



भारतीय वायु सेना / Indian Air Force

INVITES ENTERPRISING & ADVENTUROUS INDIAN CITIZENS (MEN AND WOMEN) TO JOIN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN METEOROLOGY BRANCH. REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON 21 JAN 17 AND CLOSE ON 17 FEB 17.

METEOROLOGY BRANCH: COURSES COMMENCING IN JANUARY 2018

1. Online applications are invited for the courses commencing in **January 2018** for grant of Permanent Commission (PC) / Short Service Commission (SSC) in **Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branch**.
2. Eligibility criteria is given in the table:-

Branch & Course Number		Educational Qualification	Visual Standards *			Age	Height & Weight
Ground Duty (Non-technical)	Meteorology	Post Graduate Degree in any Science stream / Mathematics / Statistics / Geography / Computer Applications / Environmental Science / Applied Physics / Oceanography / Meteorology / Agricultural Meteorology / Ecology & Environment / Geo-physics / Environmental Biology with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate of all papers put together (Provided Maths and Physics were studied at Graduation Level with a minimum of 55% marks in both).	Maximum Limits of Refractive Error	Visual Acuity Errors	Colour Vision	20 to 26 years as on 01 Jan 18 i.e. Born between 02 Jan 92 to 01 Jan 98 (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). Weight : Proportionate to the height and age.
	202/18G/PC/M 202/18G/SSC/M & W		Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia : -3.5 D sph Astigmatism: ± 2.5 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-II		

- * **LASIK surgery for Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branch is as follows:-**
(i) Post PRK/LASIK candidates must meet the visual requirements required for the branch as laid down in Para 3.12.5.2 IAP 4303(4th edition).
(ii) The following criteria must be satisfied prior to selecting post-PRK/LASIK at the time of Air Force Medical Examination.
(aa) PRK/LASIK surgery should not have been carried out before the age of 20 years.
(ab) The axial length of the eye should not be more than 25.5 mm as measured by IOL master.
(ac) Atleast 12 months should have elapsed post uncomplicated stable PRK/LASIK with no history or evidence of any complication.
(ad) The post LASIK corneal thickness as measured by a corneal pachymeter should not less than 450 microns.
(ae) Individuals with high refractive errors (>6D) prior to LASIK are to be excluded.
(af) Candidates having undergone cataract surgery with or without IOL implants will also be declared unfit.
3. Candidates appearing in final year/semester examinations may apply for all courses commencing in January 2018 provided they fulfil the following conditions:-
(a) Candidates should not have any present backlog and should have secured a minimum of 50% marks in Post Graduation in aggregate in all papers put together upto the last semester / year for which results have been declared at the time of online submission and at the time of applying/AFSB.
(b) Candidates should be able to provide provisional / original degree certificate issued by University latest by **15 Nov 17**.

- TYPE OF COMMISSION.**
4. **PC for Men.** Candidates joining as PC officers would continue to serve till the age of superannuation.
5. **SSC for Men & Women.** The initial tenure for SSC officers in Ground Duty (Non-tech) Branch 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**
6. All applicants whose applications are submitted by due date will be called for testing at one of the Air Force Selection Boards (AFSBs) at Dehradun, Mysore, Gandhinagar, Varanasi and Kancharapara (for airmen candidates). The testing would consist of three stages as given below:-
(a) **Stage-I.** Consists of Intelligence Test along with PP&DT, 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 Meteorology 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.
(b) **Stage-II.** Testing consisting of Psychological, Group Tests and Interview which will be conducted on subsequent days (Five Days).
7. **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 and availability of Batches. Request for such change should be forwarded to the respective AFSB from where the call letter is received and not to Air Headquarters. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 branch. Grant of PC/SSC in the Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branch would be based on number of vacancies, performance in the selection process.
10. No compensation will be paid in respect of any injury sustained during the testing at AFSB.
11. 10% of the vacancies are reserved for NCC Air Wing 'C' certificate holders.
12. **Onus of meeting the eligibility criteria rests with the applicant. Merely undergoing AFSB testing would not constitute fulfilment of eligibility requirements.**

13. **How to Apply.** If you meet the eligibility criteria, please click on “**CANDIDATE LOGIN**” in the career website of IAF 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 and the detailed guidelines for filling up online application as given in the website 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. Save your recent colour passport size photograph (size 10 to 50 KB) in the computer for uploading it with your online application form. 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.**
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 online application procedure. Query timings are **0900 hrs to 1700 hrs** (Monday to Friday). E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@gmail.com. AFCAT cell will be operational from **21 Jan 17 to 17 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 to apply 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 and not to afcatcell@gmail.com.**
14. **Serving Airmen.** Serving 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.**
15. Training is scheduled to commence in the first week of **January 2018**. Duration of training for Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branch is 52 weeks at Air Force Academy.
- IAF OFFERS YOU.**
16. **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 Field Area Allowance, Special Compensatory (Hill area) Allowance, Siachin Allowance, Island Special Duty Allowance, Area Allowance and Remote Locality Allowance. On successful completion of Training, newly commissioned Flying officers would be entitled to approximate gross monthly emoluments including Transport Allowance of major cities as follows:-
Ground Duty (Non-tech) Branch :- ₹ 68,550/-
Note: The pay and allowances are subject to enhancement based on implementation of VII CPC.
17. **Benefits.** In addition to the Pay and Allowances, officers are entitled to furnished accommodation, comprehensive medical cover for self and dependents, supply of entitled rations, Canteen and officers' Mess facilities and many more. LTC and Leave (60 days Annual and 20 days Casual) subject to service exigencies.
18. **Insurance.** ₹ **75 Lakh** Insurance Cover (on contribution) is applicable to serving officers.
19. **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**
20. 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.
21. **Candidates are required to maintain their unique E-Mail IDs active throughout the selection process.**
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Candidate should not have been arrested, convicted or prosecuted on criminal charges.
25. 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 Interview at Air Force Selection Board. **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.**
26. 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 Nov 17**.
27. PAN Card is mandatory to join AFA.
28. **Online modification of submitted applications may be carried out for name (spelling) and address only on 18 and 19 February 17. Please note that information filled up by the candidates in online application form will be considered final and no amendments will be allowed subsequently.**
29. Use of mobile phones inside AFSBs is prohibited.
30. 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.
31. Candidates would be given joining instructions for joining 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.
32. **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.
33. **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.**
34. **Statutory Warning.** Selection in the Indian Air Force is free, fair and merit based.

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