

PGFPF

Admission 2026-27 (Batch-II)

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1. Why pursue a one-year full-time residential program from NISM?

A1. The Post Graduate Program in Financial Planning (PGFPF) is offered by the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), an educational initiative of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in collaboration with FPSB India. The program is designed to provide comprehensive knowledge and practical exposure in financial planning aligned with global CFP® standards. The learner-centric pedagogy, practitioner-led sessions, certification-oriented curriculum, and campus immersion equip participants with the skills required to build a professional career in financial planning and wealth management.

Q2. What is the structure of the PGFPF Program?

A2. The PGFPF is a one-year postgraduate professional program divided into four academic terms. The program consists of approximately 360 hours of live online interactive sessions conducted primarily on weekends, along with two mandatory campus immersion modules at the NISM Patalganga campus. Certification examinations and internal assessments form an integral part of the program.

Q3. In terms of career prospects and job opportunities, where does PGFPF lead to?

A3. The program prepares participants for careers such as Financial Planner, Investment Advisor, Wealth Manager, Relationship Manager, Portfolio Advisor, and Financial Consultant. The curriculum aligns with SEBI Investment Adviser regulations and the CFP® certification pathway, enabling graduates to pursue professional advisory roles in financial services.

Q4. Who can apply for the PGFPF program?

A5. The program is suitable for fresh graduates as well as working professionals who aspire to build a career in financial planning, wealth management, banking, insurance, investment advisory, and allied financial services.

Q6. What are the eligibility criteria for this Program?

A6. Applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree of minimum three years' duration from a recognized university or institution with at least 50% aggregate marks.

Q7. I am in the final year of Graduation and waiting for my results. Can I apply?

A7. Yes, as long as you fulfill the aforementioned eligibility criteria (with final mark sheets and final certificates issued by the respective institutions).

Q8. Is there any upper age limit for this Program?

A8. There is no upper age limit for admission to this program.

Q9. Can I avail accommodation outside of NISM Patalganga Campus at my own expense and pursue the PGFPF program?

A9. No. Campus stay is mandatory during the scheduled campus immersion modules at the NISM Patalganga Campus. Participants are required to stay in the on-campus accommodation provided by NISM during the immersion period. However, outside the immersion modules, participants are not required to stay on campus and may pursue the program from their respective locations.

Q10. Since stay is mandatory, does the NISM campus have an in-house mess serving food?

A10. Yes. The NISM Patalganga campus has an in-house mess facility that serves food to all participants during the campus immersion period. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals are provided as per the standard menu, and the cost of dining is included in the program fee.

Q11. What is the Total Fee for this Program including Accommodation and dining fees?

A11. The total program fee is **Rs.3,18,000 (Rupees Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand only)**.

The fee includes tuition, GST, alumni fund, accommodation, and dining during campus immersion, and certification examination fees.

Q12. Are there any scholarships or educational loan tie-ups for the PGFPF program?

A12. Currently, NISM does not offer scholarships or education loan tie-ups for the PGFPF program. Candidates may independently explore loan options with financial institutions.

Q13. Is there a Fee Refund Policy?

A13. The entire fee, including the application fee, is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Q14. My organization/employer is willing to sponsor the PGFPF program. How do I proceed with the admissions?

A14. Sponsored candidates may apply for the PGFPF program through the regular admission process. In case of organizational sponsorship, the employer may communicate the sponsorship details to NISM and, if required, provide an undertaking regarding study leave or sponsorship support. Admission will be subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria and successful completion of the selection process.

Q15. How can I apply for the Program?

A15. Candidates willing to apply should register themselves on <https://apply.nism.ac.in/pgfpf-application-form>

Step 1: New Registration: Upon successful registration, a User-ID and Password will be sent to the registered email ID and mobile number of the candidate.

Step 2: Application process: Thereafter, candidates are required to log in and complete the application process by paying the application fee. After making the payment of the application fee of Rs. 500/-, the candidates may submit their applications.

Q16. What is the selection process for admission to this Program?

A16. Selection to the Program will be through screening of applications based on Academic records, including professional experience/ qualification, extracurricular activities, and prior experience. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an online interview. Candidates qualified in the online interviews will be offered admission to PGFPF.

Q17. What are the important dates for the application?

A17. Important dates related to application deadlines, interviews, and commencement of the program are announced in the PGFPF Prospectus and published on the NISM website.

Q18. What is the Medium of Instruction during the Program?

A18. The medium of instruction for all classes, examinations, quizzes, and assignments is English. Hence, candidates need to be conversant with verbal and written communication in English.

Q19. Is there placement assistance?

A19. Yes. FPSB India provides placement assistance and **Shadow CXO mentoring support** to deserving and sincere participants of the PGFPF program, subject to meeting the program requirements and performance standards.

Q20. Currently, I am not in India. Can I pursue the PGFPF program online? Is distance learning available for PGFPF?

A20. Live classes for the PGFPF program are conducted online; however, **attendance at the campus immersion modules in India is mandatory**. The program is **not offered in a fully online or distance learning mode**. Participants must be able to travel to India and attend the immersion modules at the NISM Patalganga Campus.

Q21. How will the students be evaluated during the program?

A21. Evaluation will be at the course level in each Trimester, which will include:

A) Continuous Internal Evaluation (during the course):

The evaluation may include one or more of the following:

- NISM and FPSB Certification Exam Preparation
- Module-wise Quizzes
- Individual and/or Group Assignments (along with presentations)
- Class Participation

B) End-term Evaluation (at the end of the course):

- Certification Exams (NISM and FPSB)

Offline Assessment (Paper-pencil test) or online written examination in proctored mode.

Note: Successful completion of all mandatory certifications, internal assessments, and minimum attendance is required to earn the PGFPF Certificate of Completion.

Q22. Whom should I contact for my specific queries?

A22. You may reach our Admission Counsellors at +91 82680 02412 or write to us at pgpfp@nism.ac.in

Q23. Are fees related to any other NISM certification included in the program fees?

A23. No, fees related to mandatory NISM certifications are NOT included in program fees.

Q24. Is the PGFPF program also valid as a master's degree?

A24. Please note that the PGFPF program is neither recognized as a master's degree nor its equivalent under any University, UGC, or AICTE Regulations, nor is it accredited under any University, UGC, or AICTE Regulation.

Q25. Is the syllabus of PGFPF the same as the NISM Certifications?

A25. No, the PGFPF syllabus goes beyond individual NISM certifications. While NISM certifications cover specific areas like securities markets, mutual funds, and investment advisory, PGFPF integrates these with comprehensive financial planning education, including CFP®-aligned modules on investment, risk, estate, retirement, and tax planning. The program also offers live sessions, assignments, case studies, and campus immersions, providing practical exposure and preparing participants for a professional career in financial planning and wealth management.

Q26. Indicative remuneration in CTC terms of past students (for reference only)

A26. PGFPF is an academic and professional certification program designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required for financial planning, wealth management, and investment advisory. The program does not include placement services, but it prepares participants to pursue career opportunities independently with strong industry-relevant expertise and globally recognized certifications.

Q27. I am a working professional. Will I be able to pursue the PGFPF Program?

A27. Yes, the PGFPF program is specifically designed for working professionals. The hybrid structure allows participants to attend live online sessions on weekends while continuing their professional commitments. Additionally, the program includes short campus immersion weeks for hands-on learning, ensuring that professionals can gain comprehensive financial planning knowledge without interrupting their careers.