

## CAREER IN AIR FORCE

Working in the Indian Air Force makes you strong enough and teaches you not to substitute words for actions, not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge, to learn to stand up in the storm. It gives you a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, vigour of the emotions, a predominance of courage and an appetite for adventure over the love of ease.

The Air Force teaches you all, not only making men and women of young boys and girls but making them leaders in life. Strength of character and strong moral compass make him/her stand out from the crowd at all times.

Air force recruits young boys and girls at officer level and airman level.

### OFFICER LEVEL

An officer is a member of an armed force or uniformed service who holds a position of authority. To be able to lead and control, requires the ability to motivate yourself, inspire others and make tough decisions efficiently. Lessons in team work, developing communication skills and confidence, honing strategic and dynamic thinking and preparing you to face pressures with ease are drilled into an Officer during his/her training.

Depending on your qualifications, you could join one of the various branches in the IAF. Broadly the Air Force has three branches with further sub-streams:

Flying Branch	Technical Branch	Ground Duty Branch
Fighters	Mechanical	Administration
Transports	Electronics	Accounts
Helicopters		Logistics
		Education
		Meteorology

### Eligibility Criteria

S. No.	Branch/Post	Age	Educational Qualification	Gender	Advertisement Schedule
1.	Flying branch - National Defence Academy (NDA)	16 ½ to 19 years	10+2 with Physics and Mathematics. Students appearing in final year are also eligible to apply	Men only. Permanent Commission	May and December. (Advertisements are released by UPSC. Visit <a href="http://www.upsc.gov.in">www.upsc.gov.in</a> )
2.	Flying branch – Combined Defence Services Examination (CDSE)	19 to 23 years	Graduate (Three Year Course) in any discipline from a recognised University (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) / BE / B Tech (Four Year Course). Final Year/semester students are also eligible to apply, provided they produce Degree certificate issued by the University as per the date stipulated in the advertisement. (No Percentage Bar for CDSE entry)	Men only. Permanent Commission.	June and October. (Advertisements are released by UPSC)

3.	Flying branch - NCC Special Entry	19 to 23 years	<p>1. Graduate (Three Year Course) in any discipline from a recognised University with minimum 60% marks in aggregate in all papers put together and have passed Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level</p> <p>OR</p> <p>BE / B Tech (Four Year Course) from a recognised University with minimum 60% marks in aggregate in all papers put together.</p> <p>2. Final Year/semester students are also eligible to apply, provided they do not have any present backlogs at the time of SSB Testing and produce Degree certificate as per the date in the advertisement.</p> <p>3. NCC Air Wing Senior Division 'C' certificate.</p>	Men only. Permanent Commission.	NCC Cadets are to apply through respective NCC Air Squadrons/DG NCC.
4.	Flying branch - Short Service Commission Entry (SSC)	19 to 23 years	<p>1. Graduates (Three Year Course) in any discipline from a recognised University with minimum 60% marks in aggregate and have Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level</p> <p>OR</p> <p>BE / B Tech (Four Year Course) from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks in aggregate</p> <p>2. Final Year students are also eligible to apply, provided they do not have any backlog at the time of SSB Testing and produce Degree certificate issued by the University as per the date stipulated in the advertisement.</p>	Men and Women	June and December. (through AFCAT)
5.	Technical Branch-  University Entry Scheme(UES)	18 to 28 years	<p>Candidates studying in Pre-Final year of BTech/BE degree course.</p> <p>On completion of degree, minimum 60% of marks in aggregate in all papers put together are mandatory.</p>	Men only. Permanent Commission.	December every year (through AFCAT)
6.	Technical Branch-  Aeronautical Engineering Course (Electronics or Mechanical)	18 to 28 years	<p>1. BE / B Tech (Four Year Course) from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks in aggregate</p> <p>2. Final year students are eligible to apply provided they do not have any present backlog at the time of SSB testing and they produce provisional/ original degree issued by the University as per the date stipulated in the advertisement</p>	Men and Women.  Permanent Commission (for men) / Short Service Commission (For men and women)	June and December. (through AFCAT)

## AIRMEN LEVEL

The selection as an Airman in the IAF is conducted through All India Selection Tests and Recruitment Rallies. All India Selection Tests are conducted at the Airmen Selection Centres (ASCs) located all over India as per schedule, whereas the Recruitment Rallies are conducted from time to time in selected areas/regions of particular States/Union Territories of the country.

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1.	GROUP 'X' trades (Except Education Instructor)	17 to 21 years	Passed Intermediate / 10+2 / equivalent examination with Mathematics, Physics and English, with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English OR Three years Diploma course in Engineering (Mechanical / Electrical / Electronics / Automobile / Computer Science / Instrumentation Technology / Information Technology) from a Government recognised Polytechnic Institute with minimum 50% marks in overall aggregate, and 50% marks in English in Diploma or in Intermediate / Matriculation if English is not a subject in Diploma	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.
2.	Group 'X' : Education Instructor Trade	20 to 25 years	Graduate in Arts, Commerce or Science with B. Ed degree or two years teaching experience in a Government recognised School/College, with minimum 50% marks in aggregate in Graduation as well as B. Ed	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.
3.	Group 'X' : Education Instructor Trade	20 to 28 years	Passed MA English / MSc in Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science / MCA with B Ed degree or 2 Years teaching experience in a Government recognised School / College	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.
4.	Group 'Y' Trades ( Except Med Asst and Musician)	17 to 21 years	Passed Intermediate / 10+2 / equivalent examination in any stream / subject approved by Central / State Education Boards with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English OR	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.

			Passed two years vocational course affiliated / recognised by CBSE / State Education Boards / Councils duly recognised at par with 10+2 by AIU with minimum 50 % marks in aggregate, and 50% marks in English in Vocational Course or in Intermediate / Matriculation if English is not a subject in Vocational Course		
5.	Group 'Y' : Med Asst Trade	17 to 21 years	Passed 10+2 / Intermediate / equivalent exam with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English with a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.
6.	Group 'Y' : Musician Trade	17 to 25 years	Passed Matriculation / 10th class or equivalent with minimum pass marks from any Government recognised School/Boards and proficient in playing at least one of the following musical instruments: Trumpet / Bass / Violin / Saxophone / Clarinet / Euphonium / Jazz-Drum / Piccolo / Bass Trombone / Key Board / Guitar / Sarod / Viola / Cello / Contra Bass (String Bass).	Men only.	As advertised/Recruitment rallies.

**Note:** For Army and Navy also, posts like cook, musician, driver, multi-tasking staff etc. are available. Recruitment is done for each wing through their own recruiting office.

For further details related to recruitment, contact:

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