

## **Candidates must note the following options during the online counselling process**

### **1. Accept and Freeze**

- This option should be chosen if the candidate is satisfied with the offered program and does not wish to be considered for other preferences in subsequent rounds.
- By selecting this option, the candidate confirms his/her admission to the offered program, provided he/she completes the required admission formalities within the given time frame.
- Once frozen, the candidate's name will be excluded from consideration in all future admission rounds.
- The candidate must pay the requisite fee within the specified deadline to secure admission.
- Failure to make the payment will result in automatic forfeiture of the offer.

### **2. Accept and Upgrade**

- Candidates who are willing to accept the current offer but also wish to be considered for other-preference choices in later rounds should select this option. The candidate must pay the requisite fee within the specified deadline to secure admission.
- The current seat will be provisionally allotted, and if a seat in a other preferred school becomes available in the subsequent rounds, the candidate's admission will be upgraded.
- Once upgraded, the previous offer stands cancelled, and the new offer becomes binding.
- If no other preference program becomes available, the initially offered seat will remain confirmed.

### **3. Reject and Quit**

- This option must be selected by candidates who do not wish to accept the current offer and do not wish to participate in any further admission rounds.
- Once this option is exercised, the candidate's name will be permanently removed from all subsequent seat allocation processes under IACS admission process 2026.
- The seat is released to the next eligible candidate on the merit list.
- The candidate forfeits the right to claim any admission-related benefits thereafter.