there will be no spot round.

Q. When will be the seat allocation of the Union Territories start?

A. Once the fourth round of seat allocation and seat acceptance under JoSAA is completed, a separate round of seat allocation for Union Territories will start. The schedule for this round will be announced in due course of time on website www.josaa.nic.in /www.csab.nic.in.

Q. I do not want to report to the admitting institute / reporting centre. How can I claim my refund of the seat acceptance fee?

A. You can seek refund of seat acceptance fee through the online portal after the completion of the joint seat allocation.

Q. What are the meanings of the terms 'Freeze', 'Float' and 'Slide' ?

A. These three options allow a candidate to either retain the seat allocated or to opt for a change in seat as per candidate's preference in any of the institutes or in the same institute in which the seat is allocated.

(1) Freeze option: Candidate is content with the allocated seat, accepts it and is not interested in participating in further rounds of seat allocation. This candidate will NOT be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.

(2) Float option: Candidate accept the offered seat and wants to wait for a seat in an academic program of better/higher preference in any Institute. If he/she does not a seat in a higher preference program, he/she will continue with the currently accepted academic program. This candidate will be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.

(3) Slide option: Candidates accepts the offered seat and wants to wait for a seat in an academic program of better/higher preference within the same Institute. This candidate will be considered in subsequent rounds of admission.

Let us consider the hypothetical case of Krishna. His choices are as follows:

| Choice number | Institute | Program | Degree/Years |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | IITB | Aerospace Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 2 | IITB | Civil Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 3 | IITK | Mechanical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 4 | IITH | Computer Science Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 5 | IITB | Chemical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 6 | IITH | Electrical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 7 | IIT(BHU) | Computer Science Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 8 | IITK | Chemical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 9 | IITD | Chemical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 10 | IITD | Production and Industrial Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 11 | IITR | Electronics and Communication Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 12 | IITD | Engineering Physics | B.Tech, 4 years |
| 13 | IITM | Chemical Engineering | B.Tech, 4 years |

Round 1 of seat allocation: Krishna gets IITD Engineering Physics (choice #12)

Possibility #1:
Round 1 of seat acceptance: Krishna chooses the FREEZE option: Krishna is satisfied with the allocated seat i.e., IITD Engineering Physics. His decision is final and he accepts and gets the seat. He CANNOT participate in further rounds of seat allocation.
Final allotment: IITD Engineering Physics.

Possibility #2:
Round 1 of seat acceptance: Krishna chooses the FLOAT option: Krishna accepts the IITD Engineering Physics (choice #12) seat but wants to wait

for a seat in the higher preference (i.e., choices #1 to #11) program in the subsequent rounds. He will be considered in subsequent rounds of seat allocation. In the 2nd (or 3rd) round, if he DOES NOT get any of the options #1 to #11, he still retains the IITD Engineering Physics seat. However, if he gets a seat of higher preference, say, option #5, IITB Chemical Engineering, he will be allocated the IITB Chemical Engineering seat and he loses the IITD Engineering Physics seat.

Possibility #3:
Round 1 of seat acceptance: Krishna chooses the SLIDE option: Krishna accepts the IITD Engineering Physics (choice #12) seat but wants to wait for a seat within the same Institute (IITD in this case) for a seat in a program of higher preference (choices #9 and #10). He will be considered in subsequent rounds of seat allocation. In the 2nd (or 3rd) round, if he DOES NOT get either of these two options (viz., #9 or #10), he still retains the IITD Engineering Physics seat. However, if he gets a seat in one these two options, say, IITD Chemical Engineering, he will be allocated the IITD Chemcal Engineering seat and he will lose his IITD Engineering Physics seat.

NOTE: Krishna is assured of AT THE LEAST the IITD Engineering Physics seat irrespective of whether he chooses FREEZE, FLOAT or SLIDE option.