

Eligibility criteria for Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM), 2026

1. Students born between **August 1, 2007** and **July 31, 2014**, and studying in Class 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12, are eligible to write IOQM 2026. **Please note that NO student born on or after August 1, 2014 will be allowed to write IOQM 2026.**
2. The students must be eligible to hold Indian passport. Provisionally, students with OCI cards are eligible to write the IOQM 2026 subject to conditions as explained below:
As per the orders of the Madras High Court, students with OCI status will not be eligible for selection to the Indian team in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO), Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad (APMO). However, such students are provisionally eligible for selection at ALL prior stages, up to and including the International Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (IMOTC) and the European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (EGMOTC) provided they fulfil all other criteria. They are also provisionally eligible to write the selection tests at the IMOTC and EGMOTC. This policy is subject to revision without prior notice depending on any further orders issued by the courts, or by a competent Government authority.
3. The student must be residing and studying in India since 30 October 2024 or earlier
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must be studying in an Indian school system since 30 October 2024 or earlier.
If the student is residing abroad and is studying in an Indian school system then the student will have to come to India to write IOQM 2026 and the examinations of the subsequent stages (i.e Regional Mathematical Olympiad (RMO) 2026 and Indian National Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) 2027) in case s/he qualifies for these examinations. The student will be regarded as one who has enrolled from the Delhi-NCR and the same selection criteria for RMO 2026 and INMO 2027 will apply to him/her as for any student residing and studying in India who has enrolled from Delhi-NCR. The student will have to bear the expenses for the onward journey to India and the return journey from India.
4. The student must NOT have qualified (or scheduled to appear) class 12 board examination earlier than 30 October, 2026. **Please note that forfeiture of class 12 board examination results in order to meet eligibility criteria of IOQM 2026 is NOT ALLOWED and any student adopting such a means will be DISQUALIFIED from the IOQM 2026.**
5. The student must NOT have commenced (or planning to commence) studies in a university or equivalent institution by 1 June, 2027.
6. The INMO 2026 Awardees are eligible to write INMO 2027 directly **WITHOUT** qualifying through IOQM 2026 and RMO 2026 provided they fulfil the age criteria mentioned in point no.1, they haven't commenced (or planning to commence by June 1, 2026) studies in a university or equivalent institution and they fulfil the eligibility criteria for IMO 2027 and EGMO 2028. Please note that the OCI students are not eligible to represent India in IMO 2027 and EGMO 2028.
 - For the eligibility criteria for IMO 2027 please refer to <https://imof.co/students-alumni/how-can-i-compete-at-an-imo/>.
 - Eligibility criteria for EGMO 2028:
A country's contestants should normally be citizens or residents of that country, and should be selected through that country's national Mathematical Olympiad or equivalent selection programme. Contestants must have been born less than twenty years before 1 April in the year of participation at the EGMO. Contestants must have been normally enrolled in full-time primary or secondary education on or after 1 December in the year prior to the EGMO, or, in the case of home-schooled students, must not have received a high-school diploma (or equivalent), and must be working toward such a credential on 1 December.
7. It will be the responsibility of the student to ensure that the above eligibility criteria are satisfied. In case it is found at any later stage of the programme that a student does not meet the eligibility criteria, he or she may be disqualified from the programme.