

(i) **Exam Schedule.** The AFCAT (and EKT) will be conducted in two days as per the following schedule:-

Activity	19 Sept 20 (Day 1)		20 Sept 20 (Day 2)	
	1st Shift	2nd Shift	1st Shift	2nd Shift
Candidate Reporting Time	08:00 hrs	12:30 hrs	08:00 hrs	12:30 hrs
Verification of Admit Card & ID Proof, Biometrics, Photo/ Thumb Impression/ Sign on Attendance Sheet & Candidate Seating in Exam Hall	08:00- 09:30 hrs	12:30- 14:00 hrs	08:00- 09:30 hrs	12:30-14:00 hrs
Reading of Instructions by Candidates	09:30- 09:45 hrs	14:00- 14:15 hrs	09:30- 09:45 hrs	14:00- 14:15 hrs
AFCAT	09:45- 11:45 hrs	14:15 -16:15 hrs	09:45- 11:45 hrs	14:15 -16:15 hrs
Reading of Instructions by Candidates for EKT	NA	16:15 -16:30 hrs	NA	16:15 -16:30 hrs
EKT	NA	16:30 -17:15 hrs	NA	16:30 -17:15 hrs

Note: Candidates will not be permitted to enter the exam centre, under any circumstance, after the pre-exam verification process has commenced at 08:00 hrs for shift-I and 12:30 hrs for shift-II.

(ii) **Syllabus.** The subjects, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject will be as follows:-

Exam	Subject	Duration	No. of Questions	Max Marks
AFCAT	General Awareness, Verbal Ability in English, Numerical Ability and Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test	02 Hours	100	300
EKT [For Candidates with one of the choices as (Technical) Branch]	Mechanical, Computer Science and Electrical & Electronics	45 Minutes	50	150

(iii) The Online examination will consist of objective type questions and will be in English only for both AFCAT and EKT.

(iv) **Marking Scheme** is as follows:-

(aa) Three marks will be awarded for every correct answer.

(ab) One mark will be deducted for every incorrect answer.

(ac) No marks for unattempted questions.

(v) Questions will be based on the metric system of Weights & Measures wherever applicable.

(vi) Candidates are required to appear for the Online AFCAT in person. Under no circumstance will any scribe or another candidate be allowed to appear/ assist in the exam.

(vii) Air Force has the discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.

(b) **Standard and Syllabus of the Examination:**

(i) **Syllabus.**

(aa) **English.** Comprehension, Error Detection, Sentence Completion/ Filling in of correct word, Synonyms, Antonyms and Testing of Vocabulary, Idioms and Phrases.

(ab) **General Awareness.** History, Geography, Civics, Politics, Current Affairs, Environment, Basic Science, Defence, Art, Culture, Sports, etc.

(ac) **Numerical Ability.** Decimal Fraction, Time and Work, Average, Profit & Loss, Percentage, Ratio & Proportion and Simple Interest, Time & Distance (Trains/Boats & Streams).

(ad) **Reasoning and Military Aptitude Test.** Verbal Skills and Spatial Ability.

(ii) **Standard.** The standard of Numerical Ability Questions will be of Matriculation level. The standard of questions in other subjects will be of graduation level (Indian University).

(c) **Practice Test.** An online Practice Test (for AFCAT & EKT) is available on the IAF website <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in> or <https://afcat.cdac.in>.

(d) Instructions for e-Admit Card and AFCAT Written Examination.

(i) The eligible candidates shall be issued with an e-Admit Card three weeks before the date of the examination. The e-Admit Card will be sent to the registered email IDs and will also be available at the website www.careerindianairforce.cdac.in for all candidates who successfully submitted their online application. No Admit Card will be sent by post. To download the e-Admit Card, a candidate should have his/her **Username and Password**. The candidate will be solely responsible for downloading his/ her e-Admit Card.

(ii) If the candidate does not receive his/her admit card in their registered email id or is not able to download the same from the mentioned website or if there is any error / discrepancy / anomaly in the e-admit card, he/she must inquire from AFCAT Query Cell at C-DAC, Pune immediately. **(Phone Nos. 020-25503105 or 020-25503106)**. E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in . No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination unless he/ she holds a downloaded e-Admit Card for the examination.

(iii) The courses to which the candidates are admitted will be according to their eligibility as per age and educational qualifications and the course preferences given by them. The candidates should note that their admission to the examination will be purely provisional, based on the information given by them in the Application Form. On verification, in case the IAF finds that the information disclosed by the candidate is not correct or is false, his or her candidature will be treated as cancelled.

(iv) Candidates are to ensure that the personal information in the front side of the e-Admit card are as per the details provided by them during the registration process. They are also advised to read the instructions given at the rear of the e-Admit card beforehand.

(v) The decision of the IAF shall be final with regard to the acceptance of a candidate's application, based on the given information.

(e) Special Instructions to Candidates for Online Examination.

(i) **Items to be Brought Inside Examination Hall.** The following items are to be carried to the exam centre:-

(aa) e-Admit Card for AFCAT **02/2020**.

(ab) Candidate's Aadhaar Card.

(ac) Another valid photo identity card such as PAN card/ passport/ driving licence/ voter identity card/ college identity card or any other valid photo identity proof, with details of name, father's name, date of birth and a clear photograph.

(ad) Two passport size colour photographs- same as the photo uploaded during online application (to be pasted, not stapled on Admit Card next to the printed photo and on attendance sheet at the exam centre).

(ae) Ballpoint Pen (Blue or Black) for signing on the attendance sheet and rough work.

- (ii) **Items not permitted inside Examination Hall.** Candidates are not allowed to carry any textual material, calculators, docupen, slide rulers, log tables, electronic watches with facilities of calculator, mobile phones, blue tooth, pager or any other digital device except the admit card, identity proof inside the AFCAT- C-DAC exam centre premises. If the candidate is in possession of any of the above mentioned items, it will be construed as an attempt to using unfair means and his/her examination will be cancelled. The item will be confiscated and he/ she will also be debarred from future AFCAT examinations. Candidates are advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Centres, as safe keeping of the same cannot be assured. IAF will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.
- (iii) **Malpractice.** If any candidate resorts to the use of unfair means during the exam, he/ she will be withdrawn from the examination and his/her candidature will be cancelled.
- (iv) **Conduct in Examination Hall.** The candidates are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified manner during the examination or while interacting with the staff on duty. If any candidate is involved in act(s) of indiscipline at the exam centre (before, during or after the exam), he/ she will be withdrawn from the examination and his/ her candidature will be cancelled.
- (v) **Instructions for examination.** Question paper will be made available to candidates only during the online examination. The request of candidates to provide copies of question paper will not be entertained until the completion of entire process and preparation of final merit list post AFSB testing and Medical examination.
- (f) **Locations for AFCAT 02/2020:** Agartala, Agra, Ajmer, Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Alwar, Aligarh, Allahabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bareilly, Behrampur (Odisha), Belagavi, Bengaluru, Bhagalpur, Bhilai, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Delhi and NCR, Dhanbad, Diu, Dibrugarh, Durgapur, Faridabad, Ganganagar, Gaya, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Guntur, Guwahati, Gwalior, Haldwani, Hissar, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Itanagar, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jalpaigudi, Jammu, Jamshedpur, Jhansi, Jodhpur, Jorhat, Kannur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kohima, Kolhapur, Kolkata, Kota, Kurukshetra, Leh, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Mathura, Meerut, Mumbai, Mysore, Nagpur, Nasik, Noida, Panaji, Pathankot, Patna, Port Blair, Puducherry, Pune, Rajkot, Ranchi, Shillong, Shimla, Silchar, Srinagar, Thane, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Tirunelveli, Tirupati, Udaipur, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vellore, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Warangal.
- (g) **Allotment of Centres.** As far as possible, candidates will be allotted centres as per their choice. **Candidates should note that no request for change of centre/ date/ slot will be entertained.** Therefore candidates should exercise due care before deciding date/ slot of his/ her choice for the centre for the examination before filling the form.

9. Air Force Selection Board (AFSB).

(a) For AFCAT entry, IAF shall prepare a list of candidates who obtain the minimum qualifying marks in the Online AFCAT as fixed by the IAF in their discretion. Candidates who are declared successful in the Online AFCAT will be called at one of the Air Force Selection Boards. Candidates who have applied for NCC Special Entry/Meteorology will be directly called for AFSB testing at one of the AFSB centres. The AFSB centres are at Dehradun (1 AFSB), Mysuru (2 AFSB), Gandhinagar (3 AFSB) and Varanasi (4 AFSB). Candidates who opt for flying branch can only opt for Dehradun, Mysore and Varanasi. **Candidates who have qualified in the written exam are required to choose AFSB date and venue by themselves on the website <https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in> or <https://afcat.cdac.in> in order to generate call- up letter for AFSB interview.**

(b) **Physical Fitness.** Candidates are advised to be physically fit when you report for SSB in order to be able to undergo various tests at AFSB. You should aim to achieve an ability to run 01 mile (1.6 kms) in 10 minutes, 10 push ups and 3 chin ups.

(c) **Tattoos.** Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearm (from inside of elbow to the wrist) and on the reverse side of palm/ back (dorsal) side of hand. Permanent body tattoos on any other part of the body are not acceptable. Tribes with tattoo marks on the face or body as per their existing customs and traditions will be permitted on a case to case basis.

(d) **Narcotics.** Use/possession of narcotics is banned. Candidate may be tested for presence of drugs in the body during Medicals and subsequently during training/ service career as an officer. If candidate is found to be using/ in possession of narcotics during any time of training/service career, candidate would be debarred from joining the Indian Air Force or be removed from service if already joined.

(e) The testing at AFSB would consist of three stages as given below:-

(i) **Stage-I.** Officer Intelligence Rating Test along with Picture Perception and discussion test will be conducted on the first day. Stage-I test is a screening test and only those who qualify would undergo subsequent testing. All Stage-I qualified candidates would be subjected to document check to ascertain their eligibility for the branches applied for. Candidates who either do not qualify in Stage-I or do not meet the required eligibility criteria would be sent back on the first day itself.

(ii) **Stage-II.** Psychological test will be conducted on Day 1(Afternoon) and the Group Tests and Interview would commence after document check for the next five days.

(iii) **For Flying Branch.** Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS) would be administered to recommended candidates only. This is once in a lifetime test. **Candidates who have failed the CPSS/ PABT in an earlier attempt or a Flight Cadet suspended from flying training at Air Force Academy will not be eligible.**

(f) **Change of Interview Dates.** Request for change of AFSB interview date should be avoided. Requests for postponing interview may be considered under genuine circumstances and that too if it is administratively convenient for which **Air Headquarters** will be the sole deciding authority. Such requests should be sent to AFSB Centre from where the call for AFSB interview has been received through **e-mail only.**

(g) Candidates will appear before the AFSB and undergo the test at their own risk and will not be entitled to claim any compensation or other relief from Government in the event of any injury which they may sustain in the course of or as a result of any of the tests given to them at the Selection Board whether due to the negligence of any person or otherwise. Candidates will be required to sign an indemnity bond to this effect on the form appended to the application.

(h) **Travel Allowance (TA)**. To and fro travelling fare by the shortest route of AC-III Tier/AC Chair Car or actual normal bus fare will be re-imbursed to the candidates appearing in AFSB for the first time. Change of address, if any, must be intimated to the Board well before arrival. You shall furnish the railway ticket/ bus ticket (hard copy) to the Board, failing which no TA will be paid. For all other modes of travel, TA will be admissible as per the government authorized rules. **No TA is admissible, if you have already appeared for the same type of entry at any of the Selection Boards. Candidates are to carry cancelled Cheque for Online Payment.**

(j) **Documents for AFSB**. Candidates are required to bring the following relevant documents, which will be checked during AFSB testing:-

(i) AFCAT Admit Card.

(ii) Original Matriculation/ Secondary School Certificate and Mark sheets issued by CBSE/ ICSE/ State Board. No other certificate will be accepted for verification of Date of Birth.

(iii) Original Marks Sheet & Certificate of 10+2 (issued by the relevant Board).

(iv) Original/ Provisional Graduation Degree/ Post Graduation Degree Certificates and Mark Sheet of each year/ semester issued by University - only for verification of educational qualifications to check eligibility for the course. Provisional Certificate issued by college Principal is **not acceptable**. However, Provisional Degree Certificate issued by the University is acceptable.

(v) In case of final year/ semester students, a Certificate from the College Principal, clearly mentioning the following aspects annotated with proper stamp and seal of the Institution is required:-

(aa) Name of the College.

(ab) Name of the University.

(ac) Discipline in which Graduation/ Post Graduation obtained.

(ad) Aggregate Percentage.

(ae) Likely Date of Declaration of Final Result (in DD/MM/YYYY Format).

(vi) Two attested photocopies of each of the above mentioned certificates.

(vii) Original NCC Certificate (if applicable).

(viii) NOC from employers for candidates working in Central/ State Govt. or Public Sector Undertakings.

(ix) Original valid Commercial Pilots' License, issued by DGCA, if applicable.

(x) Inbound Railway Ticket/ Bus Tickets. (For refund of Travelling Allowance)

(xi) Candidates are also advised to bring twenty copies of recent passport size colour photographs taken in light coloured clothes against white background for documentation.

(k) Candidates not in possession of the above documents or those who do not meet the eligibility conditions, should not report to the AFSB, as they will not be accepted for the tests and will be routed back without travelling allowances.

(l) Candidates recommended by the IAF for interview by the Air Force Selection Board (AFSB) who have changed their addresses subsequent to the submission of their application for the examination should immediately after announcement of the result of the written part of the examination notify the changed address, along with an unstamped self-addressed envelope, also to Wg Cdr PO-3 (A/B) Air HQs. 'J' Block, Room No. 17, Opp. Vayu Bhawan, Motilal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110 106. Failure to comply with this instruction will deprive the candidate of any claim to consideration in the event of his/her not receiving the letter for interview by the AFSB.

10. **Final Merit List.** To be acceptable, candidates should secure the minimum qualifying marks separately in written examination and AFSB test as fixed by the IAF. Candidates will be placed in the order of merit on the basis of the total marks secured by them in the written examination and in the AFSB tests. The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the IAF in their discretion. **10% of the vacancies are reserved for NCC Air Wing Senior Division 'C' certificate holders in Ground Duty (Technical and Non-technical) Branches.** Allotment of PC/ SSC in Ground Duty (Technical and Non-technical) Branches would be based on number of vacancies, performance in the selection process and the choice given by the candidates.

11. **Training.** Candidates recommended by the AFSBs and found medically fit by appropriate medical establishment are detailed for training strictly on the basis of merit and availability of vacancies in various branches/ sub branches.

(a) **Date and Duration of Training.** Training is scheduled to commence in the first week of **Jul 2021** for all courses. The approximate duration of training for Flying and Ground Duty (Technical) Branches is **74 weeks** and that of Ground Duty (Non-technical) Branches is **52 weeks** at Air Force Training Establishments.

(b) **Physical Conditioning.** Prospective candidates are advised to keep themselves in good physical condition to adapt to physical training at AFA which encompasses running, swimming, rope climbing and other forms of physical training/conditioning in which they would undergo mandatory tests during training. Candidates are advised to keep themselves in good physical condition by following the under mentioned routine:-

- (i) Running: up to 4 Km. in 15 minutes.
- (ii) Skipping.
- (iii) Push ups & Sit-ups: Minimum 20 each.
- (iv) Chin ups: 08.
- (v) Rope Climbing: 3 to 4 metres.
- (vi) Swimming (25 m).

(c) After admission to Air Force Academy, candidates will not be considered for any other commission. They will not be permitted to appear for any interview or examination after they have been finally selected for training in AFA. No request for withdrawal of candidature received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained

under any circumstance. PAN Card, Aadhaar card and account in SBI/ Nationalized Bank is mandatory at the time of joining Air Force Academy (AFA).

12. **Facilitation Counter for Guidance of Candidates.**

(a) For any Query related to Conduct of Online Examination, registration process, admit cards, candidates may contact AFCAT Cell on **020-25503105 or 020-25503106**. E-Mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in.

(b) For all queries regarding Eligibility, allotment of AFSB centres, date of AFSB interview, merit list, Joining Instructions, and any other relevant information regarding selection process, candidates may contact on **011-23010231** Extn: **7610** or visit website **<https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in>** or **<https://afcat.cdac.in>** or Toll free number **1800-11-2448**

(c) **Timings.** Telephonic query timings are from **0930 hrs to 1300 hrs and 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs** (Monday to Friday, except closed holidays).

13. **Disclaimer.** Information given in the notification and on the websites are guidelines only. In case of any ambiguity, the existing policies, rules and regulations of IAF/ Govt. of India will be final. **Terms and conditions for selection given in the notification are guidelines only and are subject to change without notice.**

14. **Statutory Warning.** Selection in the Indian Air Force is fair and merit based. Attempt to influence the selection process at any stage is liable to lead to termination of candidature or initiation of service and legal action against the concerned individual.