

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY

Responses from the Office of Admissions to Covid-19 related queries

In response to the Covid-19 situation, the Office of Admissions is taking measures to ensure that the Application process for ongoing Rounds continues seamlessly with limited inconvenience to all our prospective students. The health and welfare of the student community is of utmost importance to us and we have been continuously monitoring the situation to determine how to best support our applicants in these uncertain times.

We understand that you may have questions about the impact of the current situation on our Admissions Process. You will find some of these questions addressed below. If you have any queries that have not been resolved in this section, please feel free to reach us at apply@ashoka.edu.in. Thank you for your understanding.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What changes have been introduced to the Ashoka University's Undergraduate Admissions Process to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak?

Ashoka University's Admissions process will continue to proceed as per our earlier policies, procedures, schedules and information shared on our [website](#). The outbreak will not impact how the Admissions Committee evaluates applications for admittance into the Undergraduate Programme at Ashoka. However, in light of the current situation, the Office of Admissions has decided to move all components of the Interview Round online, i.e. the *On-the-spot essay*, *Ashoka Aptitude Test* and *Interview with a panel* will now be conducted online for all the shortlisted applicants until further notice.

Will the Round 3 and Round 4 deadlines be extended in light of the current situation?

As of now, there are no changes to our deadlines and the admissions process shall continue to proceed as per the calendar shared on our [website](#). However, given the evolving circumstances, we will continue to review and monitor the situation closely, including but not limited to accounting for rescheduled dates for Board and Entrance Examinations across the country, delayed Grade XII results, etc. We will provide further information in case there are any changes. We highly recommend that you use this time to fill your application thoroughly and submit it as soon as possible.

What should I do if my online interview or online assessment dates for Ashoka University clash with any of my rescheduled examination dates?

We understand that the rescheduled dates for Board and Entrance Examinations are yet to be announced. Please be assured that Ashoka University's Office of Admissions will do its best to ensure that your interview round process schedule does not clash with any other important examinations. In the unfortunate circumstance that it does, your request for a reschedule will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

What should I do if my exam results are delayed because of the Coronavirus Outbreak?

Given the uncertainty of the current situation and the immediate future, the Office of Admissions strongly recommends that, if you are shortlisted for the interview round, you take the Ashoka Aptitude Test (AAT) in order for your application to be evaluated holistically and completely. In the absence of your final scores/grades or a standardised test (SAT, ACT, AAT) score, please note that if you only have predicted scores/grades, our decision on your candidature will be deferred.

I am a student of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Due to the current situation, our May 2020 examinations have been cancelled. Will this impact my Application to Ashoka in any way?

The Office of Admissions is aware of this development and is currently awaiting more information from the IBO regarding its final evaluation for Grade XII IBDP Students, based on which we will update our revised assessment criteria for IBDP students. The Office of Admissions strongly recommends that, if you are shortlisted for the interview round, you take the Ashoka Aptitude Test (AAT) in order for your application to be evaluated holistically and completely.

I am a student of an International Curriculum and Board. Due to the current situation, our final Grade XII Examinations/Assessments for 2020 may be postponed or cancelled. Will this impact my Application to Ashoka in any way?

The Office of Admissions is aware of this development and is currently awaiting more information from the various International Boards regarding its final evaluation for Grade XII Students, based on which we will update our revised assessment criteria. The Office of Admissions strongly recommends that, if you are shortlisted for the interview round, you take the Ashoka Aptitude Test (AAT) in order for your application to be evaluated holistically and completely.

As the schools are shut, I am unable to obtain my predicted scores/grades from school. What should I do?

If an applicant is unable to obtain their school predicted scores/grades, they can fill in their self-predicted scores/grades in their application form. For students enrolled in the Cambridge Board

and the IB Diploma Programme, school predicted grades are to be submitted online by the school counselor as per the guidelines shared in the Application Form.

I am not able to submit some of the required attachments such as Class XIth marksheet, certificates for non-academic engagement along with my application as they are with my school. What should I do?

Any lack of school certificate attachments will be assessed in light of the overall application. Applicants should leave a comment in their Application Form against sections where they do not have an attachment *only if* the concerned document is with their school and they are unable to obtain it at this stage. All the other relevant documents (attachments for non-academic engagements) should be submitted as per the requirements within the Application Form. Please note that you will be required to submit any missing documents once your school reopens.

What happens if my recommender is unable to submit the Letter of Recommendation within the stipulated deadline?

As the process of submitting the Letter of Recommendation (LoR) is online, we hope that all applicants and their recommenders will be able to complete this component of our Application Form within the stipulated deadline since the LoR link also allows the recommender to 'type-in' the recommendation in the recommendation box, even if they are unable to provide an attachment of the Letter of Recommendation on an Official Letterhead.

However, in case your recommender is unable to submit the LoR due to any extenuating circumstances, you may reach out to us explaining your situation at apply@ashoka.edu.in. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I am a domicile of Haryana. Due to the present situation, I am unable to obtain a Haryana Domicile Certificate to attach in my Application Form. What should I do?

If you are a domicile of Haryana and are unable to obtain the Haryana Domicile Certificate at the moment, please note that you will have to submit the Haryana Domicile Certificate as and when the normal functioning of the concerned government authorities is restored. Meanwhile, you can also initiate the application process for obtaining the Haryana Domicile Certificate online by clicking [here](#). You can access a step by step instruction manual to apply for the Haryana Domicile Certificate online [here](#).

Note: The above information will continue to be reviewed and updated as the situation evolves. In case you have any specific queries or concerns, please write to us at: apply@ashoka.edu.in.