



NOTIFICATION

भारतीय वायु सेना Indian Air Force

AIR FORCE COMMON ADMISSION ONLINE TEST (AFCAT- 01/2019) FOR FLYING BRANCH AND GROUND DUTIES (TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL)/ NCC SPECIAL ENTRY FOR COURSES COMMENCING IN JAN 2020

Date for submission of Online Applications: 01 DEC 18 to 30 DEC 18

(Indian Air Force career website <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in> or <https://afcat.cdac.in>)

1. Indian Air Force invites Indian citizens (Men and Women) to be part of this elite force as Group A Gazetted Officers in Flying and Ground Duty (Technical and Non-Technical) branches. Online examination will be conducted on **16 Feb 19** and **17 Feb 19** for AFCAT exam.

2. Candidates are to ensure their eligibility for the examination, as follows:-

(a) Candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination viz. Written examination and SSB test will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on verification at any time before or after the written examination or AFSB Testing, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature will be cancelled by the IAF.

(b) **Mere issue of Admit card/Call up letter to the candidate will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally accepted by Indian Air Force.**

3. **Entry, Branch, Course Number and Vacancies.**

Entry	Branch	PC/SSC	Course Number	Vacancies*
AFCAT Entry	Flying	SSC for Men & Women	207/20F/SSC/M & W	SSC-25
	Ground Duty (Technical) {Aeronautical Engineer Electronics and Aeronautical Engineer Mechanical}	PC for Men and SSC for Men & Women	206/20T/PC/M 206/20T/SSC/M & W	AE(L) PC-24, SSC-32 AE(M) PC-10, SSC-14
	Ground Duty (Non-Technical) {Administration, Logistics, Accounts }	PC for Men & SSC for Men & Women	206/20G/PC/M 206/20G/SSC/M & W	Admin : PC-11, SSC-15 Logistics:PC-05,SSC-09 Accounts: PC-07,SSC11
NCC Special Entry	Flying	PC for Men & SSC for Men & Women	207/20F/PC/M 207/20F/SSC/M & W	10% seats out of CDSE vacancies for PC and 10% seats out of AFCAT vacancies for SSC

***Disclaimer.** Vacancies indicated are tentative and subject to change without notice. Actual intake would depend on organisational requirements, various cadre control mechanisms, availability of training slots and actual number of vacancies accruing in Jan 2020. No representation in this regard will be entertained.

Note: There are no intake conduct for Meteorology and Education branches for AFCAT 01/2019 for course commencing in January 2020.

4. **Type of Commission.**

(a) **Permanent Commission (PC) for Men.** Candidates joining as PC officers would continue to serve till the age of superannuation in their respective branches as per their rank.

(b) **Short Service Commission (SSC) for Men & Women.**

(i) The engagement period for **Flying Branch** (Men and Women) SSC Officers is fourteen years from the date of Commissioning (**Non extendable**).

(ii) The initial tenure for **Ground Duty (Technical & Non-Technical)** SSC Officers 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.**

5. **Eligibility Conditions.**

(a) **Nationality.** Candidate must be a citizen of India.

(b) **Age.**

(i) **Flying Branch through AFCAT and NCC Special Entry: 20 to 24 years** as on **01 Jan 2020** i.e. born between **02 January 1996 to 01 January 2000** (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 1994 to 01 January 2000** (both dates inclusive).

(ii) **Ground Duty (Technical & Non-Technical) Branch: 20 to 26 years** as on **01 Jan 2020** i.e. born between **02 January 1994 to 01 January 2000** (both dates inclusive).

(iii) **Marital Status:** Candidates below 25 years of age must be unmarried at the time of commencement of course. Widows/Widowers and divorcees (with or without encumbrances) below 25 years of age are also not eligible. A candidate who marries subsequent to the date of his application though successful at SSB or medical will not be eligible for training. A candidate who marries during the period of training shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him by the Government. 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.

(iv) The date of birth accepted by the IAF is that entered in the Matriculation or Secondary School Leaving Certificate or in a certificate recognised by an Indian University as equivalent to Matriculation or in an extract from a Register of Matriculates maintained by a University, which extract must be certified by the proper

authority of the University or in the Higher Secondary or an equivalent examination certificate. No other document related to age like horoscopes, affidavits, birth extracts from Municipal Corporation, service records and likewise will be accepted.

(v) Sometimes the Matriculation/ Higher Secondary Examination Certificate does not show the date of birth, or only shows the age by completed years or completed years and months. In such cases a candidate must possess a self-attested/ certified copy of a certificate from the Headmaster/ Principal of the Institution from where he/she passed the Matriculation/ Higher Secondary Examination showing the date of his/her birth or exact age as recorded in the Admission Register of the Institution.

(vi) Candidates should note that only the Date of Birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Higher Secondary Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate on the date of submission of application will be accepted by the IAF and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

(vii) **The candidates should exercise due care while entering their Date of Birth. If on verification at any subsequent stage, variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their Matriculation or equivalent examination certificate, will render them disqualified.**

(c) **Educational Qualifications.**

(i) **Flying Branch.** Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a **minimum** of 60% marks each in Maths and Physics at 10+2 level and

(a) Graduation with minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

OR

(b) BE/B Tech degree (Four years course) from a recognised University with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

OR

(c) 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.

(ii) **Ground Duty (Technical) Branch.**

(aa) **Aeronautical Engineer (Electronics) {AE (L)}**. Candidates with a minimum of 60% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level and a minimum of four years degree graduation/integrated post-graduation qualification in Engineering/ Technology from recognized University **OR** cleared Sections 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 the following disciplines:-

(aaa) Communication Engineering.

(aab) Computer Engineering/Technology.

(aac) Computer Engineering & Application.

(aad) Computer Science and Engineering/Technology.

(aae) Electrical and Computer Engineering.

(aaf) Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

(aag) Electrical Engineering.

- (aah) Electronics Engineering/ Technology.
- (aaj) Electronics Science and Engineering.
- (aak) Electronics.
- (aal) Electronics and Communication Engineering.
- (aam) Electronics and Computer Science.
- (aan) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering.
- (aao) Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering (Microwave).
- (aap) Electronics and Computer Engineering.
- (aaq) Electronics Communication and Instrumentation Engineering.
- (aar) Electronics Instrument & Control.
- (aas) Electronics Instrument & Control Engineering.
- (aat) Instrumentation & Control Engineering.
- (aau) Instrument & Control Engineering.
- (aav) Information Technology.

(ab) **Aeronautical Engineer (Mechanical) {AE (M)}**. Candidates with a minimum of 60% marks each in Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level **and a minimum** of four years degree graduation/integrated post-graduation qualification in Engineering/Technology from recognised University **OR** cleared Sections A & B examination of Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India) or Aeronautical Society of India by actual studies with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent in the following disciplines:-

- (aaa) Aerospace Engineering.
- (aab) Aeronautical Engineering.
- (aac) Aircraft Maintenance Engineering.
- (aad) Mechanical Engineering.
- (aae) Mechanical Engineering and Automation.
- (aaf) Mechanical Engineering (Production).
- (aag) Mechanical Engineering (Repair and Maintenance).
- (aah) Mechatronics.
- (aaj) Industrial Engineering.

(iii) **Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branches.**

(aa) **Administration & Logistics.** Graduate Degree (Minimum three years 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 a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.

(ab) **Accounts.** B.Com Degree (**Minimum** three years degree course) from a recognised university with a **minimum** of 60% marks or equivalent.

(ac) **Education.** MBA/ MCA or MA/ MSc degree in English/ Physics/ Mathematics/ Chemistry/ Statistics/ International relations/ International Studies/ Defence Studies/ Psychology/ Computer Science/ IT/ Management/ Mass Communication/ Journalism/ Public Relation with a **minimum** of 50% marks in aggregate of all papers put together in Post-Graduation (Minimum two years programme) **and** 60% marks in graduation, (both recognized by UGC/ Competent Accreditation Authority). For integrated courses (single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry), the minimum duration must be as per prevailing UGC guidelines with a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate of all papers put together.

(iv) **NCC Special Entry (Flying Branch)**. NCC Air Wing Senior Division 'C' certificate acquired on or after 01 Jan 17 is mandatory. Candidates should have mandatorily passed with a **minimum** of 60% marks each in Maths and Physics at 10+2. Graduates with minimum three years degree course in any discipline from a recognized 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.

(v) **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 each).

(vi) **Note**.

(aa) **LLB qualified and integrated/ dual degree candidates may get an opportunity to be employed on legal duties of the IAF (after commissioning).**

(ab) 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.

(ac) 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 candidate should not have any present backlog and should have secured a **minimum** of 60% marks up to the last semester/year for which results have been declared up to the time of submission of application. They are required to submit proof of passing the Degree Examination by 30 Nov 2019 and no request for extending this date will be entertained on the grounds of late conduct of basic qualifying University Examination, delay in declaration of results or any other ground whatsoever.

(ad) Candidates who have failed the Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS)/ Pilot Aptitude Battery Test (PABT) in an earlier attempt or a Flight Cadet suspended from flying training at Air Force Academy will not be eligible to apply in **Flying Branch**.

(d) Candidates who were admitted to an earlier course at the National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy, Air Force Academy, Indian Naval Academy, Officers' Training Academy, Chennai and Officer's Training Academy Gaya but were removed on grounds of indiscipline are ineligible to apply.

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

(f) Candidates who have been convicted on criminal charges and those who are still

stuck in a criminal case are not eligible to apply.

6. **Physical and Medical Standards.** Guidelines with regard to physical and medical standards for candidates are as follows:-

- (a) Candidates must be physically fit according to the prescribed physical standards.
- (b) Medical Examination will be conducted at AFCME, New Delhi or IAM, Bengaluru based on candidates recommended by the AFSB. Non-reporting of candidates on allotted date for medicals could lead to cancellation of candidature. Male candidates will undergo a medical examination by a Board of Service Medical Officers. Women candidates will undergo Medical Examination by a Medical Board comprising of male/ female doctors/ specialists/ Gynaecologist. There will be a Lady Medical Officer as Member of Board. Only those candidates will be admitted to the Academy who are declared fit by the Medical Board. However, the candidates declared unfit will be intimated by the President of the Medical Board and procedure for request for an Appeal Medical Board (**AMB**) will also be intimated to the candidate.
- (c) Candidates who are unfit may apply for AMB to be completed within 42 days of SMB and may request for Review Medical Board (RMB) within one day of completion of Appeal Medical Board. Candidates declared unfit by AMB will be intimated by the President AMB about procedure of challenging the findings of AMB. The candidates will also be intimated that holding RMB will be granted at the discretion of DGAFMS based on the merit of the case and that RMB is not a matter of right. The candidate should address the request for RMB if he/she so desires to DMS (MB)/DGMS (Air), Air HQ, R.K. Puram and a copy of the same is to be handed over to the President of AMB. The office of the DGAFMS will inform the date and place (Delhi and Pune only) where the candidate will appear for an RMB.
- (d) **Height and Weight Parameters**
- (i) **You will be screened for your height and weight at AFSB. In case you do not meet the height criterion when you report to AFSB, you may not be tested. Overweight/obese candidate would be issued with a letter of caution and advised to reduce weight within the specified limits before reporting for medicals. Maximum permissible weight deviation is 01 Standard Deviation (SD) as per the height and weight standards for men and women, failing which the above mentioned letters of caution would be issued.**
- (ii) The minimum acceptable height for men and women candidates in Flying Branch is **162.5 cms**, Leg Length: Min - **99 cms**, Max - **120 cms**. Thigh Length: Max - **64 cms**, Sitting Height: Min - **81.5 cms**, Max - **96 cms** (No concession for age/ sex/ region).
- (iii) The minimum acceptable height for male candidates in Ground Duty (Technical/Non-technical) Branch 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, Garhwal and Kumaon, the minimum acceptable height will be 5 cms less. In case of candidates from Lakshadweep, the minimum acceptable

height will be 2 cms less than what is applicable to men and women respectively).

(iv) Height and Weight standards for men and women are given below for Indian Air Force. Interpolation for weights against height not mentioned may be done.

(aa) **Height and Weight Standards for Male**

Height in cm	Age Range (Years)				
	15-17	18-22	23-27	28-32	33-37
152	46	47	50	54	54
153	47	47	51	55	55
154	47	48	51	56	56
155	48	49	52	56	56
156	48	49	53	57	57
157	49	50	54	58	58
158	49	50	54	58	58
159	50	51	55	59	59
160	51	52	56	59	60
161	51	52	56	60	60
162	52	53	57	61	61
163	52	54	58	61	62
164	53	54	59	62	63
165	53	55	59	63	63
166	54	56	60	63	64
167	54	56	61	64	65
168	55	57	61	65	65
169	55	57	62	65	66
170	56	58	63	66	67
171	56	59	64	66	68
172	57	59	64	67	68
173	58	60	65	68	69
174	58	61	66	68	70
175	59	61	66	69	71
176	59	62	67	70	71
177	60	62	68	70	72
178	60	63	69	71	73
179	61	64	69	72	73
180	61	64	70	72	74
181	62	65	71	73	75
182	62	66	72	74	76
183	63	66	72	74	76
184	64	67	73	75	77
185	64	68	74	75	78
186	65	68	74	76	78
187	65	69	75	77	79
188	66	69	76	77	80
189	66	70	77	78	81
190	67	71	77	79	81
191	67	71	78	79	82
192	68	72	79	80	82
193	68	73	79	81	83
SD	6.0	6.3	7.1	6.6	6.9

(ab) **Height and Weight standards for Female**

Height in cm	Weight in Kg	
	20-25 years	26-30 years
148	43	46
149	44	47
150	45	48
151	45	48
152	46	49
153	47	50
154	47	50
155	48	51
156	49	52
157	49	53
158	50	53
159	51	54
160	51	55
161	52	55
162	52	56
163	53	57
164	54	57
165	54	58
166	55	59
167	56	60
168	56	60
169	57	61
170	58	62
171	58	62
172	59	63
173	59	64
174	60	64
175	61	65
176	61	66
177	62	67
178	63	67
SD	5	5

(e) **Visual Standards**(i) **Visual Standards for Flying Branch**

(aa) **Candidates who habitually wear spectacles are not eligible for flying branch. In case they report for testing they will be tested for other branches (if applied for).**

(ab) Minimum distant vision 6/6 in one eye and 6/9 in other correctable to 6/6 only for Hypermetropia

- 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 DMax)

(ac) Maddox Rod Test

- (i) At 6 meters— Exo-6 prism D
 - Eso-6 prism D
 - Hyper-1 prism D
 - Hypo-1prism D

- (ii) At 33 cms— Exo-16 prism D
 - Eso-6 prism D
 - Hyper-1 prism D
 - 1Hypo-1 prism D

(ad) Hand held Stereoscope—All of BSV Grades

(ae) Convergence—up to 10 cm

(af) Cover test for distant and near - Latent divergence/convergence recovery rapid and complete. Binocular Vision - Must possess good binocular vision (fusion and stereopsis with good amplitude and depth).

(ii) **Visual Standards for Ground Duty (Technical) Branch**

Maximum Limits of Refractive Error	Visual Acuity Errors	Colour Vision
Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: \pm 2.50 D Cyl	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/9 in each eye. Wearing of glasses will be compulsory when advised.	CP-II

(iii) **Visual Standards for Ground Duty (Non-Technical) Branch**

Sub Branch	Maximum Limits of Refractive Error	Visual Acuity Errors	Colour Vision
Administration	Hypermetropia: + 3.5 D Sph Myopia: - 3.5 Sph Astigmatism: \pm 2.50 D Cyl in any meridian	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/6 in each eye	CP-II
Logistics	Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: \pm 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

Accounts & Education	Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.50 D Sph Astigmatism: \pm 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
Meteorology	Hypermetropia: +3.5 D Sph Myopia: -3.5 D Sph Astigmatism: \pm 2.50 D Cyl in any meridian	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

(iv) **Criteria for post LASIK surgery for all branches (Flying/Ground Duty (Tech)/ Ground Duty (Non-tech)).**

(aa) Candidates who have undergone PRK (Photo Refractive Keratotomy)/ LASIK (Laser in Situ Keratomileusis) may be considered fit for commissioning in Air Force for all branches.

(ab) Post PRK/ LASIK candidates must meet the visual requirements required for the branch as laid down in Para 3.12.5.2 of IAP 4303(4th edition).

(ac) The following criteria must be satisfied prior to selecting post-PRK/ LASIK at the time of Air Force Medical Examination:-

(aaa) PRK/ LASIK surgery should not have been carried out before the age of 20 years.

(aab) The axial length of the eye should not be more than 25.5 mm as measured by IOL master.

(aac) Atleast 12 months should have elapsed post uncomplicated stable PRK/LASIK with no history or evidence of any complication.

(aad) The post PRK/ LASIK corneal thickness as measured by a corneal pachymeter should not less than 450 microns.

(aae) Individuals with high refractive errors (>6D) prior to PRK/ LASIK are to be excluded.

(ad) Radial Keratotomy (RK) surgery for correction of refractive errors is not permitted for any Air Force duties. Candidates having undergone cataract surgery with or without IOL implants will also be declared unfit.

(f) The candidate must be physically fit according to the prescribed physical standards which are summarized below:-

- (i) The candidate must be in good physical and mental health and free from any disease/disability which is likely to interfere with the efficient performance of duties.
- (ii) There should be no evidence of weak constitution, bodily defects or overweight.
- (iii) In your own interest you are advised to undergo a preliminary medical check up for wax in ears, refractory error of eyes and fungal infection of skin etc. before reporting for the AFSB interview.
- (iv) Chest should be well developed. The minimum range of expansion after one inspiration should be 5 cms. The measurement will be taken with a measuring tape at a level 1 cm below the nipples in front and just below the angles of the scapulae behind, in standing position with arms by the side. X-Ray of the chest is compulsory and will be taken to rule out any disease of the chest.
- (v) There should be no disease of bones and joints of the body.
- (vi) A candidate should have no past history of mental breakdown or fits.
- (vii) There should be no sign of functional or organic disease of the heart and blood vessel. Blood pressure should be normal and Seropositive HIV status and/ or evidence of STD will entail rejection.
- (viii) The muscles of abdomen should be well developed and there should be no enlargement of liver or spleen. Any evidence of disease of internal organs of the abdomen will be a cause for rejection.
- (ix) **Inguinal Hernia**. Inguinal Hernia (Un-operated) will be a cause for rejection. Those who have been operated for hernia may be declared medically fit, provided:-
 - (aa) Six months have elapsed since operation, documentary proof to this aspect is to be produced by the candidate.
 - (ab) General tone of the abdominal musculature is good.
 - (ac) Surgical scar is well healed healthily without any gaping.
 - (ad) There has been no recurrence to hernia or complication connected with the operation.
- (x) There should be no hydrocele, varicocele or piles.
- (xi) Urine examination will be done and any abnormality, if detected will be a cause for rejection.

(xii) Any disease of the skin which is likely to cause disability or disfigurement will also be a cause for rejection.

(xiii) Pregnancy would be cause for temporary rejection. The individual would be advised to report again to the hospital 24 weeks after an uncomplicated vaginal delivery. In case of an MTP/Abortion the review will be carried out after a period of minimum four weeks and up to 12 weeks. However, in case of caesarean section delivery, the candidate would remain unfit for a period of 52 weeks. The individual would then be examined by the Gynaecologist and assessed regarding her fitness. In cases wherein, a time period of more than six months has elapsed, post her initial medical examination, she would be subjected to repeat complete medical examination as per the existing regulations.

(xiv) The candidates should have sufficient number of natural and sound teeth. A minimum of 14 dental points will be acceptable. When 32 teeth are present, the total dental points are 22. A candidate should not be suffering from severe pyorrhoea.

(xv) X-Ray examination of the chest will include the lower part of cervical spine for presence of cervical ribs. For flying duties, radiograph (AP and lateral views) of cervical, thoracic and lumbo-sacral spine will be carried out. X-Ray examination of other parts of spine will be taken if the SMB considers it necessary.

(xvi) Carrying angle of elbow should not be more than 15° and 18° among males and females respectively.

(xvii) X-ray of Chest is compulsory.

(xviii) The hearing should be normal. A candidate should be able to hear a forced whisper with each ear at a distance of 610 cms in a quiet room. There should be no evidence of present or past disease of the ear, nose and throat. Hearing Standards are as follows:-

(aaa) Speech test : Whispered hearing 610 cms each ear.

(aab) Audiometric Test : Audiometric loss should not exceed +20 db in frequencies between 250 Hz and 8000 Hz.

(xix) Routine ECG should be within normal limits.

(xx) Spinal Conditions. Past medical history of diseases or injury of the spine or sacroiliac joints, either with or without objective signs which have prevented the candidate from successfully following a physically active life, is a case for rejection for commissioning in Flying Branch. History of spinal fracture/prolapsed intervertebral disc and surgical treatment for these conditions will entail rejection. The following conditions detected during medical exam will disqualify a candidate for Air Force Service:-

(aa) Granulomatous disease of spine.

- (ab) Arthritis/Spondylosis.
 - (ac) Rheumatoid arthritis and allied disorders.
 - (ad) Ankylosing spondylitis.
 - (ae) Osteoarthritis, spondylosis and degenerative joint diseases.
 - (af) Non articular rheumatism (e.g. lesions of the rotator cuff, tennis elbow, recurrent lumbago etc.).
 - (ag) Miscellaneous disorders including SLE, dermatomyositis, polymyositis, vasculitis.
 - (ah) Spondylolisthesis/spondylolysis/spondylosis.
 - (aj) Compression fracture of vertebrae.
 - (ak) Scheurman's disease (Adolescent kyphosis).
 - (al) Loss of cervical lordosis when associated with clinically restricted movements of cervical spine.
 - (am) Unilateral/bilateral cervical ribs with demonstrable neurological or circulatory deficit.
 - (an) Any other abnormality if so considered by the specialist.
- (xxi) The following spinal conditions are not acceptable for flying branches:-
- (aa) Scoliosis more than 15 degree as measured by Cobb's method.
 - (ab) Degenerative Disc Disease.
 - (ac) Atlanto—occipital and atlanto-axial anomalies.
 - (ad) Hemi vertebra and/ or incomplete block (fused) vertebra at any level in cervical, dorsal or lumbar spine and complete block (fused) vertebra at more than one level in cervical or dorsal spine.
 - (ae) Unilateral Sacralisation or lumbarisation (Complete or incomplete) at all levels and bilateral incomplete sacralisation or lumbarisation.

7. **How to Apply.** Aspirants for IAF are required to apply online by using the link <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in>, or <https://afcat.cdac.in>. Aadhaar Card is mandatory for online registration. Detailed instructions for filling in the online application form are appended below:-

- (a) Applicants need to exercise utmost care while filling in the online application. In case any information is found to be incorrect, the candidature is liable to be cancelled at any stage of the selection process. **Please verify the correctness of information entered in all the fields before proceeding with the “Make Payment” option. Applicants will not**

be able to edit the previous details entered after the selection of “Course Preferences” step and after the “Make Payment” step.

(b) If an applicant has submitted more than one application, only the latest submitted application form against a particular Aadhaar Number, will be considered for issue of Admit Card. However, the fee deposited while filling additional applications will not be refundable.

(c) Applicants will be required to complete the process of Online Application form which will have the following sequences. Details in tabular form are given in Para 7 (h) below:-

- (i) Click “**CANDIDATE LOGIN**” on the Home page- leads to AFCAT Sign-in.
- (ii) In the next page, applicants to click “**NOT YET REGISTERED? REGISTER HERE**”.
- (iii) Sign Up: Creation of Log-in ID and applicant will receive a password in his/her registered email id.
- (iv) After successful registration, sign-in with registered email id and system generated password.
- (v) Reset Password- Log-Out (candidates must remember their login ID and password for future use during the examination process).
- (vi) Fresh Log-in.
- (vii) Selection of Entry: “**AFCAT**”; “**NCC SPECIAL ENTRY FOR FLYING BRANCH**”.
- (viii) Click “**INSTRUCTIONS**”. Read Instructions carefully.
- (ix) Acknowledgement of having read and understood instructions- Check box to proceed to next stage.
- (x) Click “**APPLICATION FORM FILLING**”
 - (aa) **Personal Information**. Fill in details.
Click “**SAVE AND CONTINUE**” to proceed to next stage
 - (ab) **Qualification Details**. Fill in details.
Click “**SAVE AND CONTINUE**” to proceed to next stage
 - (ac) **Course Preference**. Fill in details.
Click “**SAVE AND CONTINUE**” to proceed to next stage
 - (ad) **Communication Details**. Fill in details.
Click “**SAVE AND CONTINUE**” to proceed to next stage
 - (ae) **Upload Documents**. Upload Photo, Signature & Thumb Impression

(size of each jpg/ jpeg file to be between 10 and 50 kb). Application with inappropriate images will be considered invalid and the candidature will be rejected along with other counterfeit entries, whenever detected at any stage of the selection process.

(af) **Exam City Selection**. Select from drop-down menu

(ag) **Declaration**

Click "**SAVE AND CONTINUE**" to proceed to next stage

(xi) Click "**MAKE PAYMENT**"- Online (applicable only for AFCAT)

(xii) Click "**PAYMENT STATUS**" to view whether payment is successful. If Registration Number is displayed, it implies that the payment is successful.

(xiii) **For AFCAT Candidates Only**: After **01 Feb 2019** click "**DOWNLOAD ADMIT CARD**" to download your Admit Card from the website <https://afcat.cdac.in> and you will also receive admit card on your registered email ID. If the candidate does not receive his/her admit card in their registered email id or is not able to download the same from the mentioned website, he/she is required to enquire from AFCAT Query Cell at C-DAC, Pune. (**Phone Nos: 020-25503105 or 020-25503106**). E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in.

(d) While filling in the online application, the applicant must ensure that he/ she meets all the eligibility conditions including the educational qualification which must conform to the guidelines/ norms of the relevant educational board/ UGC, as reviewed and updated from time to time. The applicants are advised to keep the relevant documents ready, as details are to be filled in as per matriculation and other educational certificates. The educational qualifications filled by the applicant should correspond to the Entry Level Qualification (ELQ) as given in Para 5 (c) (i) to (iii) of this notification. If any of the eligibility conditions is not met, the candidature is liable to be rejected at any stage during the selection process and the onus of the same would be on the candidate himself/ herself. With regard to Integrated degree programmes, the following are the prevailing UGC guidelines:-

(i) **Integrated/ Dual Degree**. As per the guiding principles laid down by UGC, if the Integrated/ Dual Degree Programmes intend to offer two separate degrees with an option for interim exit or lateral entry, the duration of the Integrated/ Dual Degree Programme must not be less than the duration equal to the sum total of the prescribed duration of the two degrees that are being combined in the programme. All such programmes should carry the nomenclature of Integrated/ Dual Degree (Name of the first degree) - (Name of the final degree); both the degrees awarded under the programme should be individually and separately recognised as equivalent to corresponding degrees and not as one single integrated degree).

(ii) **Integrated Single Degree**. If the Integrated Programme intends to offer a single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry, the programme duration may be relaxed by not more than 25% of the sum total of the prescribed duration of the two degrees that are being combined to make the single integrated degree.

(e) Before filling in the online application, an applicant should have the following scanned images saved as jpg/ jpeg files (size of each file to be between 10 and 50 kb)

- (i) Recent passport size colour photograph
- (ii) Signature
- (iii) Thumb impression (left thumb for male applicants and right thumb for female applicants) - created by pressing on ink stamp pad and then on plain blank paper

(f) While filling in the online application form, applicants are required to click “**SAVE AND CONTINUE**” to complete the process of each part. If the mandatory fields (marked by a red asterisk (*)) are not filled, the “**SUBMIT**” button would not be enabled for the applicants to click and proceed to the next part of the application form.

(g) Once the “Course Preference” stage is saved, applicants will not be able to edit/modify previous data in the “Personal Information” and “Qualification details” pages. Only the “Communication Details” page can be edited, if an applicant wishes to do so. After the “Make Payment” step, applicants will be able to check the “Payment Status” as well as “Preview Application”. However, no further changes or correction is possible in the online application form. Thereafter, the only option for an applicant, if an application is to be amended, is to re-register with a different email id and fill the online application form a new. The fee paid, including on any additional online application form(s), will not be refundable.

(h) **Examination fee for AFCAT Entry.** After filling in the online application form, **the examination fee of Rs. 250/- (non-refundable) for AFCAT entry (not applicable for NCC special entry and Meteorology) may be paid online** through the ‘**Make Payment**’ step on the main menu of the online application. No cash or cheque or demand draft (DD) will be accepted towards payment of examination fee. The examination fee can be paid using credit/ debit cards/ net banking through the payment gateway. Applicants are advised to follow the instructions/ steps given on the payment gateway, and also print/keep the transaction details for their records. After confirmation from bank that the payment is received, the “Payment Status” will display “Registration Number” which the candidate may note down for future correspondence. Simultaneously, the candidate will receive a confirmatory sms/ e-mail. This will be followed by Admit Card (with the Hall Ticket Number) which a candidate will receive on his/her registered email ID and which is also downloadable from his/her registered email ID.

(j) Detailed instructions on filling in the online application form:

S. No	Description	
1. Sign up Format		
	Full Name	As per 10th Matriculation Passing Certificate- all in alphet of max 50 characters
	Father’s Name	In alphet of maximum 50 characters
	Mother’s Name	In alphet of maximum 50 characters
	Email id	email id (to be used for Sign-in)
	Nationality	Indian
	Mobile Number	10 digits
	Secret Question	Select one from options
	Secret Answer	In alphet of maximum 50 characters
	CAPTCHA	Enter alphanumeric text shown

2. Personal Information		
(a)	Type of Entry	Applicant has to choose entry to IAF through one of the options (i) AFCAT (ii) NCC SPECIAL ENTRY FOR FLYING BRANCH (iii) METEOROLOGY BRANCH
(b)	Candidate's Name (As per 10 th /matriculation passing certificate)	These fields will be auto filled from the signup data entered by the applicant.
(c)	Candidate's Father's Name (As per 10 th /matriculation passing certificate)	
(d)	Candidate's Mother's Name (As per 10 th /matriculation passing certificate)	
(e)	Email Address	
(f)	Secondary Email Address	Email id other than which the applicant has signed-up with
(g)	Nationality	
(h)	Mobile Number	
(i)	Candidate's Visible Identification Mark	In alphabet of maximum 50 characters
(j)	CPSS/PABT Status	Applicant has to choose Passed/ Failed/ Not appeared; If passed fill the details from (i) to (iv)
(i)	CPSS/PABT Batch Number	Numeric Value
(ii)	CPSS/PABT Date of Passing	DD/MMM/YYYY
(iii)	CPSS/PABT Chest No.	Numeric Value
(iv)	CPSS/PABT attended at which Air Force Selection Board	Choose one from the list Dehradun, Gandhinagar, Mysore, Varanasi
(k)	Do you have a current valid Commercial Pilot License issued by DGCA?	Select 'Yes' or 'No'
(l)	Are you serving	Select 'Yes' or 'No'

	Airman of IAF?	If Yes, fill the details from (i) to (iv)
(i)	Select Rank in IAF	Choose one from the list
(ii)	Service Number	Alphanumeric
(iii)	Current Posted Unit	Alphanumeric
(iv)	Select Command	Choose one from the list
(m)	Select Gender	Male or Female
(n)	Select Marital Status	Married or Unmarried
(o)	Date of Birth	DD/MMM/YYYY
(p)	Confirm your Date of Birth	DD/MMM/YYYY
3. Qualification Details		
(a)	Education Level	Choose one from the list 10 + 2 + Graduation 10 + 2 + Graduation + Post Graduation Diploma + Graduation 10 + 2 + Integrated Post Graduation Diploma + Integrated Post Graduation Diploma + Graduation + Post Graduation
(b)	Select Graduation Level	Choose one from the list, based on above selection Graduate Options A Graduate Options B Graduate Options C Graduate Options D
(c)	Select Qualification Degree	For Group 'A', 'B', 'D' Choose from - AMIE / ASI / IETE - Bachelor of Engineering - Bachelor of Technology For Option 'C' enter B.Com etc.
(d)	Course Duration (in years)	Numeric (4) four years for 'A', 'B', 'D' Numeric (3) three years for 'C'
(e)	Name of College/Institute	In alphabet of maximum 50 characters
(f)	Name of University	In alphabet of maximum 50 characters
(g)	Date/ Expected date of obtaining the Graduation	DD/MMM/YYYY
(h)	Enter Aggregate/ Gross Percentage	Numeric 2 digit
(i)	Do you have Current backlog?	Select 'Yes' or 'No'
(j)	10+2 / Higher Secondary School Details	
(i)	Enter Aggregate/ Gross Percentage as per your 10+2 / Higher Secondary School Mark Sheet	Numeric 2 digit
(ii)	Enter Physics	Numeric 2 digit

	Percentage as per your 10+2 / Higher Secondary School Mark Sheet. Enter 0 (Zero), if not applicable.	
(iii)	Enter Mathematics Percentage as per your 10+2 / Higher Secondary School Mark Sheet. Enter 0 (Zero), if not applicable.	Numeric 2 digit
4. Course Preference		
(a)	Courses	<p>Applicant to select from the list of courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flying - Ground Duty (Technical) - Ground Duty (Non Technical) <p>Candidates in possession of Graduation/Post Graduation degree qualification in Engineering/equivalent Technical qualification from recognised university would mandatorily appear in EKT and if selected, would also be considered for Ground Duty (Technical) branch.</p> <p>Note: IAF reserves the right to allocate branches as per their suitability and availability of vacancies irrespective of the choices/options applied for by the candidates.</p>
5. NCC		
(a)	NCC Air Wing "C" Certificate	If applicant is joining through NCC
(i)	Serial No.	Number
(ii)	Name of NCC Unit	In alphabet of maximum 50 characters
(iii)	Year	Numeric 4 digit (YYYY)
6. AFSB/ SSB appeared Candidates		Applicant has to choose Passed/ Failed/ Not appeared; If Passed fill details from (a) to (e)
(a)	Batch No.	Number
(b)	Enter Place Of Appearing	Alphabets
(c)	No of Days at AFSB	From (DD/MMM/YYYY) to (DD/MMM/YYYY)
7. Source of AFCAT information		
(a)	Source	List of information Newspaper Employment News
8. GATE		

(a)	Year of appearing	Numeric 4 digit
(b)	GATE Score	Numeric 2 digit
9. Communication Details		
(a) Permanent Address		
(i)	Enter Full Address	Alphabet and Numbers of maximum 100 characters
(ii)	Select State/Union Territories	Choose any one from list of states displayed
(iii)	Select City	Choose any one from list of cities displayed
(iv)	Pin Code	Numeric 6 digits
(v)	Nearest Railway Station	Alphabet of maximum 50 characters
(vi)	Landline Number	STD code and Landline Numeric 11 digit
(vii)	Aadhaar Card Number	12 digit numeric number of the applicant as appearing in Aadhaar card issued by UIDAI.
(viii)	Check if Permanent Address is same as Correspondence Address.	If ticked, the Permanent address details are populated in the Correspondence address.
(b) Correspondence Address		
(i)	Full Address	In alphabet and numbers of maximum 250 characters
(ii)	State	Choose any one from list displayed
(iii)	City	Choose any one from list displayed
(iv)	Pin Code	Numeric 6 digits
(v)	Nearest Railway Station	In alphabet of maximum 50 characters
10. Upload Documents		Size of each file is to be between 10 KB and 50KB
(a)	Photograph	Upload un-attested recent passport size colour photograph (front portrait without headgear, except for Sikhs)
(b)	Signature	Upload scanned image of own signature in JPEG/ JPG format
(c)	Thumb Impression	Upload scanned impression of the thumb in JPEG/ JPG format
(d)	Declaration by the candidate	Check
11. Select Exam City		5 choices based on preference from the list of exam cities as mentioned in Para 8 (f)

(k) **Applicants are strongly advised to apply online well in time to avoid the last minute rush leading to website/ server slowdown.**

(l) **Serving Airmen.** Serving Airmen are required to apply like other applicants. In addition, they would have to apply as per the service format given in AFO 11/ 2015 through service channel.

(m) **NOC for Government Employees.** The applicants who are already in Government Service including serving in the Armed Forces, Government-owned industrial undertakings or other similar organizations or in private employment also need to apply only after obtaining necessary permission from their departments concerned and they are required to produce NOC at the time of AFSB testing, failing which they will be routed back without being tested.

(n) **Permission of Employer.** Candidates should note that in case communication is received from their employer to withhold permission to the candidates who have applied for/ appearing in the examination, their candidature is liable to be cancelled.

(o) Applicants are not required to submit any certificate, along with their applications, in support of their claims regarding age, educational qualifications, etc. However, certain mandatory documents are required to be carried in original at exam centres, the details of which is enumerated in para 8(e).

(p) **Contact/ Reference Details during Registration & Communication.** While filling in the application form, the applicants must ensure that they provide their valid and active e-mail IDs as the IAF would use electronic mode of communication while contacting them at different stages throughout the selection process. On successful submission of online application form, the candidate will receive a confirmatory e-mail on their registered e-mail ID. As such, all communication to the IAF should invariably contain the following particulars without which no request would be entertained.

- (i) Branch, Course Number and Year of Examination.
- (ii) Transaction Number (for queries on payment).
- (ii) Registration Number (as given in Payment Status & Admit Card).
- (iii) Hall Ticket Number (as given in Admit Card).
- (iv) Name of Applicant (in full and in block letters).

8. **AFCAT.**

(a) **Scheme of Online Examination.** All applicants whose applications are submitted by due date will be called at one of the examination centres for AFCAT scheduled on **either 16 February 2019 (Saturday) or 17 February 2019 (Sunday)**. It is mandatory for the candidates opting for Ground Duty (Technical) branch to appear in both AFCAT as well as Engineering Knowledge Test (EKT).

(i) **Exam Schedule.** The AFCAT (and EKT) will be conducted in two days as per the following schedule:-

Activity	16 Feb 19 (Day1)		17 Feb 19 (Day 2)	
	1st Shift (AFCAT)	2nd Shift (AFCAT+EKT)	1st Shift (AFCAT)	2nd Shift (AFCAT+EKT)
Candidate Reporting Time	08:00 hrs	12:30 hrs	08:00 hrs	12:30 hrs
Verification of Admit Card & ID Proof, Biometrics, Photo/ Thumb Impression/ Sign on Attendance Sheet & Candidate Seating in Exam Hall	08:00- 09:30 hrs	12:30- 14:00 hrs	08:00- 09:30 hrs	12:30- 14:00 hrs
Reading of Instructions by Candidates	09:30- 09:45 hrs	14:00- 14:15 hrs	09:30- 09:45 hrs	14:00- 14:15 hrs
AFCAT	09:45- 11:45 hrs	14:15 -16:15 hrs	09:45- 11:45 hrs	14:15 -16:15 hrs
Reading of Instructions by Candidates for EKT	-	16:15 -16:30 hrs	-	16:15 -16:30 hrs
EKT	-	16:30 -17:15 hrs	-	16:30 -17:15 hrs

Note: Candidates will not be permitted to enter the exam centre, **under any circumstance, after the pre-exam verification process has commenced at 08:00 hrs for shift-I and 1230 hrs for shift-II.**

(ii) **Syllabus.** The subjects, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject will be as follows:-

Exam	Subject	Duration	No. of Questions	Max Marks
AFCAT	General Awareness, Verbal Ability in English, Numerical Ability and Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test	02 Hours	100	300
EKT [For Candidates with one of the choices as (Technical) Branch]	Mechanical, Computer Science and Electrical & Electronics	45 Minutes	50	150

(iii) The Online examination will consist of objective type questions and will be in English only for both AFCAT and EKT

(iv) **Marking Scheme** is as follows:-

(aa) Three marks will be awarded for every correct answer.

(ab) One mark will be deducted for every incorrect answer.

(ac) No marks for unattempted questions.

(v) Questions will be based on the metric system of Weights & Measures wherever applicable.

(vi) Candidates are required to appear for the Online AFCAT in person. Under no circumstance will any scribe or another candidate be allowed to appear/ assist in the exam.

(vii) Air Force has the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.

(b) **Standard and Syllabus of the Examination:**

(i) **Syllabus.**

(aa) English. Comprehension, Error Detection, Sentence Completion/ Filling in of correct word, Synonyms, Antonyms and Testing of Vocabulary, Idioms and Phrases.

(ab) General Awareness. History, Geography, Civics, Politics, Current Affairs, Environment, Basic Science, Defence, Art, Culture, Sports, etc.

(ac) Numerical Ability. Decimal Fraction, Time and Work, Average, Profit & Loss, Percentage, Ratio & Proportion and Simple Interest, Time & Distance (Trains/Boats & Streams).

(ad) Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test. Verbal Skills and Spatial Ability.

(ii) **Standard.** The standard of Numerical Ability Questions will be of Matriculation level. The standard of questions in other subjects will be of graduation level (Indian University).

(c) **Practice Test.** An online Practice Test (for AFCAT & EKT) is available on the IAF website <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in> or <https://afcat.cdac.in>.

(d) **Instructions for e-Admit Card and AFCAT Written Examination.**

(i) The eligible candidates shall be issued with an e-Admit Card three weeks before the date of the examination. The e-Admit Card will be sent to the registered email IDs and will also be available at the website www.careerindianairforce.cdac.in for all candidates who successfully submitted their online application. No Admit Card will be sent by post. To download the e-Admit Card, a candidate should have his/her **Username and Password**. The candidate will be solely responsible for downloading his/ her e-Admit Card.

(ii) If the candidate does not receive his/her admit card in their registered email id or is not able to download the same from the mentioned website or if there is any error / discrepancy / anomaly in the e-admit card, he/she must inquire from AFCAT Query Cell at C-DAC, Pune immediately. **(Phone Nos. 020-25503105 or 020-25503106)**. E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in . No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination unless he/ she holds a downloaded e-Admit Card for the examination.

(iii) The courses to which the candidates are admitted will be according to their eligibility as per age and educational qualifications and the course preferences given by them. The candidates should note that their admission to the examination will be purely provisional, based on the information given by them in the Application Form. On verification, in case the IAF finds that the information disclosed by the candidate is not correct or is false, his or her candidature will be treated as cancelled.

(iv) Candidates are to ensure that the personal information in the front side of the e-Admit card are as per the details provided by them during the registration process. They are also advised to read the instructions given at the rear of the e-Admit card beforehand.

(v) The decision of the IAF shall be final with regard to the acceptance of a candidate's application, based on the given information.

(e) **Special Instructions to Candidates for Online Examination.**

(i) **Items to be Brought Inside Examination Hall.** The following items are to be carried to the exam centre:-

(aa) e-Admit Card for AFCAT **01/ 2019**.

(ab) Candidate's Aadhaar Card.

(ac) Another valid photo identity card such as PAN card/ passport/ driving licence/ voter identity card/ college identity card or any other valid photo identity proof, with details of name, father's name, date of birth and a clear photograph.

(ad) Two passport size colour photographs- same as the photo uploaded during online application (to be pasted, not stapled on Admit Card next to the printed photo and on attendance sheet at the exam centre).

(ae) Ballpoint Pen (Blue or Black) for signing on the attendance sheet and rough work.

(ii) **Items not permitted inside Examination Hall.** Candidates are not allowed to carry any textual material, calculators, docupen, slide rulers, log tables, electronic watches with facilities of calculator, mobile phones, blue tooth, pager or any other digital device except the admit card, identity proof inside the AFCAT- C-DAC exam centre premises. If the candidate is in possession of any of the above mentioned items, it will be construed as an attempt to using unfair means and his/her examination will be cancelled. The item will be confiscated and he/ she will also be debarred from future AFCAT examinations. Candidates are advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Centres, as safe keeping of the same cannot be assured. IAF will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

(iii) **Malpractice.** If any candidate resorts to the use of unfair means during the exam, he/ she will be withdrawn from the examination and his/ her candidature will be cancelled.

(iv) **Conduct in Examination Hall.** The candidates are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified manner during the examination or while interacting with the staff on duty. If any candidate is involved in act(s) of indiscipline at the exam centre (before, during or after the exam), he/ she will be withdrawn from the examination and his/ her candidature will be cancelled.

(v) **Instructions for examination.** Question paper will be made available to candidates only during the online examination. The request of candidates to provide copies of question paper will not be entertained until the completion of entire process and preparation of final merit list post AFSB testing and Medical examination.

(f) **Locations for AFCAT 01/2019:** Agartala, Agra, Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Alwar, Aligarh, Allahabad, Ambala, Amritsar, Bareilly, Behrampur (Odisha), Belagvi, Bengaluru, Bhagalpur, Bhilai, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bhuj, Bikaner, Bihar Sharif, Chandigarh, Chhapra, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Delhi and NCR, Dhanbad, Diu, Durgapur, Faridabad, Ganganagar, Gaya, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Greater Noida, Guntur, Gurugram, Guwahati, Gwalior, Haldwani, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Itanagar, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jalpaigudi, Jammu, Jamshedpur, Jhansi, Jodhpur, Jorhat, Kakinada, Kannur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kohima, Kolhapur, Kolkata, Kota, Kurukshetra, Leh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Madurai, Mangalore, Meerut, Mumbai, Mysore, Nagpur, Nasik, Nizamabad, Noida, Pathankot, Patna, Port Blair, Puducherry, Pune, Rajkot, Ranchi, Rourkee, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Shillong, Shimla, Silchar, Solapur, Sonipat, Srinagar, Thane, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Tinsukia, Tirunelveli, Tirupati, Udaipur, Ujjain, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vellore, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Warangal.

(g) **Allotment of Centres.** As far as possible, candidates will be allotted centres as per their choice. **Candidates should note that no request for change of centre will be entertained.** Therefore candidates should exercise due care before deciding his/her choice for the centre for the examination before filling in the form.

9. **Air Force Selection Board (AFSB).**

(a) For AFCAT entry, IAF shall prepare a list of candidates who obtain the minimum qualifying marks in the Online AFCAT as fixed by the IAF in their discretion. Candidates who are declared successful in the Online AFCAT will be called at one of the Air Force Selection Boards. Candidates who have applied for NCC Special Entry and Meteorology Branch will be directly called for AFSB testing at one of the AFSB centres. The AFSB centres are at Dehradun (1 AFSB), Mysuru (2 AFSB), Gandhinagar (3 AFSB) and Varanasi (4 AFSB). Candidates who opt for flying branch can only opt for Dehradun, Mysore and Varanasi. **Candidates who have qualified in the written exam are required to choose AFSB date and venue by themselves on the website <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in> or <https://afcat.cdac.in> in order to generate call- up letter for AFSB interview.**

(b) **Physical Fitness.** Candidates are advised to be physically fit when you report for SSB in order to be able to undergo various tests at AFSB. You should aim to achieve an ability to run 01 mile (1.6 kms) in 10 minutes, 10 push ups and 3 chin ups.

(c) **Tattoos.** Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearm (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 customs and traditions will be permitted on a case to case basis.

(d) The testing at AFSB would consist of three stages as given below:-

(i) **Stage-I.** Officer Intelligence Rating Test along with Picture Perception and discussion test 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. 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.

(ii) **Stage-II.** Psychological test will be conducted on Day 1 (Afternoon) and the Group Tests and Interview would commence after document check for the next five days.

(iii) **For Flying Branch.** Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS) would be administered to recommended candidates only. 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.**

(e) **Change of Interview Dates.** Request for change of AFSB interview date should be avoided. Requests for postponing interview may be considered under genuine circumstances and that too if it is administratively convenient for which **Air Headquarters** will be the sole deciding authority. Such requests should be sent to AFSB Centre from where the call for AFSB interview has been received through **e-mail only.**

(f) Candidates will appear before the AFSB and undergo the test at their own risk and will not be entitled to claim any compensation or other relief from Government in the event of any injury which they may sustain in the course of or as a result of any of the tests given to them at the Selection Board whether due to the negligence of any person or otherwise. Candidates will be required to sign an indemnity bond to this effect on the form appended to the application.

(g) **Travel Allowance (TA).** To and fro travelling fare by the shortest route of AC-III Tier/AC Chair Car or actual normal bus fare will be re-imbursed to the candidates appearing in AFSB for the first time. Change of address, if any, must be intimated to the Board well before 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. Candidates are to carry cancelled Cheque for Online Payment.**

(h) **Documents for AFSB.** Candidates are required to bring the following relevant documents, which will be checked during AFSB testing:-

(i) AFCAT Admit Card.

(ii) Original Matriculation/ Secondary School Certificate and Mark sheets issued by CBSE/ ICSE/ State Board. No other certificate will be accepted for verification of Date of Birth.

(iii) Original Marks Sheet & Certificate of 10+2 (issued by the relevant Board).

(iv) Original/ Provisional Graduation Degree/ Post Graduation Degree Certificates and Mark Sheet of each year/ semester issued by University - only for verification of educational qualifications to check eligibility for the course. Provisional Certificate issued by college Principal is **not** acceptable. However, Provisional Degree Certificate issued by the University is acceptable.

(v) In case of final year/ semester students, a Certificate from the College Principal, clearly mentioning the following aspects annotated with proper stamp and seal of the Institution is required:-

(aa) Name of the College.

(ab) Name of the University.

(ac) Discipline in which Graduation/ Post Graduation obtained.

(ad) Aggregate Percentage.

(ae) Likely Date of Declaration of Final Result (in DD/MM/YYYY Format).

(vi) Two attested photocopies of each of the above mentioned certificates.

(vii) Original NCC Certificate (if applicable).

(viii) NOC from employers for candidates working in Central/ State Govt. or Public Sector Undertakings.

(ix) Original valid Commercial Pilots' License, issued by DGCA, if applicable.

(x) Inbound Railway Ticket/ Bus Tickets. (For refund of Travelling Allowance)

(xi) Candidates are also advised to bring twenty copies of recent passport size colour photographs taken in light coloured clothes against white background for documentation.

(j) **Candidates not in possession of the above documents or those who do not meet the eligibility conditions, should not report to the AFSB, as they will not be accepted for the tests and will be routed back without travelling allowances.**

(k) Candidates recommended by the IAF for interview by the Air Force Selection Board (AFSB) who have changed their addresses subsequent to the submission of their application for the examination should immediately after announcement of the result of the written part of the examination notify the changed address, along with an unstamped self-addressed envelope, also to JDPO-3 (A) Air HQS. 'J' Block, Room No. 17, Opp. Vayu Bhawan, Motilal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110 106. Failure to comply with this instruction will deprive the candidate of any claim to consideration in the event of his/her not receiving the letter for interview by the AFSB.

10. **Final Merit List.** To be acceptable, candidates should secure the minimum qualifying marks separately in written examination and AFSB test as fixed by the IAF. Candidates will be placed in the order of merit on the basis of the total marks secured by them in the written examination and in the AFSB tests. The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the IAF in their discretion. **10% of the vacancies are reserved for NCC Air Wing Senior Division 'C' certificate holders in Ground Duty (Technical and Non-technical) Branches.** Allotment of PC/ SSC in Ground Duty (Technical and Non-technical) Branches would be based on number of vacancies, performance in the selection process and the choice given by the candidates.

11. **Training.** Candidates recommended by the AFSBs and found medically fit by appropriate medical establishment are detailed for training strictly on the basis of merit and availability of vacancies in various branches/ sub branches.

(a) **Date and Duration of Training.** Training is scheduled to commence in the first week of **Jan 2020** for all courses. The approximate 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.

(b) **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. Candidates are advised to keep themselves in good physical condition by following the under mentioned routine:-

- (i) Running: up to 4 Km. in 15 minutes.
- (ii) Skipping.
- (iii) Push ups & Sit-ups: Minimum 20 each.
- (iv) Chin ups: 08.
- (v) Rope Climbing: 3 to 4 metres.
- (vi) Swimming (25 m).

(c) After admission to Air Force Academy, candidates will not be considered for any other commission. They will not be permitted to appear for any interview or examination after they have been finally selected for training in AFA. No request for withdrawal of candidature received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained under any circumstance. PAN Card, Aadhaar card and account in SBI/ Nationalized Bank is mandatory at the time of joining Air Force Academy (AFA).

12. **Facilitation Counter for Guidance of Candidates.**

(i) For any Query related to Conduct of Online Examination, registration process, admit cards, candidates may contact AFCAT Cell on **020-25503105 or 020-25503106**. E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in.

(ii) For all queries regarding Eligibility, allotment of AFSB centres, date of AFSB interview, merit list, Joining Instructions, and any other relevant information regarding selection process, candidates may contact on **011-23010231** Extn: **7610** or visit website **<https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in>** or **<https://afcat.cdac.in>** or Toll free number **1800-11-2448**

(iii) **Timings.** Telephonic query timings are from **0930 hrs to 1300 hrs and 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs** (Monday to Friday, except closed holidays).

13. **Disclaimer.** Information given in the notification 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 for selection given in the notification are guidelines only and are subject to change without notice.**

14. **Statutory Warning.** Selection in the Indian Air Force is fair and merit based. Attempt to influence the selection process at any stage is liable to lead to termination of candidature or initiation of service and legal action against the concerned individual.