

CAREERS IN INDIAN ARMY

Army is one of the most respectable professions. To join the Indian Army, one needs to be physically and mentally fit, emotionally strong, able to take quick decisions and above all should have respect and love for the nation. Indian Army offers job security, economic stability, social status, quality of life and adventure.

Recruitment in the Army is broad based. Every citizen, irrespective of caste, class, religion and domicile, is eligible for recruitment in the Army, provided he/she meets the age, educational, physical and medical standards.

Entry into the force can be through the following examinations:-

S. No	Name Of The Exam	Notification Month	Educational Qualification	Age (in years)
1.	National Defence Academy (NDA)	Mar and Oct	Passed Class XII	16-1/2 - 19
2.	10+2 Technical Entry Scheme	Apr and Sep	10+2 Physics, Chemistry & Maths (aggregate 70% and above to apply)	16 ½ to 19
3.	Indian Military Academy (IMA)	Mar/Apr and Sep/Oct	Graduation from Recognised University	19 to 24
4.	TGC (Engineers)	Apr and Oct	BE / B Tech in notified streams of Engineers	20 to 27
5.	Short Service Commission (Non Technical Men)	Mar/Apr and Sep/Oct	Graduation from Recognised University.	19 to 25
6.	TGC Education (AEC)	Apr and Oct	MA / MSC in 1st or 2nd division in notified subjects from recognised university	23 to 27
7.	JAG Men	Notified by Additional Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch	Graduate with LLB / LLM with 55% marks. Registered with Bar Council of India	21 to 27
8.	Short Service Commission (Technical Men)	Apr and Oct	Engineering Degree in notified discipline	20 to 27
9.	NCC (SPL) Entry Men	Apr / Oct	Graduate with LLB / LLM with 50% Aggregate marks, 2 Yrs service in NCC Senior Div A, my with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.	19 to 25
10.	Short Service Commission (Tech Women)	Jan and Jun/July	Engineering Degree in notified discipline	19 to 25

11.	NCC (SPL) Entry Women	Apr / Oct	Graduate with LLB / LLM with 50% Aggregate marks, 2 Yrs service in NCC Senior Div Amy with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.	19 to 25
12.	University Entry Scheme	May	Final and Pre Final year students of Engineering Degree Course	19 to 25 for Final Year, 18 to 24 for Pre Final year

Eligibility Criteria For Recruitment Of Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) And Other Ranks :-

S.No	Category	Education	Age (in years)
1.	Soldier (General Duty) (All Arms)	SSLC / Matric with 45% marks in aggregate. No percentage considered in case candidate has passed higher qualification i.e. 10+2 and above.	17 ½ - 21
2.	Soldier (Technical) (Technical Arms, Artillery, Army Air Defence)	10+2 / Intermediate Exam Pass in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Maths and English with 50% marks in aggregate and 40% in each subject.	17 ½ - 23
3.	Soldier Clerk / Store Keeper Technical (All Arms)	10+2 / Intermediate Exam pass in any stream (Arts, Commerce, Science) with 50% marks in aggregate and minimum 40% in each subject. Should have studied and passed English and Maths.	17 ½ - 23
4.	Soldier Nursing Assistant (Army Medical Corps)	10+2/Intermediate exam pass in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English with Min 50% marks in aggregate and min 40% in each subject.	17 ½ - 23
5.	Soldier Tradesmen (All Arms)	10 th /ITI	17 ½ - 23
6.	Soldier General Duty (Matric Pass) (All Arms)	10 th pass.	17 ½ - 21
7.	Surveyor Autoated Cartographer (Engineers)	BA/BSc with Maths. Must have also passed 12 th class (10+2) or equivalent with Maths and Science as main subjects.	20-25
8.	JCO Religious Teacher (All Arms)	Graduate in any discipline. In addition requisite qualification in his own religious denomination.	27-34
9.	JCO Catering (Army Service)	10+2 or equivalent exam and Diploma/Certificate Course of a duration of one	21-27

	Corps)	year or more in Cookery/Hotel Management and Catering Tech from a recognized University / Food Craft Institute.	
10.	Havildar Education (Army Education Corps)	Group X – MA / MSc / MCA or BA / BSc / BCA/B Sc.(IT) with B Ed Group Y – BSc / BA/ BCA/B Sc (IT) (w/o B Ed.)	20-25

Recruitment in the Army is also carried out throughout the year through an open rally system.

The recruitment programme is published in local newspapers, two weeks prior to the conduct of the rally by the concerned ZROs. The process of screening and enrolment is as follows: -

- (a) Checking of documents.
- (b) Physical measurements.
- (c) Physical fitness test.
- (d) Medical examination.
- (e) Written examination.
- (f) Preparation of merit list.
- (g) Enrolment and Dispatch of selected candidates in order of merit to Centres.

Following original documents along with three Photostat copies of each, duly attested are needed: -

- X Class date of birth certificate.
- X / XII Class marks sheet.
- Character Certificate to be signed by village Sarpanch (not more than six months old).
- Domicile Certificate.
- Caste Certificate.
- Dependent Certificate (in case of son of Ex-servicemen/ War Widow/Widow) signed by record office.
- Certificate of Outstanding sportsmen.
- NCC Certificate (A/B/C Certificate).

Medical and physical standards required for qualifying army recruitment and any other clarification, please check the websites www.indianarmy.nic.in and/or www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.