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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 IIBF conducts the CAIIB exam twice a year, typically in a June cycle and a December cycle.**
This twice-yearly cycle lets working bankers plan their attempt around either the June or December window.
- 2 To register for CAIIB, a candidate must already be a member of IIBF.**
IIBF membership is a mandatory precondition before a candidate can apply for the CAIIB exam.
- 3 CAIIB eligibility requires having passed JAIIB or the Associate Examination Part-1.**
CAIIB is designed as the next step for candidates who have already cleared this foundational qualification.
- 4 A lapsed IIBF membership subscription can block CAIIB registration even after clearing JAIIB.**
Subscription arrears must be cleared first, or the registration system will not allow the application.
- 5 Each CAIIB paper has 100 MCQs for a maximum of 100 marks.**
IIBF may vary the exact question count, but the standard pattern is 100 questions worth 100 marks.

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6 Each CAIIB paper is conducted online with a duration of 2 hours.

Candidates complete all questions for a subject within this fixed online time window.

7 CAIIB exams carry negative marking of one-fourth of a mark for every wrong answer.

This penalty makes blind guessing risky and rewards elimination-based attempts on partly-known questions.

8 A candidate can pass a CAIIB paper by scoring a minimum of 50 marks out of 100 in that subject.

This is the standard subject-wise passing threshold under the CAIIB passing criteria.

9 A candidate can also pass CAIIB by scoring at least 45 marks per subject with an aggregate of at least 250 in a single attempt.

This alternative route allows a slightly lower per-subject score if the overall aggregate compensates.

10 Credits for a CAIIB paper already passed are retained until the overall time limit expires.

This means a candidate only needs to re-sit papers that remain pending, not papers already cleared.

11 Candidates get 3 years or 5 attempts, whichever comes first, from the date of registration to clear CAIIB.

This time limit defines the overall window within which all CAIIB papers must be cleared.

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- 12 If the CAIIB time limit expires, a candidate must re-register and earlier credits are not retained.**

Missing the 3-year or 5-attempt window resets progress, requiring a fresh registration.

- 13 The compulsory CAIIB papers are ABM, BFM, ABFM and BRBL.**

These four papers form the core subjects every CAIIB candidate must clear.

- 14 ABM stands for Advanced Bank Management, a compulsory CAIIB paper covering statistics and credit management.**

ABM also includes human resource management and compliance topics within its syllabus.

- 15 BFM stands for Bank Financial Management, a compulsory CAIIB paper covering treasury and risk management.**

BFM also covers international banking and balance sheet management as part of its syllabus.

- 16 CAIIB elective options include Central Banking, Risk Management, Human Resource Management, IT and Digital Banking, and Rural Banking.**

Candidates select one elective paper aligned with their interest or role from these available options.

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17 CAIIB candidates choose one elective paper in addition to the four compulsory papers.

The elective allows candidates to specialise in an area relevant to their banking role.

18 CAIIB registration typically opens in slabs, with a normal-fee slab followed by late-fee slabs.

Registering in the earliest slab avoids paying an additional late fee.

19 The medium of the CAIIB exam can be Hindi or English.

Candidates can choose the language medium that suits them when registering for the exam.

20 CAIIB application is completed online through the official IIBF website, iibf.org.in.

The process includes logging in, filling the form, and paying the fee, all done digitally.

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