

Career in Army

A person can enter Army in various ways, the following table gives the details of entry in Army and various positions offered

National Defence Academy

Month of Commencement of Course each year	January and July
Age at the time of joining	16 ¹ / ₂ -19 years
Educational Qualification	Class 12 of the 10+2 system of education, or equivalent
Mode of selection	NDA exam by UPSC and SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in March/April & Oct./Nov.

Indian Military Academy

Direct Entry	
Month of Commencement of Course each year	January and July
Age at the time of joining	19-24 years
Educational Qualification	Degree or equivalent at the time of joining the course
Mode of selection	Combined Defence Exam (CDSE) conducted by UPSC and SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in March/April & Oct./Nov.

Engineering Graduates

Month of Commencement of Course each year	January and July
Age at the time of joining	20-27 years
Educational Qualification	Engineering Degree in notified discipline
Mode of selection	Direct SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply to Addl. Directorate General of Recruiting (TGC), Army HQ, West Block III, RK Puram, New Delhi - 110066 in response to

	advertisement in March/April & Oct./Nov.
University Entry Scheme	
Month of Commencement of Course each year	July
Age at the time of joining	19-25 years (final year engineering students) 18-24 years (prefinal year engineering students)
Educational Qualification	Final and pre-final year students of an engineering degree course.
Mode of selection	Campus interview and SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in July.
10+2 PCM (Tech)	
Month of Commencement of Course each year	January and July
Age at the time of joining	16 ¹ / ₂ -19 ¹ / ₂ years
Educational Qualification	10+2 Pass with aggregate.
Mode of selection	Apply directly to the Recruitment Directorate
How to Apply	May and November..

Officers Training Academy

Short Service Commission	
Month of Commencement of Course each year	May and Oct./Nov.
Age at the time of joining	19-24 years
Educational Qualification	Degree or equivalent at the time of joining the course
Mode of selection	Combined Defence Exam (CDSE) conducted by UPSC and SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in March/April & Oct./Nov.
Short Service Commission (Technical)	

Month of Commencement of Course each year	May and Oct./Nov.
Age at the time of joining	20-27 years
Educational Qualification	Engineering Degree in notified discipline
Mode of selection	Direct SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in March/April & Oct./Nov.

Short Service Commission (NCC Special Entry Scheme)

Month of Commencement of Course each year	May
Age at the time of joining	19-25 years
Educational Qualification	Graduate with 50% aggregate marks, two years' service in NCC Senior Div. Army with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam
Mode of selection	Direct SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in Oct./Nov.

Women's Special Entry Scheme (Officers)

Month of Commencement of Course each year	March and September
Age at the time of joining	19-27 years
Educational Qualification	Graduate/Post-Graduate/Engineering Graduate.
Mode of selection	Direct SSB interview
How to Apply	Apply in response to advertisement in June/December.