

WAYS TO JOIN INDIAN AIRFORCE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER

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Abstract: Indian air force is the cradle of training for pilots, ground duty and technical officers. Indian Air Force aims to cultivate honour and integrity in every cadet and strives to graduate air warriors worthy of an Indian Air Force. The mission of Indian Air Force is to inspire and transform outstanding young men and women into courageous, dynamic, intellectual and motivated to lead one of the leading aerospace forces of the world in service to the nation.

There are certain ways to be the part of one of the leading aerospace forces of the world both as commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Glimpse of some of the ways are discussed below.

- 1. NDA:** - The individual gets the opportunity to join the Indian air force as an officer after clearing 12th class with PCM with an aggregate percentage of 60%. The individual gets eligible to give the exam of National Defense Academy which is conducted by UPSC twice a year. The candidates clearing the written exam has to undergo through 5 days SSB interview which is an overall personality test and only well-prepared candidates are able to clear it as the selection ratio is only 5%. The recommended candidates are then sent to detailed medical test and after clearing all the stages a final merit list is published and the selected candidates are called to NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (Khadakwasla) for 3 years training and candidates who successfully completed this 3 years rigorous training schedule are sent to AIR FORCE ACADEMY (Dundigal) for further training. Only male candidates can apply for this entry.
- 2. CDSE:** - COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICE EXAMINATION gives the opportunity to an individual to join the most prestigious force after completing the graduation and is conducted twice a year. The candidates clearing the written exam have to undergo through 5 days SSB interview and then the recommended candidates are sent for detailed medical test. The candidates falling into the final merit list need to report to the air force academy on the required date and time with all the necessary documents. Both male and female can apply for this entry.
- 3. AFCAT:** - AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION

TEST is another most important entry for an individual to join the Indian Air Force. The candidates clearing the graduation from any stream can apply into this entry. The candidates clearing the written exam have to undergo through 5 days SSB interview and then the recommended candidates are sent for detailed medical test. The candidates falling into the final merit list need to report to the air force academy on the required date and time with all the necessary documents. Both male and female can apply for this entry.

- 4. METROLOGICAL BRANCH:** - This entry is open for all the candidates after post-graduation in any science stream/mathematics/statistics/geography/computer applications/environmental science/applied physics/oceanography/meteorology/agricultural meteorology/ecology and environment/geo-physics/environmental biology with minimum 50% marks in total in all the papers put together (provided that math's and physics are the subjects at graduation level, with minimum 55% in both). Both male and female can apply for this entry.
- 5. NCC ENTRY:** - NATIONAL CADET CORPS gives the bright opportunity to the cadets having C Certificate from the air wing to join the Indian air force. They are directly called for the interview and recommended candidates are called for detailed medical test. Selected names in the merit list are required to report to the academy fulfilling all the required formalities. Both male and female can apply for this entry.
- 6. UES ENTRY:** - UNIVERSITY ENTRY SCHEME it is for those candidates who are in the pre final year or has completed their B.tech degree with minimum 60% aggregate and there should be no backlogs in any paper in the previous semester at the time of the SSB interview. They are directly called for the interview and recommended candidates are called for detailed medical test. Selected names in the merit list are required to report to the academy fulfilling all the required formalities. Both male and female can apply for this entry.

AS AN NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

1. **After 10th:** - The individual gets the honor to join the Defense forces just after clearing his 10th or should have diploma or ITI in various posts as IAF recruits for various civilian posts like Multi-Tasking Staff, Stenographer, Content Assistant, Lower Division Clerk, Watchman, Cook , Carpenter, Messenger, Gardener etc. The candidates clearing 12th will be given preference. In this the candidate needs to clear the written exam first and the physical efficiency test which includes 1600m race, 10 pull ups and long jump. the candidates clearing these tests are required to go through skill test and final medical test examination. Selected candidates are required to report at the various training center with all the necessary documents.
2. **X AND Y GROUP:** - The air force schedules the entry at this post twice a year. X group is for technical work and Y group is for non-technical/ground duty. The candidates having science stream (Physics and Math's) along with English are eligible to appear for this examination. Candidates clearing the exam are called for physical test and final medical test. Names of students in the final merit list are required to report at the training center.