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AFCAT 01/2027 — Officer Recruitment

Air Force Common Admission Test for Flying, Ground Duty (Technical & Non-Technical), NCC Special Entry and GATE Score Entry — courses commencing January 2028.

Group 'A' Gazetted Officers | Men & Women | PC & SSC | Online Application

APPLICATIONS OPEN
12 Nov 2026, 11:00 Hrs

LAST DATE TO APPLY
11 Dec 2026, 23:30 Hrs

ONLINE EXAM
31 Jan 2027 (Sunday)

Vacancies at a Glance

284	36	124	108	16
Tentative Vacancies*	Flying (SSC)	Ground Duty (Technical)	Ground Duty (Non-Tech)	GATE Score Entry

*Total of vacancies listed in the notification (AFCAT + GATE Score Entry). NCC Special Entry seats are reserved as a percentage quota (10%) and are not counted here. Vacancies are tentative and subject to change.

Branch-wise Vacancies

Branch	Men PC	Women PC	Men SSC	Women SSC
Flying	–	–	28	08
Technical — AE (L)	05	02	54	27

Technical — AE (M)	08	02	18	08
Non-Tech — Weapon Systems	–	–	25	05
Non-Tech — Admin	01	01	34	17
Non-Tech — Logistics	01	01	06	03
Non-Tech — Accounts	01	01	03	03
Non-Tech — Education	01	01	01	01
Non-Tech — Meteorology	01	01	–	–
GATE Entry — AE (L)	01	01	06	03
GATE Entry — AE (M)	01	01	02	01

Two seats in Ground Duty (Non-Tech) are reserved for candidates holding an LLB degree.

Key Details

AGE LIMIT (AS ON 01 JAN 2028)

Flying: 20–24 yrs (born 02 Jan 2004 – 01 Jan 2008); up to 26 yrs with valid DGCA CPL.

Ground Duty: 20–26 yrs (born 02 Jan 2002 – 01 Jan 2008).

EDUCATION

Flying / Weapon Systems: 10+2 with Maths & Physics + any 3-yr graduation or BE/B.Tech.

Technical (AE L/M): 10+2 with Physics & Maths + 4-yr engineering degree in listed disciplines.

Admin, Logistics, Accounts, Education, Meteorology: as per branch criteria in the notification.

TYPE OF COMMISSION

PC: serves till superannuation.

SSC: Flying 14 years; Ground Duty 10 years (+4 yrs extension possible).

APPLICATION FEE

550 + 18% GST (non-refundable) for AFCAT Entry. Not applicable for NCC Special Entry / GATE Score Entry. Aadhaar is mandatory for registration.

EXAM PATTERN

Online objective test in English • 100 questions • 300 marks • 2 hours. +3 for correct, −1 for wrong. Subjects: General Awareness, English, Numerical Ability, Reasoning & Military Aptitude.

SELECTION PROCESS

Online AFCAT → AFSB testing (Stage I & II; CPSS for Flying) → Medical → Final merit list. NCC Special Entry candidates are exempt from the written exam.

PAY & TRAINING

Flying Officer pay: **Level 10, 56,100 – 1,77,500**. Stipend of 56,100/month during training.

Training from Jan 2028: 74 weeks (Flying & Technical), 50 weeks (Non-Tech).

IMPORTANT DATES

Admit Card: from 27 Jan 2027, 11:00 Hrs
Objection window: 03 Feb – 05 Feb 2027, 10:00 Hrs

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