Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S)

ADVERTISEMENT/REGISTRATION/EXAM SCHEDULE

Query 1. What is the advertisement schedule for AFCAT? When is the AFCAT conducted?

Reply: AFCAT is conducted twice a year (in the month of February and August). The advertisement for the same is published in the months of December and June respectively.

Query 2. What is the scheduled date for AFCAT 01/2018?

Reply: AFCAT is scheduled on 25 February 2018.

Query 3. What is the opening and closing date of online registration for AFCAT 01/2018?

Reply: Online registration for AFCAT 01/2018 will open on 16 Dec 17 and close On 14 Jan 18. Registration will be valid from 16 Dec 2017 to 23:59 hrs of 14 Jan 2018. Candidates may contact AFCAT cell on Toll free no. 1800-11-2448 or Phone number 020-25503105 or 020-25503106 to resolve any query regarding registration and submission of online application procedure. Query timings are 0930 to 1700 hrs on all working days. E-mail queries may be addressed to afcatcell@cdac.in

SCHEME AND SYLLABUS FOR AFCAT EXAM

Query 4. What is the scheme and syllabus for AFCAT exam?

Reply: AFCAT is an objective test .The exam is of two hours and consists of 100 questions .The scheme of syllabus contains General Awareness, English, Numerical Ability, Reasoning & Military Aptitude. For further details on Exam schedule, Marking scheme, Scheme and syllabus of AFCAT please refer para 8 (a) and (b) of the notification available on website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in

Query 5. Where can I register for the AFCAT online?

Reply: You have to register for AFCAT on the website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in Please note that registration is being done through these two websites only. Do not register for AFCAT on any other website.

PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR AFCAT

Query 6. How to apply online for AFCAT 01/2018?

Reply: Candidates are required to apply online by using the link https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in, or https://afcat.cdac.in. For detailed instructions for filling in the online application form, please refer para 7 of the notification available on the website. After successful registration, sign in with registered email id and system generated password. Then reset your password. Log in again and click on AFCAT entry and proceed. After successful payment action, the applicants are advised to note down their Registration Number for future correspondence.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA- AGE/EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION/PHYSICAL STANDATDS ETC

Query 7. I have completed my Class XII exam. Am I eligible for AFCAT?

Reply: No. Minimum qualification required for AFCAT is graduation/ postgraduation (Masters) (depending on the branch you are applying for). There is also a minimum requirement of marks in graduation / post-graduation. For full details, you are requested to go through the notification available on website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in .

Query 8: What are the eligibility criteria for AFCAT 01/2018?

Reply: The eligibility criteria with respect to age limit, educational qualifications etc. for AFCAT are elaborated in the notification available on the website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in

Query 9. I am interested in applying for flying branch. I have filled up all the columns correctly to my knowledge. Yet, it is showing that I am not eligible for flying branch.

Reply: Please check the online form whether you had filled all columns properly. Check the age and educational qualification criteria. Also check if you have 60% aggregate in graduation and 60% each in Physics and Maths at 10 + 2 level.

Query 10. I am meeting the age criteria as per the advertisement. However when I am filling up the form online, it is showing error indicating I am not eligible. Am I eligible or not?

Reply: Please read the advertisement carefully. If the age mentioned is 20 to 24 years it means that the candidate should be 20 to 24 years as on 01 Jan 2019. Check whether you meet the criteria or not. Ascertain your age eligibility and then fill the form.

AGE RELAXATION FOR COMMERICAL PILOT LICENSE BY DGCA (INDIA)

Query 11. I have a Commercial Pilot License issued by DGCA (India). Am I eligible for age relaxation for flying branch?

Reply: There is certain age relaxation of two years for CPL (Commercial Pilot License) holders. However, one needs to meet the educational qualification criteria. Upper age limit for candidates holding valid and current Commercial Pilot Licence issued by DGCA (India) is relaxable upto 26 years i.e. born between **02 January 1993 to 01 January 1999** (both dates inclusive). Also note that the age relaxation is for holders of CPL issued by DGCA (India) only. CPL issued by any other body / country may not qualify you for age relaxation etc.

Query 12. What are the physical standards, medical standards and selection procedure for AFCAT 01/2018

Reply: Physical Standards, Medical Standards and Selection Procedure for AFCAT 01/2018 are spelt out clearly in the notification available on the website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in

Query 13. I am unable to find details about conduct of AFCAT and the examination centres of AFCAT?

Reply: Please refer para 8 of the notification for details of conduct of AFCAT 01/2018 and para 8 (f) & (g) of the notification for centres of online exam and allotment of centres. The notification is available on the website
https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in

ENQUIRY OF FEES

Query 14.   Is there any fee / registration charges etc. for AFCAT?

Reply: Yes, there is fee for applying / appearing in the AFCAT. Please refer para7 (j) of the notification given on the website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in or https://afcat.cdac.in for details of fee, mode of payment etc .

Query 15.   Is the candidate eligible for TA or other allowance for appearing in the AFCAT?

Reply: No TA or any other allowance is paid for appearing in the AFCAT. Candidates have to make their own arrangements for reaching the exam centre, accommodation etc.

PERMANENT COMMISSION-FLYING BRANCH

Query 16: Is permanent Commission offered for Flying Branch through AFCAT?

Reply: No, only Short Service Commission is offered for Flying Branch through AFCAT.

WOMEN CANDIDATES-ELIGIBILITY

Query 17. Whether women candidates are eligible to become officers through AFCAT?

Reply: Yes, women candidates are eligible to become officers through AFCAT. However, they are eligible only for Short Service commission, and not for Permanent Commission.

NON RECEIPT OF PASSWORD AFTER REGISTRATION

Query 18. I have registered online on the website https://careerindianairforce.cdac.in for AFCAT. However, I have not received any password. What should I do?

Reply: The password is sent to the email address through which you have registered. If you do not receive your password, you may also use "Forgot Password Option" to receive a new password. However, candidates must note that they have to enter their email address correctly. Email address should be a valid one and in use.

CHANGE OF DATA

Query 19. I have entered wrong DoB / entered 'Male' instead of 'Female' in the column of gender at the time of registration .How do I correct it?

Reply: Please ensure correctness of personal details ie **NAME, DoB and GENDER** before proceeding further as it cannot be changed or altered in any manner later on. In case the information is not accurate, do not submit the form. Please reregister using a different e mail id and provide correct details. Name and DOB entered in form must be as recorded in the matriculation/secondary examination certificate. Please note that information filled up by the candidates in online application form will be considered final and no amendments will be allowed subsequently. Candidates should exercise due care while entering their date of birth.

FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

Query 20. I have misplaced/forgotten my Username and Password. Kindly forward the same.

Reply: . Username is your registered E mail ID. To receive a new password, please opt for '**Forgot Password'**, and follow the instructions.

FORWARDING OF DOCUMENTS

Query 21. Do I need to send any documents / self-addressed envelope to AFCAT Cell for Admit Card etc?

Reply: No. There is no requirement of sending anything by post to AFCAT Cell. Applications are online only.

DEGREE OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITY

Query 22. I have a degree from a foreign university. Am I eligible?

Reply: For being eligible for AFCAT, the degree must be recognised by UGC / AICTE / Ministry of HRD / DEC.

UNIVERSITY HAS AWARDED CGPA

Query 23. My university has awarded CGPA. How do I fill up the percentage column?

Reply: In case of candidates being awarded Grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of Grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the university/ institution from where they have obtained the Bachelor's degree. In case the university/ institution does not have any scheme for converting CGPA then follow para 5 (c) of the notification.

UNABLE TO PROCEED TO NEXT PART

Query 24. I have filled all columns, yet I am unable to proceed to the next part during filling up of the form.

Reply: You would have entered certain information which may not be in consonance with the eligibility criteria.

UPLOADING OF PHOTO, SIGNATURE AND THUMB IMPRESSION

Query 25. I do not know the specifications for uploading of photo, signature and thumb impression?

Reply: Candidate is required to upload recent passport size colour photograph, signature and thumb impression duly scanned in jpg/ jpeg format ready in such a manner that the size of each file should be between 10 and 50 kb.

MINIMUM PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT

Query 26.   Do I write the marks in decimal form or only in two digits?

 Reply: Even if the percentage of marks is entered in decimals, it will be rounded off to the lower whole number E.g. 59.9% will be treated as 59%.