Note 6. If any candidate is found eligible for AE(L)/AE(M) but have not selected his/her choice for AE(L)/AE(M), the candidate may be considered for AE branch at a later stage based on organisational requirement.

Note 7. Based on organizational requirements, candidates selected for WS Branch may have to undergo Flying Training and thereafter undertake Flying Duties.

(d)   Candidates who were admitted to an earlier course at the National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy, Air Force Academy, Indian Naval Academy, Officers' Training Academy, Chennai and Officer's Training Academy Gaya but were removed on grounds of indiscipline are ineligible to apply.

(e)   Candidates who are debarred by the Ministry of Defence from holding any type of commission in the Defence Services shall not be eligible for AFCAT and if admitted, their candidature will be cancelled.

(f)   Candidates who have been convicted on criminal charges and those who are still stuck in a criminal case are not eligible to apply.

6.   **Physical and Medical Standards**.   Guidelines with regard to physical and medical standards for candidates are as provided in the **Appendix 'A'** to the notification.

7.   **How to Apply**.   Aspirants for IAF are required to apply online by using the link **https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in**, or **https://afcat.cdac.in**. Aadhaar Card is mandatory for online registration. Detailed instructions for filling in the online application form are appended below:-

(a)   Applicants need to exercise utmost care while filling in the online application. In case any information is found to be incorrect, the candidature is liable to be cancelled at any stage of the selection process. **Please verify the correctness of information entered in all the fields before proceeding with the "Make Payment" option. Applicants will not be able to edit the previous details entered after the "Make Payment" step.**

(b)   **If an applicant has submitted more than one application, only the latest submitted application form against a particular Aadhaar Number, will be considered for issue of Admit Card. However, the fee deposited while filling additional applications will not be refundable.**

(c)   Applicants will be required to complete the process of Online Application form which will have the following sequences. Details in tabular form are given in Para 7 (j) below:-

(i)   Click **"CANDIDATE LOGIN"** on the Home page- leads to AFCAT Sign-in.

(ii)   In the next page, applicants to click **"NOT YET REGISTERED? REGISTER HERE".**

(iii)   Sign Up: Creation of Log-in ID and applicant will receive a password in his/her registered email id.

(iv)   After successful registration, sign-in with registered email id and system generated password.

(v)   Reset Password- Log-Out (**candidates must remember their login ID and password for future use during the examination process**).

(vi)   Fresh Log-in.

(vii)   Selection of Entry: **"AFCAT"; "NCC SPECIAL ENTRY FOR FLYING BRANCH".**

(viii)   Click **"INSTRUCTIONS".** Read Instructions carefully.

(ix)   Acknowledgement of having read and understood instructions- Check box to proceed to next stage.

(x)   Click **"FILL APPLICATION FORM"**

    (aa)   **Personal Details**. Fill in details.
    Click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"**
    At this stage confirmation box will appear for re-verification of the following details:-
- Name
- Father's Name
- Mother's Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender

Note:-   Please recheck these details, confirm the correctness and continue. **Post this confirmation, DOB and Gender will not be allowed to be changed at any subsequent stage under any circumstances whatsoever** and your candidature will be rejected at any stage whenever any wrong information is detected.

    (ab)   **Qualification Details**. Fill in details.

    Click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"** to proceed to next stage

    (ac)   **Course Preference**. Fill in details.

    Click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"** to proceed to next stage

    (ad)   **Communication Details**. Fill in details.

    Click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"** to proceed to next stage

(ae)   **Upload Documents**. Upload recent Photo, Signature & Thumb Impression (size of each jpg/ jpeg file to be between 10 and 50 kb). Name of each jpg/jpeg image file should correspond to the document i.e.

- Name of the Signature File should be **Signature.jpg or Signature.jpeg**
- Name of Photo File should be **Passport Photograph.jpg or Passport Photograph.jpeg**
- Name of Thumb Impression File should be **Thumb Impression.jpg or Thumb Impression.jpeg**

Note:-   Application with inappropriate image will be considered invalid and the candidature will be rejected along with other counterfeit entries, whenever detected at any stage of the selection process.

(af)   **Exam City Selection**. Select from drop-down menu

(ag)   **Declaration**

Click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"** to proceed to next stage

(xi)   Click **"MAKE PAYMENT"**- Online (applicable only for AFCAT)

(xii)   Click **"PAYMENT STATUS"** to view whether payment is successful. If Registration Number is displayed, it implies that the payment is successful.

(xiii)   **For AFCAT Candidates Only**: On **07 Feb 25 (1700 hrs) onwards** click **"DOWNLOAD ADMIT CARD"** to download your Admit Card from the website **https://afcat.cdac.in** and you will also receive admit card on your registered email ID. 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, he/ she is required to enquire from AFCAT Query Cell at C-DAC, Pune. (**Phone Nos: 020-25503105 or 020-25503106**). E-Mail queries may be addressed to **afcatcell@cdac.in**.

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(d)   While filling in the online application, the applicant must ensure that he/ she meets all the eligibility conditions including the educational qualification which must conform to the Guidelines / norms of the relevant educational board/ UGC, as reviewed and updated from time to time.
The applicants are advised to keep the relevant documents ready, as details are to be filled in as per matriculation and other educational certificates. The educational qualifications filled by the applicant should correspond to the Entry Level Qualification (ELQ) as given in Para 5 (c) of this notification. If any of the eligibility conditions is not met, the candidature is liable to be rejected at any stage during the selection process and the onus of the same would be on the candidate himself/ herself. With regard to Integrated degree programmes, the following are the prevailing UGC guidelines:-

(i)   **Integrated/ Dual Degree**.   As per the guiding principles laid down by UGC, if the Integrated/ Dual Degree Programmes intend to offer two separate degrees with an option for interim exit or lateral entry, the duration of the Integrated/ Dual Degree Programme must not be less than the duration equal to the sum total of the prescribed duration of the two degrees that are being combined in the programme. All such programmes should carry the nomenclature of Integrated/ Dual Degree (Name of the first degree) - (Name of the final degree); both the degrees awarded under the programme should be individually and separately recognised as equivalent to corresponding degrees and not as one single integrated degree).

(ii)   **Integrated Single Degree**.   If the Integrated Programme intends to offer a single degree without permission to exit and lateral entry, the programme duration may be relaxed by not more than 25% of the sum total of the prescribed duration of the two degrees that are being combined to make the single integrated degree.

(e)   Before filling in the online application, an applicant should have the following scanned images saved as jpg/ jpeg files (size of each file to be between 10 and 50 kb)

(i)   Recent passport size colour photograph

(ii)   Signature

(iii)   Thumb impression (left thumb for male applicants and right thumb for female applicants) - created by pressing on ink stamp pad and then on plain blank paper

(f)   While filling in the online application form, applicants are required to click **"SAVE AND CONTINUE"** to complete the process of each part. If the mandatory fields (marked by a red asterisk (*)) are not filled, applicants cannot proceed to the next part of the application form.

(g)   After the "Make Payment" step, applicants will be able to check the "Payment Status" as well as "Preview Application". However, no further changes or correction is possible in the online application form. Thereafter, the only option for an applicant, if an application is to be amended, is to re-register with a different email id and fill the online application form anew. The fee paid, including on any additional online application form(s), will not be refundable.

(h)   **Examination fee for AFCAT Entry**.   After filling in the online application form, **the examination fee of ₹550/- + GST (non-refundable) for AFCAT entry (not applicable for NCC special entry) may be paid online** through the *'Make Payment'* step on the main menu of the online application. No cash or cheque or demand draft (DD) will be accepted towards payment of examination fee. The examination fee can be paid using credit/ debit cards/ net banking through the payment gateway. Applicants are advised to follow the instructions/ steps given on the payment gateway, and also print/keep the transaction details for their records. After confirmation from bank that the payment is received, the "Payment Status" will display "Registration Number" which the candidate may note down for future correspondence. Simultaneously, the candidate will receive a confirmatory sms/ e-mail. This will be followed by Admit Card (with the Hall Ticket Number) which a candidate will receive on his/her registered email ID and which is also downloadable from his/her registered email ID.

(j)   Detailed instructions on filling in the online application form:

S. No	Description	
1. **Sign up Format**		
	Full Name*	As per 10th Matriculation Passing Certificate- all in alphabet of max 50 characters (*In case Name has been officially changed after Class X, during Registration Process candidate needs to furnish details.)
	Email id	email id (to be used for Sign-in)
	Mobile Number	10 digits
	Verify Email & Mobile	Click on Generate OTP
	OTP on Email	Enter OTP received on verified Email
	OTP on Mobile	Enter OTP received on verified Mobile
	CAPTCHA	Enter alphanumeric text shown
2. **Personal Information**		
(a)	Type of Entry	Applicant has to choose entry to IAF through one of the options (i) AFCAT (ii) NCC Special Entry
(b)	Candidate's Name (As per 10th/ matriculation passing certificate)	These fields will be auto filled from the signup data entered by the applicant.
(c)	Have your name been officially changed after class 10th/Matriculation?	Yes or No