AFCAT 01/2026 NOTIFICATION SUMMARY

Exam & Application Details:

• **Application Dates:** 17 Nov 2025 (11:00 hrs) to 14 Dec 2025 (23:30 hrs)

• Exam Date: 31 Jan 2026 (Saturday)

• Website: https://afcat.edcil.co.in

Admit Card Download: From 22 Jan 2026

Branches & Vacancies:

1. Flying Branch

- Short Service Commission (SSC) only
- Vacancies: 34 (Men) + 4 (Women)
- Also available through NCC Special Entry

2. **Ground Duty (Technical)**

- Aeronautical Engineer (Electronics) & (Mechanical)
- Both Permanent Commission (PC) and SSC
- Total vacancies vary by discipline (tentative)

3. Ground Duty (Non-Technical)

- Branches: Weapon Systems, Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education, Meteorology
- Both Men & Women eligible (SSC)

Type of Commission:

- PC (Permanent Commission): Serve till retirement age
- SSC (Short Service Commission):
 - Flying Branch: 14 years

• **Ground Duty:** 10 years + possible 4-year extension

Eligibility Criteria:

Nationality: Indian citizen

Age (as on 01 Jan 2027):

• Flying Branch: 20-24 years (relaxable up to 26 for CPL holders)

• **Ground Duty:** 20–26 years

Marital Status: Unmarried

Educational Qualification:

- Flying Branch:
 - ∘ 10+2 with 50% in Physics & Maths
 - Graduation with 60% marks (any discipline) or B.E./B.Tech with 60%
- Technical Branch (AE L / AE M):
 - 10+2 with 50% in Physics & Maths
 - 4-year degree in relevant engineering fields (60%)
- Non-Technical Branches:
 - Graduate/PG degree with 60% (discipline varies by branch)

Exam Pattern:

• Mode: Online (English only)

• **Duration:** 2 hours

- Subjects:
 - General Awareness
 - Verbal Ability in English
 - Numerical Ability
 - Reasoning & Military Aptitude

- **Marks:** 300 (100 questions × 3 marks)
- Negative Marking: -1 for each wrong answer

Selection Process:

- 1. Online AFCAT Exam (except NCC Special Entry)
- 2. **AFSB Interview** at one of five centres (Dehradun, Mysuru, Gandhinagar, Varanasi, Guwahati)
- 3. Medical Examination

Application Fee:

- ₹550 + GST (non-refundable)
- NCC Special Entry: No fee

Additional Points:

- Aadhaar card mandatory for registration
- Candidates must be physically fit
- Tattoos restricted (only inner forearms/back of hand allowed)
- Drug/narcotic use leads to disqualification

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