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INVITES ENTERPRISING & ADVENTUROUS INDIAN CITIZENS (MEN AND WOMEN) TO JOIN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN FLYING, GROUND DUTY (TECHNICAL) AND GROUND DUTY (NON-TECHNICAL) BRANCHES. REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON 03 DEC 2016 AND CLOSE ON 29 DEC 2016

## AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) - 01/2017: COURSES COMMENCING IN JANUARY 2018

- Online applications are invited for the courses commencing in **January 2018** for grant of Short Service Commission (SSC) in **Flying Branch** and Permanent Commission (PC) / Short Service Commission (SSC) in **Ground Duty (Technical)** and **Ground Duty (Non-technical)** Branches.
- Branches and eligibility criteria are as given in the table:-

Branch & Course Number	Educational Qualification	Visual Standards*	Age	Height & Weight	
<b>Flying</b> (203/18F/SSC/M & W)	Graduates (Minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognized University who have attained minimum 60% marks or equivalent and have passed Maths & Physics at 10+2 level or BE / B Tech degree (Four year course) or cleared section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institute Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised University with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.	1. <b>Candidates who habitually wear spectacles are not eligible.</b> 2. Minimum distant vision 6/6 in one eye and 6/9 in other correctable to 6/6 only for Hyper metropia colour vision CP-1. Hypermetropia: +2.0 D Sph, Manifest Myopia: Nil, Retinoscopic Myopia: -0.5 in any meridian permitted, Astigmatism: + 0.75 D Cyl (with +2.0 D- Max) Maddox Rod Test (i) at 6 meters - Exo-6 prism D, Eso-6 prism D, Hyper-1 prism D, Hypo-1 prism (ii) at 33 cms -Exo-16 prism D, Eso-6 prism D, Hyper-1 prism D, Hypo-1 prism D. Hand held stereoscope - All of BSV Grades. Convergence - upto 10 cm. Cover test for distant and near - Lateral divergence/convergence recovery rapid and complete Radial Keratotomy (RK), Photo Refractive Keratotomy (PRK) surgery for correction of refractive errors are not permitted for any Air Force duties. Candidates having undergone cataract surgery with or without IOL implants will also be declared unfit. Binocular Vision - Must possess good binocular vision (fusion and stereopsis with good amplitude and depth).	20 to 24 years as on 01 Jan 2018 i.e. Born between 02 Jan 1994 to 01 Jan 1998. (Both Dates inclusive). Upper age limit for Candidates holding valid and current Commercial Pilot Licence issued by DGCA (India) is relaxable upto 26 years i.e. Born between 02 Jan 1992 to 01 Jan 1998 (Both dates inclusive).	Minimum 162.5 cms, Leg Length: Min - 99 cms, Max - 120 cms. High Length : Max - 64 cms, Sitting Height : Min - 81.5 cms. Max - 96 cms. Proportionate to the height and age.	
<b>Ground Duty (Technical)</b> 202/18T/PC/M 202/18T/SSC/M & W	Candidates with minimum 60% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level and a minimum of four year degree graduation/integrated post-graduation qualification in Engineering/Technology from recognised University or cleared Sections A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institute of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India or Graduate membership examination of the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers by actual studies with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in the following disciplines:- (aa) Communication Engineering (ab) Computer Engineering/Technology (ac) Computer Engineering & Application (ad) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (ae) Electrical and Computer Engineering (af) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (ag) Electrical Engineering (ah) Electronics Engineering/Technology (aj) Electronics Science and Engineering (ak) Electronics (al) Electronics and Communication Engineering (am) Electronics and Computer Science (an) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (ao) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) (ap) Electronics and Computer Engineering (aq) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering (ar) Electronics Instrument & Control (as) Electronics Instrument & Control Engineering (at) Instrumentation & Control Engineering (au) Instrument & Control Engineering (av) Information Technology.	<b>Maximum Limits of Refractive Error</b> Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: ± 2.50 D Cyl	<b>Visual Acuity Errors</b> Corrected visual acuity should be 6/9 in each eye. Wearing of glasses will be compulsory when advised.	<b>Colour Vision</b> CP-II	20 to 26 years as on 01 Jan 2018 i.e. Born between 02 Jan 1992 to 01 Jan 1998 (both dates inclusive). The minimum acceptable height for male candidates is 157.5 cms. For women candidates minimum acceptable height is 152 cms. (For Gorkhas and individual belonging to hills of North-Eastern region of India, Garhwali and Kumaon, the minimum acceptable height will be 5 cms less. In case of candidates from Lakshadweep, the minimum acceptable height will be by 2 cms less. Applicable to men and women). Proportionate to the height and age.
<b>Ground Duty (Non-technical)</b> 202/18G/PC/M 202/18G/SSC/M & W	<b>Administration</b> Graduate Degree (Minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with 60% marks or equivalent or cleared section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institute of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. <b>Logistics</b> Graduate Degree (Minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with 60% marks or equivalent or cleared section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institute of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. <b>Accounts</b> B. Com. degree (Minimum three year degree course) from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. <b>Education</b> MBA / MCA or MA / M Sc degree in English / Physics / Mathematics / Chemistry / Statistics / International relations / International studies / Defence studies / Psychology / Computer Science / IT / Management / Mass Communication / Journalism / Public Relation with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate all paper put together in Post Graduation (Minimum two year programme) and 60% marks in graduation (both recognised by UGC / Competent Accreditation Authority).	Hypermetropia: +2.0 D Sph Myopia: -0.5 D Sph Astigmatism: +0.5 D Cyl	A minimum to 6/9 in each eye correctable to 6/6 in each eye. Wearing of glasses will be compulsory when visual acuity is below 6/6.	CP-I	
		Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: ± 2.50 D Cyl	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/6 in the better eye and 6/18 in the worse eye. Wearing of glasses will be compulsory.	CP-III	
		Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: ± 2.50 D Cyl	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/6 in the better eye and 6/18 in the worse eye. Wearing of glasses will be compulsory.	CP-III	

\* LASIK surgery for all branches (Flying/Ground Duty (tech)/ Ground Duty (Non-tech) are as follows:-

- Candidates who have undergone PRK (Photo Refractive Keratotomy)/LASIK (Laser in Situ Keratomileusis) may be considered fit for commissioning in Air Force all branches.
- Post PRK/LASIK candidates must meet the visual requirements required for the branch as laid down in Para 3.12.5.2 IAP 4303(4<sup>th</sup> edition).
- The following criteria must be satisfied prior to selecting post-PRK/LASIK at the time of Air Force Medical Examination.
  - PRK/LASIK surgery should not have been carried out before the age of 20 years.
  - The axial length of the eye should not be more than 25.5 mm as measured by IOL master.
  - At least 12 months should have elapsed post uncomplicated stable PRK/LASIK with no history or evidence of any complication.
  - The post LASIK corneal thickness as measured by a corneal pachymeter should not less than 450 microns.
  - Individuals with high refractive errors (>6D) prior to LASIK are to be excluded.
  - RK surgery for correction of refractive errors are not permitted for any Air Force duties. Candidates having undergone cataract surgery with or without IOL implants will also be declared unfit.

Note: LLB qualified candidates (after commissioning) may get an opportunity to be employed on legal duties of the IAF.

3. Candidates appearing in final year/semester examinations may apply for all courses commencing in January 2018 provided they fulfil the following conditions:-

- Candidates should not have any present backlog and should have secured a minimum of 60% marks upto the last semester / year for which results have been declared at the time of online submission and at the time of AFSB.
- Candidates should be able to provide provisional / original degree certificate issued by University latest by 15 November 2017.

### TYPE OF COMMISSION.

- PC.** Candidates joining as PC officers would continue to serve till the age of superannuation.
- SSC.**
  - The Engagement period for SSC Flying Branch is Fourteen years from the date of Commissioning (Not extendable).
  - The initial tenure for SSC officers in Ground Duty (Tech) and Ground Duty (Non-Tech) Branches would be for a period of ten years. An extension of four years may be granted subject to willingness, suitability, service requirements and availability of vacancies.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

- All applicants whose applications are submitted by due date will be called for AFCAT and Engineering Knowledge Test (EKT) on 26 February 2017 (Sunday) at one of the examination centres mentioned at para 14 (b). The AFCAT will be of two hours duration and will contain multiple choice questions on verbal ability, numerical ability, reasoning, general awareness and military aptitude. Sample question papers and syllabus of AFCAT/EKT is available on IAF career website [www.careerairforce.nic.in](http://www.careerairforce.nic.in). EKT would be for 45 minutes and conducted immediately after AFCAT. It is mandatory for the candidates opting for ground duty (technical) branch to pass both AFCAT & EKT.
- Candidates who are short-listed on the basis of AFCAT/EKT will be called for further testing at one of the Air Force Selection Boards (AFSBs) at Dehradun, Mysore, Gandhinagar, Varanasi or Kancharapara. Candidates who opt for flying branch can opt for Dehradun, Mysore and Varanasi only. The testing would consist of three stages as given below:-
  - Stage-I.** Test consisting of Intelligence Test along with other tests will be conducted on the first day. Stage-I test is a screening test and only those who qualify would undergo subsequent testing. All Stage-I qualified candidates would be subjected to document check to ascertain their eligibility for the branches applied for. Those candidates who either do not qualify in Stage-I or do not meet the required eligibility criteria would be sent back on the first day itself.
  - Stage-II.** Testing consisting of Psychological, Group Tests and Interview will be conducted on subsequent days (Five Days).
  - For Flying Branch.** Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS) would be administered to eligible candidates. This is once in a lifetime test. Candidates who have failed the (CPSS)/PABT in an earlier attempt or a Flight Cadet suspended from flying training at Air Force Academy will not be eligible to apply.
- Change of Interview Dates.** Request for change of AFSB interview date should be avoided. However, as an exception, such change may be considered based on the circumstances of the case. Request for such change should be forwarded to the respective AFSB as mentioned in the call letter and not to Air Headquarters/AFCAT Cell. The AFSBs may consider change of date at their discretion. E-mail ID and telephone numbers of AFSB centres / contact details of AFSBs are available under the link of contact us at Indian Air Force website [www.careerairforce.nic.in](http://www.careerairforce.nic.in).

9. Medical Examination will be conducted at AFCME, New Delhi or IAM Bengaluru based on the recommendations at AFSB. Non reporting of candidates on allotted date for medicals could lead to cancellation of candidature.

10. Candidates recommended by the AFSBs and declared medically fit will be detailed for training if the candidates qualify in the final merit list depending on the number of vacancies available in various branches/ sub branches. Grant of PC/SSC in Ground Duty (Technical) and Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branches would be based on number of vacancies, performance in the selection process and the choice given by the candidates.

11. No compensation will be paid in respect of any injury sustained during the testing at AFSB.

12. 10% of the vacancies are reserved for NCC Air Wing 'C' certificate holders in Flying, Ground Duty (Technical) and Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branches. This is not to be confused with NCC special entry scheme. Advertisement for NCC special entry scheme will be published subsequently.

13. Onus of meeting the eligibility criteria rests with the applicant. Merely undergoing AFCAT/AFSB testing would not constitute fulfilment of eligibility requirements.

14. **How to Apply.**

(a) If you meet the eligibility criteria, please click on "CANDIDATE LOGIN" in the career website of IAF [www.careerairforce.nic.in](http://www.careerairforce.nic.in) and follow the instructions. You are advised to note down Registration number for future correspondence. Candidates are advised to read the notification for AFCAT 01/2017 and the detailed guidelines for filling up online application as given in the website [www.careerairforce.nic.in](http://www.careerairforce.nic.in) prior to commencement of filling up online applications. While filling online application, it is advisable to keep the relevant documents readily available, as details are to be filled as per matriculation and other educational certificates. Please save your recent colour passport size photograph (size 10 to 50 KB) in the computer for uploading it with your online application form. Please note that utmost care needs to be taken while filling up the online application. In case any information is found to be incorrect, the candidature is likely to be cancelled at any stage of the selection process. Submission of more than one application will result in cancellation of candidature.  
(b) Details of AFCAT centres are appended and would be allocated as per availability of seats at AFCAT centre. The centres are allocated on first cum first basis and candidate might get another centre beyond his/her choice on delayed submission of application. No change of centre will be entertained.

### AFCAT CENTRES

Ambala, Amritsar, Allahabad, Agra, Ahmedabad, Barnala, Bathinda, Bengaluru, Belgaum, Bidar, Bagdogra, Bareilly, Chandigarh, Chabua, Chennai, Dehradun, Delhi, Darbhanga, Gorakhpur, Gwalior, Guwahati, Halwara, Hashimara, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jalandhar, Jammu, Jorhat, Jaipur, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Kalaikunda(Kharagpur), Kochi, Leh, Lucknow, Mumbai, Mohanbari, Mysore, Nal (Bikaner), Nagpur, Ojhar (Nasik), Pathankot, Patna, Pune, Port Blair, Salua (Kharagpur), Srinagar, Suratgarh, Sira,Saharanpur, Shillong, Silchar, Sulur (Coimbatore), Thane, Tezpur, Thanjavur, Thiruvananthapuram, Vadodra, Varanasi.

### Notes.

(i) Candidates may contact AFCAT Cell on Toll free number 1800-11-2448 or Phone No 011-26160458/ 26160459 (Direct) or 011-23010231 Extn 7905 to resolve any query regarding AFCAT and application procedure. Query timings are 09:00 to 17:00 (Monday to Friday). E-Mail queries may be addressed to [afcatcell@gmail.com](mailto:afcatcell@gmail.com). AFCAT cell will be operational from 03 Dec 16 to 26 Feb 17 only.

(ii) Candidates who are debarred by the Ministry of Defence from holding any type of commission in Defence Services shall not be eligible for admission to AFCAT examination and if admitted, their candidature will be cancelled.

(iii) Candidates who have withdrawn / suspended from Defence Training Establishments on grounds of discipline are not eligible to apply.

(iv) All AFSB related e-mails to be directed to [career\\_iaf@bol.net.in](mailto:career_iaf@bol.net.in) and not to [afcatcell@gmail.com](mailto:afcatcell@gmail.com).

15. **Servicing Airmen.** Servicing Airmen are required to apply online at par with other candidates. In addition, Airmen candidates would be required to apply as per the service format as given in AFO 11/ 2015 through service channel. Other government employees also need to apply online after obtaining necessary permission from their concerned departments and they are to produce NOC at the time of AFSB testing.

### TRAINING.

16. Training is scheduled to commence in the first week of January 2018 for all courses.  
17. The duration of training for Flying and Ground Duty (Technical) Branches is 74 weeks and that of Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branches is 52 weeks at Air Force Training Establishments.

### IAF OFFERS YOU.

18. **Pay and Allowances.** A Flying Officer will be entitled to Pay in Pay Band of ₹ 15,600 - 39,100 per month along with Grade Pay, Military Service Pay, Dearness Allowance, Kit Maintenance Allowance, Transport Allowance. In addition, other allowances are applicable based on nature of duty / place of posting and would include Flying Allowance, Technical Allowance, Field Area Allowance, Special Compensatory (Hill area) Allowance, Special Force Allowance, Siachin Allowance, Island Special Duty Allowance, Test Pilot & Flight Test Engineer Allowance, Area Allowance and Remote Locality Allowance. On successful completion of Training, newly commissioned Flying officers would be entitled to approximate gross monthly emoluments in different branches including Transport Allowance of major cities as follows:-  
(a) Flying Branch :: ₹ 82,050/-

(b) Ground Duty (Tech) Branch :- ₹ 71,550/-  
(c) Ground Duty (Non-tech) Branch :- ₹ 68,550/-

Note: The pay and allowances are subject to enhancement based on implementation of VII CPC.

19. **Benefits.** In addition to the Pay & Allowances, officers are entitled to furnished accommodation, comprehensive medical cover for self and dependents, supply of entitled rations, Canteen & officers' Mess facilities and many more. LTC. and Leave (60 days Annual and 20 days Casual) subject to service exigency.

20. **Insurance ₹ 75 Lakh** Insurance Cover (on contribution) is applicable to serving officers. Additional cover of ₹ 10 Lakh (on contribution) is applicable to Flying Branch Officers.

21. **Travel Allowance (TA).** To and fro travelling fare by the shortest route of AC-III Tier/AC Chair Car or actual normal bus fare to the candidates appearing in AFSB for the first time will be reimbursed. Change of address, if any, must be intimated to the Board well before your arrival. You shall furnish the railway ticket/ bus ticket (hard copy) to the Board, failing which no TA will be paid. 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.

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

22. In case the candidates are awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the University from where they have obtained the degree. In case the University does not have any scheme for converting CGPA to percentage conversion certificate, CGPA will be converted into 10 points scale and multiplied by 10 to get equivalent percentage.

23. **Candidates are required to maintain their unique E-Mail ID active throughout the selection process.**

24. Candidates below 25 years of age must be unmarried (term unmarried excludes widower and divorcee even though without encumbrances). Marriage is not permitted during training. Married candidates above 25 years of age are eligible to apply but during training period they will neither be provided married accommodation nor can they live out with family.

25. Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearm i.e. from inside of elbow to the wrist and on the reverse side of palm/ back (dorsal) side of hand. Permanent body tattoos on any other part of the body are not acceptable. Tribes with tattoo marks on the face or body as per their existing custom and traditions will be permitted on a case to case basis.

26. Candidate should not have been arrested, convicted or prosecuted on criminal charges.

27. Candidates must carry Admit Card and a valid photo identity card such as passport, driving licence, voter identity card, college identity card or any other valid photo identity proof while reporting for AFCAT centre and for AFSB Interview. The admit card which is attested at the AFCAT centre is to be carried for the AFSB interview. The onus is on the candidate to produce the valid proof of identity which authenticates name and the date of birth mentioned in Admit Card.

28. The candidature for the courses commencing in January 2018 will be valid only if the proof of meeting eligibility criteria is submitted latest by 15 November 2017.

29. One year ante date seniority will be granted to the candidates joining Ground Duty (Technical) Branch Courses.

30. PAN Card is a mandatory requirement to join AFA.

31. **Online modification of submitted applications may be carried out for name (spelling) and address only on 30 and 31 December 16. Please note that information filled up by the candidates in online application form will be considered final and no amendments will be allowed subsequently.**

32. Candidates are not allowed to carry any textual material, calculators, docu-pen, slide rulers, log tables, electronic watches with facilities of calculator, mobile phones, pager or any other device except the admit card, identity proof inside the AFCAT exam centre premises. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones/pagers to the venue of the examination, as arrangement for safekeeping cannot be assured. If the candidate is in possession of any of the above mentioned items, his/her candidature will be treated as unfair means and his/her examination will be cancelled. He/she will also be debarred for future AFCAT examinations and the equipment will be seized.

33. The OMR answer sheets are evaluated electronically hence it is mandatory for the candidate to write and bubble the particulars (Name, AFCAT number and DOB) and booklet series in the OMR sheet at the appropriate place. Failure/improper bubbling and writing of the same shall lead to non-evaluation of OMR answer sheet.

34. After admission to Air Force Academy, candidates will not be considered for any other commission. They will also not be permitted to appear for any interview or examination after they join for training in the Air Force Academy.

35. Candidates would be given joining instructions for joining the AFA. No other intimation would be given till final merit list is prepared. A candidate would have to make it in the final cut off merit list after completion of written tests, AFSB recommendations and medical examination, to be eligible for joining Indian Air Force.

36. **Physical Conditioning.** Prospective candidates are 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.

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

38. **Statutory Warning.** Selection in the Indian Air Force is free, fair and merit based. Any attempt to influence the selection process detected at any stage is liable to lead to termination of candidature or service and legal action against the concerned individual will be initiated.

FOR ANY QUERY ON INDUCTION AT VARIOUS STAGES CONTACT ON TOLL FREE No. 1800-11-2448

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