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The IAPM Exit Exam will be conducted on

- Date: **Sunday, 4th January 2026**
- Venue: MS Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre, Bengaluru
- **Last date for form submission:** 15th December 2025
- **Exam timings:** 8 AM – 5 PM.

Written exam: 8–10 AM (100 MCQs, 2 hours)

Practical & Viva: 11 AM – 5 PM

Passing requirements:

Pass percentage is 50% and the candidates will have to secure 50% in EACH category i.e Written exam, Viva and Practical Exam.

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Please read the instructions thoroughly. Instructions and timings on the website are FINAL. All the documents to be uploaded are mandatory and are updated from time to time, once discussed and passed by the Governing Council.

For any clarifications, please contact Registrar office at Registrar.iapm@gmail.com

Apply Online:

<https://www.issp-pain.org/latest-iapm-update/>

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Last Date of Form Submission	15th December 2025
Venue:	MS Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre, Bengaluru
Written Time:8 am to 5 pm	Written exam • 8 am to 10am , Written exam will comprise of 100 MCQs in 120 minutes (2 hrs), • Total:100 Marks
Practical Pattern of practical examination:	VIVA (100 Marks) • Case – 1: 15 Min (30 Marks) • Case – 2: 15 Min (30 Marks) One spot station: • Drugs & instruments, MRI, CT scan, fluoroscopy and X-ray etc (40 Marks) PRACTICAL (100 Marks) • 2 Fluoroscopic Guided Interventional pain procedures on cadaver: 10 Min Each (35 Marks, each) • One USG Guided Procedure: 10 Min(30 marks) Total : 300 Marks

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Pass percentage is 50% and the candidates will have to secure 50% in each category i.e Written exam, Viva and Practical exam.

FIAPM Exit Exam Prerequisite Information

Application for IAPM Exit Examination can be submitted under 4 categories. IAPM Category, Non-IAPM Category, One-year Fellowship outside India Category, Senior pain physicians Category. The eligibility Criteria are as follows.

Common requirements for all Categories

1. **Medical License:** Candidates applying for the exit examination should have a valid unrestricted medical license, They need to submit a copy of NMC/ SMC registration.
2. **Membership of ISSP:** Candidates applying for the exit examination should have ISSP Membership. Associate members of ISSP or candidates who are not Anaesthesiology postgraduates (MD, DA or DNB in Anaesthesiology) cannot appear for the exams.
3. **Publication** – Candidates applying for the exit examination should have the publication in chronic pain
4. Post-Graduation Certificate in Anaesthesiology (MD – Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Anaesthesiology or DNB in Anaesthesiology)

Category wise Additional requirements

IAPM Category

1. Trainees of IAPM who have entered IAPM-accredited training centres through the IAPM Entry Examination and completed a full year of Training in IAPM-accredited centres.
2. One publication is mandatory on chronic pain in a Peer-Reviewed Journal.

Non-IAPM Category

1. One-year full-time residential fellowship programme in pain medicine from any Private organisation, the program head of the said program should be FIAPM qualified.

2. Structural program fellow from an Indian university (Completed a fully residential university-accredited structured pain training program of minimum one-year duration and passed successfully)
3. One publication is mandatory on chronic pain.³
4. Affidavit stating One year completion of full-time fellowship in pain medicine.
([Format Link](#))
5. Completion certificate of one year Full-Time training in Pain Medicine from the Head of the Institute. ([Format Link](#))

One-year Fellowship Outside India Category

1. Completed full residential fellowship outside India of minimum 1-year duration & currently practising in India.
2. One publication is mandatory on chronic pain.³

Senior pain physicians Category

1. ISSP membership for at least 5 years
2. Two publications are mandatory on pain, at least one of the publications must be on chronic pain.³
3. Recommendation letter from GC member of ISSP/IAPM. (Recommendation letter will include duration of pain practice, number of patients in pain OPD & procedures) it should be on official letterhead with the physical signature of the GC (**Additional Affidavit may be asked by the Examination committee**)

Documentation Required with Application and Fee Structure .

Category	Required Document	Fee Structure
IAPM Trainees Category	1. ISSP Membership Number 2. Half-yearly Assessment Form 3. <u>One Publication on Chronic Pain in Peer Reviewed Journal.</u> 4. MBBS Certificate 5. Post-Graduation Certificate (MD –	Rs. 25,000 + 18% GST (10,000/- less if reappearing) + Portal Charges

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	Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Anaesthesiology or DNB in Anaesthesiology) 6. Indian Medical Registration Certificate (NMC/ State Medical Council)	
Non-IAPM Category	1. ISSP Membership Number 2. One-year full-time residential fellowship programme completion certificate from Head of the Institute / or Passing certificate of a university-accredited structured pain training program of 1 year 3. Affidavit confirming one year of full- time training in that particular institute. 4. The pdf copy of one publication on chronic pain. 5. MBBS Certificate 6. Post-Graduation Certificate (MD – Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Anaesthesiology or DNB in Anaesthesiology) 7. Indian Medical Registration Certificate (NMC/ State Medical Council)	Rs. 40,000 + 18% GST (10,000/- less if reappearing)+ Portal Charges 18% GST Additional on above Fee
One-year Fellowship Outside India	1. ISSP Membership Number 2. One year full residential fellowship certificate completed outside India.(Completion Certificate is Must) 3. Pdf copy of the published	Rs. 70,000 + 18% GST (10,000/- less if reappearing) + Portal Charges

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	publication on chronic pain 4. MBBS Certificate 5. Post-Graduation Certificate (MD – Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Anaesthesiology or DNB in Anaesthesiology) 6. Indian Medical Registration Certificate (NMC/ State Medical Council)	
Senior Pain Physicians Category	1. ISSP membership number (With at least 5 years of completed membership duration) 2. The pdf copy of two published Publications related to pain (at least one of the publications must be on chronic pain) 3. Recommendation letter from GC member of ISSP/IAPM on his/her letterhead. (Recommendation letter will include duration of pain practice, number of patients in pain OPD & procedures) 4. MBBS Certificate 5. Post-Graduation Certificate (MD – Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Anaesthesiology or DNB in Anaesthesiology) 6. Indian Medical Registration Certificate (NMC/ State Medical Council)	Rs. 40,000 + 18% GST (10,000/- less if reappearing) + Portal Charges

Additional Notes

1. The application for the exit exam and the required documents are to be submitted online only,
2. You will receive an email from the Registrar's office confirming your eligibility and approval for the exam. In case your application is not approved by the Registrar, you will be informed and your Fees will be refunded to the source of payment. Portal Charges are non-refundable.
3. **Publication is mandatory for all the categories applying for the exit exam.**
 1. For Senior pain physicians: **2 publications** are mandatory of which one should be compulsory in chronic pain.
 2. All other categories (IAPM, Non-IAPM, Overseas): **1 publication** in chronic pain in a Peer-Reviewed Journal.
 3. ***The publications that have already been published will be considered only, not those under acceptance.***
 4. **Exception – Only for IAPM trainees (Manuscript submission letter in Indian Journal of Pain only)will also be accepted.**
 5. Publications must be in a Peer Reviewed Journal or Book Chapters.
 6. Publications in the conference books will not be accepted
4. Cancellation Policy – Once approved by the review committee Exam fee is non-refundable.
 1. Under exceptional situations like the ill health of the candidate or the death of a family member, you can apply to the registrar with supportive documents. A partial refund may be allowed subject to the approval of IAPM GC, as per the policy mentioned below –
 1. From the date of approval to 2 weeks before the exam – 50% refund (Excluding the portal Charges)
 2. From 2 weeks before the exam to the Date of the exam – No refund
 2. The exam fees will not be carried forward to the next exam.
5. The name on all supporting documentation must be consistent and match the name under which you apply. If it does not, you will need to submit legal documentation of

the name change (e.g., a marriage/divorce certificate) and all other supporting documentation

6. Prerequisite requirements are subject to change at any time. Applicants must meet current prerequisite requirements in effect at the time of application. IAPM at its discretion may request from you or others information concerning matters relevant to eligibility for certification and certification status. Documentation received in a language other than English must include a notarized translation in English. All documents, communications, and other information received by IAPM become the property of IAPM and will not be returned.
7. **Kindly provide your WhatsApp number at the time of registration. We will create a group and will keep updating you on the group. Please Save +91-9311223922 as “IPAM Registrar Office”. You will get a request to joint the group from this number.**
8. **Please read the instructions thoroughly. Instructions and timings on the website are FINAL.**
9. If due to some unforeseen circumstances in the exam city, which is beyond the control of IAPM (for example – Flood, Earthquake, Epidemic, Political Turmoil etc) exam needs to defer and rescheduled, the exam fees will be carried forward but IAPM is not liable to pay for any other compensation. The same cancellation provision clause will be applied to the new date of examination too.
10. The IAPM GC’s decision is final regarding a particular candidate’s eligibility.

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