



JOIN TERRITORIAL ARMY AS AN OFFICER (ONLY FOR EX ARMED FORCES COMMISSIONED OFFICERS) PART TIME COMMITMENT AND NOT A FULL TIME CAREER!



ARMY HEADQUARTERS SELECTION BOARD (ASB) EX OFFICERS – 2026
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 27 JULY 2026 TO 25 AUGUST 2026
 (DATE OF INTERVIEW: **SEPTEMBER 2026**)
 (LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: **25 AUGUST 2026**)
 (Official Website: **www.indianarmy.nic.in**)

Applications are invited from gainfully employed Ex Armed Forces Commissioned Officers for an opportunity of donning the uniform again and serving the Nation as Territorial Army Officers based on the concept of enabling motivated Ex Service Officers 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.

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES (FOR PROVINCIAL TA):

(a) Male - 04 (b) Female - 01

Note: Vacancies are subject to change as per organizational requirement.

2. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Only Ex Service Commissioned Officer can apply.
- (b) **Nationality:** Only citizen of India (male and female).
- (c) **Age Limits:** 18 to 42 years on the date of application.
- (d) **Educational Qualifications:** Graduate from recognized university.
- (e) **Physical Standards:** A candidate must be physically and medically fit in all respects.
- (f) **Employment:** Gainfully Employed.

Note: Serving member of the Regular Army/ Navy/ Air Force/ Police/ GREFF/ Para Military and like forces are not eligible.

3. DATE OF INTERVIEW: SEPTEMBER 2026 (Firm dates will be communicated later by e-mail).

4. LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: Application form completed in all respects should reach by **25 August 2026**.

5. The date of holding the interview as mentioned above is liable to be changed at the discretion of the competent authority.

6. **Ex Service Officers to ensure their eligibility for the examination:** The Ex Service Officers applying for the ASB Interview should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to the interview. Their admission at all the stages of the interview will be purely **provisional** subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Merely issue of Admission certificate to the Ex Service Officers will not imply that their candidature has been finally cleared by the competent authority.**

7. Type of Exam: Only interview.

8. **HOW TO APPLY.** All desirous Ex Service Officers (Commissioned Officers only) of three services can download **Application Form (IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part - 1** from **www.indianarmy.nic.in** (FREE OF COST) and send applications alongwith **Photocopy of Release Order and Photocopy of Release Medical Board Proceedings** to Directorate General Territorial Army, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence, 4th Floor, 'A' Block, Ministry of Defence Office Complex, KG Marg, New Delhi - 110001. The application be sent by India Post only.

9. Ex Service Officer should note that no request for change of date of interview will be granted.

10. The eligible Ex Service Officers shall be issued a call up letter and will be sent by email by the Territorial Army Directorate.

11. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

(a) The Ex-Service Officers will be screened by the Army Headquarters Selection Board (ASB) held at Directorate General Territorial Army (TA-4), Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence, 4th Floor, 'A' Block, Ministry of Defence Office Complex, KG Marg, New Delhi - 110001.

(b) Based upon the total number of applications received & the requirement to fill vacancies, the Army HQ reserves the right to call up number of applicants for interview. In case the applicant does not receive call up letter, the candidature for ASB-2026 is deemed to be cancelled.

(c) Recommended candidates in ASB will undergo Medical Examination at Armed Forces Clinic, New Delhi followed by their Police Verification for final selection.

12. EMBODIMENT FOR TRAINING: -

(a) Pre-Commission Training as provided in TA Rule 20A. **(Candidates shall be commissioned in TA only on successful completion of the said Pre-Commission Training).**

(b) Two months Annual Training Camp every year including the first year (as applicable).

13. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

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

(b) Service in Territorial Army do not guarantee pension and the same is subject to embodied service as per organisational requirement.

(c) Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant, subject to meeting requirements laid down in TA Rule 20A.

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

(e) Promotions upto Lt Col by time scale subject to fulfilling laid down criteria. Promotion to Colonel and Brigadier by selection.

(f) Once previous service is verified from concerned PCDA (O) they are granted Ante-Date Seniority for Pay and Promotion.

(g) Pay Scales (VIIth CPC):

Rank	Level	Pay Matrix	Military Service Pay
Lieutenant	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500	15500/-
Captain	Level 10A	6,13,00 - 1,93,900	15500/-
Major	Level 11	6,94,00 - 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/-

14. Ex Service Officers are required to bring the following documents in original alongwith self-attested copies at the time of interview. All those ex-service officers whose complete documents are not produced for verifications will not be allowed to attend the interview.

- (a) Application Form IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-2 to be downloaded from **www.indianarmy.nic.in** and filled up in their own hand writing.
- (b) All educational qualification certificates (Matric onwards).

(c) Latest physical fitness certificate from a registered MBBS Doctor.

(d) Copy of Identity proof with photographs (Voter ID/PAN Card/Aadhar Card/Passport/Driving license etc).

(e) Domicile/ Residential proof.

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

(g) Service certificate by candidates employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State/Semi Govt/ Private Sector Authenticated by Head of office alongwith No Objection Certificate by the department as per format given at Para 15 (a) & (c) below.

(h) 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 alongwith photocopy of PAN card and self-certified character certificate.

(j) Ex Service Officers whose names vary in documents should submit copy of Gazette notification of India/ State showing the correct name duly supported by newspaper cuttings.

(k) Copy of Release Order.

(l) Copy of Release Medical Board Proceedings.

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

(n) Copy of PAN Card.

(o) Copy of Aadhar Card.

(p) Copy of Certificates / Reports of all Courses.

(q) Discharge / Service Particular Booklet.

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

15. THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE CERTIFICATES WILL BE COMPULSORILY PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW:

(a) 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 their character as far as known to me is good. He/She is/is not recommended for the grant of commission in Territorial Army. It is also certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari will be made available for Training/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 him/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 _____
 Date _____ Designation _____
 Stamp/Seal of Office _____

(b) 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: -

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

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

(c) 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.

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 _____

(c) 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 organization will be paid by us for the period of his/her training/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 training/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 _____

16. **LAST DATE:** Form completed in all respects will be accepted till **25 August 2026** at Directorate General Territorial Army (TA-4), Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence, 'A' Block, 4th Floor, Ministry of Defence Office Complex, KG Marg, New Delhi - 110001 and download **APPLICATION FORM (FREE OF COST)**.

17. **INCOMPLETE/ INELIGIBLE APPLICATION FORM AND THOSE APPLICATION FORM RECEIVED AFTER 25 AUGUST 2026 WILL BE REJECTED WITHOUT INTIMATION.**

18. **APPLICATION FORM OF CIVILIAN CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE REJECTED WITHOUT INTIMATION.**

GEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES (EX-OFFRS) FOR COMMISSION IN THE TERRITORIAL ARMY

General.

1. The Territorial Army apart from civilians, give opportunity to ex-offrs of Armed Forces (Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force & Territorial Army) a chance to join def forces again and contribute in defense of the nation using their immense experience & trg. Since service in the Territorial Army does not provide a regular career, candidates who have commensurate means of livelihood in their civil life should apply for commission in the Territorial Army. **The applicant must be employed/ self employed failing which the application will be deemed as ineligible.**

Conditions of Eligibility.

2. A candidate for commission in the Territorial Army must fulfill the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 to 10 below.

Nationality.

3. Candidate must either be: -

3.1. A citizen of India, or

3.2. A subject of Nepal or

3.3. A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) with the intention of permanently settling in India.

4. Provided that a candidate belonging to categories 3(3.2) and 3(3.3) above shall be a person in whose favour certificate of eligibility has been given by the Government of India.

5. Certificate of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of a candidate who is a Gorkha subject of Nepal: -

5.1. Person who migrated to India from Pakistan before the nineteenth day of July, 1948 and has ordinarily been residing in India since then.

5.2. Person who migrated to India from Pakistan on or after the nineteenth day of July, 1948 and has got himself/herself registered as a citizen of India under Article 6 of the constitution.

Age Limits.

6. Applicants should have attained the age 18 years and not have attained the age of 42 years on the date of application, but the upper age limit may be relaxed at the discretion of the Chief of the Army Staff.

Educational Qualifications.

7. A candidate for commission must hold minimum a graduation degree from a recognized university.

Physical Fitness.

8. A candidate must be physically fit in all respects and be in medical category S1H1A1P1E1.

Submission of Application.

9. Ex-offrs applying for Territorial Army commission will download Application Form (Part-1) from www.indianarmy.nic.in and will submit filled-in application in their own handwriting to the Territorial Army Directorate, New Delhi (by Indian post only).

Documents to be Produced at the Time of Interview.

10. Ex-offrs are required to bring the following documents in original alongwith self-attested copies at the time of Interview: -

- 10.1. Application Form (Part - 2) downloaded from www.indianarmy.nic.in
 - 10.2. Release Medical Examination.
 - 10.3. Release Order/ Certificate.
 - 10.4. All educational qualification certificates (Matric onwards).
 - 10.5. Latest physical fitness certificate from a registered MBBS Doctor.
 - 10.6. Copy of Identity proof with photographs (Voter ID/PAN Card/Passport/Driving license etc).
 - 10.7. Domicile/ Residential Address Proof.
 - 10.8. Certificate for proof of age (Matric/ Senior Secondary mark sheet & certificate for verification of date of birth).
 - 10.9. Service certificate by candidates employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State/Semi Govt/ Private Sector authenticated by Head of Office alongwith No Objection Certificate by the department as per format given in advertisement.
 - 10.10. 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 alongwith photocopy of PAN card and self-certified character certificate.
 - 10.11. Photocopy of PAN Card.
 - 10.12. Photocopy of Aadhar Card.
11. 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.
12. Candidates will be required to produce all certificates, in original, at the time of document check failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

13. Procedure for Selection for Ex-Armed Forces Officers (Non-Dept).

13.1. The candidates will be screened by the Army Headquarters Selection Board (ASB) held at Directorate General Territorial Army, New Delhi.

13.2. Recommended candidates will undergo Medical Examination at Armed Forces Clinic, New Delhi and Police Verification for final selection.

14. Training. Following Training will be applicable to all the candidates: -

14.1. Pre-Commission Training as provided in TA Rule 20A amended vide SRO 65 dated 29 Apr 2023. (Candidates shall be commissioned in TA only on successful completion of the said Pre-Commission Training)

14.2. Two months' Annual Training Camp (ATC) every year if not continuously embodied for six months in a Training Year (01 Apr to 31 Mar).

15. Ex-Officers who have completed their tenure or had applied for premature Retirement can only apply. Ex-Officers who were removed/ dismissed from service or opted for resignation are not eligible to apply. Any attempt on the part of the candidate, directly or indirectly, to enlist support for their selection or to suppress material information while filling the application form or otherwise, will disqualify them for the grant of commission.

Promotion Examination.

16. All 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). Ex offrs who already passed promotion exam in previous service not required to pass the same (supporting docu reqd to be produced).

Pay and Allowances.

17. Officers of the Territorial Army will receive Pay and Allowance on embodiment for training / military service at rates similar to those admissible to Regular Army Officers.

Leave.

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

Discipline.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The date of commission for offrs directly reporting to the unit will be the date of reporting. However, for the candidates undergoing Pre-Commission Trg, the date of commission will be the date of successful completion of the said trg. 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 :-

21.1. Lieutenant	:	Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant.
21.2. Captain	:	04 years of Commissioned Service.
21.3. Major	:	08 years of Commissioned Service.
21.4. Lieutenant Colonel	:	15 years of Commissioned Service.
21.5. 21.5.1 Colonel	:	By Selection Grade.
21.5.2 Colonel (Time Scale)	:	28 years of Commissioned Service.
21.6. Brigadier	:	By Selection Grade.

Note :- Previous full pay commissioned service in the Regular Army, Navy and Air Force counts towards the above periods.

Permanent Staff Appointments.

22. A limited number of permanent staff appointments in Territorial Army units with a tenure which may be extended to a maximum period of five years may be offered to Territorial Army Officers who possess the necessary experience and qualifications.

Pensionary Benefits.

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

Retirement.

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

24.1. Major and below	:	54 years of age.
24.2. Lieutenant Colonel/ Colonel:		56 years or 04 years tenure in present rank whichever is earlier but not before 54 years of age.
24.3. Brigadier	:	58 years or 04 years tenure in present rank whichever is earlier but not before 56 years of age.

Discharge.

25. 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 Service.

26. 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.

27. 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

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

29. The application form must be completed in the candidate's own handwriting and all answers should be given fully in words and not by dashes or dots.

30. 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.

31. The candidates should write their name in full in block letters. 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).