



JOIN INDIAN ARMY
NCC SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEME 124 COURSE (OCT 2026):
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) FOR MEN
(INCLUDING WARDS OF BATTLE CASUALTIES OF ARMY PERSONNEL)



HIGHLIGHTS

(Information given below is for general awareness only)

(Course Notification published on – www.joinindianarmy.nic.in – should be referred for detailed information about the entry)

Category	Description	Notification Paragraph No
Type of Entry	NCC Special Entry Scheme – 124 Course (Oct 2026) Short Service Commission (NT) Men (Including Ward of Battle Casualties of Army Personnel)	Para 1
Age	19 to 25 Years as on 01 Jul 2026	Para 2(b)
Open for	Unmarried Male (Graduates)	Para 1
Education Qualification	Graduation Degree and Minimum of 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate exam of NCC	Para 2(c)
Vacancies	63 + 07* *Wards of Battle Casualties	Para 3
Selection Process	Application > Shortlisting > SSB > Medical > Merit List > Joining Letter	Para 10
Date for shortlisting for SSB (based on graduate percentage cut off)	Tentatively First week of May 2026	Para 10
Likely Duration and dates for SSB	Max Five days SSB in May/June 2026 (Choice for SSB Centre & dates open for 15 days in Apr)	Para 10(c)
Medical Standards	As given on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in	Para 11
Pre Commission Training Academy	Officer Training Academy, Chennai	Para 13 & 5(d)
Duration of Training	49 weeks from Oct 2026	Para 5
Stipend during Training	Rs 56,100 Per month	Para 7(f)
Rank after Training	Lieutenant	Para 7(a)
Salary on Commissioning	CTC approx. 17-18 Lac per annum (Excluding Free Medical cover & Travel to Home town once a year)	Para 7(d)
Type of Commission	Short Service Commission	Para 4(a)
Option for Release	First – After 05 th Year of Service Second – After 10 th Year of Service Third – After 14 th Year of Service	Para 4(a)
Option for Permanent Commission	After 10 Years	Para 4(a)
Primary Arms / Service for Commission	All Arms & Services of IA	Para 6
Release Benefits	Depending on service on release	-
ONLINE APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1500 HR AND CLOSE ON 16 MARCH 2026 AT 1500 HR.		



JOIN INDIAN ARMY
NCC SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEME 124TH COURSE (OCT 2026):
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) FOR MEN [SSC (NCC)-124]
(INCLUDING WARDS OF BATTLE CASUALTIES OF ARMY PERSONNEL)



1. Applications are invited from **unmarried male** (including Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army Personnel), for grant of Short Service Commission (Non Tech) as NCC Special Entry in the Indian Army.

2. **Eligibility.**

(a) **Nationality.** A candidate must either be: (i) A citizen of India, or (ii) A subject of Nepal, or (iii) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii) and (iii) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India. Certificate of eligibility will, however, not be necessary in the case of candidates who are Gorkha subjects of Nepal.

(b) **Age Limit.** For National Cadet Corps (NCC) candidates (including wards of Battle Casualties) 19 to 25 years as on 01 Jul 2026 (born not earlier than 02 Jul 2001 and not later than 01 Jul 2007 both dates inclusive).

Note. Candidates should note that the date of birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate on the date of submission of applications will only be accepted and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

IMPORTANT NOTE. Candidates must note that they can appear for **ONLY** one of the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview, either SSC (NT) (MEN)-124 Course (Oct 2026) as CDSE candidate OR NCC (Spl) Entry-124 Course (MEN) (Oct 2026). Candidates are required to give undertaking to this effect under the declaration part of the online application.

(c) **Educational Qualification and other Criteria.**

(ii) **For NCC 'C' Certificate Holders.**

(aa) **Educational Qualification.** Graduate Degree from a recognized **University.** Applicants studying in final year are also allowed to apply provided they complete and obtain Graduation Degree before commencement of course. For such candidates the aggregate % scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively will be considered for shortlisting. It is to be noted that possession of graduate degree is a qualification to apply for the entry and not necessary a qualification to be shortlisted for SSB. The Indian Army reserves the right to shortlist candidates for SSB by applying vacancy to call up ratio based on various filters, as deemed necessary.

(ab) **Service in NCC.** Should have served for minimum two/three years (as applicable) in Senior Division/Wg of NCC.

(ac) Grading. Should have obtained minimum of 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam of NCC. Applicants who are not holding NCC 'C' Cert or Provisional NCC 'C' Certificate on date of application, are not eligible to apply for the course. Candidates holding Provisional NCC Certificate on dt of application are required to obtain NCC 'C' Certificate before appearing in SSB. **PROVISIONAL NCC 'C' CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT SSB.**

Note 1. For the Qualified Graduate Candidates of the Degree Course. Candidates who have passed the graduation degree course must produce the provisional/degree certificate by **1st Oct 2026** to the Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

Note 2. For the Candidates Studying in the Final Year of Degree Course. The candidates studying in the final year of graduation, if not already in possession of provisional /degree certificate must submit the proof of passing the graduation degree exam alongwith marksheet of all the semesters by **1st Oct 2026** to the Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which their candidature will be cancelled. Those who are not able to produce the degree certificate/provisional degree certificate by the specified date will be inducted on **Additional Bond Basis** only on submission of proof of passing graduation degree exam alongwith marksheet of all semesters to the Directorate General of Recruiting by the above specified date.

Note 3. ALL FINAL YEAR APPEARING CANDIDATES WHOSE FINAL YEAR/FINAL SEMESTER EXAM WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER 01 OCT 2026 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS COURSE.

Note 4. Candidates, who have yet to pass their graduation degree examination will be eligible only if they are studying in the final year of degree examination. Those candidates who have yet to qualify in the final year Degree Examination and are allowed to appear for SSB, should note that this is only a special concession given to them. They are required to submit proof of passing Graduation Degree Examination alongwith all marksheets of Graduation Degree Examination by the above prescribed date and no request for extending this date will be entertained on the grounds of late conduct of basic qualifying University Examination, delay in declaration of results or any other grounds whatsoever.

(ii) **For Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army Personnel.**

(aa) **Eligibility Criteria.** The vacancies under wards of battle casualties are available to wards (unmarried sons and unmarried daughters including legally adopted) of Army Battle casualties specified as:-

- (aaa) Killed in action.
- (aab) Died of wound or injuries (Other than self-inflicted).
- (aac) Wounded or Injured (Other than self-inflicted).
- (aad) Missing, presumed dead.

(ab) **Educational Qualification.** Graduate Degree from a recognized University. Applicants studying in final year are also allowed to apply provided they complete and obtain Graduation Degree before commencement of course. For such candidates the aggregate % scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively will be considered for shortlisting. It is to be noted that possession of graduate degree is a qualification to apply for the entry and not necessary a qualification to be shortlisted for SSB. The Indian Army reserves the right to shortlist candidates for SSB by applying vacancy to call up ratio based on various filters, as deemed necessary.

(ac) NCC 'C' certificate **NOT** required for Wards of Battle Casualties.

(ad) **Details of Documents to be provided in the Application Form.**

(aaa) The 'Battle Casualty' certificate Number issued by Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate (MP Dte) certifying that the parent has been killed/wounded/reported missing in action.

Note:- Battle casualty certificate issued by respective Record Offices is valid for casualties prior to Sep 2013. For casualties since Sep 2013, battle casualty certificate should have been issued by Adjutant General's Branch Manpower (Policy & Planning)-5(D).

(aab) A copy of Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate (MP Dte)/Respective Regimental Records Part II Order Number. notifying injuries and being classified as 'Battle Casualty'.

(aac) Relationship Certificate No issued by Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate 5 & 6 / Respective Regimental Records.

Note. Applications will be submitted online by wards of battle casualties with details of documents mentioned as at Paragraph 9 (b) below. However, they will carry all documents at the time of SSB interview in original. Incomplete documents will be summarily rejected by the Selection Centre and no representation in this regard will be entertained or replied.

3. **Vacancies.**

(a) **NCC Men.** 70 (63 for General Category and 07 for Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army personnel only).

Note: The Indian Army Publishes/Notifies vacancies separately for each Entry as well as each Gender (Male and Female) based on the operational and administrative needs of the Force as envisaged in the existing and future scenarios. The process of application, SSB shortlisting (Cut-off), Selection and merit of each Entry and each Gender (Male & Female) is independent and not related or dependent. The same is purely based on notified vacancies and driven by applications received against notification for the particular course.

4. **Terms and Conditions of Service.**

(a) **Tenure of Engagement.** Offrs (Male & Female) shall be liable to serve for ten years, The tenure of ten years of service, however, may be extendable by a further period of four years subject to their opting for the same and found eligible and suitable for extension of service as per terms of engagement issued from time to time. Officers who are desirous of seeking Permanent Commission (PC) may considered for the same in the 10th years of service in accordance with the eligibility and suitability as per terms of engagement issued from time to time. Those Offrs (Male and Female) seeking PC but are not granted the same, may opt for extension of service. Offrs found eligible and suitable for grant of extension of service as per terms of engagement issued from time, may be granted extension for a period of four years on expiry of which they will be released from the Army.

(aa) **Special Provision for Release on Completion of 5th Year of Service.** SSCOs (Male & Female Officers), other than those who have undergone or are undergoing any other specialised course of such nature , who are desirous of leaving the service after completion of five years service may, during the fifth year of service, apply to the Army HQs for release. Army HQ will consider the applications of such officers on merits and the decision of the Army HQ will be final and irrevocable. On approval such officers will be released from service on completion of 5th year of service. Those SSCOs (Male & Female Officers) who have undergone or are undergoing any other specialised course of such nature, will not be released before expiry of full tenure of 14 years unless the cost of training of such specialised course as prescribed is recovered from them. They will be required to execute a bond to this effect on being nominated for undertaking specialised course of such nature.

(ab) **Special Provision during Extended Tenure.** During extended tenure, they will be permitted to seek release from the Army on following grounds:-

- (i) Taking up civil job.
- (ii) Pursuing higher education.
- (iii) Starting own business/ joining family business.

(b) **Period of Probation.** An officer will be on probation for a period of six months from the date he/she receives his/her commission. If he/she is reported on within the probationary period as unsuitable to retain his/her commission, his/her services may be terminated any time whether before or after the expiry of the probationary period.

(c) **Ante Date Seniority.** No ante date seniority will be granted.

(d) **Termination of Commission.** An officer granted Short Service Commission will be liable to serve for ten years but his/her Commission may be terminated at any time by the Government of India for:-

- (i) Misconduct or if his/her services are found to be unsatisfactory, or
- (ii) On account of medical unfitness, or
- (iii) If his/her services are no longer required, or
- (iv) If he/she fails to qualify in any prescribed test or course.

(v) An officer may on giving three months notice be permitted to resign his/her commission on compassionate grounds of which the Government of India will be the sole judge. An officer who is permitted to resign his/her commission on compassionate grounds will not be eligible for terminal gratuity.

(e) **Reserve Liability.** Short Service Commission Officers on release before or expiry of contractual length of service will carry reserve liability to serve Indian Army for five years plus two years on voluntary basis or up to the age of 40 years for women whichever is earlier.

5. Training. Duration of training is 49 weeks at Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai.

(a) The minimum physical standards that a candidate must acquire before joining training academy, are as follows:-

SN	Activity	Minimum physical standards
		Officer Cadets (Men)
(i)	2.4 Km Run	10 Minutes 30 Secs
(ii)	Push Up	30
(iii)	Pull Up	40
(iv)	Sit Up	06
(v)	Squats	Two Set of 30 Repetitions
(vi)	Lunges	Two Set of 10 Repetitions
(vii)	Swimming	Required to Swim 25 mtr with any stroke

(b) Selected candidates will be detailed for Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai according to their position in the final order of merit, up to the number of available vacancies, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria.

(c) Candidates will neither be allowed to marry during the period of training nor will he/she be allowed to live with parents/guardians. Candidates must not marry until they complete the full training at OTA. A candidate, who marries subsequent to the date of his/her application, though successful at the SSB interview or medical examination, will not be inducted for training. A candidate if he/she marries, while under training, shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him/her by the Government. It is also applicable to the wards of Battle Casualties of Army Personnel.

(d) All candidates who successfully complete Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai will be awarded 'Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management and Strategic Studies' by University of Madras.

(e) **Cost of Training.** The entire cost of training at OTA is at Government expense. In case the Officer Cadet is withdrawn from training academy due to reasons other than medical ground or the reasons not beyond his/her control, he/she will be liable to refund cost of training @ ₹ 20,482/- per week (as on 2026) and as notified from time to time (for the period of candidate's stay at the Officers Training Academy, Chennai/Cadet Training Wing). The cost of training is born by State, will be recovered from cadets withdrawing for personal reasons.

6. The final allocation of Arms/Services will be made prior to passing out of Gentlemen /Lady cadets from OTA.

7. **Promotion Criteria and Salary Structure.**

(a) **Promotion Criteria.**

Rank	Promotion Criteria
Lieutenant	On commission
Captain	On completion of 2 years reckonable commissioned service.
Major	On completion of 6 years reckonable commissioned service.
Lieutenant Colonel	On completion of 13 years reckonable commissioned service.
Colonel (TS)	On completion on 26 years reckonable commissioned service.
Colonel	On selection basis subject to fulfillment of requisite service conditions
Brigadier	
Major General	
Lieutenant General/HAG Scale	
HAG + Scale (*Admissible to 1/3 rd of total strength of Lieutenant General)	
VCOAS/Army Commander / Lieutenant General (NFSG)	
COAS	

(b) **Adjustment of Seniority.** To make adjustment for shorter training of SSCOs vis-à-vis PC officers, the seniority of SSCOs will be depressed by the period corresponding to the difference in training period between the SSC course under consideration and the training period of its equivalent PC Course. This adjustment of seniority will be carried out at the time of grant of first substantive rank of Captain.

(c) **Reckonable Commissioned Service.** Subject to provision of Para 7 (b) above, reckonable commissioned service for the purpose of these orders will count from the date of grant of Short Service Commission to an officer. The period of service forfeited by sentence of Court Martial or any summary award under the Army Act and the period of absence without leave will not be reckonable. The period during which furlough rates of pay are drawn and the period of captivity at POWs rates of pay will be reckonable. The period of service for promotion lost by an officer in consequence of his/ her having been granted leave without pay will also be reckonable. Such an officer will, however, become entitled to the pay and allowances of the higher substantive rank granted by the inclusion of this period only from the date on which he/ she would have qualified by service if this period had not been so reckoned and not with effect from the date of grant of substantive rank.

(d) **Pay.**

Rank	Level	(Pay in ₹)
Lieutenant	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500
Captain	Level 10B	61,300 - 1,93,900
Major	Level 11	69,400 - 2,07,200
Lieutenant Colonel	Level 12A	1,21,200 - 2,12,400
Colonel	Level 13	1,30,600 - 2,15,900
Brigadier	Level 13A	1,39,600 - 2,17,600
Major General	Level 14	1,44,200 - 2,18,200
Lieutenant General HAG Scale	Level 15	1,82,200 - 2,24,100
Lieutenant Gen HAG+Scale	Level 16	2,05,400 - 2,24,400
VCOAS/Army Commander/ Lieutenant General (NFSG)	Level 17	2,25,000/-(fixed)
COAS	Level 18	2,50,000/-(fixed)

(e) **Military Service Pay (MSP).** MSP to the officers from the rank of Lieutenant to Brigadier ₹ 15,500/- p.m. fixed.

(f) **Fixed Stipend for Cadet Training.**

Stipend to Gentlemen or Lady Cadets during the entire duration of training in Service academies i.e. during training period at OTA.	₹ 56,100/-p.m.*
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***On successful commissioning, the pay in the Pay Matrix of the Officer Commissioned shall be fixed in first Cell of Level 10 and the period of training shall not be treated as commissioned service and arrears on account of admissible allowances, as applicable, for the training period shall be paid to cadets.**

(g) **Other Allowances.**

Dearness Allowance	Admissible at the same rates and under the same conditions as are applicable to the civilian personnel from time to time
Para Reserve Allowance	₹ 2625/-pm
Technical Allowance (Tier-I)	₹ 3000/-pm
Technical Allowance (Tier-II)	₹ 4500/-pm

(h) Depending upon rank and area of posting, officers posted to Field Areas will be eligible for the following Field Area allowances:-

RH Max Offr Rs. 42500/- Siachen Allowance	HARDSHIP		
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
HIGH	<p>R1H1 Offrs-Rs. 25000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Allowance • MARCOS & Chariot Allowance • Special Forces Allowance • Submarine Allowance • COBRA Allowance • High Altitude Allowance-Cat III 	<p>R1H2 Offrs-Rs. 16900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAFA Allowance • CI (fd) Allowance (CI Mod Fd @77% CI Fd) 	<p>R1H3 Offrs-Rs. 5300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosp Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) • Patient Care Allowance (PCA) • Test Pilot Firt Engr Allowance
MED	<p>R2H1 Offrs-Rs. 16900</p>	<p>R2H2 Offrs-Rs. 10500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fd Area Allowance (Mod FD Area @ 60% of Fd Area Allowance) • CI (Peace) allowance • Sea going Allowance • Free Fall Jump instr Allowance • Para Jump Instr Allowance • Para Allowance 	<p>R2H3 Offrs-Rs. 3400</p>
LOW	<p>R3H1 Offrs-Rs. 5300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Altitude Allowance-Cat II • Tough location Allowance-I • Boiler watch keeping Allowance • Submarine duty Allowance 	<p>R3H2 Offrs-Rs. 3400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High altitude Allowance-Cat I • Tough location Allowance-II • Project Allowance • Compensatory (Const or Svy) Allowance • Hydro Svy Allowance (except non-surveyors) 	<p>R3H3 Offrs-Rs. 1200</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tough location Allowance-III • Cooking Allowance • Hardlying money (full rate) • Health and malaria Allowance • Special LC Gate Allowance • Submarine Tech Allowance • Hydro Svy Allowance (for-surveyors)

(j) **Dress Allowance.** ₹ 20,000/- per year.

(k) **Ration in Kind**. In Peace and Field Areas.

(l) **Transport Allowance (TPTA)**.

Pay Level	Higher TPTA Cities (Per month)	Other Places (Per month)
10 and above	₹ 7200+DA thereon	₹ 3600+DA thereon

Note.

(i) **Higher TPTA Cities (UA)**. Hyderabad, Patna, Delhi, Ahmadabad, Surat, Bengaluru, Kochi, Kozhikode, Indore, Greater Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Jaipur, Chennai, Coimbatore, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Kolkata.

(ii) The allowance shall not be admissible to those Service personnel who have been provided with the facility of Government transport.

(iii) Officers in Pay Level 14 and above, who are entitled to use official car, will have the option to avail official car facility or to draw the TPTA at the rate of ₹ 15,750+DA thereon.

(iv) The allowance will not be admissible for the calendar month(s) wholly covered by leave.

(v) Physically disabled service personnel will continue to be paid at double rate, subject to a minimum of ₹ 2,250+ DA p.m.

(m) **Children Education Allowance (CEA)**. ₹ 2,250/- per month per child for two eldest surviving only from three classes before class one to 12th Class.

(i) Reimbursement should be done just once a year, after completion of the financial year (which for most schools coincides with the Academic year).

(ii) Certificate from the head of institution where the ward of government employee studies should be sufficient for this purpose. The certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year.

Note 1. In the case of allowances specific to Indian Armed Forces, the rates of these allowances would be enhanced by 25% automatically each time the Dearness Allowance payable on the revised pay band goes up by 50% (Gol letter No A-27012/02/2017-Estt.(AL) dated 16 Aug 2017).

Note 2. Please note that pay & allowances and rules/provisions thereof are subject to revision from time to time.

(n) **Hostel Subsidy**. ₹6,750/- per month per child for two eldest surviving only three classes before class one to 12th Class.

8. **Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF).** The Gentlemen/Lady Cadets when in receipt of stipend are insured for ₹ 1.25 Cr as applicable to officers of the regular Army. Monthly AGIF subscription at the rate of ₹ 12,500/- will have to be paid in advance by Gentlemen/Lady Cadets to become member under the AGI Scheme as applicable to regular Indian Army officers. **For those who are invalidated out by Invalidating Medical Board (IMB) on account of disability and not entitled to any pension will be provided ₹ 25 lakhs for 100 percent disability. This will be proportionately reduced to ₹ 5 lakhs for 20 percent disability.** However, for less than 20 percent disability, an Ex-Gratia Grant of ₹ 50,000/- only will be paid. Disability due to alcoholism, drug addiction and due to the diseases of pre-enrolment origin will not qualify for disability benefit and Ex-Gratia Grant. In addition, Gentlemen/Lady Cadets withdrawn on disciplinary grounds, expelled as undesirable or leaving the Academy voluntarily will not be eligible for disability benefits and Ex-Gratia.

9. **How to Apply.**

(a) Applications will only be accepted online on website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Click on 'Officer Entry Application/Login' and then click 'Registration' (Registrations not required, if already registered on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in). Fill the online registration form after reading the instructions carefully. After getting registered, click on 'Apply Online' under Dashboard. A page 'Officers Selection - 'Eligibility' will open. Then click 'Apply' shown against Short Service Commission NCC Special Entry Course. A page 'Application Form' will open. Read the instructions carefully and click 'Continue' to fill details as required under various segments. Personal information, Communication details, Education details and details of previous SSB. 'Save & Continue' each time before you go to the next segment. After filling details on the last segment, you will move to a page 'Summary of your information' wherein you can check and edit the entries already made. Only after ascertaining the correctness of all your details, click on 'Submit'. Candidates must click on 'Submit' each time they open the application for editing any details. The candidates are required to take out two copies of their application having Roll Number, 30 minutes after final closure of online application on last day.

CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO READ THE NOTIFICATION CAREFULLY AND THEN FILL UP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM TO AVOID MISTAKES, AND THEREBY REJECTION OF APPLICATION.

Important Note 1. No changes to details submitted in online application can be made after closure of application. No representation in this regard shall be entertained.

Important Note 2. CGPA/Grades must be converted into Marks as per the formulae adopted by the concerned University for filling 'Marks obtained in Graduation' in online application. Any discrepancy observed at any stage of selection process will lead to cancellation of candidature.

Important Note 3. Candidate's name/parent's name (father & mother)/ date of birth in the profile and online application must be as per matriculation /Secondary School Examination certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board of education. Variation in above details will lead to cancellation of the candidature.

(b) **Originals alongwith self attested** copy of following documents are to be carried to the Selection Centre by the candidates:-

DIGILOCKER Certificate will not be accepted in lieu of ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES.

(i) **One copy of the print out of application duly signed and affixed with self attested photograph.**

(iii) **Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or equivalent certificate and Mark Sheet issued by the concerned Board of Education.**

Note 1. Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board of Education will only be accepted as proof of date of birth, candidate's name and parent's name (father & mother). No other document like Admit card/ Mark Sheet/Transfer certificate etc are acceptable.

Note 2. In case parent's name (father & mother) is not mentioned in Matriculation/Secondary School Examination certificate or equivalent certificate, the candidate is required to produce any document issued by Govt of India or States Govt such as PAN card, Aadhaar card, Passport, Driving licence etc for verification. However, candidate's name and their parent's name filled in online application must match exactly with those mentioned in the produced document.

(iii) **12th Class Certificate & Marks Sheet.**

(iv) **Graduation Degree/Provisional Degree** issued by a recognised university. **Provisional Degree should not be more than six months old at the time of the candidate joining the Academy.**

(v) **Marks Sheets of all years/semesters.**

(vi) **NCC `C' Certificate (Date of issue of NCC `C' Certificate to be on or before the date of submission of online application by the candidate). NCC `C' Certificate is not required from Wards of Battle Casualties.**

(vii) **Certificate regarding CGPA conversion to marks (as applicable) and aggregate percentage from the concerned University duly specifying the rules/ conversion criteria/formula in this regard.**

(viii) **Certificate from the Principal/Head of the Institution stating that the candidate is in final year and his/her result will be declared by 1st of Oct 2026 (only for final year appearing candidates).**

(ix) **Declaration by the candidate of final year degree course that he/she will submit the proof of passing by 1st of Oct 2026 to Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which his/her candidature will be cancelled.**

(x) **The Wards of Battle Casualties will also submit the documents mentioned at Para 2 (c) (ii) (ad) in addition to the documents mentioned above.**

(c) **Any candidate who does not carry the above documents in ORIGINAL for the SSB interview, his/ her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will be returned.**

(d) **All certificates in original to be carried by the candidates for SSB interview for verification. Originals will be returned after verification at the SSB itself. DIGILOCKER Certificates will NOT be accepted in lieu of original.**

(e) DIGILOCKER Certificate will not be accepted in lieu to ORIGINAL Certificates. In case any School/College does not issue Certificate in hard/physical format, a certificate must be obtained from the School/College (principal/Registrar) to that effect stating that only e-certificates has been issued through DIGILOCKER and no hard copy has been provided. In such cases, candidates must produce a colour printout of the e-certificate, duly authenticated by the concerned School/College or University.

(f) **The second copy of the printout of online application is to be retained by the candidate for reference. There is no need to send any hard copy to Directorate General Recruiting.**

(g) **Candidates must submit only one online application. Receipt of multiple applications from the same candidate will result in cancellation of candidature, and NO representation will be entertained in this regard.**

(h) **Candidates serving in the Indian Armed Forces are required to inform their Commanding Officer in writing that they have applied for this examination. Applications of candidates serving in the Armed Forces, duly countersigned by the Commanding Officer should be taken alongwith all other documents as stated above to the SSB interview as and when called for the same.**

10. Selection Procedure. The selection procedure is as follows:-

(a) **Shortlisting of Applications. Shortlisting of applications for SSB will be based on award of bonus marks out of max 100 marks for 'Performance in NCC 'C' Cert and 'Grad Marks'. The details are as under:-**

(i) **Bonus Marks for Performance in NCC 'C' Cert.** Max 50 marks will be awarded for performance in NCC 'C' Cert as under:-

(aa) A Grade in NCC 'C' Cert - 50 Marks

(ab) B Grade in NCC 'C' Cert - 25 Marks

(ii) **Bonus Marks for Performance in Graduation (Marks).** Max 50 Marks will be awarded for performance in academics i.e. overall aggregate Graduation, the aggregate marks (percentage) scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively, will be considered. The bonus marks awarded will be as under:-

(aa) Upto 60% - Nil

(ab) 60.00 to 64.99% - 05 Marks

(ac) 65.00 to 69/99% - 10 Marks

(ad) 70.00 to 74.99% - 20 Marks

(ae) 75.00 to 79.99% - 30 Marks

(af) 80.00 to 84.99% - 40 Marks

(ag) 85.00 to 100.00 - 50 Marks

E.g. 1 Candidate with 78% in Graduation but 'B' Grading in NCC C Cert will be awarded $30 + 25 = 55$ Bonus marks.

E.g. 2 Candidate with 72% in Graduation but 'A' Grading in NCC C Cert will be awarded $20 + 50 = 70$ Bonus marks.

Note 1 Candidate studying in final year of Graduation should note that the aggregate marks (%) scored after completion of Graduation should be same or higher than that achieved in first two/three years of degree course i.e. used at the time of application, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

(iii) **Vac to Call up Ratio.** A merit will be prepared after award of Bonus Marks as per criteria given in para (i) and (ii) above. Candidates will then be shortlisted for SSB based on vacancy to SSB Call up Ratio, which will be decided by Dte Gen of Rtg as per organizational requirement. Candidate shortlisted for SSB will be intimated through mail. No intimation will be given to those not shortlisted.

Note 2 The above process of shortlisting will be separate for Men & Women, as per vacs notified and applications recd.

(b) **Selection of SSB Centre and Date.** After Shortlisting of applications, candidates will have to log in to the website and select their SSB Centre & date which are available on a first come first serve basis. SSB Centre and Date once selected will not be changed later. The option to select SSB Centre & SSB date by candidates may be forfeited due to occurrence of any exceptional circumstance/events. Directorate General of Recruiting, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army) reserves the right to change SSB Centre and Date once selected.

(c) **Conduct of SSB.** Only shortlisted eligible candidates will undergo SSB at Selection Centres, Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Jalandhar (Punjab). Call up letter for SSB interview will be issued by respective Selection Centre on Candidates' registered e-mail ID and SMS only. Candidates will be put through two stage selection procedure. Those who clear Stage I will go to Stage II. Those who fail in Stage I will be returned on the same day i.e 1st day. Duration of SSB interview is five days and details of the same are available on official website of Directorate General of Recruiting i.e. www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. This will be followed by a medical examination for the candidates who get recommended after Stage II.

(d) **Joining Pre-Commission Training Academy (PCTA).** Candidates recommended by the SSB and declared medically fit, will be issued joining letter for training in the order of merit, depending on the number of vacancies available, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria. Candidature of the candidates will be cancelled if candidate is found to have given wrong information/certificate or has not disclosed relevant information. Being found 'FIT' for joining PCTA does not give any right to candidate to demand joining letter, but is at the discretion of Dte Gen of Rtg as per organizational requirement.

11. **Medical Examination.** Please visit www.joinindianarmy.nic.in for Medical Standards and Procedures of Medical Examination for Officers Entry into Army as applicable. The validity of SSB medical examination is 270 days i.e. SMB to PCTA joining date. Any candidate who has undergone SSB medical (SMB/AMB/RMB) for any SSB of any service and declared 'Med FIT' need not undergo medical examination again after the SSB of SSC(NCC)-124 provided the date of 1st medical (SMB) upto date of joining this course i.e. **01 Oct 2026** is less than 270 days.

Note. The proceedings of the Medical Board are confidential and will not be divulged to anyone. Directorate General of Recruiting has no role to play in any Medical Boards and procedure advised by the medical authorities will be strictly adhered.

12. **Entitlement for Travelling Allowance.** Candidates appearing for SSB interview for the first time for a particular type of **commission** shall be entitled for AC 3-Tier to and fro railway fare or bus fare including reservation-Cum-Sleeper Charges within the Indian Geographical Limits. Candidates who appear again for the same type of commission will not be entitled to travelling allowances on any subsequent occasion. **For any query/clarification regarding admissibility or payment of travelling allowance, the candidates may directly approach the concerned Selection Centre.**

13. **Merit List.** It is to be noted that mere qualifying at the SSB interview does not confirm final selection. Merit list will be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained by the candidate at SSB interview. In case equal SSB marks are obtained by more than one candidate, the older candidate(s) in age will be ranked higher in the merit. In case both SSB marks and age of more than one candidate are same, the candidate(s) with higher percentage of marks in qualifying examination will be placed higher in the merit. Higher educational qualifications, previous performances, etc have no role to play. Those in the merit list and who come within the stipulated vacancies and are medically fit will be issued joining letters for Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria.

14. The candidates who fail to report within 07 days from date of reporting their candidature will be cancelled and the next candidate in merit will be considered to fill the vacancy.

15. On joining Indian Army, some of Personal Restrictions in Service will be imposed in accordance with Article 33 of Constitution of India as promulgated in the Army Act and Army Rules from time to time.

Note 1. Any ambiguity/false information/concealment of information detected in the certificates/documents/online application will result in cancellation of the candidature at any stage of selection and thereafter.

Note 2. The candidate should have never been debarred from appearing in any examination by UPSC.

Note 3. The candidate should have never been arrested or convicted by a criminal court or involved in any case. **In case any such issue comes to notice during the selection process or pre-commission training, candidate / cadet will be subject to cancellation of candidature/withdrawal from the Academy by Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).**

Note 4. Candidates withdrawn from NDA/IMA/OTA/Naval Academy/Air Force Academy or any Service Training Academy on disciplinary ground are not eligible to apply.

Note 5. For all queries regarding allotment of Selection Centres, date of interview, merit list, joining instructions and any other relevant information please visit our website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Queries will be replied **ONLY** through 'Feedback/Queries' option available on the Recruiting Website.

Note 6. Please read the Notification, Tickers on website, Joining Instructions and other instructions uploaded on the website thoroughly before submission of queries in 'Feedback/Query' on our website.

Note 7. In order to avoid last hour rush and ensure timely response, queries received upto three days prior to closing of online application will **ONLY** be entertained / replied.

Note 8. In case of any discrepancy between the English and Hindi versions of this notification, the English version shall prevail.

**ONLINE APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026 AT
1500 HR AND CLOSE ON 16 MARCH 2026 AT 1500 HR.**



JOIN INDIAN ARMY
NCC SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEME 124 COURSE (OCT 2026):
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) FOR WOMEN
(INCLUDING WARDS OF BATTLE CASUALTIES OF ARMY PERSONNEL)



HIGHLIGHTS

(Information given below is for general awareness only)

(Course Notification published on – www.joinindianarmy.nic.in – should be referred for detailed information about the entry)

Category	Description	Notification Paragraph No
Type of Entry	NCC Special Entry Scheme – 124 Course (Oct 2026) Short Service Commission (NT) Women (Including Ward of Battle Casualties of Army Personnel)	Para 1
Age	19 to 25 Years as on 01 Jul 2026	Para 2(b)
Open for	Unmarried Female (Graduates)	Para 1
Education Qualification	Graduation Degree and Minimum of 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate exam of NCC	Para 2(c)
Vacancies	05 +01* *Wards of Battle Casualties	Para 3
Selection Process	Application > Shortlisting > SSB > Medical > Merit List > Joining Letter	Para 10
Date for shortlisting for SSB (based on graduate percentage cut off)	Tentatively First week of May 2026	Para 10
Likely Duration and dates for SSB	Max Five days SSB in May/June 2026 (Choice for SSB Centre & dates open for 15 days in Apr)	Para 10(c)
Medical Standards	As given on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in	Para 11
Pre Commission Training Academy	Officer Training Academy, Chennai	Para 13 & 5(d)
Duration of Training	49 weeks from Oct 2026	Para 5
Stipend during Training	Rs 56,100 Per month	Para 7(f)
Rank after Training	Lieutenant	Para 7(a)
Salary on Commissioning	CTC approx. 17-18 Lac per annum (Excluding Free Medical cover & Travel to Home town once a year)	Para 7(d)
Type of Commission	Short Service Commission	Para 4(a)
Option for Release	First – After 05 th Year of Service Second – After 10 th Year of Service Third – After 14 th Year of Service	Para 4(a)
Option for Permanent Commission	After 10 Years	Para 4(a)
Primary Arms / Service for Commission	All Arms & Services of IA	Para 6
Release Benefits	Depending on service on release	-
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JOIN INDIAN ARMY
NCC SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEME 124TH COURSE (OCT 2026):
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) FOR WOMEN [SSCW (NCC)-124]
(INCLUDING WARDS OF BATTLE CASUALTIES OF ARMY PERSONNEL)



1. Applications are invited from **unmarried female** (including Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army Personnel), for grant of Short Service Commission (Non Tech) as NCC Special Entry in the Indian Army.

2. **Eligibility.**

(a) **Nationality.** A candidate must either be: (i) A citizen of India, or (ii) A subject of Nepal, or (iii) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii) and (iii) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India. Certificate of eligibility will, however, not be necessary in the case of candidates who are Gorkha subjects of Nepal.

(b) **Age Limit.** For National Cadet Corps (NCC) candidates (including wards of Battle Casualties) 19 to 25 years as on 01 Jul 2026 (born not earlier than 02 Jul 2001 and not later than 01 Jul 2007 both dates inclusive).

Note. Candidates should note that the date of birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate on the date of submission of applications will only be accepted and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.5

IMPORTANT NOTE. Candidates must note that they can appear for **ONLY** one of the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview, either SSCW (NT) (WOMEN)-124 Course (Oct 2026) as CDSE candidate OR NCC (Spl) Entry-124 Course (WOMEN) (Oct 2026). Candidates are required to give undertaking to this effect under the declaration part of the online application.

(c) **Educational Qualification and other Criteria.**

(iii) **For NCC 'C' Certificate Holders.**

(aa) **Educational Qualification.** Graduate Degree from a recognized **University.** Applicants studying in final year are also allowed to apply provided they complete and obtain Graduation Degree before commencement of course. For such candidates the aggregate % scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively will be considered for shortlisting. It is to be noted that possession of graduate degree is a qualification to apply for the entry and not necessary a qualification to be shortlisted for SSB. The Indian Army reserves the right to shortlist candidates for SSB by applying vacancy to call up ratio based on various filters, as deemed necessary.

(ab) **Service in NCC.** Should have served for minimum two/three years (as applicable) in Senior Division/Wg of NCC.

(ac) Grading. Should have obtained minimum of 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam of NCC. Applicants who are not holding NCC 'C' Cert or Provisional NCC 'C' Certificate on date of application, are not eligible to apply for the course. Candidates holding Provisional NCC Certificate on dt of application are required to obtain NCC 'C' Certificate before appearing in SSB. **PROVISIONAL NCC 'C' CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT SSB.**

Note 1. For the Qualified Graduate Candidates of the Degree Course. Candidates who have passed the graduation degree course must produce the provisional/degree certificate by **1st Oct 2026** to the Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

Note 2. For the Candidates Studying in the Final Year of Degree Course. The candidates studying in the final year of graduation, if not already in possession of provisional /degree certificate must submit the proof of passing the graduation degree exam alongwith marksheet of all the semesters by **1st Oct 2026** to the Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which their candidature will be cancelled. Those who are not able to produce the degree certificate/provisional degree certificate by the specified date will be inducted on **Additional Bond Basis** only on submission of proof of passing graduation degree exam alongwith marksheet of all semesters to the Directorate General of Recruiting by the above specified date.

Note 3. ALL FINAL YEAR APPEARING CANDIDATES WHOSE FINAL YEAR/FINAL SEMESTER EXAM WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER 01 OCT 2026 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS COURSE.

Note 4. Candidates, who have yet to pass their graduation degree examination will be eligible only if they are studying in the final year of degree examination. Those candidates who have yet to qualify in the final year Degree Examination and are allowed to appear for SSB, should note that this is only a special concession given to them. They are required to submit proof of passing Graduation Degree Examination alongwith all marksheets of Graduation Degree Examination by the above prescribed date and no request for extending this date will be entertained on the grounds of late conduct of basic qualifying University Examination, delay in declaration of results or any other grounds whatsoever.

(ii) **For Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army Personnel.**

(aa) **Eligibility Criteria.** The vacancies under wards of battle casualties are available to wards (unmarried sons and unmarried daughters including legally adopted) of Army Battle casualties specified as:-

- (aaa) Killed in action.
- (aab) Died of wound or injuries (Other than self-inflicted).
- (aac) Wounded or Injured (Other than self-inflicted).
- (aad) Missing, presumed dead.

(ab) **Educational Qualification.** Graduate Degree from a recognized University. Applicants studying in final year are also allowed to apply provided they complete and obtain Graduation Degree before commencement of course. For such candidates the aggregate % scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively will be considered for shortlisting. It is to be noted that possession of graduate degree is a qualification to apply for the entry and not necessary a qualification to be shortlisted for SSB. The Indian Army reserves the right to shortlist candidates for SSB by applying vacancy to call up ratio based on various filters, as deemed necessary.

(ac) NCC 'C' certificate **NOT** required for Wards of Battle Casualties.

(ad) **Details of Documents to be provided in the Application Form.**

(aaa) The 'Battle Casualty' certificate Number issued by Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate (MP Dte) certifying that the parent has been killed/wounded/reported missing in action.

Note:- Battle casualty certificate issued by respective Record Offices is valid for casualties prior to Sep 2013. For casualties since Sep 2013, battle casualty certificate should have been issued by Adjutant General's Branch Manpower (Policy & Planning)-5(D).

(aab) A copy of Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate (MP Dte)/Respective Regimental Records Part II Order Number. notifying injuries and being classified as 'Battle Casualty'.

(aac) Relationship Certificate No issued by Manpower (Policy & Planning) Directorate 5 & 6 / Respective Regimental Records.

Note. Applications will be submitted online by wards of battle casualties with details of documents mentioned as at Paragraph 9 (b) below. However, they will carry all documents at the time of SSB interview in original. Incomplete documents will be summarily rejected by the Selection Centre and no representation in this regard will be entertained or replied.

3. **Vacancies.**

(a) **NCC Women.** 06 (05 for General Category and 01 for Wards of Battle Casualties of Indian Army personnel only).

Note: The Indian Army Publishes/Notifies vacancies separately for each Entry as well as each Gender (Male and Female) based on the operational and administrative needs of the Force as envisaged in the existing and future scenarios. The process of application, SSB shortlisting (Cut-off), Selection and merit of each Entry and each Gender (Male & Female) is independent and not related or dependent. The same is purely based on notified vacancies and driven by applications received against notification for the particular course.

4. **Terms and Conditions of Service.**

(a) **Tenure of Engagement.** Offrs (Male & Female) shall be liable to serve for ten years. The tenure of ten years of service, however, may be extendable by a further period of four years subject to their opting for the same and found eligible and suitable for extension of service as per terms of engagement issued from time to time. Officers who are desirous of seeking Permanent Commission (PC) may be considered for the same in the 10th years of service in accordance with the eligibility and suitability as per terms of engagement issued from time to time. Those Offrs (Male and Female) seeking PC but are not granted the same, may opt for extension of service. Offrs found eligible and suitable for grant of extension of service as per terms of engagement issued from time to time, may be granted extension for a period of four years on expiry of which they will be released from the Army.

(aa) **Special Provision for Release on Completion of 5th Year of Service.** SSCOs (Male & Female Officers), other than those who have undergone or are undergoing any other specialised course of such nature, who are desirous of leaving the service after completion of five years service may, during the fifth year of service, apply to the Army HQs for release. Army HQ will consider the applications of such officers on merits and the decision of the Army HQ will be final and irrevocable. On approval such officers will be released from service on completion of 5th year of service. Those SSCOs (Male & Female Officers) who have undergone or are undergoing any other specialised course of such nature, will not be released before expiry of full tenure of 14 years unless the cost of training of such specialised course as prescribed is recovered from them. They will be required to execute a bond to this effect on being nominated for undertaking specialised course of such nature.

(ab) **Special Provision during Extended Tenure.** During extended tenure, they will be permitted to seek release from the Army on following grounds:-

- (i) Taking up civil job.
- (ii) Pursuing higher education.
- (iii) Starting own business/ joining family business.

(b) **Period of Probation.** An officer will be on probation for a period of six months from the date he/she receives his/her commission. If he/she is reported on within the probationary period as unsuitable to retain his/her commission, his/her services may be terminated any time whether before or after the expiry of the probationary period.

(c) **Ante Date Seniority.** No ante date seniority will be granted.

(d) **Termination of Commission.** An officer granted Short Service Commission will be liable to serve for ten years but his/her Commission may be terminated at any time by the Government of India for:-

- (i) Misconduct or if his/her services are found to be unsatisfactory, or
- (ii) On account of medical unfitness, or
- (iii) If his/her services are no longer required, or
- (iv) If he/she fails to qualify in any prescribed test or course.

(v) An officer may on giving three months notice be permitted to resign his/her commission on compassionate grounds of which the Government of India will be the sole judge. An officer who is permitted to resign his/her commission on compassionate grounds will not be eligible for terminal gratuity.

(e) **Reserve Liability.** Short Service Commission Officers on release before or expiry of contractual length of service will carry reserve liability to serve Indian Army for five years plus two years on voluntary basis or up to the age of 37 years for women whichever is earlier.

5. Training. Duration of training is 49 weeks at Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai.

(a) The minimum physical standards that a candidate must acquire before joining training academy, are as follows:-

SN	Activity	Minimum physical standards
		Officer Cadets (Women)
(i)	2.4 Km Run	13 Minutes
(ii)	Push Up	15
(iii)	Pull Up	02
(iv)	Sit Up	25
(v)	Squats	Two Set of 30 Repetitions
(vi)	Lunges	Two Set of 10 Repetitions
(vii)	Swimming	Should know Fundamentals of swimming

(b) Selected candidates will be detailed for Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai according to their position in the final order of merit, up to the number of available vacancies, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria.

(c) Candidates will neither be allowed to marry during the period of training nor will he/she be allowed to live with parents/guardians. Candidates must not marry until they complete the full training at OTA. A candidate, who marries subsequent to the date of his/her application, though successful at the SSB interview or medical examination, will not be inducted for training. A candidate if he/she marries, while under training, shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him/her by the Government. It is also applicable to the wards of Battle Casualties of Army Personnel.

(d) All candidates who successfully complete Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai will be awarded 'Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management and Strategic Studies' by University of Madras.

(e) **Cost of Training.** The entire cost of training at OTA is at Government expense. In case the Officer Cadet is withdrawn from training academy due to reasons other than medical ground or the reasons not beyond his/her control, he/she will be liable to refund cost of training @ ₹ 20,482/- per week (as on 2026) and as notified from time to time (for the period of candidate's stay at the Officers Training Academy, Chennai/Cadet Training Wing). The cost of training is born by State, will be recovered from cadets withdrawing for personal reasons.

6. The final allocation of Arms/Services will be made prior to passing out of Gentlemen /Lady cadets from OTA.

7. **Promotion Criteria and Salary Structure.**

(a) **Promotion Criteria.**

Rank	Promotion Criteria
Lieutenant	On commission
Captain	On completion of 2 years reckonable commissioned service.
Major	On completion of 6 years reckonable commissioned service.
Lieutenant Colonel	On completion of 13 years reckonable commissioned service.
Colonel (TS)	On completion on 26 years reckonable commissioned service.
Colonel	On selection basis subject to fulfillment of requisite service conditions
Brigadier	
Major General	
Lieutenant General/HAG Scale	
HAG + Scale (*Admissible to 1/3 rd of total strength of Lieutenant General)	
VCOAS/Army Commander / Lieutenant General (NFSG)	
COAS	

(b) **Adjustment of Seniority.** To make adjustment for shorter training of SSCOs vis-à-vis PC officers, the seniority of SSCOs will be depressed by the period corresponding to the difference in training period between the SSC course under consideration and the training period of its equivalent PC Course. This adjustment of seniority will be carried out at the time of grant of first substantive rank of Captain.

(c) **Reckonable Commissioned Service.** Subject to provision of Para 7 (b) above, reckonable commissioned service for the purpose of these orders will count from the date of grant of Short Service Commission to an officer. The period of service forfeited by sentence of Court Martial or any summary award under the Army Act and the period of absence without leave will not be reckonable. The period during which furlough rates of pay are drawn and the period of captivity at POWs rates of pay will be reckonable. The period of service for promotion lost by an officer in consequence of his/ her having been granted leave without pay will also be reckonable. Such an officer will, however, become entitled to the pay and allowances of the higher substantive rank granted by the inclusion of this period only from the date on which he/ she would have qualified by service if this period had not been so reckoned and not with effect from the date of grant of substantive rank.

(d) **Pay.**

Rank	Level	(Pay in ₹)
Lieutenant	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500
Captain	Level 10B	61,300 - 1,93,900
Major	Level 11	69,400 - 2,07,200
Lieutenant Colonel	Level 12A	1,21,200 - 2,12,400
Colonel	Level 13	1,30,600 - 2,15,900
Brigadier	Level 13A	1,39,600 - 2,17,600
Major General	Level 14	1,44,200 - 2,18,200
Lieutenant General HAG Scale	Level 15	1,82,200 - 2,24,100
Lieutenant Gen HAG+Scale	Level 16	2,05,400 - 2,24,400
VCOAS/Army Commander/ Lieutenant General (NFSG)	Level 17	2,25,000/-(fixed)
COAS	Level 18	2,50,000/-(fixed)

(e) **Military Service Pay (MSP).** MSP to the officers from the rank of Lieutenant to Brigadier ₹ 15,500/- p.m. fixed.

(f) **Fixed Stipend for Cadet Training.**

Stipend to Gentlemen or Lady Cadets during the entire duration of training in Service academies i.e. during training period at OTA.	₹ 56,100/-p.m.*
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***On successful commissioning, the pay in the Pay Matrix of the Officer Commissioned shall be fixed in first Cell of Level 10 and the period of training shall not be treated as commissioned service and arrears on account of admissible allowances, as applicable, for the training period shall be paid to cadets.**

(g) **Other Allowances.**

Dearness Allowance	Admissible at the same rates and under the same conditions as are applicable to the civilian personnel from time to time
Para Reserve Allowance	₹ 2625/-pm
Technical Allowance (Tier-I)	₹ 3000/-pm
Technical Allowance (Tier-II)	₹ 4500/-pm

(h) Depending upon rank and area of posting, officers posted to Field Areas will be eligible for the following Field Area allowances:-

RH Max Offr Rs. 42500/- Siachen Allowance	HARDSHIP		
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
HIGH	<p>R1H1 Offrs-Rs. 25000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Allowance • MARCOS & Chariot Allowance • Special Forces Allowance • Submarine Allowance • COBRA Allowance • High Altitude Allowance-Cat III 	<p>R1H2 Offrs-Rs. 16900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAFA Allowance • CI (fd) Allowance (CI Mod Fd @77% CI Fd) 	<p>R1H3 Offrs-Rs. 5300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosp Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) • Patient Care Allowance (PCA) • Test Pilot Firt Engr Allowance
MED	<p>R2H1 Offrs-Rs. 16900</p>	<p>R2H2 Offrs-Rs. 10500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fd Area Allowance (Mod FD Area @ 60% of Fd Area Allowance) • CI (Peace) allowance • Sea going Allowance • Free Fall Jump instr Allowance • Para Jump Instr Allowance • Para Allowance 	<p>R2H3 Offrs-Rs. 3400</p>
LOW	<p>R3H1 Offrs-Rs. 5300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Altitude Allowance-Cat II • Tough location Allowance-I • Boiler watch keeping Allowance • Submarine duty Allowance 	<p>R3H2 Offrs-Rs. 3400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High altitude Allowance-Cat I • Tough location Allowance-II • Project Allowance • Compensatory (Const or Svy) Allowance • Hydro Svy Allowance (except non-surveyors) 	<p>R3H3 Offrs-Rs. 1200</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tough location Allowance-III • Cooking Allowance • Hardlying money (full rate) • Health and malaria Allowance • Special LC Gate Allowance • Submarine Tech Allowance • Hydro Svy Allowance (for-surveyors)

(j) **Dress Allowance.** ₹ 20,000/- per year.

(k) **Ration in Kind**. In Peace and Field Areas.

(l) **Transport Allowance (TPTA)**.

Pay Level	Higher TPTA Cities (Per month)	Other Places (Per month)
10 and above	₹ 7200+DA thereon	₹ 3600+DA thereon

Note.

(i) **Higher TPTA Cities (UA)**. Hyderabad, Patna, Delhi, Ahmadabad, Surat, Bengaluru, Kochi, Kozhikode, Indore, Greater Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Jaipur, Chennai, Coimbatore, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Kolkata.

(ii) The allowance shall not be admissible to those Service personnel who have been provided with the facility of Government transport.

(iii) Officers in Pay Level 14 and above, who are entitled to use official car, will have the option to avail official car facility or to draw the TPTA at the rate of ₹ 15,750+DA thereon.

(iv) The allowance will not be admissible for the calendar month(s) wholly covered by leave.

(v) Physically disabled service personnel will continue to be paid at double rate, subject to a minimum of ₹ 2,250+ DA p.m.

(m) **Children Education Allowance (CEA)**. ₹ 2,250/- per month per child for two eldest surviving only from three classes before class one to 12th Class.

(i) Reimbursement should be done just once a year, after completion of the financial year (which for most schools coincides with the Academic year).

(ii) Certificate from the head of institution where the ward of government employee studies should be sufficient for this purpose. The certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year.

Note 1. In the case of allowances specific to Indian Armed Forces, the rates of these allowances would be enhanced by 25% automatically each time the Dearness Allowance payable on the revised pay band goes up by 50% (Gol letter No A-27012/02/2017-Estt.(AL) dated 16 Aug 2017).

Note 2. Please note that pay & allowances and rules/provisions thereof are subject to revision from time to time.

(n) **Hostel Subsidy**. ₹ 6,750/- per month per child for two eldest surviving only for three classes before class one to 12th Class.

8. **Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF).** The Gentlemen/Lady Cadets when in receipt of stipend are insured for ₹ 1.25 Cr as applicable to officers of the regular Army. Monthly AGIF subscription at the rate of ₹ 12,500/- will have to be paid in advance by Gentlemen/Lady Cadets to become member under the AGI Scheme as applicable to regular Indian Army officers. **For those who are invalidated out by Invalidating Medical Board (IMB) on account of disability and not entitled to any pension will be provided ₹ 25 lakhs for 100 percent disability. This will be proportionately reduced to ₹ 5 lakhs for 20 percent disability.** However, for less than 20 percent disability, an Ex-Gratia Grant of ₹ 50,000/- only will be paid. Disability due to alcoholism, drug addiction and due to the diseases of pre-enrolment origin will not qualify for disability benefit and Ex-Gratia Grant. In addition, Gentlemen/Lady Cadets withdrawn on disciplinary grounds, expelled as undesirable or leaving the Academy voluntarily will not be eligible for disability benefits and Ex-Gratia.

9. **How to Apply.**

(a) Applications will only be accepted online on website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Click on '**Officer Entry Application/Login**' and then click '**Registration**' (Registrations not required, if already registered on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in). Fill the online registration form after reading the instructions carefully. After getting registered, click on '**Apply Online**' under Dashboard. A page 'Officers Selection - '**Eligibility**' will open. Then click '**Apply**' shown against Short Service Commission NCC Special Entry Course. A page '**Application Form**' will open. Read the instructions carefully and click '**Continue**' to fill details as required under various segments. Personal information, Communication details, Education details and details of previous SSB. '**Save & Continue**' each time before you go to the next segment. After filling details on the last segment, you will move to a page '**Summary of your information**' wherein you can check and edit the entries already made. Only after ascertaining the correctness of all your details, click on '**Submit**'. Candidates must click on '**Submit**' each time they open the application for editing any details. The candidates are required to take out two copies of their application having Roll Number, 30 minutes after final closure of online application on last day.

CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO READ THE NOTIFICATION CAREFULLY AND THEN FILL UP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM TO AVOID MISTAKES, AND THEREBY REJECTION OF APPLICATION.

Important Note 1. No changes to details submitted in online application can be made after closure of application. No representation in this regard shall be entertained.

Important Note 2. CGPA/Grades must be converted into Marks as per the formulae adopted by the concerned University for filling 'Marks obtained in Graduation' in online application. Any discrepancy observed at any stage of selection process will lead to cancellation of candidature.

Important Note 3. Candidate's name/parent's name (father & mother)/ date of birth in the profile and online application must be as per matriculation /Secondary School Examination certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board of education. Variation in above details will lead to cancellation of the candidature.

(b) **Originals alongwith self attested** copy of following documents are to be carried to the Selection Centre by the candidates:-

DIGILOCKER Certificate will not be accepted in lieu of ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES.

(i) **One copy of the print out of application duly signed and affixed with self attested photograph.**

(iv) **Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or equivalent certificate and Mark Sheet issued by the concerned Board of Education.**

Note 1. Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board of Education will only be accepted as proof of date of birth, candidate's name and parent's name (father & mother). No other document like Admit card/ Mark Sheet/Transfer certificate etc are acceptable.

Note 2. In case parent's name (father & mother) is not mentioned in Matriculation/Secondary School Examination certificate or equivalent certificate, the candidate is required to produce any document issued by Govt of India or States Govt such as PAN card, Aadhaar card, Passport, Driving licence etc for verification. However, candidate's name and their parent's name filled in online application must match exactly with those mentioned in the produced document.

(iii) **12th Class Certificate & Marks Sheet.**

(iv) **Graduation Degree/Provisional Degree** issued by a recognised university. **Provisional Degree should not be more than six months old at the time of the candidate joining the Academy.**

(v) **Marks Sheets of all years/semesters.**

(vi) **NCC `C' Certificate (Date of issue of NCC `C' Certificate to be on or before the date of submission of online application by the candidate). NCC `C' Certificate is not required from Wards of Battle Casualties.**

(vii) **Certificate regarding CGPA conversion to marks (as applicable) and aggregate percentage from the concerned University duly specifying the rules/ conversion criteria/formula in this regard.**

(viii) **Certificate from the Principal/Head of the Institution stating that the candidate is in final year and his/her result will be declared by 1st of Oct 2026 (only for final year appearing candidates).**

(ix) **Declaration by the candidate of final year degree course that he/she will submit the proof of passing by 1st of Oct 2026 to Directorate General of Recruiting, failing which his/her candidature will be cancelled.**

(x) **The Wards of Battle Casualties will also submit the documents mentioned at Para 2 (c) (ii) (ad) in addition to the documents mentioned above.**

(c) **Any candidate who does not carry the above documents in ORIGINAL for the SSB interview, his/ her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will be returned.**

(d) **All certificates in original to be carried by the candidates for SSB interview for verification. Originals will be returned after verification at the SSB itself. DIGILOCKER Certificates will NOT be accepted in lieu of original.**

(e) DIGILOCKER Certificate will not be accepted in lieu to ORIGINAL Certificates. In case any School/College does not issue Certificate in hard/physical format, a certificate must be obtained from the School/College (principal/Registrar) to that effect stating that only e-certificates has been issued through DIGILOCKER and no hard copy has been provided. In such cases, candidates must produce a colour printout of the e-certificate, duly authenticated by the concerned School/College or University.

(f) **The second copy of the printout of online application is to be retained by the candidate for reference. There is no need to send any hard copy to Directorate General Recruiting.**

(g) **Candidates must submit only one online application. Receipt of multiple applications from the same candidate will result in cancellation of candidature, and NO representation will be entertained in this regard.**

(h) **Candidates serving in the Indian Armed Forces are required to inform their Commanding Officer in writing that they have applied for this examination. Applications of candidates serving in the Armed Forces, duly countersigned by the Commanding Officer should be taken alongwith all other documents as stated above to the SSB interview as and when called for the same.**

10. Selection Procedure. The selection procedure is as follows:-

(a) **Shortlisting of Applications. Shortlisting of applications for SSB will be based on award of bonus marks out of max 100 marks for 'Performance in NCC 'C' Cert and 'Grad Marks'. The details are as under:-**

(i) **Bonus Marks for Performance in NCC 'C' Cert.** Max 50 marks will be awarded for performance in NCC 'C' Cert as under:-

(aa) A Grade in NCC 'C' Cert - 50 Marks

(ab) B Grade in NCC 'C' Cert - 25 Marks

(ii) **Bonus Marks for Performance in Graduation (Marks).** Max 50 Marks will be awarded for performance in academics i.e. overall aggregate Graduation, the aggregate marks (percentage) scored in first two/three years of three/four year degree course respectively, will be considered. The bonus marks awarded will be as under:-

(aa) Upto 60% - Nil

(ab) 60.00 to 64.99% - 05 Marks

(ac) 65.00 to 69/99% - 10 Marks

(ad) 70.00 to 74.99% - 20 Marks

(ae) 75.00 to 79.99% - 30 Marks

(af) 80.00 to 84.99% - 40 Marks

(ag) 85.00 to 100.00 - 50 Marks

E.g. 1 Candidate with 78% in Graduation but 'B' Grading in NCC C Cert will be awarded $30 + 25 = 55$ Bonus marks.

E.g. 2 Candidate with 72% in Graduation but 'A' Grading in NCC C Cert will be awarded $20 + 50 = 70$ Bonus marks.

Note 1 Candidate studying in final year of Graduation should note that the aggregate marks (%) scored after completion of Graduation should be same or higher than that achieved in first two/three years of degree course i.e. used at the time of application, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

(iii) **Vac to Call up Ratio.** A merit will be prepared after award of Bonus Marks as per criteria given in para (i) and (ii) above. Candidates will then be shortlisted for SSB based on vacancy to SSB Call up Ratio, which will be decided by Dte Gen of Rtg as per organizational requirement. Candidate shortlisted for SSB will be intimated through mail. No intimation will be given to those not shortlisted.

Note 2 The above process of shortlisting will be separate for Men & Women, as per vacs notified and applications recd.

(b) **Selection of SSB Centre and Date.** After Shortlisting of applications, candidates will have to log in to the website and select their SSB Centre & date which are available on a first come first serve basis. SSB Centre and Date once selected will not be changed later. The option to select SSB Centre & SSB date by candidates may be forfeited due to occurrence of any exceptional circumstance/events. Directorate General of Recruiting, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army) reserves the right to change SSB Centre and Date once selected.

(c) **Conduct of SSB.** Only shortlisted eligible candidates will undergo SSB at Selection Centres, Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Jalandhar (Punjab). Call up letter for SSB interview will be issued by respective Selection Centre on Candidates' registered e-mail ID and SMS only. Candidates will be put through two stage selection procedure. Those who clear Stage I will go to Stage II. Those who fail in Stage I will be returned on the same day i.e 1st day. Duration of SSB interview is five days and details of the same are available on official website of Directorate General of Recruiting i.e. www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. This will be followed by a medical examination for the candidates who get recommended after Stage II.

(d) **Joining Pre-Commission Training Academy (PCTA).** Candidates recommended by the SSB and declared medically fit, will be issued joining letter for training in the order of merit, depending on the number of vacancies available, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria. Candidature of the candidates will be cancelled if candidate is found to have given wrong information/certificate or has not disclosed relevant information. Being found 'FIT' for joining PCTA does not give any right to candidate to demand joining letter, but is at the discretion of Dte Gen of Rtg as per organizational requirement.

11. **Medical Examination.** Please visit www.joinindianarmy.nic.in for Medical Standards and Procedures of Medical Examination for Officers Entry into Army as applicable. The validity of SSB medical examination is 270 days i.e. SMB to PCTA joining date. Any candidate who has undergone SSB medical (SMB/AMB/RMB) for any SSB of any service and declared 'Med FIT' need not undergo medical examination again after the SSB of SSC(NCC)-124 provided the date of 1st medical (SMB) upto date of joining this course i.e. **01 Oct 2026** is less than 270 days.

Note. The proceedings of the Medical Board are confidential and will not be divulged to anyone. Directorate General of Recruiting has no role to play in any Medical Boards and procedure advised by the medical authorities will be strictly adhered.

12. **Entitlement for Travelling Allowance.** Candidates appearing for SSB interview for the first time for a particular type of **commission** shall be entitled for AC 3-Tier to and fro railway fare or bus fare including reservation-Cum-Sleeper Charges within the Indian Geographical Limits. Candidates who appear again for the same type of commission will not be entitled to travelling allowances on any subsequent occasion. **For any query/clarification regarding admissibility or payment of travelling allowance, the candidates may directly approach the concerned Selection Centre.**

13. **Merit List.** It is to be noted that mere qualifying at the SSB interview does not confirm final selection. Merit list will be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained by the candidate at SSB interview. In case equal SSB marks are obtained by more than one candidate, the older candidate(s) in age will be ranked higher in the merit. In case both SSB marks and age of more than one candidate are same, the candidate(s) with higher percentage of marks in qualifying examination will be placed higher in the merit. Higher educational qualifications, previous performances, etc have no role to play. Those in the merit list and who come within the stipulated vacancies and are medically fit will be issued joining letters for Pre-Commission training at OTA, Chennai, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria.

14. The candidates who fail to report within 07 days from date of reporting their candidature will be cancelled and the next candidate in merit will be considered to fill the vacancy.

15. On joining Indian Army, some of Personal Restrictions in Service will be imposed in accordance with Article 33 of Constitution of India as promulgated in the Army Act and Army Rules from time to time.

Note 1. Any ambiguity/false information/concealment of information detected in the certificates/documents/online application will result in cancellation of the candidature at any stage of selection and thereafter.

Note 2. The candidate should have never been debarred from appearing in any examination by UPSC.

Note 3. The candidate should have never been arrested or convicted by a criminal court or involved in any case. **In case any such issue comes to notice during the selection process or pre-commission training, candidate / cadet will be subject to cancellation of candidature/withdrawal from the Academy by Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).**

Note 4. Candidates withdrawn from NDA/IMA/OTA/Naval Academy/Air Force Academy or any Service Training Academy on disciplinary ground are not eligible to apply.

Note 5. For all queries regarding allotment of Selection Centres, date of interview, merit list, joining instructions and any other relevant information please visit our website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Queries will be replied **ONLY** through 'Feedback/Queries' option available on the Recruiting Website.

Note 6. Please read the Notification, Tickers on website, Joining Instructions and other instructions uploaded on the website thoroughly before submission of queries in 'Feedback/Query' on our website.

Note 7. In order to avoid last hour rush and ensure timely response, queries received upto three days prior to closing of online application will **ONLY** be entertained / replied.

Note 8. In case of any discrepancy between the English and Hindi versions of this notification, the English version shall prevail.

**ONLINE APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON 13 FEBRUARY 2026 AT
1500 HR AND CLOSE ON 16 MARCH 2026 AT 1500 HR.**