

Eligibility criteria for Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM), 2020 - 2021

1. Candidates born on or after **August 1, 2001** and studying in Class VIII, IX, X, XI or XII, are eligible to write IOQM. Candidates studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to write IOQM. ¹
2. The INMO 2020 Merit Awardees and all the INMO awardees from 2020 or earlier are eligible to write INMO 2021 **WITHOUT** qualifying through IOQM provided they fulfil the eligibility criteria of IMO 2021 and EGMO 2022.
3. The candidates must be Indian citizens. Provisionally, students with OCI cards are eligible to write the IOQM 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. However, such students are provisionally eligible for selection at ALL prior stages, up to and including the IMOTC provided they fulfill all other criteria. They are also provisionally eligible to write the selection tests at the IMOTC. This policy is subject to revision without prior notice depending on any further orders issued by the courts, or by a competent Government authority.
4. 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.

Criteria for qualification from IOQM to INMO

1. The list of students qualified for the INMO 2021 will be prepared according to the following rule:
 - Top **300 (class XI or below category) + 60 (class XII category)** from each region in IOQM will get a certificate, provided they have a minimum cut-off score of **5%** of the total marks of the IOQM paper. But this is not a qualifying criterion for INMO.
 - Top **540** in IOQM merit list will qualify for INMO regardless of regional quota. In this pool
 - (a) the number of class XII students will be **90**.
 - (b) the number of class VIII, IX, X, XI students will be **450**.
 - A minimum of **30 (class XI or below category) + 6 (class XII category) + 5 (girl students irrespective of the number of girl students qualifying in the class XI or below category. No girl student from class XII is eligible to qualify in the girls category.)** from each region will qualify for INMO regardless of the scores (provided each qualifying candidate has a score above a minimum cut-off score of **5%** of the total marks of the IOQM paper.).

¹The KVS will conduct IOQM-KV for KV students and the NVS will conduct IOQM-JNV for JNV students to select students for INMO 2021.