

Ace CDS, AFCAT & CAPF with BYJU'S Exam Prep

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संघ लोक सेवा आयोग UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts the "Combined Defence Services" (CDS) Examination twice a year for recruiting candidates for the Indian Military Academy, Officers Training Academy, Indian Naval Academy and Indian Air Force Academy.



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About CDS

- CDS Exam is conducted to get admission into the Armed Forces (Indian Army, Indian Navy & Indian Air Force)
- The examination is conducted by UPSC twice each year
 (April & September) for both Male & Female Candidates
- Through CDS, a candidate gets 2 types of commission into armed forces – Permanent & Short Service

CDS Selection process



CDS - Eligibility Criteria

Age Limit

- For Indian Military Academy (IMA): 19–24 years
- For Air Force Academy (AFA):20–24 years
- For Naval Academy (NA): 19–24 years
- For Officers Training Academy (OTA): 19–25 years



Educational Qualification

- For I.M.A. and Officers Training (IMA & OTA): Bachelor's Degree
- For Naval Academy (NA): Bachelor's in Engineering
- For Air Force Academy (AFA): Bachelor's Degree (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor's in Engineering



Physical Standards

- The candidate should be physically as well as mentally fit
- No permanent tattoos
- No hernia
- No hearing impairment, deformities/disabilities in-ears vestibule-cochlear system
- No active congenital venereal disease



CDS - Number of Seats





Examination Stages

Candidates who apply for CDS Exam
Candidates who appear in CDS Exam
Candidates shortlisted for SSB interview
Candidates finally seleted

No. of Aspirants

2.5 Lakhs1.25 Lakhs6500400

Commission	Service	Gender
Permanent Commission	IMA (Army)	Male
Permanent Commission	INA (Navy)	Male
Permanent Commission	AFA (Air Force)	Male
Short Service Commission	OTA (Army)	Male & Female

CDS - Important Timeline & Exam Pattern

CDS II 2024

CDS I 2024

Exam Alert	Events
Notification Out	15 th May 2024
Exam Date	1 st Sept 2024
Result Date	Sept 2024
SSB Dates IMA/INA/AFA	Mid Nov - Feb
SSB Dates OTA	Feb - April
Exam Mode	Offline

Exam Alert	Events
Notification Out	20 th Dec 2023
Exam Date	21 st Apr 2024
Result Date	May 2024
SSB Dates	June - Aug
IMA/INA/AFA	Jane 7 ag
SSB Dates OTA	Sep - Nov
Exam Mode	Online

Exam Name	Entries	Syllabus	Duration	Questions	Total Marks
	IMA, INA, AFA, OTA	Paper 1: English	2 hours	120 Qs	100 Marks
CDS	IMA, INA, AFA, OTA	Paper 2: General Knowledge	2 hours	120 Qs	100 Marks
	IMA, INA, AFA	Paper 3: Mathematics	2 hours	100 Qs	100 Marks

CDS - Course Features & Its Summary

Conquer: A Foundation Course

Clear CDS with 150+ marks

Subjects:

- Maths
- English
- Physics
- Chemistry

- Geography
- History

Current Affairs

Course Includes



200+ Live Classes



2000+
Practice Ques.



30+Mock Tests

About AFCAT

- AFCAT or Air Force Common Admission Test is conducted for entry into Indian Air Force as an officer for both Male & Female Candidates
- The exam is conducted twice each year in Aug-Sept and February-March.
- Through AFCAT, a candidate gets 2 types of commission into armed forces – Permanent & Short Service. As of now female candidates are eligible only for short service commission.
- In order to apply for AFCAT candidate must be a graduate and should've done his intermediate in 10+2 format.
 Diploma + Graduate candidates cannot apply for AFCAT, but can apply for CDS (AFA).



AFCAT - Number of Seats



Examination Stages	No. of Aspirants
Candidates who apply for AFCAT Exam	1.5 Lakhs
Candidates who appear in AFCAT Exam	1 Lakh
Candidates shortlisted for SSB Interview	8000
Candidates finally selected	250

Branch	Commission	Gender
Flying Branch	Short Service Commission	Male & Female
Ground Duty (Tech)	Short Service Commission	Male & Female
Ground Duty (Non-Tech)	Short Service Commission	Male & Female
Education Branch (Post Graduation Needed)	Short Service Commission	Male & Female
Weapon System	Short Service Commission	Male & Female



AFCAT - Important Timeline & Exam Pattern

AFCAT II 2024

Exam Alert	Events		
Notification Out	June 2024		
Exam Date	Aug 2024		
Result Date	Sept 2024		
SSB Dates	Oct - Jan		
Exam Mode	Online		



AFCAT I 2024

Exam Alert	Events		
Notification Out	Dec 2023		
Exam Date	Feb 2024		
Result Date	Mar 2024		
SSB Dates	May - Aug 2024		

Exa Na	am me	Entries	Syllabus	Duration	Questions	Total Marks
		Flying, Ground Duty (Non-Technical)	Paper 1: English, Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, GK	2 hours	100 Qs	300 Marks
AF	CAT	Ground Duty (Technical)	Paper 1: English, Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, GK	2 hours	100 Qs	300 Marks
			Paper 2: EKT	45 min	50 Qs	150 Marks

AFCAT - Course Features & Its Summary

उड़ान : A Foundation Course

Score 220+ Marks in AFCAT

Subjects:

- Numerical Ability
- Quantitative Aptitude
- English
- Reasoning

Course Includes



150+ Live Classes



1500+
Practice Ques.



20+ Mock Tests

About CAPF

- CAPF or Central Armed Police Force is conducted for entry into armed police forces as a gazetted officer. Both Male & Female candidates can apply for this exam.
- There are a total of 5 armed police forces for which recruitment is conducted – BSF, CRPF, CISF, SSB, ITBP
- The exam is conducted once each year by UPSC in the month of August.
- All Graduates can apply for this exam.

CAPF Selection process



CAPF - Important Timeline & Exam Pattern

CAPF 2024

Events	Dates
Notification Out	24 th April 2024
Exam Date	4 th Aug 2024
Result Date	Sept 2024
Interview Date	Feb 2025
Exam Mode	Offline

Exam Name	Entries	Syllabus	Duration	Questions	Total Marks
		Paper 1: Science, Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, GK	2 hours	125 Qs	250 Marks
CAPF	All Entries	Paper 2: Essay, Report, Precis, Debate & Comprehension, Grammar	3 hours	06 Qs	200 Marks



CAPF - Course Features & Its Summary

शौर्य CAPF 2024: A Foundation Course

Clear CAPF with a day wise study plan

Subjects:

- Numerical AbilityQuantitative Aptitude
- Reasoning
- General English
- Descriptive Essay,Precis, ReportWriting & Arguments

Course Includes



220+ Live Classes



2500+
Practice Ques.



10+Mock Tests

About SSB Interview

- SSB (Service Selection Board) Interview or Personality Test is directed to check the appropriate qualities to become an officer in a candidate.
- Candidates aspiring to Join Indian Army have to go through the
 SSB Interview
- For Indian Air Force candidates have to go through the **AFSB**Interview
- For Indian Navy candidates have to go through the NSB
 Interview
 (The Interview Procedure for SSB, AFSB, NSB remains the same)
- For Indian Coast Guard the interview is conducted in 2 Stages -PSB & FSB. PSB stands for Preliminary Selection Board which conducts stage I of the Interview. Candidates who clear PSB are then called for Final Selection Board(FSB) Interview which is Stage II.

After Clearing SSB Interview, recommended candidates then appear in for medical examination.

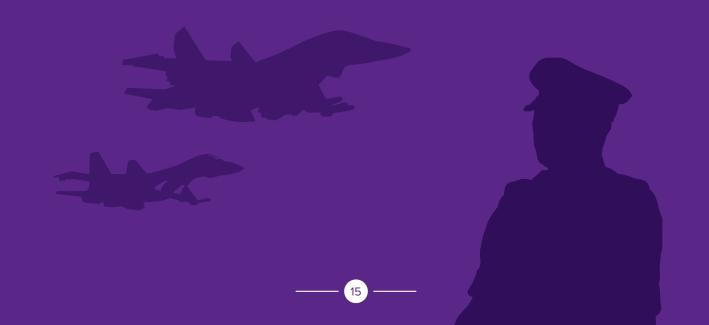
The SSB interview is divided into 2 stages:

- Stage I (Elimination Stage 70% Candidates Rejected)
- Stage II

SSB Interview Stages



Stages	Assessors	Task Type	Testing Parameter	Assessment Parameter
	Psychologist, GTO, Interviewing Officer	Individual Task	Reasoning Ability Individual Task	Officer Intelligence Rating Test
Stage I	Psychologist, GTO, Interviewing Officer	Individual + Group Task	Communication Skills, Group Dynamics & Psychology (how you perceive things; imagination)	Picture Perception & Discussion Test
	Psychologist	Individual Task	Candidates' Personality; his Perception & Outlook towards things. His Temperament, Acumen & attention to details. How is he as an individual, Mental Stamina	Thematic Apperception Test Word Association Test Situation Reaction Test Self Description Test
Stage II	Group Testing Officer	Group Task (Except - Individual Obstacle, Lecturette & Command Task)	Group Dynamics, Observation Skills, Organisation ability, Confidence, Ability to initiate things, Physical & Mental Fitment, Spoken English & Communication Skills (Verbal & Non Verbal)	Group Discussion Group Planning Exercise Progressive Group Task Half Group Task Final Group Task Command Task Snake Race Lecturette
	Interviewing Officer	Individual Task	Confidence, How well does he know about himself & surroundings, Attitude towards things, Organising Ability, Mental Stamina, his approach towards solving a problem, communication skills & reasoning	Personal Interview



SSB Interview - Course Features & Its Summary

A Master Course

Clear SSB Interview with day wise study plan

Subjects:

- Officer Intelligence Rating Test
- Psychology Test

- Group Officer Tasks
- Interview

Course Includes



50+ Live Classes



Personal Interview with Ex-Assessor



30+Day Online
Mentorship



30+ Mock Tests

Physical & Medical Criteria to Join Indian Army

All candidates after clearing the SSB Interview need to appear for medical in medical boards termed as 'Special Medical Boards'. If any candidate is declared 'temporary unfit' then he can request 'Appeal Medical Board' to give him a grace period of 42 days post which he can reappear for medical examination.

Eyesight		
Parameter	NDA, TES & Equivalent	
Uncorrected Vision	6/36 & 6/36	
Myopia	less than or equal to -2.5D	
Hypermeteropia	less than or equal to +2.5D	
Lasik or PRK	Not Permitted	

Minimum Height Criteria

The minimum height required for male candidates for entry into the Armed Forces is 157 cm and for female candidates, it is 152 cm. Relaxation is permitted for the following candidates:

Category	Min. Height for Male Candidates	Min. Height for Female Candidates
Tribals from Ladakh Region	155 cm	150 cm
Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands	155 cm	150 cm
Gorkhas, Nepali, Assamese, Garhwali, Kumaoni & Uttarakhand	152 cm	147 cm
Bhutan, Sikkim & NE Region	152 cm	147 cm

Physical & Medical Criteria to Join Indian Navy

Eyesight		
Parameter	NDA, TES & Equivalent	
Uncorrected Vision	6/36 & 6/36	
Myopia	less than or equal to -0.75D	
Hypermeteropia	less than or equal to +1.5D	
Lasik or PRK	Not Permitted*	

Minimum Height Criteria to Join Indian Navy

The minimum height required for male candidates for entry into the Indian Navy is 157 cm and for female candidates, it is 152 cm. Relaxation is permitted for the following candidates:

Category	Min. Height for Male Candidates	Min. Height for Female Candidates
Tribals from Ladakh Region	155 cm	150 cm
Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands	155 cm	150 cm
Gorkhas, Nepali, Assamese, Garhwali, Kumaoni & Uttarakhand	152 cm	147 cm
Bhutan, Sikkim & NE Region	152 cm	147 cm

Physical & Medical Criteria to Join Indian Air Force

Branch	Visual Acuity Errors
Flying	6/6 in one eye and 6/9 in other, correctable to 6/6 only for Hypermetropia
Aircrew other than Flying	6/24 in one eye and 6/36 in other, correctable to 6/6 and 6/9
Adm/Adm (ATC)/ Adm (FC)	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/9 in each eye.
Accts/ Lgs/Edn	Corrected visual acuity should be 6/6 in the better eye and 6/18 in the worse eye. Wearing of Glasses will be compulsory.

Minimum Height Criteria

The minimum height for entry into ground duty branches will be 157.5 cm. Gorkhas and individuals belonging to North Eastern regions of India and hilly regions of Uttarakhand, the minimum acceptable height will be 5 cm less (152.5 cm). In case of candidates from Lakshadweep, the minimum acceptable height can be reduced by 2 cm (155.5 cm).

Minimum height for Flying Branch will be 162.5 cm. Acceptable measurements of leg length, thigh length and sitting height for such aircrew will be as under:

- 1. Sitting height: Minimum- 81.5 cm Maximum- 96.0 cm
- 2. Leg Length: Minimum- 99.0 cm Maximum- 120.0 cm
- 3. Thigh Length: Maximum- 64.0 cm

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That Is Right For You

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Manan Kothari
AIR 116
IMA: 155 Course



Abhishek Behra
AIR 129
IMA: 155 Course



Paras Kumar AIR 135 IMA : 155 Course



Keshav Uthada AIR 6 | CDS II 2022

In the beginning, I used to rely only on free online resources but the failure in the first 2 attempts forced me to think about what I was doing wrong. Then I came across BYJU'S Exam Prep and secured AIR 6!



Dilraj Karan Singh AIR 80 | CDS II 2022

When I first started thinking about joining the Indian Army, I came across BYJU'S Exam Prep app and was thoroughly satisfied with the content and section-wise practice sessions. This helped me complete my syllabus on time & clear CDS 1 2023 in my 1st Attempt.

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Our Outstanding Results

1 out of every 6 Selections in CAPF 2021 Exam

CAPF



Himanshu Vats Rank 1



Raj Choudhary
Rank 2



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Diyalram Rank 38



Himanshu Vats

I always considered the CAPF Exam like a boxing tournament and the coaches (Faculty) of BYJU'S Exam Prep helped me clear the written exam. I would recommend Bhanwar Sir, Abhishek Sir, Monika Ma'am, Gaurav Sir & Lalit sir for any fighter who wants to conquer this tournament.



Raj Choudhary
AIR 2 | CAPF 2021

The preparation strategy used in BYJU'S Exam Prep Shaurya CAPF AC Course helped me focus on concepts and the doubt clearing sessions helped me boost confidence. I was able to clear the CAPF AC 2021 Exam in my 1st attempt & would like to give credit to this wonderful app!

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Our Outstanding Results

75% Selection Rate in AFCAT I 2023 Exam

AFCAT



Sanjiv Jajjoo Rank 11 AFCAT II 2022



Sanchita Singh
Rank 14
AFCAT II 2022



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Naushaba Sheik AFSB Recommended



Somak Roya AFSB Recommended



Sanjiv Jajjoo AIR 11 | AFCAT II 2022

I have just cleared my AFCAT 1 2023
Written exam and I am in my final year of graduation. The strategy session by Abhishek sir motivated me to start preparing for this exam along with graduation & helped me gain confidence by clearing all my doubts. Thank you team BYJU'S Exam Prep.



Sanchita Singh AIR 14 | AFCAT II 2022

My advice to all first time aspirants is to focus on previous years' question papers, focus on concepts and attempt as many questions as you can. Bhanwar Sir & Shashank Sir always motivated me to work harder and now I have cleared my written exam in 1st Attempt.

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