JOIN INDIAN ARMY
JAG ENTRY SCHEME 23RD COURSE OCT 2019:
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) COURSE FOR
LAW GRADUATES (MEN AND WOMEN)

1. Applications are invited from UNMARRIED male and female LAW GRADUATES for
grant of Short Service Commission in the Indian Army for Judge Advocate General
Branch.

2. Eligibility.

(a) **Nationality.** A candidate must either be: (i) A citizen of India, or (ii) A subject
of Bhutan, or (iii) A subject of Nepal, or (iv) A Tibetan refugee who came over to India
before the 1st of January 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India or (v)
A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, 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), (iii), (iv) and (v) 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.** 21 to 27 years as on 01 Jul 2019 (Born not earlier than
02 Jul 92 and not later than 01 Jul 98 both dates inclusive).

Note: The date of birth accepted by the office is that entered in the
Matriculation or an equivalent examination certificate. No other
document relating to age will be accepted and no subsequent request
for its change will be considered or granted.

(c) **Educational Qualification.** Minimum 55% aggregate marks in LLB
Degree (three years professional after graduation or five years after 10+2
examination). The candidates should be eligible for registration as an
advocate with Bar Council of India/State. Candidate should be from a
College/University recognized by Bar Council of India.


4. Terms and Conditions of Service.

(a) **Tenure Of engagement.** Selected candidates (Male and Female) will be
granted Short Service Commission in the regular Army for 14 years i.e. for
an initial period of 10 years extendable by a further period of 04 years.
Officers who are willing to continue to serve in the Army after the expiry of
period of ten years in Short Service Commission may, if eligible and
suitable in all respects, be considered for the grant of permanent
commission in the 10th year of their Short Service Commission in
accordance with the relevant rules. Those SSC officers, who are not
selected for grant of PC but are otherwise considered fit and suitable, will
be given options to continue as SSCOs for a total period of 14 years
(including the initial tenure of 10 years) on expiry of which they will be
released from the Army.
(b) **Period of Probation.** An officer will be on probation for a period of 6 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 03 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 the Army for five years plus two years on voluntary basis or up to the age of 37 years for women and 40 years for men whichever is earlier.

5. **Training.** Duration of training is 49 weeks at OTA, Chennai.

(a) Selected candidates will be detailed for 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.

(b) 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 the Officers Training Academy. A candidate, who marries subsequent to the date of his/her application, though successful at the Services Selection Board 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.

(c) All candidates who successfully complete Pre-Commission training at Officers Training Academy, Chennai will be awarded “Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management and Strategic Studies” by University of Madras.

(d) **Cost of Training.** The entire cost of training at OTA is at Government expense. In case the 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 @ Rs. 10,247/- per week till Jul 2018, thereafter a yearly escalation of 8% p.a. will be calculated on the Per Capita Cost of Training for
each ensuing year (or as notified from time to time) for the period of his/her stay at OTA, Chennai.

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

7. **Promotion Criteria and Salary Structure**

(a) **Promotion Criteria.**

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<td>Captain</td>
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<td>Major</td>
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(b) **Pay.**

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<td>Lieutenant</td>
<td>Level 10</td>
<td>56,100 - 1,77,500</td>
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<td>Captain</td>
<td>Level 10 B</td>
<td>61,300 - 1,93,900</td>
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<td>Major</td>
<td>Level 11</td>
<td>69,400 - 2,07,200</td>
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<td>Lieutenant Colonel</td>
<td>Level 12A</td>
<td>1,21,200 - 2,12,400</td>
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<td>Colonel</td>
<td>Level 13</td>
<td>1,30,600 - 2,15,900</td>
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<td>Level 13A</td>
<td>1,39,600 - 2,17,600</td>
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<td>Level 14</td>
<td>1,44,200 - 2,18,200</td>
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<td>Level 15</td>
<td>1,82,200 - 2,24,100</td>
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(c) **Military Service Pay (MSP).** MSP to the officers from the rank of Lt to Brig Rs 15,500/- p.m. fixed.
(d) **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. | Rs 56,100/-p.m.* |

* 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.

(e) **Qualification Grant**

(i) **Qualification Grant** Final order on the issue is yet to be issued by the Govt. Hence the information will be provided after receipt of Govt order on the issue.

(ii) **Flying allowance.** The Army Aviators (Pilots) serving in the Army Aviation Corps are entitled to flying allowances as under:-

| Lieutenant and above | Level 10 and above | Rs 25,000/- p.m. fixed |

(f) **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 |
| Kit maintenance allowance | Subsumed into the newly proposed Dress Allowance i.e Rs 20,000/-per year |

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

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(h) **High Altitude Allowance.**

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<th>Rank and above</th>
<th>Level</th>
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(l) **Siachen Allowance.** Siachen Allowance will be Rs. 42,500/- per month.

(k) **Uniform allowance.** Subsumed into the newly proposed Dress Allowance i.e. Rs. 20,000/- per year.

(l) **Free Ration**
   
   (i) In Fd Area to all Defence Officers.

   (ii) Defence officers posted in peace area to get Ration Money Allowance (RMA) every month.

(m) **Transport Allowance (TPTA)**

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<td>10 and above</td>
<td>Rs. 7200+DA thereon</td>
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**Note.**

(I) Higher Tpt Cities (UA), Hyderabad, Patna, Delhi, Ahmedabad, 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 Rs. 15,750+DA thereon.

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

(n) **Children Education Allowance.** Rs. 2250/- per month per child for two eldest surviving only. CEA is admissible from Nursery to 12th Classes.

   (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.** In the case of allowances specific to Defence 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. 1/(16)/2017/D(Pay/Services) dated 16 Sep 2017).
8. **Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF)**: The Gentlemen/Lady cadets when in receipt of stipend are insured for Rs. 75 lakh with effect from 01 Oct 2016. Those who are invalidated out by IMB on account of disability and not entitled to any pension will be provided Rs. 25 lakhs for 100 percent disability. This will be proportionately reduced to Rs 5 lakhs for 20 percent disability. However, for less than 20 percent disability, only an Ex-Gratia Grant of Rs. 50,000/- for initial year of training and Rs. 1 lakh during the last year of training 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, Gentleman/Lady cadets withdrawn on disciplinary grounds, expelled as an undesirable or voluntarily leaving the Academy will also not be eligible for disability benefits and Ex-Gratia. Subscription at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- will have to be paid in advance on monthly basis by Gentleman/Lady cadets to become member under the main AGI Scheme as applicable to regular Army Officers. The subscription for the relegated period would also be recovered at the same rate.

9. **How to Apply**

   (a) Applications will only be accepted online on website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in No offline applications will be accepted.

   (b) Open the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in

   (c) Click on Officers Entry 'Apply/Login' and then click 'Registration'.

   (d) Follow onscreen instructions for registration. Fill online Registration after reading instructions very carefully. After registration, your profile will open. Click on 'Apply Online' to process the application. A page 'Officers Selection-Eligibility' will open.

   (e) Your registration details will confirm your eligibility to apply. Click on 'Apply' and a page 'Application Form' will open. Proceed with the application as per onscreen instructions. Read onscreen instructions carefully and click 'Continue' to fill details under various segments i.e. personal information, Communication details, Education details and details of previous SSB. 'Save & Continue' each time before you proceed to the next segment.

   (f) After filling details of last segment, you will move to a page 'Summary of Information' wherein you can check & edit entries you have made so far. 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 will take out two copies of their application having Roll Number, 30 minutes after closure of online application.

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

   (h) Applications of Candidates serving in the Armed Forces, duly countersigned by the Commanding Officer should be taken along with all other documents as stated above to the SSB as and when called for the same.

**CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO READ THE NOTIFICATION CAREFULLY AND THEN FILL UP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM TO AVOID MISTAKES, AND THEREBY REJECTION OF APPLICATION.**
Note 1. No changes to details submitted in online application can be made after closure of application. No representations in this regard shall be entertained.

Note 2. CGPA/Grades must be converted into marks as per the formula adopted by the concerned University for filling 'Marks obtained' columns in online application.

(j) Documents to be carried to the Selection Centre by the candidate duly self attested:-

(i) One copy of the Print out of application form duly signed and self attested photograph affixed.

(ii) Copy of Matriculation or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board of Education (for proof of age) and Class X Marks Sheet.

(iii) Copy of 12th Class Certificate & Marks sheet.

(iv) Copy of Graduation Degree/Provisional Degree (in case of three years LLB after graduation).

(v) Copy of LLB Degree/Provisional Degree.

(vi) Copy of Marks sheets of all years/Semesters.

(vii) Copy of registration with Bar Council of India/State OR Certificate from college/University that the LLB Course in the said institution is recognized by Bar Council of India.

(viii) Certificate issued by the University regarding formulae for conversion of CGPA/Grades into marks followed by the University.

Note 1. All above mentioned certificates are also required to be carried in Original. Originals will be returned after verification at the Service Selection Board itself.

Note 2. Candidates who do not carry the above documents for the SSB Interview, the candidature will be CANCELLED and they will not be allowed to attend SSB Interview. No representation will be entertained in this regard.

(k) Candidates must submit only one application. Receipt of multiple applications from the same candidate will result in cancellation of candidature, and no representation will be entertained in this regard.
10. **Selection Procedure.** The selection procedure is as follows:

   (a) **Shortlisting of Applications.** Integrated HQ of MoD (Army) reserves the right to fix cutoff percentage of marks for shortlisting of applications, without assigning any reason. After shortlisting of applications, the Centre allotment will be intimated to candidates via their email. After allotment of Selection Centre, candidates will have to log in to the website and select their SSB dates which are available on a first come first serve basis, upto a specified date, as notified on website.

   (b) Only shortlisted eligible candidates will undergo SSB at Selection Centres, Allahabad(UP), Bhopal(MP), Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Kapurthala (PB). Call up letter for SSB interview will be issued by respective Selection Centre on candidates’ registered e-mail id and SMS only. **Allotment of Selection Centre is at the discretion of Directorate General of Recruiting, IHQ of MoD (Army) and NO request for changes will be entertained in this regard.**

   (c) 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.** Duration of SSB interviews is five days and details of the same are available on official website of Directorate General of Recruiting ie www.joinindianarmy.nic.in This will be followed by a medical examination for the candidates who get recommended after Stage II.

   (d) 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.

11. **Physical Standards.**

   (a) **Height & Weight.** The minimum acceptable height and weight for men is 157.5 cms with correlated weight and for women candidate is 152 cm and 42 kg. In case of candidates belonging to the North East and hilly areas like Gorkhas, Nepalese, Assamese and Garhwalis, the height is relaxed by 5 cms and weight commensurate with reduced height. In case of candidates from-Lakshadweep, the minimum acceptable height is reduced by 2 cms.

   (b) To pass fit, a candidate must be in good physical and mental health, free from any disability.

   (c) **Permanent Body Tattoos.** For Tattoo policy please visit our website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

   (d) Prospective candidates are advised to exercise and keep themselves physically fit, in order to avoid any injury due to the rigorous physical training at Officers Training Academy. In order to be able to adjust to the regime at the Training Academy the candidates are advised to achieve following standards before joining, if finally selected:

       (i) Running 2.4 km in 15 minutes  (ii) Push Ups-13 NOS.
       (iii) Sit Ups-25 NOS.  (iv) Chin Ups 6 NOS.
       (v) Rope Climbing 3-4 Meters.
12. **Medical Examination.** A candidate recommended by the Service Selection Board will undergo medical examination by a Board of Service Medical Officers. In addition women candidates will undergo Medical Examination by a lady Medical Officer/lady specialist officer to rule out gynaecological disorders. There will be a female attendant present at the time of med examination in case the medical officer/specialist officer happens to be male. Only those candidates will be admitted to the academy who are declared medically fit by the Medical Board. The proceedings of the Medical Board are confidential and will not be divulged to anyone. However, candidates declared unfit by the Special Medical Board (SMB) will be intimated by the President of the Special Medical Board (SMB). The procedure for request for Appeal Medical Board (AMB) will also be intimated to the candidates. Unfit Candidates should report for AMB within a maximum period of 42 days from the date of SMB, if they apply for AMB President, Appeal Medical Board (AMB) will inform decision of Medical Board regarding ‘Fitness’ of candidates and procedure to appeal against the decision of AMB. Candidates must also note that Review Medical Board (RMB) will be granted at the discretion of DGAFMS based on the merits of the case and that RMB is **NOT** a right. Candidates will be considered medically fit only on receipt of the approved medical documents from Directorate General Medical Services. Pregnancy, if detected at any stage, after selection at SSB or during training will debar the female candidate from grant of commission.

**Note-1.** All candidates who are selected shall be undergoing tough military training and will be deployed to perform military duties in any terrain, weather and austere conditions. In such conditions ill health of any member of the team can jeopardize the military operations or endanger life of the entire team, therefore medical examination is carried out stringently to select candidates who are “Medically fit to perform military duties in any terrain, weather and austere conditions”. Thus the candidates should be:

(a) Medically capable of undergoing training and withstand physical and mental demands of performing military duties of Armed Forces.

(b) Medically fit to adapt to the military environment without the necessity of geographical area limitations and should be capable of performing military tasks without access to specialized medical care.

(c) Free of medical conditions or physical defects that would entail excessive loss of time from duty for treatment and hospitalization.

(d) Free of contagious diseases that might endanger the health of other personnel.

**Note-2.** All candidates are examined by Board of Medical Officers who have undergone basic military training and are well oriented to working condition of military deployment. Medical Boards are held at designated Military Hospitals based on the principles described above and latest knowledge in the medical and military sciences. The entire body is examined thoroughly to the extent feasible to screen out common congenital deformities and other easily detectable disabilities. The Board of Medical Officers refers to the comprehensive medical standards for recruitment/commission into the Armed Forces as applicable. In case of any doubt about any fitness stds/disease/disability, the benefit of doubts shall be given to the State.
Note-3. Candidates are advised in their own interest to undergo a preliminary medical checkup for wax in ears, DNS, defective colour vision, over weight/under weight, piles, tonsillitis and varicose veins, hernia etc before reporting for the SSB interview.

Note-4. Directorate General of Recruiting has no role to play in any Medical Boards and procedure advised by the medical authorities will be strictly adhered to.

13. **Entitlement for Travelling Allowance.** Candidates appearing for SSB interviews 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 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 Centres.

14. Allotted Service Selection Board (SSB) Centres will be available on website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in approx 2-3 weeks after last date of application.

15. **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. 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-COMMISSIONING TRAINING AT OTA, CHENNAI.**

16. On joining the 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.

17. **Change of Interview Dates.** Request for change of SSB interview date/centre will NOT be entertained or replied.

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.

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.

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 3 days prior to closing of online application will ONLY be entertained/replied.

ONLINE APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON 16 JAN 2019 AT 1200 HRS AND WILL CLOSE ON 14 FEB 2019 AT 1200 HRS.