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TERRITORIAL ARMY COMMISSION EXAM
DATE OF TERRITORIAL ARMY COMMISSION EXAM: 12 JULY 2026
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 20 APRIL 2026 TO 19 MAY 2026
Official website www.indianarmy.nic.in

CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY ONLINE AT www.indianarmy.nic.in ONLY. NO OTHER MODE IS ALLOWED FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

Applications are invited from **gainfully employed citizens** for an opportunity of donning the uniform and serving the nation as Territorial Army Officers, based on the concept of enabling motivated young citizens to **serve** in a military environment without having to sacrifice their primary professions. You can serve the nation in two capacities – as a civilian and as a soldier. No other option allows you such an expanse of experiences.

1. **Total Number of Vacancies: -**
   (a) Male - 11 **(b) Female - 01**
   Note :- The final selection shall be made in the order of merit up to the number of vacancies available. Vacancies are subject to change as per organizational requirement.
2. **Conditions of Eligibility.**
   (a) Nationality: Only citizens of India (male and female).
   (b) Age Limit: 18 to 42 years as on last day of filing of application i.e. should have attained minimum 18 years and should not be more than 42 Years as on **19 May 2026.**
   (c) Educational Qualifications: Graduate from any recognized university.
   (d) Physical Standards: A candidate must be physically and medically fit in all respects. Candidates to follow guidelines as mentioned in "Instructions to Candidates applying for Commission in The Territorial Army (Civilian Candidates)" uploaded in Indian Army website.
   (e) Employment: Gainfully Employed.

Note:- Serving member of the Regular Army/ Navy/ Air Force/ Police/ GREF/ Para Military and like forces are not eligible.

3. **Date of Computer Based Test: 12 July 2026.**

Disclaimer :- The date of holding the examination as mentioned above is liable to be changed at the discretion of the competent authority.

4. **Submission of Applications:** The Online Registration and Applications can be filed from **20 April 2026 (1000 Hours) to 19 May 2026 (2355 Hours)** after which the link will be disabled.
5. **Centers of Examination:** The Examination will be conducted Pan India. List is given in website **www.indianarmy.nic.in.**

Disclaimer:- Territorial Army Directorate has the right to conduct the Computer Based Test (CBT) at all the cities or any of the cities depending upon number of the candidates applied and other compulsions.

6. **Standard and Syllabus of the Examination:**

Paper	Subject	Time Allotted	Numbers of Questions	Marks
In one session	Part - 1 Reasoning	02 hours	40	40
	Part - 2 General Knowledge		30	30
	Part - 3 English		30	30
Total			100	100

7. **Standard:** The standard of papers will approximately be such as may be expected of a graduate of an Indian university.
8. **Syllabus.**
   (a) **Part-1. Reasoning:** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates ability to complete sequences, making logical conclusion based on simple pattern of numbers, statements, figures, letters etc as may be expected of a rational thinking person without any special study of the subject.
   (b) **Part-2. General Knowledge:** General knowledge paper will consist of general knowledge & current affairs each having equal weightage. The paper will include questions on current affairs and such matters of everyday observation and experience in scientific aspects as may be expected of an educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific subject. The paper will also include questions on history of India and geography which candidates should be able to answer without special study.
   (c) **Part-3. English:** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates' understanding of English and workman like use of words.
9. **Candidates to Ensure their Eligibility for the Examination:** The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of the examination will be purely **provisional** subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Mere issue of Admission Certificate to the candidate will not imply that his candidature has been finally cleared by the competent authority.**
10. **Exam Duration: Maximum time is 02 hours.**
11. **Type of Exam:** Computer Based Test (CBT).
12. **Qualifying Marks.** The Territorial Army Directorate has discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
13. **Penalty for Wrong Answers: For each question** for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one third (0.33%) marks** assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty. Question marked for review will be treated as unanswered.
14. **Fee Details:** Candidates' are required to pay a fee of **Rs. 500/-** (Rupees five hundred only). Candidates should note that payment of examination fee can be made only through the modes prescribed at website. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/mode shall be summarily rejected. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.
15. **How to Apply:** Candidates are required to apply online by using the website **www.indianarmy.nic.in.** Brief instructions for filling up the online Application Form **IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-1** have been given on the website.
16. **Instruction to the Candidate for Filling Online Application.**
   (a) The Online application can be filed from **20 April 2026 to 19 May 2026** after which link will be disabled.
   (b) The applicants must ensure that while filling their Application Form, they are providing their valid and active E-mail IDs & mobile number as the concerned authorities will use electronic mode of communication while contacting them at different stages of examination process.
   (c) Candidates are advised to apply online well in time without waiting for the last date for submission of online applications.
   (d) While filling in the Application Form, the candidate should carefully decide about their choices for the center for the examination.
   (e) Candidates should note that **no request for change of center will be granted.**
   (f) **Candidates in their own interest are advised to keep a copy of print out of filled form submitted online.**
17. **Admit Card for Territorial Army Commission Exam:** The admit card will be made available online for being downloaded by the candidate 10 to 15 days before the exam. The admit cards shall depict photograph and scanned signature of the candidate, date of birth, date/time of examination and also name and address of examination centre. In addition, email & SMS alert will also be sent to the candidates for the same.
18. **Helpline Number for Guidance of Candidates:** In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding their application, candidature etc. candidates can contact helpdesk over Telephone number given in the link on working days between **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** starting from the commencement of filling of application till conduct of CBT. The contact details will be available on official website i.e. **www.indianarmy.nic.in.**
19. **Objection Management:** Objection Management Link shall be hosted on website **www.indianarmy.nic.in.** after 72 hours from the date of examination inviting concerns of the candidates related to questions and answers keys of the examination, if any. The objection management link shall be shared with the candidates on their registered email for downloading of response sheet. Objection management link will be live for only three days.
20. **Selection Procedure.**
   (a) Candidates whose application forms are found correct and are declared successful in the territorial commission exam will be detailed for intelligence and personality test at the Service Selection Board.
   (b) Two stage selection procedure based on Psychological Aptitude Test and Intelligence Test has been introduced at Service Selection Boards. All the candidates will be put to stage one test on first day of reporting at Selection Centre. Only those candidates who qualify at stage one will be admitted to the second stage/remaining tests and all those who fail to pass stage one, will be returned.
   (c) The male and female candidates will be placed in separate order of merit on the basis of the total marks secured by them in the territorial army commission examination and in the SSB tests.
21. **Embodiment for Training.**
   (a) Upto six months Pre-Commission Training as provided in TA Rule 20A amended vide SRO 65 dt 29 Apr 2023. **Candidates shall be commissioned in TA only on successful completion of the said Pre-Commission Training.** Post that officer will be granted 21 days of Post Commission leave.
   (b) 30 days training under Rule-19 will be carried out after completion of post commission leave.
   (c) Two months annual training camp every year. If not embodied for more than six months in a training year (April to Mar).
22. **Terms and Conditions of Service.**
   (a) Territorial Army is part time concept with mandatory two months training in a year and does not guarantee full time career.
   (b) Serving in Territorial Army does not guarantee pension and the same is subject to embodied service as per organisational requirement.
   (c) Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant.
   (d) Pay and Allowances and privileges will be same as Regular Army Officers when embodied for training and military service.
   (e) Promotions up to Lt Col by time scale subject to fulfilling laid down criteria. Promotion to Colonel and Brigadier by selection.
   (f) Officers commissioned in Territorial Army may be called out for military service for longer duration depending on the requirement.
   (g) **Pay Scales (VIIth CPC).**

Rank	Level	Pay Matrix	Military Service Pay
Lieutenant	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500	15500/-
Captain	Level 10A	61,300 - 1,93,900	15500/-
Major	Level 11	69,400 - 2,07,200	15500/-
Lt Colonel	Level 12A	1,21,200 - 2,12400	15500/-
Colonel	Level 13	1,30,600 - 2,15,900	15500/-
Brigadier	Level 13A	1,39,600 - 2,17,600	15500/-

23. Candidate who qualify in Territorial Army Commission exam (CBT) are required to bring the following documents in original along with self-attested copies at the time of SSB Interview: -
   (a) Application Form IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-2 to be downloaded from **www.indianarmy.nic.in** and fill it up in their own hand writing.
   (b) All educational qualification certificates (Matric onwards).
   (c) Copy of identity proof with photographs (Voter ID/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving license/ Aadhaar etc).
   (d) Proof of residential address.
   (e) Certificate for proof of age (Matric/ Senior Secondary mark sheet and certificate for verification of date of birth).
   (f) Candidates whose names vary in documents should submit copy of Gazette notification of India/ State showing the correct name or an affidavit duly supported by newspaper cuttings.
   (g) Latest income proof from the appropriate authority (i.e. Income Tax Revenue Department/ Magistrate/ Employer).
   (h) Copy of latest Income Tax Return (ITR) filed.
   (j) Admit Card.
   (k) Self-employed candidates are required to submit an Affidavit on Non- Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly attested stating nature of employment and annual income along with photocopy of PAN card and **self- certified character certificate.**
   (l) Service certificate by candidates employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State/Semi Govt/ Private Sector Authenticated by Head Office along with salary certificate and No Objection Certificate by the department as per format given below.
24. **The Following Applicable Certificate be Compulsorily Produced at the Time of Interview.**
   (a) **Certificate to be Rendered by Candidates Employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State Govt/ Semi Govt duly Authenticated by Head of Office.**
   I certify that Shri/Smt/Kumari_____ S/o/D/o/W/o_____ employed under me as _____ for the last _____ yrs and that his/her character as far as known to me is good. He/ She is/is not recommended for the grant of commission in TA. It is also certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ will be made available for Trg/embodiment for service of the Territorial Army as and when required. It is further certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ does not hold and/or is not likely to hold in the foreseeable future a key–post in _____ (Department/ Organisation which could affect the minimum essential functions of this Department/ Organisation. However, in the event of his/ her becoming a key person subsequently the Director General Territorial Army, New Delhi shall be requested immediately to release or discharge him/ her from the Territorial Army.

Place **Signature**
Date **Designation**
Stamp/Seal of Office

   (b) **Certificate to be rendered by Self Employed Personnel (Self Certified by the candidate)**
   (i) I _____ (Name) S/o/D/o/W/o _____ certify that I possess good moral character to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Place **Signature**
Date **Name**

   (ii) Affidavit on Non-Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly endorsed by notary.
   I_____ (Name) S/o/D/o/W/o _____ resident of _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
   (aa) That I am a resident of above address.
   (ab) That I am self-employed as _____.
   (ac) That my annual income from all sources is approximately Rs. _____.
   The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
   Deponent
   Verification: Verified at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20__ that the contents of above affidavit are true to my knowledge & belief and nothing has been concealed therein.
   Deponent

   (c) **Certificate to be Rendered by Candidates Employed in Private Sector (to be authenticated by Head of Office)**
   Certified that any difference between the civil and military pay and allowances of the applicant Name _____ S/o/D/o/W/o _____ an employee of this organisation will be paid by us for the period of his/her military duties in the Territorial Army. On return from Military duty in the Territorial Army, Shri/Smt/Kumari_____ will be absorbed in the same or equivalent post which he/ she would have held if his/ her service in the civil had not been so interrupted and the such military service would count for all benefits in his/ her civil job, like seniority for promotion, increment of pay, bonus and provident fund etc. To which he/ she would have otherwise been entitled.

Place **Signature**
Date **Designation**
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