

Technical Entry Scheme (TES) - Indian Army & Indian Navy 2026

Indian Army

□□ What It Is

The **Technical Entry Scheme (TES)** is a direct recruitment route into the **Indian Army** for students who have completed Class 12 with **Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics (PCM)**. It is designed for young aspirants who wish to pursue an **engineering career in the Armed Forces** and serve as commissioned technical officers.

Similar technical-entry options also exist in the Indian Navy and Air Force.

□□ Eligibility

- **Gender:** Unmarried Male Candidates
- **Educational Qualification:** Class 12 (10+2) with PCM and **minimum 60% aggregate**
- **Age Limit:** 16½ to 19½ years
- **JEE (Main):** Mandatory for shortlisting

□□ Selection Process

- Shortlisting of candidates based on Class 12 marks and JEE (Main) score
- **SSB Interview** for shortlisted candidates
- **Medical Examination**
- **Final Merit List** based on overall performance

There is **no separate written exam** like in the NDA. Selection is purely on academic and interview merit.

□□ Advantages

- Direct entry after Class 12 without UPSC written exam
 - Ideal for students with strong technical and engineering aptitude
 - Provides an opportunity to serve as an officer in the Indian Army's technical corps
 - Candidates earn an Engineering degree during training
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❏❏ Disadvantages

- ❏ Limited only to **technical branches** of the Army
- ❏ Requires strong PCM and JEE performance
- ❏ Restricted to **male candidates** only
- ❏ Narrow eligibility window (16½–19½ years)

⚓ 10+2 (B.Tech) Cadet Entry Scheme - Indian Navy

❏❏ What It Is

The **10+2 (B.Tech) Cadet Entry Scheme** is a premier recruitment path into the **Indian Navy** for students who have completed Class 12 with PCM. Selected candidates undergo **four years of B.Tech training** at the **Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala** and are commissioned as officers upon successful completion. This scheme offers both **academic and military training** simultaneously.

❏❏ Eligibility

- **Gender:** Male & Female (limited branches)
- **Educational Qualification:** Class 12 (10+2) with **minimum 70% in PCM** and **50% in English (10th or 12th)**
- **JEE (Main):** Mandatory for shortlisting
- **Age Limit:** 17 to 19½ years

❏❏ Selection Process

1. Application & shortlisting based on JEE (Main) score
2. **SSB Interview** for shortlisted candidates
3. **Medical Examination**
4. **Final Merit List & Training at INA**
5. Completion of **4-year B.Tech program** leading to commissioning as a **Sub-Lieutenant**

❏❏ Advantages

- ❏ Provides a **B.Tech degree + officer training**
- ❏ Open to **both male and female candidates**
- ❏ Direct entry without written exam

☐ Opportunity to serve as a commissioned officer in the **Executive or Technical branches** of the Indian Navy

☐☐ Disadvantages

- ☐ Requires **very high academic and JEE performance**
- ☐ Only open to **PCM students**
- ☐ Focused mainly on **technical and engineering** roles
- ☐ Limited number of seats and branches for female candidates

⚖ Summary

Feature	Army TES (10+2)	Navy 10+2 (B.Tech) Entry
Service	Indian Army	Indian Navy
Educational Requirement	10+2 with PCM (60%)	10+2 with PCM (70%) + English 50%
JEE (Main)	Mandatory	Mandatory
Gender	Male Only	Male & Female
Age Limit	16½ – 19½ years	17 – 19½ years
Degree Awarded	Engineering (Army-affiliated)	B.Tech (JNU-affiliated at INA)
Training Academy	OTA Gaya + CME/MCTE/MCEME	Indian Naval Academy (Ezhimala)
Commission Rank	Lieutenant	Sub-Lieutenant
Written Exam	No	No

☐☐ In Short

Both TES (Army) and 10+2 (B.Tech) Entry (Navy) offer **excellent opportunities** for science stream students right after Class 12 to become commissioned officers.

- TES is best suited for **male students** aiming for the **Army's technical branches**.
- The Navy 10+2 (B.Tech) scheme is ideal for **both male and female aspirants** with strong PCM and JEE scores who want an **engineering + officer career** in the Indian Navy.

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