

Career as a Air Hostess

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An air hostess has many responsibilities on a plane. She greets every passenger, guides each to his or her seat and settles them in, coordinates security, and much more. Women usually prefer this career although men can do the same job and are called 'Stewards'.



Skills & Attributes

Following skills are essential for an air hostess for a successful career:

- Sense of responsibility
- Pleasing personality
- Presence of mind and initiative
- Good physique
- Patience to work long hours
- Systematic approach towards duty
- Good appearance
- Communication and interactive skills
- Language proficiency
- Pleasant voice
- Team spirit
- Positive attitude
- Sense of humour

(Also read: [Top Air Hostess Training Institutes in India](#))

Eligibility Criteria

- Mastery in spoken English and other foreign languages as required
- 18 - 26 years of age
- 10+2 with degree in hospitality, or other graduate degree
- Height of min 157.5 centimetres,Weight proportionate to the height
- Eligible for an Indian Passport
- Unmarried
- Perfect eyesight
- Good health
- Fair to clear complexion
- 6/24 vision in each eye

There will be an initial screening followed by a written test, group discussion and personal interviews. Accepted candidates are put through necessary training in relevant procedures.

Career Prospects

Studying and skill development is a constant thing in this career, especially if you're angling for promotions. After about 10 years as an air hostess, you would be moved to jobs such as Ground Hostess, Check Hostess, or other airline related jobs.

Though airlines usually advertise for recruits, individuals may send in applications on their own initiative.

Remuneration/ salary

International airlines pay better than domestic ones, but even domestic air hostesses earn about Rs.25000 – Rs. 40000. In senior positions you can be paid up to Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000 in domestic airlines. Private airlines might pay you Rs.2 lakh a month.

Air Hostess Institutes & Training

Air hostess training is not mandatory or essential to get into this profession. Self-preparation is needed. However, some institutes have come up in India and are offering trainings to develop basic skills required for the profession.

The Small-Industries Service Institute (SISI), Hyderabad, in association with Computer Management and Technical Education Society (CMTES), provides a six-month advanced diploma course in airhostess for Plus Two-passed candidates and graduates in any discipline.

SISI-CMTES Hospitality and Aviation School, Secunderabad - 500 003, is conducting this course. For details, call 040-277 21610/277 20596 or email cmtes@cmtesinfo.com

In Kerala, Free Bird Aviation and Management Services, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, and Frank Finn Institute at Kochi, (Ravipuram) and Thiruvananthapuram (Pattom) are providing Air Hostess training program.