



JOIN INDIAN ARMY
JAG ENTRY SCHEME 35TH COURSE (OCT 2025) : SHORT
SERVICE COMMISSION (NT) COURSE FOR LAW
GRADUATES (MEN AND WOMEN)



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	Short Service Entry (JAG)-35 Course	Para 1
Age	21 to 27 Years as on 01 Jul 2025	Para 2(b)
Open for	Unmarried Male & Unmarried Female (Law Graduates)	Para 1
Education Qualification	Minimum 55% aggregate marks in their LLB Degree. Should have appeared for CLAT PG Exam -2024	Para 2(c)
Selection Process	Application > Shortlisting > SSB > Medical > Merit List > Joining Letter	Para 10
Date for shortlisting for SSB (Based on CLAT PG score)	Second week of Mar	-
Likely Duration and dates for SSB	Five days SSB in May/June 2025 (Choice for SSB dates open for Two weeks in May)	Para 10(c)
Medical Standards	As given on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in	Para 11
Pre Commission Training Academy	Officer Training Academy, Chennai	Para 5(a) & 13
Duration of Training	49 weeks from Oct 2025	Para 5
Stipend during Training	Rs 56,100 Per month	Para 7(d)
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)
Maximum Engagement Period	14 Years	Para 4(a)
Option for Release	First – After 05 Years, Second – After 10 Years	Para 4(a)
Option for Permanent Commission	After 10 Years	Para 4(a)
Primary Arms / Service for Commission	JAG Branch	-
Release Benefits	Depending on service on release	-



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1. Applications are invited from **unmarried** male and **unmarried** 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 Nepal, (iii) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, 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**. **21 to 27 years as on 01 Jul 2025 (Born not earlier than 02 Jul 1998 and not later than 01 Jul 2004; 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.

(c) **Educational Qualification** Minimum 55% aggregate marks in their LLB Degree (three years professional after graduation or five years after 10 plus 2) examination. **In addition, CLAT PG 2024 Score is mandatory for all candidates (including LLM qualified and LLM appearing candidates) who apply for courses starting in a particular year.** 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.

Note 1: Only those candidates who are holding LLB degree and Marksheet are eligible to apply for this course provided they meet other educational qualifications mentioned at para 2(c) above.

Note 2: All candidates desirous of applying for JAG Entry are mandatorily required to get their CLAT PG 2024 result verified at the Selection Centre prior to conduct of SSB. If any candidate is unwilling/ is unable to get the CLAT PG 2024 result verified, he /she will not be eligible for SSB and their candidature will be cancelled and no representation will be accepted. It is also informed that there is no provision for offline application to be accepted by the Directorate General of Recruiting.

3. **Vacancies**. Men **04** Women **04**.

Note: The Indian Army publishes vacancies for Men and Women separately for various entries keeping into account the operational and administrative needs of the Force as envisaged in the existing and future scenarios. **Though the vacancies for Men and Women categories for JAG-35 Course are being notified through a common Notification, the selection, shortlisting and merit for both these categories are done separately in a gender pure manner wherein Men & Women are tested separately. The preparation of final merit lists for both these categories are also done separately and in a gender pure manner.**

4. **Terms and Conditions of Service**

(a) **Tenure of Engagement.** Short Service Commission will be granted to Men and Women in the regular Army for 14 years i.e. for an initial period of 10 years extendable by a further period of 04 years. **Male & Female** officers who are willing to continue to serve in Indian Army after the expiry of period of ten years of Short Service Commission may, if eligible and suitable in all respects, be considered for the grant of Permanent Commission (PC) in the 10th year of their Short Service Commission in accordance with the relevant **policies as issued from time to time**. Those SSC officers (**Male & Female**) 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 Indian Army.

(i) **Special Provision 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 specialized 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.

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

- (aa) Taking up civil job.
- (ab) Pursuing higher education.
- (ac) 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 when found medically unfit, 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 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 Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai.

(a) 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.

(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 OTA. A candidate, who marries subsequent to the date of his/her application, though successful at the SSB interview and medical examination, will not be eligible 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 OTA, 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 Lady/Gentlemen 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 @ ₹ 17,561/- per week (as on 2024) 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 borne 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
Lt 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	

(i) **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. The revised seniority will have no effect on the pay and allowances granted in the rank of Capt, Major and Lt Col.

(ii) **Reckonable Commissioned Service.** Subject to provision of Para 7 (a) 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 of 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.

(b) **Pay**

Rank	Level	(Pay in ₹)
Lieutenant	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500
Captain	Level 10 B	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

(c) **Military Service Pay (MSP)** MSP to the officers from the rank of Lieutenant to Brigadier ₹ 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.	₹ 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. The period of training shall not be treated as commissioned service. Arrears on account of admissible allowances, as applicable, for the training period shall be paid to cadets.

(e) **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 Allowance	₹ 13,125/-
Para Reserve Allowance	₹ 3,281/-
Para Jump Instructor Allowance	₹ 13,125/-
Project Allowance	₹ 4,250/-
Special Forces Allowance	₹ 31,250/-
Technical Allowance(Tier-I)	₹ 3000/-pm
Technical Allowance(Tier-II)	₹ 4500/-pm

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

Rank	Level	HABA (Per month)	Field Area Allowance (Per month)	Modified Field Area Allowance (Per month)
Lieutenant and above	Level 10 and above	₹ 16900/- R1H2	₹ 10500/- R2H2	₹6300/- 60% of R2H2

(g) **High Altitude Allowance**

Rank	Level	CAT-I (Per month)	CAT-II (Per month)	CAT-III (Per month)
Lieutenant and above	Level 10 and above	₹3400/- R3H2	₹5300/- R3H1	₹25000/- R1H1

“And/or Risk and hardship Allowances payable as per MoD letter No 8(3)/2017/D(Pay/Services) dt 21 Apr 2022”

(h) **Siachen Allowance**. Siachen Allowance will be ₹ 42,500/- per month.

(j) **Uniform Allowance**. Subsumed into the newly proposed Dress Allowance i.e. ₹ 25,000/- 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 p.m 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). ₹2,813/-** per month per child for first 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 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. 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. ₹ 8,438/-** per month per child for two eldest surviving only.

8. **Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF)**. The Gentlemen/Lady Cadets when in receipt of stipend are insured for ₹ **One Cr** as applicable to officers of the regular Army. Monthly AGIF subscription will be deducted directly by PCDA(O), Pune. **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 Appln/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 JAG 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) **Self attested** copy of following documents alongwith their **originals** are to be carried to the Selection Centre by the candidates:-

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

(ii) 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 (in case of three years LLB after graduation) 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) LLB 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.

- (vi) Marks sheets of all years/Semesters
- (vii) 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 percentage of marks followed by the University.
- (ix) **CLAT PG 2024 Score Card.**

(c) **Any candidate who does not carry the above documents 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.

(e) 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.**

(f) **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.**

(g) Candidates serving in the 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.** Integrated HQ of MoD (Army) reserves the right 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 initially. Thereafter, it will be allotted by the Selection Centres. **The option to select the dates for SSB by candidates may be forfeited due to occurrence of any exceptional circumstance/events.**

(b) Only shortlisted eligible candidates will undergo SSB at Selection Centres, Prayagraj (UP), Bhopal(MP), Bangalore (Karnataka) and Jalandhar (PB). Call up letter for SSB interview will be issued by respective Selection Centre on candidate's 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 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) 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.

11. **Medical Examination**. Please visit www.joinindianarmy.nic.in for Medical Standards and Procedures of Medical Examination for Officers Entry into Indian Army as applicable.

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-Commissioning training at OTA, Chennai, subject to meeting all eligibility criteria.

14. 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.

15. **Change of Interview Date/ Centre**. 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 and thereafter.

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

Note 3. Candidates withdrawn from NDA/IMA/OTA/Naval Academy/Air Force Academy or any Service Training Academy on disciplinary grounds are not eligible to apply.

Note 4. The candidate should have never been arrested or convicted by a criminal court or involved in any case.

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 Rtg 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 03 days prior to closing of online application will ONLY be entertained/replied.

**ONLINE APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON 30 OCT 2024 AT
1500 HRS AND CLOSE ON 28 NOV 2024 AT 1500 HRS.**