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# नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्।

## Motto of the Indian Air Force

The motto 'Nabhah Sparsham Deeptam' which means Touch the Sky with Glory, is taken from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Srimad Bhagavad Gita, the discourse given by Lord Krishna to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra during the great war of epic Mahabharata.

This is where searing passion meets cutting-edge innovation. Where willpower meets firepower, shaping you into a force for our nation. This is where you push yourself to soar above all.

*This is the*  
**Indian Air Force**  
A Cut Above!



## Our Core Values

# MISSION, INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE

We will do whatever it takes to uphold these values, both in  
peace and war



### **Dear Candidates,**

In Indian Air Force, the range of jobs is as diverse as the skills you learn. With a multitude of different roles available, from Engineering to Information Technology, you'll find something that suits your skill-set and inclination. Additionally, with great state-of-the-art equipment and expert on-the-job training, you will find your skills developing quickly. It's not only work in the Indian Air Force; you will find yourself enjoying a great work-life balance whilst working in a tightly knit, supportive and diverse group.

This brochure is designed to give you an introduction to some of the diverse roles and opportunities a career in the Indian Air Force can offer you. Strive for a life that's a **cut above**.

*Jai Hind!*





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# *Find Your* **PURPOSE** *at the* **INDIAN AIR FORCE**

## Career prospects as per Qualification

One can join the Indian Air Force either at 10+2 stage, Graduation stage or Post-Graduation stage as per the succeeding information.



# AFTER 10+2

An aspirant can join the Indian Air Force in the Flying, Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics), Administration and Logistics branches after completion of 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as subjects through the National Defence Academy (NDA) entry.

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)    **Gender:** Men & Women    **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Branches:** Flying, Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics), Administration and Logistics  
**Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualification:** 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

## AFTER GRADUATION

An aspirant can join the Indian Air Force after completing Graduation from a recognised university through the following entries:



### AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

Through AFCAT entry, an aspirant can join the Indian Air Force in Flying, Ground Duty (Technical) and Ground Duty (Non-Technical) branches as per the following eligibility criteria:

#### FLYING BRANCH

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955    **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried    **Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**  
➤ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**  
➤ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised 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 recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

#### GROUND DUTY (TECHNICAL) BRANCH

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Technical) Branch are available under two sub-branches, viz. Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics) and Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) as mentioned below:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955    **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried    **Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** **AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (ELECTRONICS) {AE(L)}**

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree course with a minimum of four years in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university. **OR**
- Candidates who have cleared Section A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India or Graduate Membership Examination of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers by actual studies with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in any of the following disciplines can join:  
(i) Communication Engineering (ii) Computer Engineering/Technology (iii) Computer Engineering & Application (iv) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (v) Electrical and Computer Engineering (vi) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vii) Electrical Engineering (viii) Electronics Engineering/Technology (ix) Electronics Science and Engineering (x) Electronics (xi) Electronics and Communication Engineering (xii) Electronics and

Computer Science **(xiii)** Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering **(xiv)** Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) **(xv)** Electronics and Computer Engineering **(xvi)** Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering **(xvii)** Electronics Instrument & Control **(xviii)** Electronics Instrument & Control Engineering **(xix)** Instrumentation & Control Engineering **(xx)** Instrument & Control Engineering **(xxi)** Information Technology **(xxii)** Spacecraft Technology **(xxiii)** Engineering Physics **(xxiv)** Electric Power and Machinery Engineering **(xxv)** Infotech Engineering **(xxvi)** Cyber Security **(xxvii)** Applied Electronics & Instrumentation

**AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL) {AE(M)}**

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university. **OR**
- Candidates who have cleared Section A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India by actual studies with a minimum 60% marks or equivalent in the following disciplines can join:  
**(i)** Aerospace Engineering **(ii)** Aeronautical Engineering **(iii)** Aircraft Maintenance Engineering **(iv)** Mechanical Engineering **(v)** Mechanical Engineering and Automation **(vi)** Mechanical Engineering (Production) **(vii)** Mechanical Engineering (Repair and Maintenance) **(viii)** Mechatronics **(ix)** Industrial Engineering **(x)** Manufacturing Engineering **(xi)** Production and Industrial Engineering **(xii)** Materials Science and Engineering **(xiii)** Metallurgical and Materials Engineering **(xiv)** Aerospace and Applied Mechanics **(xv)** Automotive Engineering **(xvi)** Robotics **(xvii)** Nanotechnology **(xviii)** Rubber Technology and Rubber Engineering

**GROUND DUTY (NON-TECHNICAL) BRANCH**

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branch are available under various branches, viz. Weapon Systems, Administration, Logistics, Meteorology, Accounts and Education, as mentioned below:

**Common eligibility criteria: Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branches**

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried      **Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women  
**Branch-wise Educational Qualifications:**

**WEAPON SYSTEMS (WS) BRANCH**

- Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

**ADMINISTRATION (ADM) BRANCH**

- Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

**LOGISTICS (LGS) BRANCH**

- Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

**ACCOUNTS (ACCTS) BRANCH**

- Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- Completed Graduation in any of the following streams with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent from a recognised university:  
**(i)** B.Com Degree (minimum three years course) **(ii)** Bachelor of Business Administration (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Management Studies (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Business Studies (with specialisation in Finance) **(iii)** Qualified CA/CMA/CS/CFA **(iv)** B.Sc. with specialisation in Finance



## METEOROLOGY (MET) BRANCH

- Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- B.Sc. with Physics and Mathematics with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- Four year Graduation in Engineering/Technology discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in the following streams:  
(i) Communication Engineering (ii) Computer Engineering/Technology (iii) Computer Engineering and Application (iv) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (v) Electrical and Computer Engineering (vi) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vii) Electronics Engineering/Technology (viii) Electronics Science and Engineering (ix) Electronics (x) Electronics and Communication Engineering (xi) Electronics and Computer Science (xii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (xiii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) (xiv) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering (xv) Information Technology (xvi) Mechanical Engineering

## COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDSE) ENTRY

Through CDSE entry, aspirants can join the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per CDSE notification) **Gender:** Men **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** Degree of a recognised university (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor of Engineering.

## NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) SPECIAL ENTRY

Through NCC Special entry, aspirants can join the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Indian **Gender:** Men and Women **Marital Status:** Unmarried **Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC) for Men and Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**  
➤ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**  
➤ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised 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 recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

## AFTER POST-GRADUATION

Aspirants can join the Indian Air Force after completion of Post-Graduation from a recognised university in the Education branch. The **entry will be through AFCAT** as per the following details:

## EDUCATION (EDN) BRANCH

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955 **Gender:** Men and Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried **Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**  
➤ Post-Graduation with a minimum of 50% marks in any discipline including integrated courses offering PG (single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry). **AND**  
➤ Graduation in any discipline with minimum 60% marks.



# *Rise* **ABOVE** *the* **LIMITS**

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## Career Prospects as per Entry

One can join the Indian Air Force either through NDA entry, CDSE entry, NCC Special entry and AFCAT entry, as per the succeeding information.

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# NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA) ENTRY

An aspirant can join the Indian Air Force in the Flying, Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics), Administration and Logistics branches after completion of 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as subjects through the National Defence Academy (NDA) entry.

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)      **Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

# COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDSE) ENTRY

Through CDSE entry, aspirants can join the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per CDSE notification)      **Gender:** Men      **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** Degree of a recognised university (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor of Engineering.

# NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) SPECIAL ENTRY

Through NCC Special entry, aspirants can join the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Indian      **Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC) for Men and Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:**

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level **AND**
- ➔ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised 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 recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

# AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

Through the AFCAT entry, aspirants can join the Flying, Ground Duty (Technical) and Ground Duty (Non-Technical) branches of the Indian Air Force as per the following eligibility criteria:

## FLYING BRANCH

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955  
**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**

- ➔ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised 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 recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

## GROUND DUTY (TECHNICAL) BRANCH

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Technical) Branch are available under two sub-branches, viz. Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics) and Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) as mentioned below:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:**

## AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (ELECTRONICS) {AE(L)}

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree course with a minimum of four years in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university. **OR**
- Candidates who have cleared Section A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India or Graduate Membership Examination of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers by actual studies with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in any of the following disciplines can join:
  - (i) Communication Engineering (ii) Computer Engineering/Technology (iii) Computer Engineering & Application (iv) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (v) Electrical and Computer Engineering (vi) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vii) Electrical Engineering (viii) Electronics Engineering/Technology (ix) Electronics Science and Engineering (x) Electronics (xi) Electronics and Communication Engineering (xii) Electronics and Computer Science (xiii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (xiv) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) (xv) Electronics and Computer Engineering (xvi) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering (xvii) Electronics Instrument & Control (xviii) Electronics Instrument & Control Engineering (xix) Instrumentation & Control Engineering (xx) Instrument & Control Engineering (xxi) Information Technology (xxii) Spacecraft Technology (xxiii) Engineering Physics (xxiv) Electric Power and Machinery Engineering (xxv) Infotech Engineering (xxvi) Cyber Security (xxvii) Applied Electronics & Instrumentation

## AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL) {AE(M)}

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university. **OR**
- Candidates who have cleared Section A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India by actual studies with a minimum 60% marks or equivalent in the following disciplines can join:
  - (i) Aerospace Engineering (ii) Aeronautical Engineering (iii) Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (iv) Mechanical Engineering (v) Mechanical Engineering and Automation (vi) Mechanical Engineering (Production) (vii) Mechanical Engineering (Repair and Maintenance) (viii) Mechatronics (ix) Industrial Engineering (x) Manufacturing Engineering (xi) Production and Industrial Engineering (xii) Materials Science and Engineering (xiii) Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (xiv) Aerospace and Applied Mechanics (xv) Automotive Engineering (xvi) Robotics (xvii) Nanotechnology (xviii) Rubber Technology and Rubber Engineering

## GROUND DUTY (NON-TECHNICAL) BRANCH

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branch are available under various branches, viz. Weapon Systems, Administration, Logistics, Meteorology, Accounts and Education, as mentioned below:

### Common eligibility criteria: Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branches

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried      **Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women  
**Branch-wise Educational Qualifications:**

## WEAPON SYSTEMS (WS) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- ➔ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

## ADMINISTRATION (ADM) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➔ Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

## LOGISTICS (LGS) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➔ Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

## ACCOUNTS (ACCTS) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➔ Completed Graduation in any of the following streams with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent from a recognised university:
  - (i) B.Com Degree (minimum three years course)
  - (ii) Bachelor of Business Administration (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Management Studies (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Business Studies (with specialisation in Finance)
  - (iii) Qualified CA/CMA/CS/CFA
  - (iv) B.Sc. with specialisation in Finance

## METEOROLOGY (MET) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➔ B.Sc. with Physics and Mathematics with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➔ Four year Graduation in Engineering/Technology discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in the following streams:
  - (i) Communication Engineering (ii) Computer Engineering/Technology (iii) Computer Engineering and Application (iv) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (v) Electrical and Computer Engineering (vi) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vii) Electronics Engineering/Technology (viii) Electronics Science and Engineering (ix) Electronics (x) Electronics and Communication Engineering (xi) Electronics and Computer Science (xii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (xiii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) (xiv) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering (xv) Information Technology (xvi) Mechanical Engineering

## EDUCATION (EDN) BRANCH

- ➔ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➔ Post-Graduation with a minimum of 50% marks in any discipline including integrated courses offering PG (single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry). **AND**
- ➔ Graduation in any discipline with minimum 60% marks.



# NEXT STOP THE TOP

Two Indian Air Force fighter jets, likely Su-30MKI, are shown in formation, flying towards the viewer. The jets are light blue with dark blue accents and are equipped with various missiles and pods. The background is a bright, cloudy sky.

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## Career Prospects as per Branch

One can join the Indian Air Force in the Flying, Ground Duty (Technical) and Ground Duty (Non-technical) branches, as per the succeeding information.

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# FLYING BRANCH

The flying branch of the Indian Air Force is the one which recruits pilots to operate advanced aircrafts like fighter planes and jets.

An aspirant can join the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force by clearing one of the following:

## NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA)

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried      **Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ as on commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

## COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDSE) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per CDSE notification)      **Gender:** Men  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** Degree of a recognised university (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor of Engineering.

## AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried      **Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level **AND**  
➊ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent **OR**  
➋ BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent **OR**  
➌ Candidates who have cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

## NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) SPECIAL ENTRY

**Nationality:** Indian      **Gender:** Men & Women  
**Marital Status:** Unmarried      **Age Limit:** 20 to 24 years as on the date of commencement of training (Additional 2 years relaxation is available for valid Commercial Pilot Licence [CPL] holders)  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC) for Men and Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level **AND**  
➊ Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent **OR**





- BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised 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 recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.



# GROUND DUTY (TECHNICAL) BRANCH

The technical branch of Ground Duty of the Indian Air Force takes care of the technology that runs IAF. Young engineers recruited to the Indian Air Force have the opportunity to learn about the mechanical and electrical side of the organisation and understand how it works.

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Technical) Branch are available under two sub-branches, viz. Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics) and Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) as mentioned below:

## NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA) ENTRY

Entry through NDA entry is available only in Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics) branch for prospects that have successfully completed 10 +2.

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)      **Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.



## AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955

**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training

**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:**

### AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (ELECTRONICS) {AE(L)}

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level. **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree course with a minimum of four years in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university. **OR**
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### AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL) {AE(M)}

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level **AND**
- Graduation/Integrated Post-Graduation Degree in Engineering/Technology from a recognised university **OR**
- Candidates who have cleared sections A and B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India by actual studies with a minimum 60% marks or equivalent in the following disciplines can join:





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# GROUND DUTY (NON-TECHNICAL) BRANCH

Managing human and material resources to administration, the Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branch is the mechanism that steers the Indian Air Force.

The career prospects in the Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branch are available under various branches, viz. Weapon Systems, Administration, Logistics, Meteorology, Accounts and Education, as mentioned below:

## WEAPON SYSTEMS (WS) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Weapon Systems branch of the Indian Air Force through Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT) entry, as per the details shown below:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955      **Gender:** Men & Women

**Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training

**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a minimum of 50% marks each in Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 level. **AND**

- Graduation with a minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- BE/B.Tech Degree (four years course) from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.



## ADMINISTRATION (ADM) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Administration Branch of the Indian Air Force through any one of the following:

### NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA)

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)    **Gender:** Men & Women    **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates must have mandatorily passed 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

### AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955  
**Gender:** Men & Women    **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**  
❶ Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**  
❷ Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

## LOGISTICS (LGS) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Logistics Branch of the Indian Air Force through any one of the following:

### NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Citizen of India\* (\*As per NDA notification)    **Gender:** Men & Women    **Marital Status:** Unmarried  
**Age Limit:** 16 ½ to 19 ½ years as on the date of commencement of training  
**Type of Commission:** Permanent Commission (PC)  
**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates must have mandatorily passed 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.







## AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION TEST (AFCAT) ENTRY

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955

**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training

**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2.

- ➊ Graduate Degree (minimum three year degree course) in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.
- ➋ Cleared Section A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India from a recognised university with minimum 60% marks or equivalent.

## ACCOUNTS (ACCTS) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Accounts Branch of the Indian Air Force through the Air Force Common Aptitude Test (AFCAT) as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955

**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training

**Type of commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:**

- ➊ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➋ Completed Graduation in any of the following streams with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent from a recognised university:
  - (i) B.Com Degree (minimum three years course)
  - (ii) Bachelor of Business Administration (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Management Studies (with specialisation in Finance)/Bachelor of Business Studies (with specialisation in Finance)
  - (iii) Qualified CA/CMA/CS/CFA
  - (iv) B.Sc. with specialisation in Finance

## METEOROLOGY (MET) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Meteorology Branch of the Indian Air Force through the Air Force Common Aptitude Test (AFCAT) as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955

**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on the date of commencement of training

**Type of commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:**

- ➊ Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**
- ➋ B.Sc. with Physics and Mathematics with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent. **OR**
- ➌ Four year Graduation in Engineering/Technology discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in the following streams:

(i) Communication Engineering (ii) Computer Engineering/Technology (iii) Computer Engineering and Application (iv) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology (v) Electrical and Computer Engineering (vi) Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vii) Electronics Engineering/Technology (viii) Electronics Science and Engineering (ix) Electronics (x) Electronics and Communication Engineering (xi) Electronics and Computer Science (xii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (xiii) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave) (xiv) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering (xv) Information Technology (xvi) Mechanical Engineering

## EDUCATION (EDN) BRANCH

An aspirant can join the Education Branch of the Indian Air Force through the Air Force Common Aptitude Test (AFCAT) as per the following eligibility criteria:

**Nationality:** Candidate must be a citizen of India as per Indian Citizenship Act, 1955

**Gender:** Men & Women      **Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Age Limit:** 20 to 26 years as on date of commencement of training

**Type of Commission:** Short Service Commission (SSC) For Men & Women

**Educational Qualifications:** Candidates should have mandatorily passed 10+2. **AND**

- ➊ Post-Graduation with a minimum of 50% marks in any discipline including integrated courses offering PG (single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry). **AND**
- ➋ Graduation in any discipline with minimum 60% marks.

### NOTE

**NDA Entry:** Students appearing in 12<sup>th</sup> standard can also apply, subject to fulfilment of the qualification as on the date of commencement of the training.

**CDS ENTRY:** Students appearing for final year/semester can also apply provided there are no backlog/arrears in papers of previous semesters.

**NCC Special Entry:** Candidates who are studying in the final year/semester Degree course and are yet to pass the final year degree examination can also apply provided candidates should not have any present backlog and should have secured a minimum of 60% marks up to last semester/year for which result have been declared up to the time of submission of application. Candidates must have a valid NCC "Air Wing" senior division 'C' Certificate.

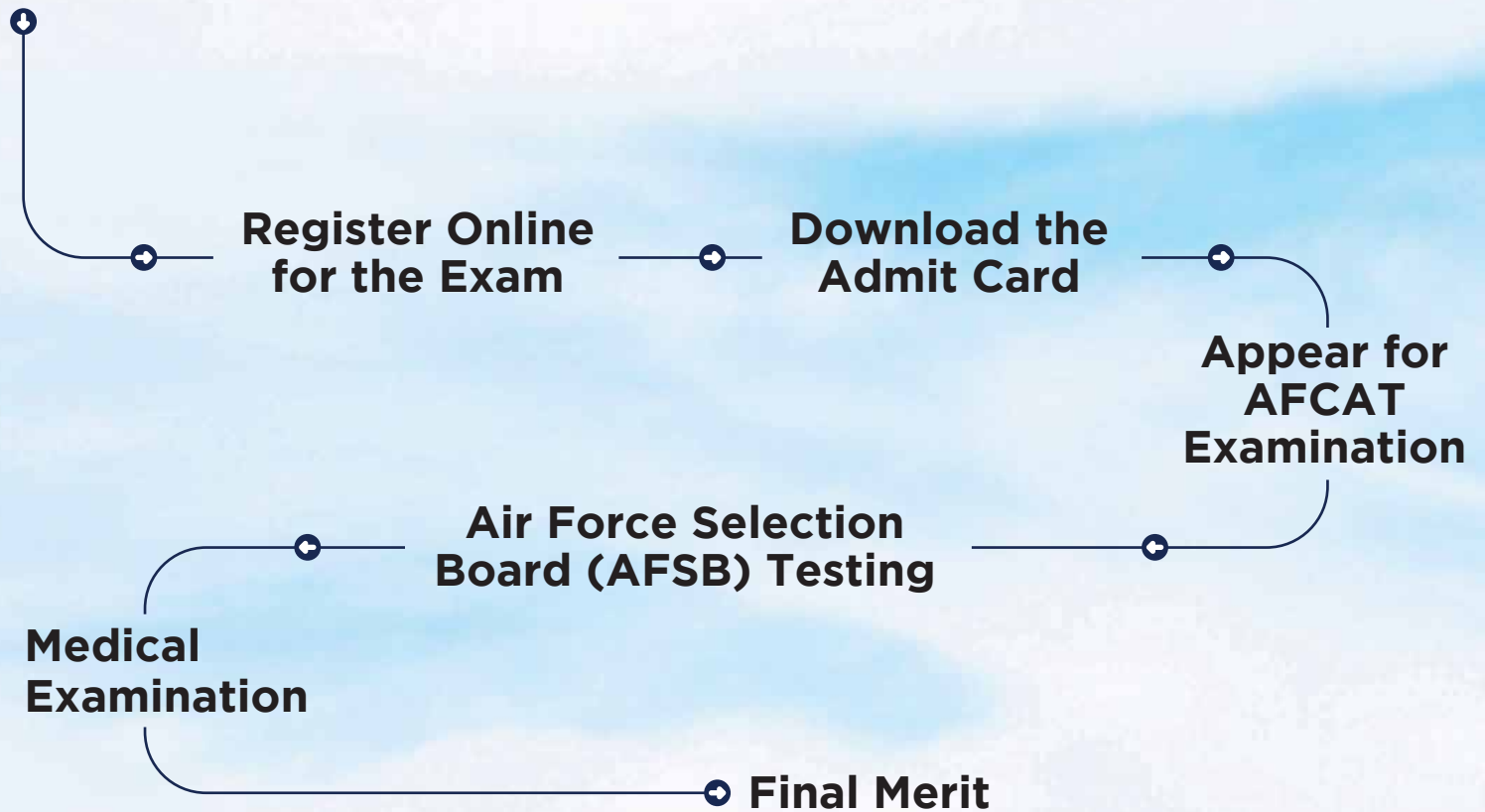
**AFCAT Entry:** Candidates who are studying in the final year/semester Degree course and are yet to pass the final year degree examination can also apply provided candidates should not have any present backlog and should have secured a minimum of 60% marks up to last semester/year for which result have been declared up to the time of submission of application.



# SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

An aspirant can join the Indian Air Force as per the process mentioned below:

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- 1 The first step is to register online for examination. The written examination for NDA and CDSE entry is conducted by UPSC, whereas for AFCAT entry, the online examination is conducted by the Indian Air Force. There is no initial examination for NCC Special entry.
- 2 All those who appear in the examination and make it through the stipulated cut-off are called to Air Force Selection Board (AFSB) for testing.
- 3 Testing at AFSB comprises of:
  - i) Stage-I testing comprising of Officer Intelligence Rating test (OIR) and Picture Perception and Discussion Test (PPDT).
  - ii) Document Check.
  - iii) Only Stage-I cleared candidates shall undergo Stage-II which involves Psychological test, Group test, Interview and the Board Conference.
- 4 After the conference, the result is announced.
- 5 After the results, the selected Flying branch candidates shall additionally undergo the Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS) test.
- 6 After the AFSB testing, the cleared candidates shall undergo medical examination at one of the designated medical establishment.
- 7 An All India Merit List is prepared for all the AFSB-cleared candidates (declared medically fit) depending on the number of vacancies. Candidates making it through the All India Merit List are given joining instructions to undergo training at the designated training establishments.
- 8 Those who successfully complete training at AFA/AFTC, as applicable, are commissioned as an Officer in the Indian Air Force.

# PAY AND BENEFITS AT THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

Rank	Pay as per Defence Matrix Branches	Level	MSP
Flying Officer	₹ 56,100 – ₹ 1,77,500	10	₹ 15,500

**Note:** Flight cadets shall receive a fixed stipend of INR 56,000 per month for the period of training.

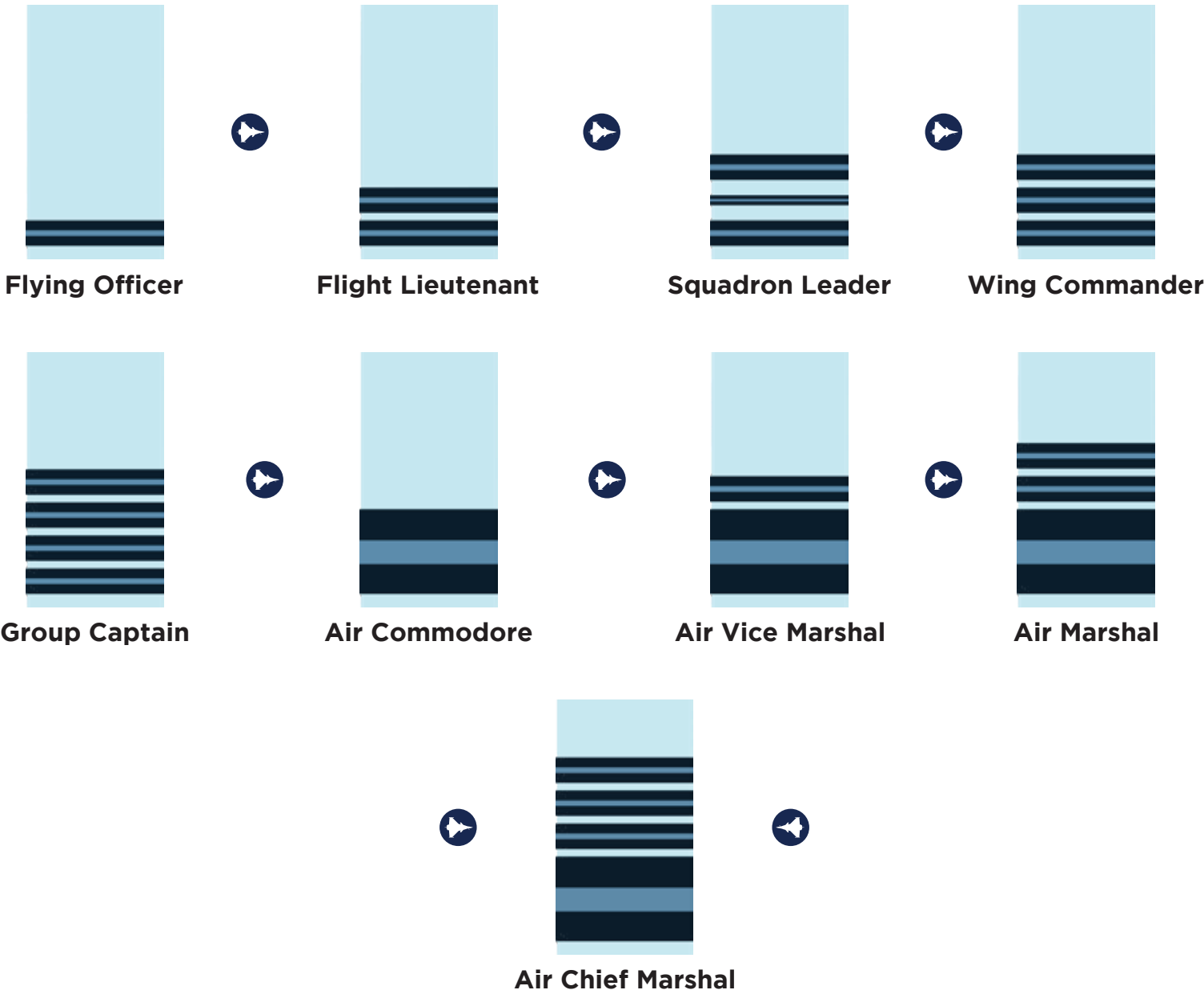
As you grow in rank and stature in the Indian Air Force, you are entitled to certain allowances based on the nature of the duty or place of posting, etc. Certain privileges like furnished accommodation, comprehensive medical cover for self and dependents, Canteen Stores Department (CSD), Officers’ mess facilities, loans at subsidised rates and LTC are given to Air Force Officers, subject to service exigencies.

Serving Air Force Officers are insured for an amount of INR 1.10 Crore with an additional insurance cover of INR 15 lakhs for air crew officers. Retirement benefits like pension, gratuity and leave encashment are provided as per the Indian Air Force rules. Continuation of medical facilities and Canteen Stores Department facilities are also offered under retirement benefits .

**Note-** SSC officers are not entitled for grant of pension/retirement benefits.

## RANK STRUCTURE

Initially, an officer joins as Flying Officer and subsequently climbs the ladder.





# SPORTS AND ADVENTURE




The Air Force lays a lot of emphasis on physical, sporting and adventure activities with the objective of nurturing the productivity of its personnel. The Indian Air Force provides state-of-the-art facilities for young aspirants to indulge in various sports activities like aero sports, terrestrial sports and water sports.





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