

HOW TO JOIN FLYING BRANCH OF INDIAN AIR FORCE



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INTRODUCTION

Indian Air Force is one of India's four armed forces. We all are fascinated by one or the other time with jets flying in the sky. Indian Air Force is one institution where you can fly those jets and not only see them. No matter what your job in this prestigious institution is, being a part of it will be a matter of immense pride. Though none of the Armed Forces is lesser than the others, the Air Force has its own charm.

Let's look at a few reasons to join the Air Force. The motto: 'Touch the sky with glory.' this motto in itself is a reason enough to join this branch of the Armed Forces. Each word in the motto is filled with inspiration and honor. You get a chance to fly a jet and get paid for doing so. It is a job full of adventure, pride, and satisfaction. Can you find anybody with the perfect manners and notable aviators more attractive than an officer in uniform? I can bet no!



The style is not only about the uniform or the pipes; it is about etiquette and manners. You spend a considerable amount of time in training; you make friends there. Your fellow officers in whichever unit you get posted become a family for you. It is a lasting bond.

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A prospect can join the Flying branch of the Indian Air Force through one of the following: -

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA) ENTRY

Entry through NDA is available for prospects who have completed 10 +2

ENTRY RECRUITMENT MANAGED BY

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

Gender

Male & Female

TYPE OF COMMISSION

Permanent Commission



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Must be an Indian Citizen

EDUCATION QUALIFICATION

10+2 with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics (Students appearing in 12th standard can also apply), subject to fulfilment of the qualification as on the date of commencement of the course

AGE LIMIT

16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on the date of commencement of training.

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MARITAL STATUS OF THE CANDIDATE

Unmarried



COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDSE) ENTRY

Entry through CDSE is available for prospects who have graduated from a recognized university. The detailed QRs are given below.

GENDER

Male

TYPE OF COMMISSION

Permanent Commission (PC)

AGE

20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (An additional two years relaxation is available for Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) holders)

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Any Graduate/BE/B Tech degree holder having passed Physics & Mathematics at 10+2 LEVEL. Students appearing for the final year/ semester can also apply, provided there are no backlogs/ arrears in papers of previous semesters.

AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

Entry through AFCAT is also available for prospects who have graduated from a recognized university.

GENDER

Male & Female

TYPE OF COMMISSION

Short Service Commission (SSC)

AGE

20 to 24 years as of the date of commencement of training (Additional two years relaxation is available for Commercial Pilot License holders)



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Unmarried

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in math and physics at the 10+2 level.

AND

Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent

OR

BE/B Tech degree (four-year course) from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent

OR

Candidates who have cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) SPECIAL ENTRY

The NCC Special Entry scheme is unique for graduates with a valid NCC Air wing "C" certificate.

GENDER

Male Female

TYPE OF COMMISSION

Permanent Commission for Men Short Service Commission



AGE

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OTHER PRE-REQUISITES

Should have a valid NCC "Air" Wing 'C' Certificate

Conclusion

Working in the Indian Air Force is not a job; it's a way of living. Here is an opportunity to dedicate yourself to the honor and glory of our motherland as a defender of the Sovereign Skies become a part of the noblest and most selfless of the professions, the Indian Air Force, where your pledge to protect the frontiers of our aerospace, where your bravery, daring, grit and the never-say-die spirit are tested every day in every conceivable situation to bring out the best.



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