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## Carrier Opportunities in Indian Air Force

**Introduction**: - Indian Air Force established in the year 1932. Since then it has become an indispensable part of the Indian defense services. Currently, it has seven commands, five of which are functional and two are non-functional. It has shown tremendous progress and advancements over the years and has served the country at the times of need be it during wartime or during disasters. An evidence of its strength and commend ability comes from the fact that it was named Royal Indian Air Force in 1945 as a result of the recognition of its services and achievements in World War II. India has a credible air power which is counted as one amongst the best in the world. It is considered to be the seventh powerful air force of the world. Currently, it is served by 1.8 lakh personnel, more than 500 transport aircrafts and helicopters, and more than 600 combat aircrafts. This strength makes it the fourth largest Air Force of the world.

join the Indian Air Force as an **officer** in the **flying, technical** or the **ground duty** branches depending on his/her educational qualification. These three branches of the IAF have further sub-streams:

**(a) Flying Branch:** Fighter pilots, Transport pilots, Helicopter pilots - You would be working as any of these pilots both during peace and war. You can get into the flying branch as a graduate through CDS exam (men), through AFCAT exam (men & women), through NCC special entry (men)]. You can also get in after 10+2 by qualifying the NDA/ NA exam.

**(b) Technical Branch:** Mechanical, Electronics - You would be taking care of some of the most sophisticated equipments in the world - You can get into this branch through the exam, AFCAT or through University Entry Scheme (UES.)

**(c) Ground Duty Branch:** Administration, Accounts, Logistics, Education, Meteorology - As part of these mentioned departments, you would be looking after and maintaining human & material resource/ managing funds, work as internal auditors/ work as air traffic controller or fighter controller. You can get into this branch by qualifying AFCAT.

On the **basis of your educational qualifications**, here are the opportunities available for you to **join as an officer in IAF**:

<span style="color:red">**After 10+2**</span>

There is a golden opportunity for young **boys** having 10+2 (Science) qualification with Physics and Maths to join as an officer in the Indian Air Force by appearing for the National Defence Academy (NDA) and Naval Academy (NA) Examination conducted by the UPSC conducted

twice a year in all major cities throughout India.

### After Graduation

Both men and women, who are graduates, can enter the Air Force as officers through this route. Candidates short-listed after the initial selection procedure (such as the AFCAT exam,) go through a rigorous training regimen at one of the Air Force training establishments. Thereafter, they are commissioned as officers and posted at any of the Air Force Stations.

### After Engineering

The Indian Air Force calls for enthusiastic and committed engineers to become a part of the Indian Air Force team. Candidates short-listed after the initial selection procedure ((such as the AFCAT exam and CDS exam), go through a rigorous training regimen at one of the Air Force training establishments. Thereafter, they are commissioned as officers and embark on a glorious and fulfilling career.

As an Engineer, you can soar into a rewarding and challenging career in the Indian Air Force. You can even join the Technical Branch in your final or pre-final year of engineering through the University Entry Scheme. See the advertisement usually published in employment news from time to time.

### After Post Graduation

Men and women who are post-graduates also have opportunities to explore in the Indian Air Force, especially for Ground Duty. You can get in for these services through the AFCAT exam.

## How to join Indian Air Force via Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT)

Any graduate or engineer can enter the Indian Air force through the AFCAT exam conducted in the flying branch.

## Eligibility to join Indian Air Force under AFCAT:

- Age: Candidates aspiring to join the Air force through AFCAT exams must be between the age of 20 to 24 years.
- Nationality: Indian
- Marital status: Single.
- Qualification: Must be a graduate from a recognized institution with at least 60% marks or a similar degree with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. Final year students are also eligible to apply for the exams
- Those who have cleared section A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institute Engineers or Aeronautical Society of India can also apply

# How to join Indian Air Force through the National Defense Academy?

Candidates aspiring to join the force can be become a part of the National Defense Academy and undergo rigorous training. Specialized training is provided at the establishment which helps candidates to prepare for a career in the IAF. After the completion of the training, candidates are commissioned as Permanent Commissioned Officers and then posted as officers in any of the Air Force stations.

**Eligibility to join Indian Air Force under NDA:**

- Age: Candidates willing to join the National Defence Academy must be between the age of 16 and 19 at the time of commencement of the course.
- Nationality: Indian
- Gender: Only men
- Qualification: Must complete 10 + 2 with Physics and Mathematics. Final-year students are also eligible to apply.

# How to join the Indian Air force through National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Both men and women can join the air force through a special entry via the National Cadet Corps. As per that, a permanent commission is offered to the candidates.

**Eligibility to join Air Force under NCC:**

- Age: Candidates must be between the age of 20 to 24.
- Nationality: Indian
- Marital status: Single
- Qualification: Candidates must have a minimum of 50% in 10+2 with maths and physics. Candidates also must be a graduate in any discipline with a minimum of 60% marks/Four-year course in BE or BTech with minimum 60% marks/cleared A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institute Engineers or Aeronautical Society of India. Final year candidates are also eligible to apply.

# How to join the Indian Air force through CDSE?

Any graduate or an engineer can join the Air force through the Combined Defense Services Examinations (CDSE). It is only reserved for men and they can get a permanent commission in the force.

**Eligibility criteria for CDSE:**

- Age: Must be between the age of 19 and 24 years.
- Nationality: Indian
- Marital status: Single
- Qualification: The candidate must be a graduate with mathematics and physics.
- The final year and selected students are also eligible to apply provided they have a degree certificate issued by the University.
- There is no percentage bar for the CDSE level

**Reference :- https://indianairforce.nic.in**