

Afcats 02/2026 Recruitment: Flying And Ground Duty Officer Vacancies

Name of Post: Indian Air Force AFCAT 02/2026 Recruitment

Post Date / Update: 21 June 2026

Recruiting Authority: Indian Air Force

Entry: AFCAT, NCC Special Entry and GATE Score Entry

Course Commencement: July 2027

Application Status: Closed

Short Information

The Indian Air Force has released the AFCAT 02/2026 notification for the recruitment of Group A Gazetted Officers in Flying Branch, Ground Duty Technical Branch and Ground Duty Non-Technical Branch.

The notification also covers NCC Special Entry for the Flying Branch and GATE Score Entry for the Ground Duty Technical Branch. Both male and female Indian citizens were invited to apply for the courses commencing in July 2027.

Candidates should carefully check the branch-wise educational qualification, age limit, medical standards, vacancy details and selection process before participating in the recruitment procedure.

AFCAT 02/2026 Recruitment Overview

AFCAT 02/2026 Recruitment for Flying and Ground Duty Officer Posts

Particular	Details
Recruiting Authority	Indian Air Force
Examination Name	Air Force Common Admission Test 02/2026
Entry Types	AFCAT, NCC Special Entry and GATE Score Entry
Post Type	Group A Gazetted Officer
Branches	Flying, Ground Duty Technical and Ground Duty Non-Technical
Course Commencement	July 2027
Application Mode	Online
Examination Mode	Online
Official Application Portal	AFCAT EDCIL Portal

Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Online Application Begin	20 May 2026 at 11:00 AM
Last Date to Apply	19 June 2026 at 11:30 PM
AFCAT Examination	8 August 2026
Admit Card	Before examination
AFSB Testing	To be notified
Course Commencement	July 2027

Application Fee

Entry	Application Fee
AFCAT Entry	₹550 plus 18% GST
NCC Special Entry	No AFCAT application fee
GATE Score Entry	No AFCAT application fee

The application fee is non-refundable. Payment can be made online through net banking, debit card, credit card, UPI or another payment method available on the portal.

Vacancy Details

AFCAT Entry Vacancies

Branch	Men	Women	Total
Flying Branch - SSC	30	5	35
Ground Duty Technical - Permanent Commission	10	4	14
Ground Duty Technical - Short Service Commission	159	38	197
Ground Duty Non-Technical - Short Service Commission	82	23	105
Total AFCAT Entry Vacancies	281	70	351

GATE Score Entry Vacancies

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Branch	Men PC	Women PC	Men SSC	Women SSC	Total
AE Electronics	1	1	12	3	17
AE Mechanical	1	1	6	1	9
Total	2	2	18	4	26

NCC Special Entry

For NCC Special Entry, seats are calculated as:

- 10% of CDSE vacancies for Permanent Commission; and
- 10% of AFCAT vacancies for Short Service Commission.

Vacancies shown in the notification are tentative and may change according to organizational requirements and training capacity.

Type of Commission

Permanent Commission

Candidates selected for Permanent Commission continue to serve until the prescribed age of superannuation for their rank and branch.

Short Service Commission

For Flying Branch SSC officers, the engagement period is 14 years from the date of commissioning.

For Ground Duty Technical and Non-Technical SSC officers, the initial tenure is 10 years. An

extension of up to four years may be granted depending on service requirements, vacancies, willingness, merit and suitability.

SSC officers are not automatically entitled to a pension under the provisions stated in the notification.

Nationality

The candidate must be a citizen of India under the Indian Citizenship Act, 1955.

Marital Status

Candidates must be unmarried when the course begins.

Marriage is not permitted during the training period. A candidate who marries during training may be removed from training and can be required to refund the expenditure incurred by the Government.

Age Limit

Flying Branch and NCC Special Entry

Requirement	Details
Age Limit	20 to 24 years as of 1 July 2027
Date of Birth Range	2 July 2003 to 1 July 2007
CPL Holder Maximum Age	Up to 26 years
CPL Holder Date Range	2 July 2001 to 1 July 2007

The Commercial Pilot Licence must be valid and current and must have been issued by DGCA India.

Ground Duty Technical and Non-Technical Branches

Requirement	Details
Age Limit	20 to 26 years as of 1 July 2027
Date of Birth Range	2 July 2001 to 1 July 2007

The date of birth recorded in the matriculation or equivalent certificate will be accepted by the Indian Air Force.

Educational Qualification

Flying Branch

Candidates must have passed Mathematics and Physics at the 10+2 level and possess one of the following:

- A minimum three-year graduation degree in any discipline from a recognized university;
- A four-year BE or BTech degree; or
- Section A and B examination of the Institution of Engineers India or Aeronautical Society of India.

Candidates must satisfy the minimum-mark conditions specified in the official notification.

Ground Duty Technical Branch

Candidates must generally have passed Physics and Mathematics at the 10+2 level and possess an eligible four-year engineering or technology qualification.

Accepted disciplines include, among others:

- Computer Science and Engineering
- Information Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Data Science
- Software Engineering
- Electronics Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Communication Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Instrumentation Engineering
- Robotics
- Cyber Security
- Mathematics and Computing

Candidates should check the complete discipline list in the official notification before applying.

Weapon Systems Branch

Candidates must have passed Mathematics and Physics at the 10+2 level and possess:

- A minimum three-year graduation degree in any discipline; or
- A four-year BE or BTech degree.

Administration and Logistics

Candidates must have passed 10+2 and possess one of the following:

- A minimum three-year graduate degree in any discipline; or
- Section A and B examination of the Institution of Engineers India or Aeronautical Society of India.

Accounts Branch

Candidates must have passed 10+2 and possess an eligible qualification such as:

- BCom;
- BBA with specialization in Finance;
- Bachelor of Management Studies with Finance;
- Bachelor of Business Studies with Finance;
- CA;
- CMA;
- CS;
- CFA; or
- BSc with specialization in Finance.

Education Branch

Candidates must have passed 10+2 and possess a postgraduate degree in an eligible discipline as prescribed in the notification.

Meteorology Branch

Candidates must possess the relevant postgraduate or technical qualification prescribed by the Indian Air Force.

Selection Process

The AFCAT selection process generally consists of:

1. Online AFCAT Examination
2. Declaration of written examination result
3. Air Force Selection Board testing
4. Psychological tests
5. Group tests
6. Personal interview
7. Computerised Pilot Selection System for Flying Branch candidates
8. Medical examination
9. Final merit list
10. Course allocation

Candidates applying through NCC Special Entry are generally exempted from the AFCAT written test but must undergo the applicable AFSB and subsequent selection stages.

GATE Score Entry candidates are shortlisted based on the applicable GATE score and other eligibility conditions.

AFCAT Examination Pattern

The AFCAT question paper generally covers:

- General Awareness
- Verbal Ability in English
- Numerical Ability
- Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test

Candidates should check the official notification and syllabus for the exact number of questions, duration, total marks and negative-marking scheme.

AFSB Testing

Candidates who qualify for the written examination or are shortlisted through an applicable special entry are called for Air Force Selection Board testing.

AFSB testing may include:

- Officer Intelligence Rating Test
- Picture Perception and Discussion Test
- Psychological Tests
- Group Tests
- Personal Interview
- Computerised Pilot Selection System, where applicable

Candidates must qualify at each prescribed stage.

Medical Standards

Candidates must satisfy the physical and medical standards prescribed by the Indian Air Force.

Standards vary according to the branch and may include:

- Minimum height
- Sitting height
- Leg length
- Thigh length
- Weight
- Eyesight
- Colour vision
- Hearing
- General physical fitness
- Absence of disqualifying medical conditions

Flying Branch candidates are subject to stricter anthropometric and visual requirements.

Documents Required

Candidates should keep the following documents ready:

- Class 10 certificate
- Class 12 marksheet and certificate

- Graduation or engineering marksheets
- Degree certificate
- Postgraduate certificate, where applicable
- NCC Air Wing Senior Division C certificate, where applicable
- GATE scorecard, where applicable
- Aadhaar card or another valid ID proof
- Recent passport-size photograph
- Signature
- Left thumb impression
- Application form printout
- Admit card
- Other documents specified by the Indian Air Force

How to Apply

1. Visit the official AFCAT application portal.
2. Select AFCAT 02/2026 candidate login.
3. Complete new-candidate registration.
4. Enter personal and contact information.
5. Choose the applicable branch and entry type.
6. Enter educational qualification details.
7. Upload the photograph, signature and thumb impression.
8. Preview the completed application form.
9. Pay the application fee, where applicable.
10. Submit the application and save a copy for future reference.

Important Instructions

- Candidates should apply only after confirming their eligibility for the selected branch.
- Admission to the written examination and AFSB stages is provisional.
- Mere issue of an admit card does not confirm final eligibility.
- Incorrect educational, age or personal information can lead to cancellation.
- Branch preferences should be selected carefully.
- Vacancies are tentative and can be modified by the Indian Air Force.
- Candidates must be physically and medically fit for the selected branch.
- The application fee is non-refundable.
- Candidates should preserve the registration number and submitted application form.

Important Links

Description	Link
Apply Online	Visit AFCAT Application Portal
Download Official Notification	Download AFCAT 02/2026 Notification
Indian Air Force AFCAT Website	Visit Official Website
Indian Air Force Career Website	Visit Career Portal

Frequently Asked Questions

What is AFCAT 02/2026?

AFCAT 02/2026 is an Indian Air Force recruitment examination for selecting Group A Gazetted Officers in Flying and Ground Duty branches.

When was the last date to apply?

The last date to submit the online application was 19 June 2026 at 11:30 PM.

When will the AFCAT examination be conducted?

The online AFCAT examination is scheduled for 8 August 2026.

How many AFCAT entry vacancies are available?

The notification lists 351 AFCAT-entry vacancies.

How many GATE Score Entry vacancies are available?

The notification lists 26 GATE Score Entry vacancies.

What is the age limit for the Flying Branch?

The age limit is 20 to 24 years as of 1 July 2027. Eligible holders of a valid DGCA Commercial Pilot Licence may receive relaxation up to 26 years.

What is the age limit for Ground Duty branches?

The age limit is 20 to 26 years as of 1 July 2027.

Can women apply for AFCAT 02/2026?

Yes. Both eligible male and female candidates can apply for the specified branches and entries.

What is the AFCAT application fee?

The application fee is ₹550 plus 18% GST for AFCAT Entry. The fee does not apply to NCC Special Entry and GATE Score Entry.

When will the course begin?

The courses are scheduled to commence in July 2027.

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The information on this page is provided for educational and informational purposes. Candidates must verify vacancy figures, qualifications, physical standards, medical requirements, dates and selection conditions from the official Indian Air Force AFCAT 02/2026 notification before taking any action.

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67. Peon Vacancy 2024: Notification Released for 10th Pass Candidates, No Exam Required Last date 31 july
68. Indian Airforce Agniveer Musician Rally Recruitment 2024: Apply Online Last date 5 june
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70. CIPET Admissions 2024: Apply Online Last date 31 may

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