भारतीय वायु सेना
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 12 NOV 26 (1100 Hr) AND CLOSE ON 11 DEC 26 (2330 Hr) THROUGH https://afcat.edcil.co.in

AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) - 01/2027/ NCC SPECIAL ENTRY /GATE SCORE ENTRY FOR COURSES COMMENCING IN JANUARY 2028

1. Online applications are invited for the courses commencing in **January 2028** for grant of **Short Service Commission (SSC)** in **Flying Branch** and **Permanent/ Short Service Commission (PC/ SSC) in 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*
AFCAT Entry	Flying	223/28F/SSC/ M&W	As published in Notification for induction cycle 01/2027
	Ground Duty (Technical)	222/28T/PC/ 112AEC/M&W 222/28T/SSC/ 112AEC/M&W	
	Ground Duty (Non-Technical)	222/28G/SSC/ M&W	Adm, Lgs, Accts, Edn, Met — As published in Notification for induction cycle 01/2027
	Ground Duty (Non-Technical)	222/28G/PC/ M&W 222/28G/SSC/ M&W	WS — As published in Notification for induction cycle 01/2027
NCC Special Entry	Flying	223/28F/PC/M and 223/28F/SSC/ M&W	10% seats out of CDSE vacancies for PC and 10% seats out of AFCAT vacancies for SSC
GATE Score Entry	Ground Duty (Technical)	222/28T/PC/ 112AEC/M&W 222/28T/SSC/ 112AEC/M&W	As published in Notification for induction cycle 01/2027

***Disclaimer. The vacancies are 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 January 2028. 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 as per prevailing policies on the subject.

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 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 January 2028 i.e. born between **02 January 2004 to 01 January 2008** (both dates inclusive). Upper age limit for candidates holding valid and current Commercial Pilot License issued by DGCA (India) is relaxable upto **26 years** i.e. born between **02 January 2002 to 01 January 2008** (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 January 2028 i.e. born between 02 January 2002 to 01 January 2008 (both dates inclusive).

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

6. Training. Training will commence in the first week of Jan 2028 for all courses at Air Force Academy Dundigal (Hyderabad). The duration of training for Flying and Ground Duty (Technical) Branches is 74 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 the Pay Commission in effect).

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 while undergoing 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 subsidized 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 participate in 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/ GATE Score Entry. Candidates eligible for one/more entries are to register separately in each entry.

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