UPSC CDS II 2025 Notification

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Examination Overview

- **Name:** Combined Defence Services Examination (CDS) II, 2025
- **Conducted by:** Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- **Exam Date:** 14th September 2025
- **Last Date to Apply:** 17th June 2025 (11:59 PM)
- **Application Mode:** Online via https://upsconline.nic.in
- **New Portal:** Fresh registration required (old OTR not applicable)

Total Vacancies: 453

Course	Vacancies
Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun	100
Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala	26
Air Force Academy (AFA), Hyderabad	32
Officers' Training Academy (OTA), Chennai – Men	276
Officers' Training Academy (OTA), Chennai – Women	19

Eligibility

- **Nationality:** Indian, Nepali, or certain persons of Indian origin
- **Marital Status:** Unmarried (specific relaxations for SSC Women)
- **Age Limits:**
    - **IMA/INA:** Born between 2 July 2002 – 1 July 2007
    - **AFA:** Born between 2 July 2002 – 1 July 2006 (up to 26 yrs for CPL holders)
    - **OTA (Men/Women):** Born between 2 July 2001 – 1 July 2007
- **Educational Qualifications:**
    - **IMA/OTA:** Graduate degree

- **INA:** Engineering degree
- **AFA:** Graduate with Physics & Math at 10+2 or Engineering

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Application Fee

- ₹200 for general/OBC candidates
- **Exempted:** Female / SC / ST candidates
- **Payment Mode:** Online (Debit/Credit/UPI/Net Banking)

Exam Pattern

For IMA, INA, AFA:

- English – 100 marks
- General Knowledge – 100 marks
- Elementary Mathematics – 100 marks

For OTA (Men & Women):

- English – 100 marks
- General Knowledge – 100 marks

Note: Negative marking for wrong answers

Selection Process

1. **Written Exam**
2. **SSB Interview (Two Stages)**
3. **Medical Fitness**
4. **Final Merit List** (based on marks in written + SSB)

Additional Highlights

- Admit cards available ~1 week before the exam on UPSC website

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- Candidates applying for **Army** (IMA/OTA) must register at: www.joinindianarmy.nic.in
- Separate preferences to be selected for IMA, INA, AFA, and OTA
- No correction window after form submission
- Mobile phones and electronic devices strictly prohibited in exam hall

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