

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR COMMISSION IN THE TERRITORIAL ARMY (CIVILIAN CANDIDATES)

General.

1. Applications are invited from gainfully employed citizens for an opportunity of donning the uniform and serving the nation as Territorial Army Officers, based on the concept of enabling motivated young citizens to serve in a military environment without having to sacrifice their primary professions. You can serve the nation in two capacities – as a civilian and as a soldier. No other option allows you such an expanse of experiences.
2. The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for the commission. Their candidature at all the stages of the commissioning process will be purely provisional subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Mere issue of Admit Card to the candidate will not imply that his candidature has been finally cleared by the Territorial Army Directorate.** Verification of eligibility conditions with reference to original documents will be taken up only after the candidate has qualified for Service Selection Board interview.

Conditions of Eligibility.

3. **Nationality.** A candidate must be: -
 - 3.1. a citizen of India; or
 - 3.2. a person who has migrated from Pakistan with the intention of permanently settling down in India, or
 - 3.3. a subject of Nepal or of a Portuguese or of a former French possession in India.
- NOTE: -** The appointment of candidates in categories 3.2. and above will be subject to the issue of certificates of eligibility in their favour by the Government of India. Certificates of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of candidates belonging to any of the following categories:-
- 3.4. Persons who migrated to India from Pakistan after 18th July, 1948, and have ordinarily been resident in India since then.
 - 3.5. Persons who migrated to India from Pakistan after 18th July, 1948 but before 30th September, 1948 and had got themselves registered as citizens within the time allowed.
 - 3.6. Gorkha subjects of Nepal.
 - 3.7. Non-citizens who entered service under the Union before the commencement of the Constitution, viz, 26th January, 1950, and who have continued in such service since then. Any such persons who re-entered or may re-enter such service with a break, after the 26th January, 1950, will, however, require certificates of eligibility in the usual way.



4. **Age Limits.** 18 to 42 years as on last day of filing of application i.e. should have attained minimum 18 years and should not be more than 42 Years on **19 May 2026.**

4.1. The date of birth accepted by the Territorial Army Directorate is that entered in the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate or in a certificate recognised by an Indian University as equivalent to Matriculation or in an extract from a Register of Matriculates maintained by a University, which extract must be certified by the proper authority of the University or in the Matriculation/ Secondary School Examination or an equivalent examination certificate. These certificates are required to be submitted only after the declaration of the result of the written part of the examination. No other document relating to age like horoscopes, affidavits, birth extracts from Municipal Corporation, service records and the like will be accepted.

4.2. The expression Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate in this part of the instruction includes the alternative certificates mentioned above.

4.3. Sometimes the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate does not show the date of birth, or only shows the age by completed years or completed years and months. In such cases a candidate must send in addition to the self-attested/certified copy of Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate a self-attested /certified copy of a certificate from the Headmaster/Principal of the Institution from where he/she passed the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination showing the date of his/her birth or exact age as recorded in the Admission Register of the Institution.

NOTE 1: - Candidates should note that only 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 be accepted.

NOTE 2: - Candidates should also note that once a Date of Birth has been claimed by them and entered in the records no change will be allowed subsequently or at a subsequent examination on any ground whatsoever.

4.4. Provided that in case of an inadvertent/ unintentional/ typographical error committed by a candidate in indicating the date of birth in the Online Application Form, the candidate may make a request to the Territorial Army Directorate for subsequent rectification along with supporting documents, as specified in the Rule 2 (b) of the Examination Rules and the request may be considered by the Territorial Army Directorate, if the same is made latest by the date of the **Territorial Army Commission Exam - 2026 which is scheduled on 12 Jul 2026.**

Disclaimer: - The date of holding the examination as mentioned above is liable to be changed at the discretion of the competent authority.



NOTE 3: - The candidates should exercise due care while entering their date of birth. If on verification at any subsequent stage any variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their Matriculation or equivalent examination certificate, disciplinary action will be taken against them by the Territorial Army Directorate under the Rules.

Educational Qualifications

5. The minimum education qualification for grant of TA commission is a degree from a recognised university and the candidate should be gainfully employed.

Note :- The decision of Army Headquarters as to the eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final.

Physical Fitness

6. A candidate must be physically and medically fit in all respects.

6.1. The primary responsibility of the Armed Forces is defending territorial integrity of the nation. For this purpose Armed Forces should always be prepared for war. Armed Forces personnel undergo rigorous training in preparation for war. Armed Forces also assist civil authorities if required whenever the need arises like in the case of disasters. To carry out such tasks Armed Forces requires candidates with robust mental and physical health. Such candidates should also be capable of withstanding rigorous stress and strain of service conditions to perform their military duties in adverse terrain and uncongenial climate incl sea and air, in remote areas, in austere conditions with no medical facilities. A medically unfit individual due to disease/disability can not only drain precious resources but can also jeopardize lives of other members of the team during operations. Therefore, only medically fit candidates are selected who emerge fit to be trained for war.

6.2. The Armed Forces Medical Services are responsible for ensuring selection of '**Medically Fit**' individuals into the Armed Forces.

6.3. All Armed Forces personnel regardless of occupational specialty, unit assignment, age or gender should have a basic level of general '**Medical fitness**' when inducted into service. This basic level of fitness can then be used as a benchmark to train personnel for further physically demanding occupational specialties or unit assignments. This will enhance deployable combat readiness.

6.4. Medical examinations are carried out meticulously by Armed Forces Medical Services Medical Officers. These Medical Officers are well oriented to specific working conditions of Armed Forces after undergoing basic military training. Medical examinations are finalised by the Board of Medical Officers. **The decision of the Medical Board is final. In case of any doubt about any disease/disability/injury/genetic disorder etc noticed during enrolment/ commissioning, the benefit of doubt will be given to State.**



Medical Standards

7. Medical standards described in the following paragraphs are general guidelines. They are not exhaustive in view of the vast knowledge of disease. These standards are subject to change with advancement in the scientific knowledge and change in working conditions of Armed Forces due to introduction of new eqpt/trades. Such changes will be promulgated from time to time by policy letters by competent authorities. Medical Officers, Spl Medical Officers and Medical Boards will take appropriate decisions based on following guidelines and principles.
8. To be deemed 'Medically fit', a candidate must be in good physical and mental health and free from any disease/syndrome/disability likely to interfere with the efficient performance of military duties in any terrain, climate, season incl sea and air, in remote areas, in austere conditions with no medical aid. Candidate also should be **free of medical conditions which require frequent visit to medical facilities and use of any aid / drugs.**
9. It will, however, be ensured that candidate is in good health. There should be no evidence of weak constitution, imperfect development of any system, any congenital deformities/ diseases/syndrome or malformation.
10. No swelling/s including tumours/ cyst/ swollen lymph node/s anywhere on the body. No sinus/es or fistula/e anywhere on the body.
11. No hyper or hypo pigmentation or any other disease/syndrome/disability of the skin.
12. No hernia anywhere on the body.
13. No scars which can impair the functioning and cause significant disfigurement.
14. No arterio-venous malformation anywhere in/ on the body.
15. No malformation of the head and face including asymmetry, deformity from fracture or depression of the bones of the skull; or scars indicating old operative interference and malformation like sinuses and fistulae etc.
16. No impairment of vision including colour perception and field of vision.
17. No hearing impairment, deformities/disabilities in ears vestibule-cochlear system.
18. No impediment of speech due to any etiology.
19. No disease/ disability/ congenital anomaly/syndrome of the bones or cartilages of the nose, or palate, nasal polyps or disease of the naso-Pharynx, uvula and accessory sinuses. There should be no nasal deformity and no features of chronic tonsillitis.
20. No disease /syndrome/disability of the throat, palate tonsils or gums or any disease or injury affecting the normal function of either mandibular joint.



21. No disease /syndrome/disability of the heart and blood vessels incl congenital, genetic, organic incl hypertension, and conduction disorders.
22. No evidence of pulmonary tuberculosis or previous history of this disease or any other disease /syndrome/disability chronic disease of the lungs and chest including allergies /immunological conditions, connective tissue disorders, musculoskeletal deformities of chest.
23. No disease of the digestive system including any abnormality of the liver, pancreas incl endocrinal, congenital, hereditary or genetic diseases /syndromes and disabilities.
24. No diseases/syndrome/disability of any endocrinal system, reticuloendothelial system.
25. No diseases/ syndrome/ disability of genito-urinary system including malformations, atrophy/hypertrophy of any organ or gland.
26. No active, latent or congenital venereal disease.
28. No history or evidence of mental disease, epilepsy, incontinence of urine or enuresis.
29. No disease/ deformity/ syndrome of musculo - skeletal system and joints incl skull, spine and limbs.
30. There is no congenital or hereditary disease/ syndrome/disability.
31. Psychological examinations will be carried out during SSB selection procedure. However, any abnormal traits noticed during medical examination will be a cause for rejection.
32. Based on the above mentioned guidelines usual medical conditions which lead to rejection are :-
- 32.1. Musculo-skeletal deformities of spine, chest and pelvis, limbs e.g. scoliosis, torticollis, kyphosis, deformities of vertebrae, ribs, sternum, clavicle, other bones of skeleton, mal-united fractures, deformed limbs, fingers, toes and congenital deformities of spine.
- 32.2. Deformities of Limbs: Deformed limbs, toes and fingers, deformed joints like cubitus valgus, cubitus varus, knock knees, bow legs, hyper mobile joints, amputated toes or fingers and shortened limbs.
- 32.3. Vision and eye: Myopia, hypermetropia, astigmatism, lesions of cornea, lens, retina, squint and ptosis.
33. **Hearing, Ears, Nose and Throat.** Sub standard hearing capability, lesions of pinna, tympanic membranes, middle ear, deviated nasal septum, and congenital abnormalities of lips, palate, peri-auricular sinuses and lymphadenitis/ adenopathy of neck. Hearing capacity should be 610 cm for Conversational Voice and Forced Whispering for each ear.



34. **Dental Conditions.**

34.1. Incipient pathological conditions of the jaws, which are known to be progressive or recurrent.

34.2. Significant jaw discrepancies between upper and lower jaw which may hamper efficient mastication and/or speech will be a cause for rejection.

34.3. Symptomatic Temporo-Mandibular Joint clicking and tenderness. A mouth opening of less than 30 mm measured at the incisal edges, Dislocation of the TMJ on wide opening.

34.4. All potentially cancerous conditions.

34.5. Clinical diagnosis for sub mucous fibrosis with or without restriction of mouth opening.

34.6. Poor oral health status in the form of gross visible calculus, periodontal pockets and/or bleeding from gums.

34.7. **Loose Teeth.** More than two mobile teeth will render the candidate unfit.

34.8. Cosmetic or post-traumatic maxillofacial surgery/trauma will be UNFIT for at least 24 weeks from the date of surgery/injury whichever is later.

34.9. If malocclusion of teeth is hampering efficient mastication, maintenance of oral hygiene or general nutrition or performance of duties efficiently.

35. **Chest.** Tuberculosis, or evidence of tuberculosis, lesions of lungs, heart musculo skeletal lesions of chest wall.

36. Abdomen and genitor-urinary system: Hernia, un-descended testis, varicocele, organomegaly, solitary kidney, horseshoe kidney & cysts in the kidney/liver, Gall bladder stones, renal and ureteric stones, lesions/deformities of urogenital organs, piles, sinuses and lymphadenitis/pathy.

37. Nervous system: Tremors, speech impediment and imbalance.

38. **Skin.** Vitiligo, hemangiomas, warts, corns, dermatitis, skin infections growths and hyperhidrosis.

39. **Height and Weight.** Height requirement varies as per the stream of entry. Weight should be proportionate to height as per the chart given below:-



Height (in cm)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20yrs	Age: 20+01 day - 30 yrs	Age: 30 + 01 day - 40yrs	Age: Above40 yrs
	Weight (in Kg)	Weight (in Kg)	Weight (in Kg)	Weight (in Kg)	Weight (in Kg)
185	61.6	75.3	78.7	82.1	85.6
186	62.3	76.1	79.6	83.0	86.5
187	62.9	76.9	80.4	83.9	87.4
188	63.6	77.8	81.3	84.8	88.4
189	64.3	78.6	82.2	85.7	89.3
190	65.0	79.4	83.0	86.6	90.3
191	65.7	80.3	83.9	87.6	91.2
192	66.4	81.1	84.8	88.5	92.2
193	67.0	81.9	85.7	89.4	93.1
194	67.7	82.8	86.6	90.3	94.1
195	68.4	83.7	87.5	91.3	95.1
196	69.1	84.5	88.4	92.2	96.0
197	69.9	85.4	89.3	93.1	97.0
198	70.6	86.2	90.2	94.1	98.0
199	71.3	87.1	91.1	95.0	99.0
200	72.0	88.0	92.0	96.0	100.0
201	72.7	88.9	92.9	97.0	101.0
202	73.4	89.8	93.8	97.9	102.0
203	74.2	90.7	94.8	98.9	103.0
204	74.9	91.6	95.7	99.9	104.0
205	75.6	92.5	96.7	100.9	105.1
206	76.4	93.4	97.6	101.8	106.1
207	77.1	94.3	98.6	102.8	107.1
208	77.9	95.2	99.5	103.8	108.2
209	78.6	96.1	100.5	104.8	109.2
210	79.4	97.0	101.4	105.8	110.3

40. Weight for height charts given above is for all categories of personnel. This chart is prepared based on the BMI. The chart specifies the minimum acceptable weight that candidates of a particular height must have. Weights below the minimum specified will not be acceptable in any case. The maximum acceptable weight of height has been specified in age wise categories. Weights higher than the acceptable limit will be acceptable only in the case of candidates with documented evidence of body building, wrestling, and boxing at the National level. In such cases the following criteria will have to be met.

40.1. Body Mass Index should be below 25.

40.2. Waist Circumference should be less than 90 cm for males and 80cm for females.

40.3. All biochemical metabolic parameters should be within normal limits.

40.4. The minimum height required for male candidates for entry into the Armed Forces is 157 cm or as decided by the respective recruiting agency. Gorkhas and candidates belonging to Hills of North Eastern region of India, Garhwal and Kumaon, will be accepted with a minimum height of 152 cm.



40.5. The minimum height required for female candidates for entry into the Armed Forces is 152 cm. Gorkhas and candidates belonging to Hills of North Eastern region of India, Garhwal and Kumaon will be accepted with a minimum height of 148 cm.

41. Following investigations will be carried out for all officer entries and for pre-commission training academies. However, examining medical officer/ medical board may ask for any other investigation deemed fit.

41.1. Complete haemogram.

41.2. Urine RE.

41.3. Chest X-ray.

41.4. USG abdomen and Pelvis.

42. Certain standards vary depending on age and type entry viz stds for vision as follows:-

Parameter	Graduate, Post graduate & equivalent entries: JAG, AEC, APS, RVC, TA, AMC, ADC, SL & equivalent
Uncorrected vision (max allowed)	3/60 & 3/60
BCVA	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6
Myopia	≤ -5.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq \pm 2.0$ D Cyl)
Hypermetropia	$\leq +3.50$ D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq \pm 2.0$ D Cyl)
Lasik/equivalent surgery	Permitted*
Colour perception	CP-II

43. LASIK or Equivalent Kerato-Refractive Procedure.

43.1. Any candidate who has undergone any kerato-refractive procedure will have a certificate from the center where he/she has undergone the procedure, specifying the date and type of surgery.

Note:- Absence of such a certificate will necessitate the Ophthalmologist to make a decision to reject the candidate with specific endorsement of "Unfit due to undocumented Visual Acuity corrective procedure".

43.2. In order to be made FIT, the following criteria will have to be met:-

43.2.1. Age more than 20 yrs at the time of surgery.

43.2.2. Minimum 12 months post LASIK.



43.2.3. Central corneal thickness equal to or more than 450 μ .

43.2.4. Axial length by IOL Master equal to or less than 26 mm.

43.2.5. Residual refraction of less than or equal to \pm 1.0 D incl cylinder, (provided acceptable in the category applied for).

43.2.6. Normal healthy retina.

43.2.7. Corneal topography and ectasia markers can also be included as additional criteria.

43.2.8. Candidates who have undergone radial keratotomy are permanently unfit.

44. Form to be used for med board proceedings is AFMSF-2A.

45. **Procedure of Medical Examination Board:** Medical Examination Board for selection for officers and pre-commissioning training academies are convened at designated Armed Forces Medical Services Hospitals near Service Selection Boards (SSB). These Medical Boards are termed as 'Special Medical Board' (SMB). Candidates who clear SSB interview are referred to Armed Forces Medical Services Hospital with identification documents. Staff Surgeon of Hospital will identify the candidate, guide the candidate to fill the relevant portions of the AFMSF-2, organize investigations and examination by Medical, Surgical, Eye, ENT, Dental specialists.

46. Female candidates are examined by Gynecology Specialist also. After examination by Specialists, the candidate is brought before Medical Board.

47. Medical Board once satisfied with findings of Specialists will declare fitness of candidate. If any candidate is declared 'Unfit' by SMB, such candidates can request for 'Appeal Medical Board' (AMB). Detailed procedure for AMB will be provided by President SMB.

47.1. **Miscellaneous Aspects.**

47.1.1. Clinical methods of examinations are laid down by O/O DGAFMS.

47.1.2. Female candidates will be examined by female medical officers and specialists. In case of non-availability they will be examined by Medical Officer in the presence of female attendant.

47.1.3. Fitness following surgery: Candidates may be declared fit after surgery. However, there should not be any complication, scar should be healthy, well healed and attained required tensile strength. The candidate shall be considered fit after 01 year of open/laparoscopic surgeries for hernia and twelve weeks of laparoscopic abdominal surgery for cholecystectomy. For any other surgery, fitness shall be



considered only after 12 weeks of the laparoscopic surgery and 12 months after an open surgery. Candidate shall be unfit for any surgeries for injuries, ligament tear and meniscus tear of any joint, irrespective of duration of surgery.

Submission of Application.

48. **How to Apply.** Candidates are required to apply online by using the website www.indianarmy.nic.in. Brief instructions for filling up the online Application Form **IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-1** have been given on the website.

49. **Fee Details.** Candidates are required to pay a fee of ₹ 500/- (Rupees five hundred only). Candidates should note that payment of examination fee can be made only through the modes prescribed at website. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/ mode shall be summarily rejected. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

50. **Exam Duration.** Maximum time is **02 hours**.

51. **Type of Exam.** Computer based test (CBT).

52. **Qualifying Marks.** The Territorial Army Directorate have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.

53. **Penalty for Wrong Answers.** For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one third (0.33%)** marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty. Question marked for review will be treated as unanswered.

54. **Objection Management.** Objection Management Link shall be hosted on Indian Army website after 72 hours from the last date of examination inviting concerns of the candidates related to questions and answers keys of the examination, if any. The objection management link shall be shared with the candidates on their registered email for downloading of response sheet. Objection management link will be live for only three days.

55. **Helpline for candidates.** In case of any guidance/ information/ clarification regarding their application, candidature etc. candidates can contact helpdesk over **helpline number 022-61306249** on working days between **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** starting from the commencement of filling of application till conduct of Computer Based Test (CBT).

56. **Exam Centers.** The Examination will be held Pan India. The candidates are required to give five choices of centers given in the form.

Disclaimer:- Territorial Army Directorate has the right to conduct the Computer Based Test (CBT) at all the cities or any of the cities depending upon number of the candidates applied and other compulsions.



57. **Standard and Syllabus of the Examination:**

Paper	Subject	Time Allotted	Numbers of Questions	Marks
In one session	Part - 1 Reasoning	2 hours	40	40
	Part - 2 General Knowledge		30	30
	Part - 3 English		30	30
Total			100	100

58. **Standard.** The standard of the papers in Elementary Mathematics will be of Matriculation level. The standard of papers in other subjects will approximately be such as may be expected of a graduate of an Indian University.

59. **Syllabus.**

59.1. **Part – 1. Reasoning.** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates ability to complete sequences making logical conclusion based on simple pattern of numbers, statements, figures, letters etc as may be expected of a rational thinking person without any special study of the subject.

59.2. **Part – 2. General Knowledge.** General knowledge including knowledge of current events and such matters of everyday observation and experience in scientific aspects as may be expected of an educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific subject. The paper will also include questions on history of India and geography of nature which candidates should be able to answer without special study.

59.3. **Part – 3. English.** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates' understanding of English and workman - like use of words.

60. **Candidates to Ensure their Eligibility for the Examination.** The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to the Examination. Their admission at all the stages of the examination will be purely **provisional** subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Mere issue of Admission certificate to the candidate will not imply that his candidature has been finally cleared by the competent authority.**

Procedure for Selection

61. Candidates whose application forms are found correct and are declared successful in the territorial army commission exam will be intimated through email/ SMS and result will be uploaded on Indian army official website & will be detailed for intelligence and personality test at the Service Selection Board.

62. Two stage selection procedure based on Psychological Aptitude Test and Intelligence Test has been introduced at Service Selection Boards. All the candidates will be put to stage one test on first day of reporting at Selection Centres. Only those candidates who qualify at stage one will be admitted to the second stage/remaining tests and all those who fail to pass stage one, will be returned.



63. The male and female candidates will be placed in separate order of merit on the basis of the total marks secured by them in the territorial army commission examination and in the SSB tests.

Documents to be Produced at the Time of SSB Interview

64. Candidate who qualify in territorial commission exam (CBT) are required to bring the following documents in original along with self-attested copies at the time of SSB Interview.

64.1. Application Form IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-2 to be downloaded from www.indianarmy.nic.in and fill it up in their own hand writing.

64.2. All educational qualification certificates (Matric onwards).

64.3. Copy of identity proof with photographs (Voter ID/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving license/ Aadhaar etc).

64.4. Proof of residential address.

64.5. Certificate for proof of age (Matric/ Senior Secondary mark sheet and certificate for verification of date of birth).

64.6. Candidates whose names vary in documents should submit copy of Gazette notification of India/ State showing the correct name or an affidavit duly supported by newspaper cuttings.

64.7. Latest income proof from the appropriate authority (i.e. Income Tax Revenue Department / Magistrate / Employer).

64.8. Copy of latest Income Tax Return (ITR) filed.

64.9. Self-employed candidates are required to submit an Affidavit on Non-Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly attested stating nature of employment and annual income along with photocopy of PAN card and self-certified character certificate.

64.10. Service certificate by candidates employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State/Semi Govt/ Private Sector Authenticated by Head Office along with salary certificate and No Objection Certificate by the department as per format given below.

65. Candidates whose names vary from the one given in matriculation certificate in documents should submit copy of Gazette Notification of India/ State showing the correct name or an affidavit duly supported by newspaper cuttings.

66. Candidates will be required to produce all certificates, in original, at the time of interview by Service Selection Board.

67. **Use of Unfair Means.** Any candidate found using unfair means will be immediately disqualified & will have to give undertaking to this effect to the invigilator staff. If the candidate refuses to give undertaking, the invigilator staff should record under his signature.



68. **Mobile Phones & Smart Watches Banned.**

68.1. The use of any mobile phone (even in switched off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc. or camera or bluetooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

68.2. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned item including mobile phones or any valuable/costly items to the venue of the examination, as arrangement for safe-keeping cannot be assured. Territorial Army Directorate will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

Pre-Commission Training

69. Up to a maximum of 23 Weeks Pre-Commission Training as provided in TA Rule 20A amended vide SRO 65 dt 29 Apr 2023. **(Candidates shall be commissioned in TA only on successful completion of the said Pre-Commission Training).** Post that offer will be given 21 days of Post Commission leave.

70. Mandatory 30 days training under Rule-19 will be carried out for all officers after completion of post commission leave. Post training under Rule- 19, officers can proceed on disembodied further to serve with their parent organisation.

71. Two months annual training camp every year. If not embodied for more than six months in a training year (April to March)

NOTE :- Any attempt on the part of the candidate , directly or indirectly, to enlist support for their election or to suppress material information while filling the application form or otherwise, will disqualify them for the grant of commission.

SALIENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

72. **Terms & Conditions.**

72.1. Territorial Army is part time concept with mandatory two months training in a year and does not guarantee full time career.

72.2. Serving in Territorial Army do not guarantee pension and the same is subject to embodied service as per organisational requirement.

72.3. Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant.

72.4. Pay and Allowances and privileges will be same as Regular Army Officers when embodied for training and military service.



72.5. Promotions up to Lt Col by time scale subject to fulfilling laid down criteria. Promotion to Colonel and Brigadier by selection.

72.6. Officers commissioned in Territorial Army may be called out for military service for longer duration depending on the requirement.

72.7. Pay Scales (VIIth CPC).

Rank	Level	Pay Matrix	Military Service Pay
Lieutenant	Level 10	56, 100 - 1, 77, 500	15500/-
Captain	Level 10A	61, 300 - 1, 93, 900	15500/-
Major	Level 11	69, 400 - 2, 07, 200	15500/-
Lt Colonel	Level 12A	1, 21, 200 - 2,12, 400	15500/-
Colonel	Level 13	1, 30, 600 - 2,15, 900	15500/-
Brigadier	Level 13A	1, 39, 600 - 2, 17, 600	15500/-

72.8. **Posting.** Territorial Army officers are liable to serve anywhere in India and abroad.

Promotion Examination

73. All officer of Non-Departmental Territorial Army Officers are required to pass Part A, B, C & D Promotion Examination within the time limit as laid down for promotion examination, failing which their commissions are liable to be terminated and for late passing of promotion examination, penalty of loss of seniority will be imposed. Promotion Exam Part 'A' and Part 'B' are required to be passed for promotion to rank of Major and Promotion Exam 'C' and 'D' are required to be passed for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Leave

74. Officers of the Territorial Army will be entitled leave on embodiment for training/ military service as applicable vide existing rules.

Discipline

75. Officers of the Territorial Army when embodied for any purpose, are subject to the Army Act and to the Rules and Regulations of the Regular Army read in conjunction with the Territorial Army Regulations. They are also expected to conform to the customs and traditions of the service.

Medical Treatment

76. Officers, when suffering from an injury or disease whilst on training / military service will be entitled to free medical treatment as in the Regular Army.



Substantive Promotion

77. Promotions upto rank of Lieutenant Colonel will be by time scale subject to fulfilling laid down criteria. Promotion to the rank of Colonel and Brigadier will be by selection grade. The following service limits have been laid down for substantive promotion to higher ranks:-

77.1. Lieutenant	: Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant.
77.2. Captain	: 04 years of Commissioned Service.
77.3. Major	: 08 years of Commissioned Service.
77.4. Lieutenant Colonel	: 15 years of Commissioned Service.
77.5. Colonel (Time Scale)	: 28 years of Commissioned Service.
77.6. Colonel	: By Selection Grade.
77.7. Brigadier	: By Selection Grade.

Pensionary Benefits

78. Territorial Army Officers are eligible to terminal gratuity on retirement provided they have completed minimum of 4 years of aggregate embodied service. Pension is admissible when Territorial Army officers 20 years of embodied service. Disability family pensions are also admissible to them under certain conditions.

Retirement

79. Territorial Army Officers are compulsorily retired as follows: -

79.1. Major and below	: 54 years of age.
79.2. Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel	: 56 years or 04 years tenure in present rank whichever is earlier Colonel but not before 54 years of age.
79.3. Brigadier	: 58 years or 04 years tenure in present rank whichever is earlier but not before 56 years of age.

Discharge

80. A Territorial Army Officer is liable to be discharged dismissed or removed from service in the same manner as Regular Army Officer and/or in accordance with the Territorial Army rules/ orders in force.

Liability for Military Service

81. No officer or enrolled person shall be required to perform military service beyond the limits of India save under a general or special order of the Central Government.



82. Subject to the provisions of sub section (1) every officer or enrolled person shall, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, be bound to serve in any unit of the Territorial Army to which he is for the time being attached, and shall be subject to all the rules made under this Act in relation to such unit.

83. Every officer or enrolled person shall be liable to perform military service :-

83.1. when called out in the prescribed manner to act in support of the civil power or to provide essential guard.

83.2. when embodied in the prescribed manner for training or for supporting or supplementing the regular forces; and

83.3. when attached to any regular forces either at his own request or under the prescribed conditions.

84. Officers of the Territorial Army are, under the Territorial Army Act liable to embodiment for military service with their units or with the Regular Army in accordance with Rules and Regulations as prescribed from time to time. However, they will not be required to serve beyond the limits of India, save under a general or special order of the Government of India.

85. All terms and conditions of service will be applicable in accordance with the Territorial Army Regulations and / or rules/ orders in force from time to time.

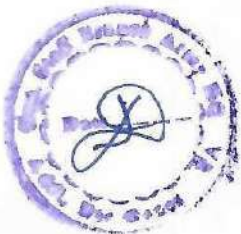
IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE APPLICATION FORM

86. Candidate must read instructions carefully and fill in the application form only if they are eligible in all respects.

87. The application form must be completed online and all answers should be given fully in words and not by dashes or dots. No Change in any of the details are permitted at later stage and candidates has fill fresh application and exam fee.

88. Candidates are warned that they should not furnish any false particulars nor suppress any material information while filling the application form. If they do so, their application will be rejected summarily or if is found out later, they are liable to be removed/discharged from the Territorial Army.

89. The candidates should write their name in full in block letters as per matriculation certification. They should not use any initials for their name. The spellings of the name should tally with those of their signature at the end of the application form and with that given in each of their educational or other certificates. In case there is any discrepancy in the spellings of their name, they should furnish an affidavit duly signed by a first-class magistrate to the effect that they are generally known by the name given in this application for commission in the Territorial Army and that the educational certificate (mentioned No. examination and year) issued by(mention the education authority concerned) in the name of.....



(give the names shown in the certificate actually pertains to them.

90. The following applicable certificate be compulsorily produced at the time of Interview (SSB).

90.1. Certificate to be Rendered by Candidates Employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State Govt/ Semi Govt duly Authenticated by Head OF Office.

I certify that Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ S/o/D/o/W/o _____ employed under me as _____ for the last _____ yrs and that his/her character as far as known to me is good. He/ She is/is not recommended for the grant of commission in TA. It is also certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ will be made available for Trg/embodiment for service of the Territorial Army as and when required. It is further certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ does not hold and/or is not likely to hold in the foreseeable future a key-post in _____ (Department/ Organisation which could affect the minimum essential functions of this Department/ Organisation. However, in the event of his/ her becoming a key person subsequently the Director General Territorial Army, New Delhi shall be requested immediately to release or discharge him/her from the Territorial Army.

Place

Signature

Designation

Date

Stamp/ Seal of Office

90.2. Certificate to be rendered by Self Employed Personnel (Self Certified by the Candidate)

(i) I _____ (Name) S/o/D/o/W/o _____ certify that, I possess good moral character to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Place

Signature

Date

Name

(ii) Affidavit on Non-Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly endorsed by notary.

I _____ (Name) S/o/D/o/W/o _____ resident of _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

(aa) That I am a resident of above address.

(ab) That I am self-employed as _____.

(ac) That my annual income from all sources is approximately Rs _____.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent



Verification: Verified at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____
that the contents of above affidavit are true to my knowledge & belief and
nothing has been concealed therein.

Deponent

90.3. Certificate to be Rendered by Candidates Employed in Private Sector (to be authenticated by Head of Office).

Certified that any difference between the civil and military pay and allowances of the applicant Name _____ S/o/D/o/W/o _____ an employee of this organisation will be paid by us for the period of his/her military duties in the Territorial Army. On return from Military duty in the Territorial Army, Shri/Smt/Kumari _____ will be absorbed in the same or equivalent post which he/she would have held if his/her service in the civil had not been so interrupted and the such military service would count for all benefits in his/her civil job, like seniority for promotion, increment of pay, bonus and provident fund etc. To which he/ she would have otherwise been entitled.

Place

Signature

Date

Designation

Stamp/ Seal of Office

91. Detailed instructions for appearing in Computer Based Test (CBT) is given separately.

