

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
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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**
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Application Fee:

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