

- 7.16.2. Transaction Number (for queries on payment).
- 7.16.3. Registration Number (as given in Payment Status & Admit Card).
- 7.16.4. Hall Ticket Number (as given in Admit Card).
- 7.16.5. Name of Applicant (in full and in block letters).

**7.17. NCC Special Entry.** The candidates applying for NCC Special Entry should mandatorily have NCC Air Wing Senior Division 'C' certificate. The certificate should have been acquired within two years commencing from AFCAT registration date, when calculated backwards. The written exam is exempted for NCC Special Entry candidates and they will be directly called for AFSB testing at one of the AFSB centres.

**7.18. GATE Score Entry.** The candidates registering for GATE Score Entry must apply with the GATE score obtained within the last three years from Course commencement date, when calculated backwards. The AFCAT exam is exempted for GATE Score Entry candidates and shortlisted candidates will be directly called for AFSB testing at one of the AFSB centres.

7.18.1. Disclaimer: GATE Score is used as a standardised benchmark as issued by GATE authorities. The decision of IAF regarding the preparation of the merit list for shortlisting of candidates for AFSB testing shall be final and binding.

## 8. AFCAT.

**8.1. Scheme of Online Examination.** All applicants whose applications are submitted by due date will be called for AFCAT at one of the examination centres on **08 Aug 26 (Saturday)**.

**8.1.1. Exam Schedule.** The AFCAT will be conducted on **08 Aug 26 (Saturday)** as per the following schedule:-

EXAM DATE : 08 AUG 26	
Activity	TIME
Candidate Reporting Time	0800 Hr
Gate Closing Time	0930 Hr
Verification of Admit Card, ID Proof, Biometric & Photograph capturing and Seating of Candidates	0800 Hr – 0945 Hr
Reading of Instructions by Candidates	0945 Hr – 1000 Hr
Conduct of AFCAT	1000 Hr – 1200 Hr

**Note:** Candidates will not be permitted to enter the exam centre, **under any circumstance, after the pre-exam verification process has commenced at 0930 Hr.**

**8.1.2. Subject and Duration.** The subjects, time allowed and maximum marks allotted for AFCAT exam 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

**8.1.3.** The Online examination will consist of objective type questions and will be in English only.

8.1.4. **Marking Scheme** is as follows:-

8.1.4.1. Three marks will be awarded for every correct answer.

8.1.4.2. One mark will be deducted for every incorrect answer.

8.1.4.3. No marks for un-attempted questions.

8.1.5. **Normalisation of Marks.** Normalisation of Marks would be undertaken whenever the number of shifts is more than one. In order to rationalise the marks scored by candidates appearing in different shifts in an objective manner through a statistical method, before declaration of result marks scored by candidates will be Normalised as per the following formula:-

$$\widehat{M}_{ij} = \frac{\bar{M}_t^g - M_q^g}{\bar{M}_{ti} - M_{iq}} (M_{ij} - M_{iq}) + M_q^{gm}$$

Where:

$\widehat{M}_{ij}$  = Normalized marks of  $j^{\text{th}}$  candidate in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  shift.

$\bar{M}_t^g$  = is the average marks of the top 0.1% of the candidates considering all shifts (number of candidates will be rounded-up).

$M_q^g$  = is the sum of mean and standard deviation marks of the candidates in the examination considering all shifts.

$\bar{M}_{ti}$  = is the average marks of the top 0.1% of the candidates in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  shift (number of candidates will be rounded-up).

$M_{iq}$  = is the sum of mean marks and standard deviation of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  shift.

$M_{ij}$  = is the actual marks obtained by the  $j^{\text{th}}$  candidate in  $i^{\text{th}}$  shift.

$M_q^{gm}$  = is the sum of mean marks of candidates in the shift having maximum mean and standard deviation of marks of candidates in the examination considering all shifts.

8.1.6. 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.

8.1.7. Indian Air Force has the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.

## 8.2. **Standard and Syllabus of the Examination:**

### 8.2.1. **Syllabus.**

8.2.1.1. **English.** Comprehension, Detect Error in Sentence, Sentence Completion/ Filling in of correct word, Synonym/ Antonym, Cloze Test or Fill in the Gaps in a paragraph, Idioms and Phrases, Analogy, Sentence Rearranging,

Substitution in a Sentence/ One Word Substitution. Transformation of Sentence (Complex to Simple), Homonyms.

8.2.1.2. **General Awareness.** History, Geography, Sports, National & International Organisations, Art & Culture, Personalities, Environment & Ecology, Indian Polity, Economy, Basic Science Based Knowledge, Science & Technology, Current Affairs (National & International), Defence.

8.2.1.3. **Numerical Ability.** Decimal Fraction, Time and Work, Average/ Percentage, Profit & Loss, Ratio & Proportion, Simple and Compound Interest, Time & Distance and Races (Trains/ Boats & Streams), Area and Perimeter, Probability, Number System & Number Series, Mixture & Allegation Rules, Square & Square root/Cube & Cube roots, HCF & LCM, Elementary Mensuration, Heights and Distance, Statistics (Mean, Median and Mode), Exponents and powers.

8.2.1.4. **Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test.** Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning

8.2.2. **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).

8.3. **Practice Test.** An online Practice Test is available on the IAF website <https://afcat.edcil.co.in>.

#### 8.4. **Instructions for e-Admit Card and AFCAT Written Examination.**

8.4.1. The eligible candidates **who have successfully submitted their online application** shall be issued with an e-Admit Card **nine days prior to the** date of the examination. The e-Admit Card will be sent to the registered email IDs and **can also be downloaded** from the website <https://afcat.edcil.co.in>. 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.

8.4.2. If the candidate is not able to download admit card 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 immediately. **(Phone Nos. 91-9513252077)**. E-Mail queries may be addressed to [afcathelpdesk@edcil.co.in](mailto:afcathelpdesk@edcil.co.in) No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination unless he/ she holds a **printout of the** downloaded e-Admit Card for the examination.

8.4.3. 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.

8.4.4. 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.

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

## 8.5. Special Instructions to Candidates for Online Examination.

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

8.5.1.1. **Print out of e-Admit Card for AFCAT 02/2026.**

8.5.1.2. Candidate's **Aadhaar Card in original (photocopy is not admissible).**

8.5.1.3. **2<sup>nd</sup> photo identity card in original such as PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving Licence/ Voter Identity Card or any other valid photo identity proof issued by a govt agency, with details of Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth and a clear Photograph (photocopy is not admissible).**

8.5.1.4. Name of the candidate in Aadhaar Card and 2<sup>nd</sup> valid photo Identity Card must be same as mentioned in his/her Matriculation Certificate (Class X).

8.5.1.5. 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).

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

8.5.2. **Items not permitted inside Examination Hall.** Candidates are not allowed to carry any of the following items.

8.5.2.1. Bluetooth device, communication / electronic / digital / wireless devices like Calculators, Docupen, Electronic Watches with facilities of Calculator, Cellular Phone, Memory Card/ Stick, Pager, Organizer, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), concealed Microphone Or Camera, Radio, Headset, Walkman, Recorder, Translator etc.

8.5.2.2. Textual or stationary material such as Pencil-box/Geometry box, Book, Log tables, Clip board, Slide rule (except blue or black transparent ballpoint Pen).

8.5.2.3. Personal items (Wristwatch/ Wristband, Bracelets, Handbags, Ornaments, Wallet, Purse, Head gear, Scarf, Goggles, Jackets), eatable items (Chips, Chocolates, Food, Drinks etc).

8.5.3. If any candidate is found in possession of any of the **Items Not Permitted**, as mentioned above, it will be construed as an attempt to use unfair means and his/her candidature will be cancelled. The item will be confiscated and suitable action as deemed fit will be initiated. The candidate will also be debarred from future AFCAT examinations.

8.5.4. 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.

8.5.5. **Malpractice.** If any candidate resorts to the use of unfair means during the exam, **his/ her candidature will be cancelled and the candidate will also be debarred from future AFCAT examinations.**

**8.5.6. 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.

8.5.7. Instructions for examination. Question paper will be made available to candidates only during the online examination. In addition to this, Question Paper with Answer Key & Individual Response will be made available in candidates' webpage login during the period of Objection Management i.e from 1700 Hr on 09 Aug 26 onwards upto 1700 Hr on 11 Aug 26. No queries pertaining to Question Paper with Answer Key & Response Sheet of the candidate will be entertained through any means after 11 Aug 26 (1700 Hr). No RTI will be entertained for the information already made available through official website/ candidates' webpage login. No query pertaining to AFCAT will be entertained after six months from the date of exam. Candidates will not be permitted to leave the exam hall till completion of the examination.

**8.6. Examination Cities for AFCAT 02/2026:** Agartala, Agra, Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar, Aizawl, Ajmer, Aligarh, Ambala, Amravati, Amritsar, Arrah, Ayodhya, Balasore, Bareilly, Belagavi, Bengaluru, Bhagalpur, Bhatinda, Bhilai/ Durg, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar/ Cuttack, Bhuj, Bikaner, Chandigarh/ Mohali, Chennai, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Churachandpur, Coimbatore, Darbhanga, Dehradun, Delhi and NCR, Dhanbad, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Durgapur, Ernakulam, Gangtok, Gaya, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Gwalior, Haldwani, Hamirpur, Hazaribagh, Hubballi(Hubli)/ Dharwad, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jalandhar/ Phagwara, Jammu, Jamshedpur, Jhansi, Jodhpur, Jorhat, Kangra, Kannur, Kanpur, Kolhapur, Kolkata, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kurukshetra, Leh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Mandi, Madurai, Mangaluru (Mangalore), Meerut, Moradabad, Mumbai/ MMR, Muzzaffarnagar, Muzzafarpur, Mysuru(Mysore), Nagpur, Naharalagun, Nanded, Nasik, Palampur, Panaji/Mapusa, Pathankot, Patna, Patiala, Port Blair, Prayagraj, Puducherry, Pune, Purnea, Raipur, Rajkot, Ranchi, Roorkee, Rourkela, Samba, Sambalpur, Sikkar, Siliguri, Shillong, Shivmogga (Shimoga), Solan, Solapur, Srinagar, Surat, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Tirupati, Udaipur, Una, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Warangal.

\* The list of locations is tentative and may vary depending upon the availability/ requirement.

8.7. **Allotment of Centres.** As far as possible, candidates will be allotted centers as per their choice. **Candidates should note that no request for change of center/ date/ slot will be entertained.** Therefore, candidates should exercise due care before deciding date/ slot of his/ her choice for the center for the examination before filling the form. In case of any eventuality, the AFCAT exam centers may be cancelled. In this scenario, alternative centers would be provided to the affected candidates. No representation would be entertained in this regard and decision of the IAF would be final.

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

9.1. 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 shortlisted candidates for GATE Score Entry 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), Varanasi (4 AFSB) and Guwahati (5 AFSB). **Candidates who have qualified in the written exam are required to choose AFSB date and venue by themselves on the website <https://afcat.edcil.co.in> in order to generate call-up letter for AFSB interview.**

9.2. Based on organizational requirements, IAF may impose an additional cut-off for particular branch(es) and call additional eligible candidates for SSB testing. These candidates will be shortlisted purely based on order of merit for the particular branch. That particular branch should be one of the choices submitted by the candidate at the time of registration. The candidature of candidates thus shortlisted, will be valid for that particular branch only and not for any other branch. In the overall Order of Merit, they will be placed below the last candidate qualifying the First AFCAT cut off marks (Para 9.1. above). If successful in the selection process, these candidates will be inducted into that particular branch only, subject to vacancies and order of merit. These candidates would be required to submit an undertaking to this effect.

9.3. **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, and do 10 push ups and 3 chin ups.

9.4. **Tattoos.** The policy on permanent tattoos is as follows: -

9.4.1. Permanent body tattoos are not permitted on any other body part **either visible or non-visible part, except** on the inner face of forearms i.e. from inside of the elbow to the wrist of both the hands and reverse side of palm/ back (dorsal) side of both hands for which a candidate will be required to sign a Self-Declaration Certificate. Small innocuous tattoos that are not prejudicial to good order and military discipline, are permitted e.g. religious symbols or names of near and dear ones.

#### **Candidates from Tribal Communities**

9.4.2. 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. List of Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities are specified in a Notification Orders issued by the President under Article 342 of the Constitution of India in relation to particular state/ Union Territory and are amended from time to time. Candidates belonging to such Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities notified under Article 342, who by way of existing customs and traditions of his/ her Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities, already have permanent tattoos on any part of their body, will be permitted to continue to participate in the selection process at SSB only on the condition of submission of the following certificates by the such candidate, prior to commencement of Stage-I of the selection process:-

9.4.2.1. Self-Certification Certificate as per **Annexure 6** to be signed by the candidate.

9.4.2.2. Certificate bearing official seal stamp from any one of the following authorities duly certifying existence of customs and traditions of engraving of permanent tattoos on the body in Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities to which the candidate belongs of belonging to a tribal community as per format at **Annexure 7**: -

9.4.2.2.1. DC/DM or SDM of the District/ Tehsil in whose jurisdiction such Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities resides. (Name and designation of the concerned official must be clearly mentioned).

9.4.2.2.2. Chairman/ Secretary or any other senior member of such Scheduled tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within tribes and tribal communities (Name, designation (if any) and address of the concerned member will be clearly mentioned).

### **Non-permissible Tattoos.**

9.4.3. Regardless of location of a tattoo on the body permitted/ not permitted, the following will fall under the category of '**non-permissible tattoos**': -

9.4.3.1. Tattoos on any other part of the body either visible or non-visible except as permissible vide preceding paragraph.

9.4.3.2. A tattoo with lewd or offensive content or indecent figures.

9.4.3.3. Tattoos that are indecent, sexist, extremist or racist are explained as follows: -

9.4.3.3.1. Indecent tattoos are those that are grossly offensive to modesty, decency or propriety.

9.4.3.3.2. Sexist tattoos are those that advocate a philosophy that demeans a person based on gender.

9.4.3.3.3. Extremist tattoos are those that are indicative of involvement in or affiliation with extremist organisations.

9.4.3.3.4. Racist tattoos advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on race, ethnicity or region and religion.

9.5. **Narcotics.** Use/possession of narcotics is banned. Candidate may be tested for presence of drugs in the body during Medicals and subsequently during training/ service career as an officer. If candidate is found to be using/ in possession of narcotics during any time of training/service career, candidate would be debarred from joining the Indian Air Force or be terminated from service if already joined.

9.6. **Candidates with Alcohol Dependence Syndrome (ADS).** Candidates with Alcohol Dependence Syndrome (ADS) are liable to be terminated/invalidated from service.

9.7. **AFSB Testing.** The testing at AFSB would consist of three stages as given below:-

9.7.1. **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.

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

9.7.3. **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.**

9.8. **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**.

9.9. 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.

9.10. **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. Candidates are to furnish the correct and active Saving Bank Account which needs to be in their name and no other name or Bank Accounts like Sukanya Samridhi etc. will be acceptable for transfer of the claim. In case of any delay in furnishing admissible tickets/bank account etc., a maximum period of one month from the date of commencement of SSB will be considered after which no TA claim will be paid and the amount will be returned to the Government. No further queries/claims will be accepted in this regard.

**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.**

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

9.11.1. AFCAT Admit Card.

9.11.2. 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.

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

9.11.4. 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.

9.11.5. 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:-

9.11.5.1. Name of the College.

9.11.5.2. Name of the University.

9.11.5.3. Discipline in which Graduation/ Post Graduation obtained.

9.11.5.4. Aggregate Percentage.

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

9.11.6. Two attested photocopies of each of the above mentioned certificates.

9.11.7. Original NCC Certificate (if applicable).

- 9.11.8. NOC from employers for candidates working in Central/ State Govt. or Public Sector Undertakings.
- 9.11.9. Original valid Commercial Pilots' License, issued by DGCA, if applicable.
- 9.11.10. Inbound Railway Ticket/ Bus Tickets. (For refund of Travelling Allowance)
- 9.11.11. Candidates are also advised to bring twenty copies of recent passport size colour photographs taken in light coloured clothes against white background for documentation.
- 9.11.12. Candidates of North East and Hilly states ethnicity including Gorkhas, Kumaonis, Garhwalis, Assamese and those belonging to the states of Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Sikkim and hilly areas of Uttarakhand seeking relaxation in height are to bring Domicile certificate at the time of AFSB. (In case of candidates of Lakshadweep ethnicity, the minimum acceptable height is reduced by 02 cm (155 cm for males and 150 cm for females). For Gorkhas and individual belonging to North-Eastern regions of India and hilly regions of Uttarakhand, the minimum acceptable height will be 05 cm less (152 cm for males and 147 cm for females).
- 9.11.13. GATE Score Entry candidates are to bring documents related to GATE qualification and Score. They may be required to physically login with their credentials on the official GATE website and authenticate the GATE score submitted. Failure to authenticate the submitted GATE score will lead to disqualification of candidature.

**9.12. 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.**

9.13. 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 Wg Cdr PO-3 (A/B) Air HQs. 'A' Block, 8th Floor, Room No. 838, Defence Office Complex, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110 001. 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.

9.14. In case a candidate is routed back after the psychology test is over, due to injury/ medical unfitness/ not meeting the eligibility criteria/ any indiscipline / personal reasons or any unforeseen reason, the attempt would be counted as complete for the cycle and fresh dates for the AFSB testing would not be given to complete the testing. The candidate would have to apply afresh for the next cycle of AFCAT/ NCC Special entry/ GATE score entry for 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. Two seats are reserved for Law qualified candidates in Ground duty (Non-Tech) branches and the candidates thus selected may get employed on Legal Duties of the IAF (after Commissioning).** Allotment of Branch would be based on number of vacancies, performance in the selection process, medical fitness 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.

11.1. **Date and Duration of Training.** Training is scheduled to commence in the first week of **July 2027** for all courses. The approximate duration of training for Flying and Ground Duty (Technical) Branches is **62 weeks** and that of Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branches is **50 weeks** at Air Force Training Establishments. The training duration is liable to change based on organisational requirements.

11.2. **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:-

11.2.1. Running: up to 4 Km. in 15 minutes.

11.2.2. Skipping.

11.2.3. Push ups & Sit-ups: Minimum 20 each.

11.2.4. Chin ups: 08.

11.2.5. Rope Climbing: 3 to 4 metres.

11.2.6. Swimming (25 m).

11.3. After admission to Air Force Academy, candidates will not be considered for any other type of 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). Use/possession of narcotics is banned. Candidate may be tested for presence of drugs in the body during Medicals and subsequently during training/ service career as an officer. If candidate is found to be using/ in possession of narcotics during any time of training/service career, candidate would be terminated from training /service as per extant policy.

12. **Pay and Allowances.**

12.1. **Pay.** Pay on Commissioning (as per 7<sup>th</sup> CPC)

Rank	Pay as per Defence Matrix	Level	MSP
Flying Officer	Rs. 56100 - 177500	10	Rs. 15500

**Note: - Flight Cadets shall receive a fixed stipend of Rs. 56,100/- per month during one year of training.**

12.2. **Allowances.** On commissioning, in addition to pay, allowances are applicable based on the branch/nature of duty/place of posting e.g. Flying Allowance, Transport Allowance, Technical Allowance, Test Pilot & Flight Test Engineer Allowance, Risk and Hardship Allowance etc.

12.3. **Insurance.** Mandatory Insurance Cover is applicable for IAF Officers who are in service and post retirement from Air Force Group Insurance Society (AFGIS). Presently Rs. 1.25 Cr Insurance Cover (on contribution) is applicable for death while in service. Similarly, PC Officers