

Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces

Dear Students,

In case you are planning for a career in the Armed Forces or any other similar services here are some suggestions for you:

1. Start your preparations for the career in the XIth standard. Do not postpone your decision.
2. Talk to your teachers and other experts who can guide you about a career in the Armed Forces. Retired Officers of the Army, Navy or the Air Force and any similar organisations would be able to guide you.
3. You must start your academic preparations as soon as possible. The syllabus for any competitive examinations contains several subjects. The XIth and XIIth standard books usually cover these topics. When studying any subject try to understand it properly. Simply memorizing the topics does not help. Unless you understand the topic you will not be able to write answers. Also start reading any one standard newspaper every day. This will help you to grasp current events.
4. The information given below is a general guide line for opportunities in the Armed Forces and related services.

Please Note the following :

1. The information provided is to be treated as a guideline. This textbook will not be taken as an authority under any circumstances and Balbharati or the board of authors/ compilers and the publisher bear no legal or moral responsibility of any kind.
2. Changes in all parameters may take place and may get published from time to time on websites and Employment News.
3. There are entries for Coast Guard, BSF, CRPF, ITBP and Industrial Security Force for officers' cadre. These are announced separately from time to time.
4. Read Employment News for advertisements relating to recruitment.

Entries after X + II (to be attempted while in X + II) as

Officers in Armed Forces

[Please refer to the UPSC and Armed Services websites and Employment News for schedules and latest parameters. This textbook will not be quoted as an authority and will be used only as a guideline for awareness]

1. National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune: For male candidates of the age 16.5 to 19 years at the time of entry into the Academy.
2. Technical Entry for the Army and the Navy: For male candidates only after passing XII board examination with PCM subjects. Age limit 16.5 to 19 years of age at the time of entry.
3. Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) entry for medical officers stream: Male and Female candidates appearing or passed XII board examination with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as their subjects. Age limit 16.5 to 21 years (changes are likely).
4. Armed Forces Medical College entry for Nursing Stream: For Female candidates appearing or passed XII board examination with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as their subjects at the board examination. Age limit 16.5 to 21 years (changes are likely)

Entries after Graduation (Can be attempted while in the final year of graduation) as Officers in the Armed Forces

1. Through Combined Defence Services entrance examination. Age limits – 19 to 25 years for male and female candidates, through Permanent Commission stream or Short Service Commission stream. This is in all three services. (changes are likely and there are different streams). Entrance Test is followed by a detailed interview (Service Selection Board interview). (Some entries are without the entrance test).
2. Entry for Engineers in all three services – without entrance test or AFCAT test for the Air Force. Age limits are variable for the three services, from 19 to 24/ 27 years).
3. Legal cadre and Education Cadre – These entries are announced from time to time.

Note : All entries (except the AFMC and Nursing) have SSB interview procedure, whether entrance test is applicable or not. The selection through interviews is followed up by medical examination with stringent requirements of height, weight, ECG, EEG, eyesight, hearing ability. Partial or full colour blindness, Knocked Knees and Flat feet are very common grounds for medical rejection.

Entries in Non-Officer Cadre

These are announced by the Directorate of Recruitment for entry as Jawans, Airmen and Naviks. Min qualifications are X + II. Some craftsmen are also recruited after X std. There are technical entries for diploma holders as direct recruitment at Non-Commissioned Officer levels (Naiks and Havildars or equivalent ranks in the Navy and the Air Force).

Websites for Recruitment in the Armed Forces

For Army : at www.joinindianarmy.nic.in

For Navy : <https://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in/>

For Air Force : <http://indianairforce.nic.in/>

Websites for Recruitment in Indian Paramilitary Forces

1. **Border Security Force (BSF)** : Get information related to recruitment in Border Security Force.

<http://bsf.nic.in/en/career.html>

2. **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** : is a premier multi-skilled security agency which provides security cover to nuclear installations, space establishments, airports, seaports, power plants, sensitive Government buildings and ever heritage monuments. Detailed information related to recruitment of Central Industrial Security Force.

http://www.cisf.nic.in/RECRUITMENT_files/RECRUITMENT.htm

3. **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** : is an armed Force of the Union of India, with the basic role of assisting the State/Union Territories in Police operations to maintain law and order and contain insurgency. You can find information about recruitment of Central Reserve Police Force.

<https://www.india.gov.in/recruitment-central-reserve-police-force>

4. **Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** : is a specialized mountain Force and most of the officers & men are professionally trained mountaineers and skiers. Know more about career opportunities in Indo Tibetan Border Police.

<http://itbp.nic.in/itbpwebsite/index.html>

5. **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)** : is a Border Guarding Force (BGF) . You can find detailed information pertaining to recruitment and career opportunities in the SSB.

<http://www.ssbrectt.gov.in/>





**Border Roads
in Himalayan
region**

**United Nations
Military Observation
Group Headquarters,
Srinagar**



**Ibadat-e-Shahadat
Army Museum,
Srinagar**



**Maharashtra State Bureau of Textbook Production and Curriculum Research,
Pune 4.**

संरक्षणशास्त्र इयत्ता अकरावी (इंग्रजी माध्यम)

₹ 84.00