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Indian Air Force

INVITES MEN AND WOMEN FROM INDIAN CITIZENS AS PER CITIZENSHIP ACT 1955 TO BE A PART OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN FLYING AND GROUND DUTY (TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL) BRANCHES. REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON 20 MAY 26 (1100 HRS) AND CLOSE ON 19 JUN 26 (2330 HRS) THROUGH https://afcat.edcil.co.in

AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) - 02/2026/ NCC SPECIAL ENTRY /GATE SCORE ENTRY FOR COURSES COMMENCING IN JULY 2027

1. Online applications are invited for the courses commencing in **July 2027** for grant of **Short Service Commission (SSC)** in **Flying Branch** and **Ground Duty (Technical and Non-Technical) Branches**. Online applications are also invited for NCC Special Entry Scheme (For flying branch) and Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE) Score Entry (For Ground Duty branches) (Technical).

2. **Branches, Course Number and Vacancies**.

Entry	Branch	Course Number	Vacancies*			
			Men (PC)	Women (PC)	Men (SSC)	Women (SSC)
AFCAT Entry	Flying	222/27F/SSC/M&W	--	--	30	5
	Ground Duty (Technical)	221/27T/PC/ 111AEC/M&W 221/27T/SSC/ 111AEC/M&W	As published in Notification for induction cycle 02/2026			
	Ground Duty (Non-Technical)	221/27G/SSC/M&W	--	--	WS : 21 Adm : 50 Lgs: 4 Accts : 5 Edn : 1 Met : 1	WS : 5 Adm : 12 Lgs : 2 Accts : 2 Edn : 2 Met : 2
NCC Special Entry	Flying	222/27F/PC/M and 222/27F/SSC/M&W	--	--	10% seats out of CDSE vacancies for PC and10% seats out of AFCAT vacancies for SSC	
GATE Score Entry	Ground Duty (Technical)	221/27T/PC/ 111AEC/M&W 221/27T/SSC/ 111AEC/M&W	As published in Notification for induction cycle 02/2026			

*Disclaimer. The vacancies indicated are tentative and subject to change without notice. Actual intake would depend on organizational requirements, various cadre control mechanisms, availability of training slots and actual number of vacancies accruing in July 2027. No representation in this regard will be entertained. Two seats are reserved from Ground Duty (Non-Tech) vacancies for Law qualified candidates.

3. **Type of Commission**.

3.1. PC for Men & Women. Candidates joining as PC would continue to serve till the age of superannuation in their respective branches as per their rank.

3.2 SSC for Men & Women.

3.2.1. The engagement period for Flying Branch SSC officers is fourteen years from the date of Commissioning.

3.2.2. The initial tenure for SSC officers in Ground Duty (Tech and Non-Tech) branches would be for a period of ten years. An extension of four years may be granted subject to service requirements, availability of vacancies, willingness, suitability and merit.

3.2.3. Grant of Permanent Commission (PC) (at a later date) would be considered subject to service requirements, availability of vacancies, willingness, suitability and merit and as per prevailing policies on the subject.

3.2.4 SSC officers are not entitled for grant of pension.

4. **Age**.

4.1. **Flying Branch. 20 to 24 years** as on **01 July 2027** i.e. born between **02 July 2003 to 01 July 2007** (both dates inclusive). Upper age limit for candidates holding valid and current Commercial Pilot License issued by DGCA (India) is relaxable upto 26 year i.e. born between **02 July 2001 to 01 July 2007** (both dates inclusive).

4.2. **Ground Duty (Technical & Non-Technical) Branch All Ground Duty Branches through AFCAT and Ground Duty (Technical) Branch through Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE) Score Entry: 20 to 26** years as on **01 July 2027** i.e. born between **02 July 2001 to 01 July 2007** (both dates inclusive).

5. **Physical/ Medical Standards, Educational Qualifications and Selection Procedure**. Details on physical/ medical standards, educational qualifications and selection procedure are available in detailed **notification on the website.**

6. **Training**. Training will commence in the first week of **July 2027** for all courses at Air Force Academy Dundigal (Hyderabad). The duration of training for Flying and Ground Duty (Technical) Branches is 62 weeks and that of Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branches is 50 weeks at Air Force Training Establishments. PAN Card and account in SBI/ Nationalised Bank is mandatory at the time of joining Air Force Academy. Aadhaar Card is mandatory for registration.

7. **IAF Offers You Pay on Commissioning (As per 7th CPC)**.

Rank	Pay as per Defence Matrix	Level	MSP
Flying Officer	Rs. 56100 - 177500	10	Rs. 15500

Note. Flight Cadets shall receive a fixed stipend of Rs 56,100/- per month during one year of training.

8. **Allowances**. On commissioning, in addition to pay, allowances are applicable based on the branch/nature of duty/place of posting e.g. Flying Allowance, Transport Allowance, Technical Allowance, Test Pilot & Flight Test Engineer Allowance, Risk and Hardship Allowance etc.

9. **Privileges**. Air Force Officers are entitled to furnished accommodation, comprehensive medical cover for self and dependents, Canteen, Officers' Mess, loans at subsidised rates, LTC etc. Leave (60 days annual and 20 days casual), subject to service exigencies.

10. **Insurance**. Mandatory Insurance Cover is applicable for IAF Officers who are in service and post retirement from Air Force Group Insurance Society (AFGIS). Presently Rs. 1.25 Cr Insurance (on contribution) is applicable for death while in service. Similarly, PC Officers retiring from service after rendering 20 or more years of service and SSC Officers who have completed 14 years of service are covered Air Veterans Insurance Cover (AVIC) for an amount of Rs. 24 Lacs initially for 15 years after retirement and thereafter for Rs. 12 Lacs till the age of 75 years.

11. **Sports and Adventure**. Indian Air Force provides state of the art facilities to play various sports and adventure activities (sky diving, micro light flying, mountaineering, water rafting etc.).

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

12. Eligible candidates are to register online through separate tabs available for AFCAT Entry/ NCC Special Entry. Candidates eligible for one/more entries are to register separately in each entry.

13. **Tattoos.** The policy on permanent body tattoos is as follows:-

13.1. Permanent body tattoos are not permitted on any other body part **either visible or non-visible part, except** on the Inner face of forearms i.e. from inside of the elbow to the wrist of both the hands and Reverse side of the palm / back (dorsal) side of both hands for which a candidate will be required to sign a Self-declaration Certificate. Small innocuous tattoos that are not prejudicial to good order and military discipline, are permitted e.g. religious symbols or names of near and dear ones.

13.2. Tribes with tattoo marks on the face or body as per their existing customs and traditions will be permitted on a case to case basis.

14. **Narcotics.** Use/ possession of narcotics is banned. Candidate may be tested for presence of drugs in the body during Medicals and subsequently during training. If candidate is found to be using/ in possession of narcotics during any time of training, candidate would be debarred from joining the Indian Air Force.

15. **Conduct of Online Testing for AFCAT Examination and Fee Structure.** Online testing will be conducted for AFCAT entry at various centers. Candidates registering for AFCAT entry will have to pay an amount of **Rs. 550/- + GST (non-refundable)** as examination fee. **However, candidates registering for NCC Special entry and GATE Score Entry are not required to pay examination fee.** Details of conduct of exam, examination centers and mode of payment are available in the notification.

16. **Marital Status**. : Candidates must be unmarried at the time of commencement of the course and marriage is not permitted during training. A candidate who marries during the period of training shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him/ her by the Government.

17. Candidates are required to maintain their unique registered E-Mail ID and mobile phone number active throughout the selection process.

18. **Please note that information filled up by the candidates in online application form will be considered final and no amendments will be allowed subsequently. Candidates should exercise due care while entering their date of birth.**

19. **Travel Allowance (TA)**. To and fro travelling fare by the shortest route of AC-III Tier/ AC Chair Car or actual normal bus fare will be reimbursed to the candidates appearing in Air Force Selection Board for the first time. For all other modes of travel, TA will be admissible as per the Government authorized rules. **No TA is admissible, if you have already appeared for the same type of entry at any of the Selection Boards.** Candidates are to furnish the correct and active Saving Bank Account which needs to be in their name and no other name or Bank Accounts like Sukanya Samridhi etc will be acceptable for transfer of the claim. In case of any delay in furnishing admissible tickets/bank account etc, a maximum period of one month from the date of commencement of SSB will be considered after which no TA claim will be paid and the amount will be returned to the Government. No further queries/claims will be accepted in this regard.

20. **Physical Conditioning**. You are advised to be physically fit when you report for SSB in order to be able to undergo the tests at AFSB. You should aim to achieve an ability to run 01 mile (1.6 kms) in 10 minutes, do 10 push ups and 03 chin ups. Prospective candidates are also advised to keep themselves in good physical condition to adapt to physical training at AFA which encompasses running, swimming, rope climbing and other forms of physical training/ conditioning in which they would undergo mandatory tests during training.

21. **Query**. For queries related to conduct of online examination, registration process and admit cards contact **+91 9513252077** or E-Mail **afcathelpdesk@edcil.co.in**. For queries regarding eligibility, allotment of AFSB centres, date of AFSB interview, merit list and Joining Instructions contact **011-23010231 Extn 7610** or Toll free number **1800-11-2448**.

22. **Disclaimer**. Information given in the advertisement and on the website are only guidelines. In case of any ambiguity, the existing policies, rules and regulations of IAF/ Govt. of India as amended from time to time will be final and binding. **Terms and conditions given in the advertisement are only guidelines and are subject to change without notice.**

23. **Statutory Warning**. Selection in the Indian Air Force is fair and merit based. Attempt to influence the selection process at any stage, or use of any unfair means like forgery, impersonation or supplying false information etc. is liable to lead to termination of candidature or initiation of service and legal action against the concerned individual.

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