JOIN THE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES AS A MEDICAL OFFICER (SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION) FOR A PROMISING AND CHALLENGING CAREER: 2026 (ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED)

REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE APPLICATION (www.join.afms.gov.in) IS OPENED FROM 09 NOV 2026 TO 18 NOV 2026

1. Online applications are invited for the post of Medical Officer (Short Service Commission) in the Armed Forces Medical Services from Indian citizens both male and female, who have passed their final MBBS (Part-I & II) examination in not more than two attempts **and have appeared in the NEET PG (anytime during the last two years i.e. 2025 & 2026)**. **Civilian doctors having a Post Graduate degree will not be required to appear in the NEET PG examination again. Marks obtained by them in NEET PG examination earlier will be taken into consideration.**

2. **QUALIFICATION** The applicant must possess medical qualification included in the National Medical Council Act, 2019. The applicant must have permanent registration from any State Medical Council/NMC/MCI. Post graduate degree holders recognized by State Medical Council /NBE/NMC can also apply.

3 (a). **INTERNSHIP COMPLETION** **Only those candidates who have completed their internship on or before 30 Sep 2026 can apply.**

(b). **FOR CANDIDATE PURSUING PG DEGREE** **The final PG result should be declared by 18 Nov 2026, (the last date of accepting the online application). Otherwise candidature will not be considered.**

4. **AGE LIMIT** As on 31 Dec 2026, the candidate must not have attained the age of 30 years if holding an MBBS degree (only those born on or after 02 Jan 1997 are eligible) and 35 years if holding a PG degree (only those born on or after 02 Jan 1992 are eligible) respectively. **Civilian doctors having PG qualification must be in possession of the requisite PG degree/ Result/ Marksheet and shall produce the original documents for verification on or before the last date of accepting the online application, failing which their candidature shall be cancelled.**

5. **VACANCY** **120 (90 for male + 30 for female).**

6. **PLACE OF INTERVIEW** **DELHI**

7. **SCHEDULE OF INTERVIEW**

VENUE	TENTATIVE DATE OF INTERVIEW
ARMY HOSPITAL (R&R), DELHI CANTT	02 DEC 2026 ONWARDS

8. **METHOD OF SELECTION**

(a) **SHORTLISTING OF CANDIDATES FOR INTERVIEW** Applications complete in all respects will be further scrutinized/ filtered on the basis of NEET PG entrance examination marks/ percentile. Percentile of the candidates will be proportionately converted into “calculated NEET PG marks” to the tune of 200. For the purpose of obtaining a score out of 200, the percentile score will be treated as marks obtained by the candidate out of 100 and the percentile score will be multiplied by two and the result rounded off to the second decimal and a list will be prepared. In case of those candidates, whose results were declared in absolute score, the percentile score of the candidate will be calculated on the basis of his/her merit position in that exam and the same will be converted into “calculated NEET PG marks” to the tune of 200 as explained above. Candidates will be called up for interview in the order of the list (separate lists for male and female candidates) based upon calculated NEET PG marks to appear for viva-voce/ interview.

(b) **INTERVIEW** Eligible candidates will be called for interview by a Board of Officers in the month of Dec 2026 at the Army Hospital (R&R), Delhi Cantt to assess their suitability and merit for grant of Short Service Commission in the Armed Forces Medical Services. Candidates appearing for interview for the first time will be paid to and fro **AC III/ AC Chair Car** fare for journey performed by rail or **Govt Non-AC Bus** fare for journey performed by road from the normal place of residence to place of interview. In case a candidate is residing in the municipal limit of place of interview no traveling allowance is admissible.

(c) **PHYSICAL & MEDICAL STANDARDS** For physical/medical standard policies please visit the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Every candidate on qualifying in the interview will have to attend the Special Medical Examination Board (SMB) constituted by the DGAFMS for examining his/ her medical fitness as per laid down standards. The proceedings will remain confidential. However, candidates declared 'UNFIT' by the Special Medical Board (SMB) may apply for the Appeal Medical Board (AMB). The procedure for AMB will be explained by the President of the Special Medical Examination Board.

Candidates are advised to note that DGAFMS/ DG-1A has no role to play in Appeal Medical Boards (AMB) and the procedure advised by the medical authorities is strictly to be adhered to. The Candidates declared 'UNFIT' by the AMB may apply for the Review Medical Board (RMB). However, Review Medical Board (RMB) will be granted at the discretion of the DGAFMS based on the merits of the case. No representation in this regard will be entertained. Candidates will be considered medically 'FIT' only on receipt of approved medical documents.

Pregnancy, if detected at any stage, after qualification at interview or during pre-commission Medical Examination will render the candidate 'TEMPORARILY UNFIT'. Commission will be offered to the candidate after being declared medically FIT by the medical board.

NOTE: -

(i) Candidates are advised to note that this office has no role in the Medical Boards and the procedure as advised by the medical authorities is to be strictly adhered.

(ii) Candidates are advised in their own interest to undergo a preliminary medical checkup for wax in ears, DNS, defective colour vision, over weight/underweight, piles, gynecomastia, tonsillitis and varicocele before reporting for the SSC interview.

9. **MERIT LIST**

(a) Candidates who obtain a minimum of 50% of the total marks for the interview would be considered while drawing up the final merit list for Selection. The total marks for the interview would be 50 and distributed as under: -

Viva-voce - 47

Weightage for the highest NCC certificate held by the candidate: -

'C' Certificate - 03 marks
'B' Certificate - 02 marks
'A' Certificate - 01 mark

(b) All candidates who have qualified in the viva-voce/ interview (by securing at least 50% marks) will be subjected to medical examination immediately after the interview.

(c) It is to be noted that mere qualifying at the interview does not confirm final selection. **Separate merit lists of both male and female candidates, who obtain minimum qualifying marks of 50% in the viva-voce, will be drawn up by adding the "calculated NEET PG marks" (explained in Para 8 (a) above) and marks obtained in the viva-voce (maximum 50 marks). It may please be noted that weightage of NCC certificate will be given to NCC certificate holders in the viva-voce.**

(d) From the prepared merit lists the candidates declared Medically FIT shall be issued joining instructions for commissioning as SSC Officers upto the number of vacancies available.

10. **EMPLOYABILITY** Being a Medical Officer of the Armed Forces Medical Services, the candidate on grant of commission is liable to be posted as per service requirement in any part of the country or abroad, in the Army, Navy or Air Force. They may have to work independently in the unit allotted to them. Even candidates holding PG degree may be posted as General Duty Medical Officer based on Service requirements.

11. **EMOLUMENTS** Doctors on commissioning in the Armed Forces Medical Services will be granted the rank of Captain (or equivalent rank in Navy/Air Force) in level 10B of the Defence Pay Matrix of BP Rs. 61300 + MSP Rs. 15500 + HRA (if applicable) as per category of the city, (i.e. X, Y, Z, where the officer is posted) + NPA at prevalent rates + Transport Allowance Rs. 3600-7200 as per the category of the city, (i.e. X, Y, Z where the officer is posted) + Dress Allowance Rs. 25,000 (Annually) and Dearness Allowance as per prevalent rates. In addition, officers are **entitled ration or ration allowance in lieu (**as per location of Posting & Notification to that effect) subsidized accommodation and allied facilities. PG degree holders are eligible for PG allowance or specialist pay on being designated as Graded Specialist as per **Training Rules** applicable from time to time. In addition, officers are entitled to 60 days Annual Leave & 20 days Casual Leave in a year, Leave Travel Concession (LTC), free Medical Services for self & family including dependent parents, Group Insurance & Canteen Stores Depot (CSD) facility.

12. **PROMOTION FOR SSC OFFICER** An SSC officer is commissioned as Capt (or equivalent rank in Navy/ Air Force) on entry and is eligible for promotion to the rank of Major (or equivalent rank in Navy/ Air Force) after four years of service and Lt Col (or equivalent rank in Navy/Air Force) after a total service of eleven years, subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria. A candidate who holds additional medical qualification of Post-Graduate Degree (MCI/NBE recognized) prior to joining service is eligible for ante date seniority after grant of commission, applicable as per existing rules.

13. **TENURE OF ENGAGEMENT**

(a) **FOR FRESH CANDIDATES** The initial tenure of SSC officers commissioned through the civil entry scheme is of five years, extendable by another nine years in two spells, first of five years and second of four years, for those who are willing to continue, subject to availability of vacancies and meeting the laid down eligibility criteria for grant of extension as per extant policy.

(b) **FOR EX-AMC CANDIDATES**

(i) Released AMC/SSC officers will be eligible for grant of fresh tenure of Short Service Commission provided such officers apply within one year of the effective date of their release.

(ii) Candidates released after expiry of 10 (ten) years of SSC service will not be considered again for grant of commission in the AMC.

(iii) Candidates resigned from the AMC / proceeded on premature retirement from the AMC will not be eligible for re-commission in the AMC.

14. **DEPARTMENTAL PERMANENT COMMISSION (DPC)**

(a) Officers granted SSC will be given three chances for taking up the departmental examination for Permanent Commission after completion of 02 years of service and before completion 9 ½ yrs service irrespective of their age when applying for Departmental Permanent Commission examination, provided they fulfill the conditions of eligibility laid down in the AI 74/76 (as amended), subject to the condition that not more than two chances shall be given in the first tenure of five years. During the second or subsequent tenure, if not done in continuation with the first tenure, no chance for Departmental Permanent Commission will be given.

(b) The promotional avenues for Permanent Commission officers are given below: -

(i)	Major	-	4 years of reckonable commissioned service,
(ii)	Lt Col	-	11 years of reckonable commissioned service,
(iii)	Col	-	By Selection (Approx. 18 - 20 years of service)
(iv)	Brig	-	By Selection
(v)	Maj Gen	-	By Selection
(vi)	Lt Gen	-	By Selection

15. **PROVISION FOR PG/ SUPERSPECIALITY COURSE**

(a) **PERMANENT COMMISSION OFFICER** Permanent Commissioned officers having 04 years or more physical service as Capt or equivalent may apply for Advance Specialist/ Post Graduate course for award of MD/MS/DNB Degree as per the extant Training Rules & service requirement of the Armed Forces Medical Services. Permanent Commissioned specialist officers are also provided an opportunity to apply for super specialization training in specialized fields after completion of 04 years as Graded Specialist and having age less than 40 years at the time of applying, selection of which is based on service records and **merit in exam conducted by Statutory body**. Super specialization can be done in service hospitals or in reputed civil hospitals in India and abroad after seeking placement on Study Leave. The detailment for PG Course/ Super Specialization would be based on organizational requirements as per the extant Training Rules.

(b) **SSC OFFICER**

(i) SSC officers are eligible to pursue PG courses while in service as per extant Training Rules.

(ii) In addition, SSC Officers after release may apply for PG courses (MD/MS/DNB) in AFMS institutions as Ex SSC Officers as per extant Training Rules.

16. **HOW TO APPLY ONLINE** Application will be accepted online only. To do so the candidate needs to click on the “NEW REGISTRATION” button and follow the steps given on the website www.join.afms.gov.in.

17. **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE**

(a) The following Essential Certificates/ documents should be scanned and uploaded: -

(i) Passport Size Photograph (**not older than 06 months**) (jpeg, Size-upto 100kb)

(ii) Scanned copy of class X (Matriculation) Certificate/Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Corporation as a proof of date of birth (if in English language) (pdf, size-upto 200kb)

(iii) A scanned copy of Final MBBS Part- I & II attempt certificate
(iv) A scanned copy of Internship completion certificate
(v) A scanned copy of NEET PG entrance exam score card
(vi) A scanned copy of PG Degree certificate, if any
(vii) Aadhar Card

(b) Following original documents are essentially required to be produced (**along with two photocopies of each**) for verification at the time of interview: -

(i) Matriculation Certificate (Class X)/Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Corporation as a proof of name and date of birth (if in English)
(ii) Aadhar Card
(iii) Permanent Medical Registration Certificate
(iv) Internship Completion Certificate
(v) MBBS Degree Certificate, PG Degree Certificate
(vi) Final MBBS (Pt I & II) Attempt Certificate or Transcript Certificate
(vii) NEET PG entrance exam score card
(viii) No Objection Certificate from present employer, if any
(ix) NCC Certificate, if any
(x) National Board of Examination Certificate for Foreign Medical Graduates
(xi) Passport for Foreign Medical Graduates
(xii) Gazette Notification or any other authority clearly highlighting your new name, if there is any change in the name after Matriculation (**Class X**)
(xiii) 10 Passport size photographs (not older than 06 months), photo identity proof and address proof
(xiv) Attestation Form in five copies duly filled in and attested (along with stamp) by Competent Authority **(Refer Para 19 below)**

(c) **Document Verification**: The candidates shortlisted for the interview will produce all the original certificates including the application/admit card which can be downloaded after filling of the application form for verification as applicable at the time of Interview. Candidates without documents in original at the time of Interview will not be eligible even if he / she have been shortlisted for the interview.

(d) Candidates, who have deposited the original documents with any other institution, will be permitted to attend the interview provided they produce a deposit certificate for the same from the Dean / Head of the institution where the documents are deposited. These candidates will produce photocopies of the certificates (attested by the Dean/Head of the Institution) along with the deposit certificate as mentioned above.

18. **ADMIT CARD FOR INTERVIEW** The Admit card for interview shall be made available for download on website **www.join.afms.gov.in** at least one week prior to the date of commencement of interview.

19. An Attestation Form is available on the website. Candidates are required to bring the Attestation Form (five copies in original) at the time of interview, duly filled in and attested by the Authority as mentioned at Page No. 07 of Attestation Form, without which, they are liable to be rejected.

20. **APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE (APF)** A Fee of Rs. 200/- will be charged from applicants towards the application processing. The requisite amount is required to be paid at the end of the application submission through online payment (internet banking/Credit Card/Debit Card). No other mode of payment is acceptable.

Note: Incomplete application or applications not in accordance with instructions shall not be considered and are liable to be rejected. The Application Processing fee is non-refundable.

21. The information contained at para 10 to 15 above are based on the present provisions in various rules/regulations on the subject. These are subject to change based on exigencies of service and as amended from time to time by the Government. This document cannot be produced as evidence in the court of law being only a broad extract of extant policies and guidelines.

ONLINE PAYMENT TRANSACTION NUMBER IS REQUIRED TO BE SAVED AND QUOTED DURING FURTHER ENQUIRIES/ CORRESPONDENCE.

CANDIDATES SHOULD CHECK THE WEBSITE AND THEIR REGISTERED EMAIL ID REGULARLY FOR UPDATES REGARDING INTERVIEW DATES AND OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS.

PLEASE CARRY THE ORIGINAL AND TWO ATTESTED PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS AS MENTIONED ABOVE, FOR VERIFICATION AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW.

ANY VARIATION IN THE DETAILS PROVIDED AND DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE MAY LEAD TO REJECTION OF THE CANDIDATE.

CANDIDATES PRODUCING FALSE OR FABRICATED INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SHORT LISTING FOR INTERVIEW. DISCREPANCIES FOUND AT A LATER STAGE MAY LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION. CANDIDATES MAY FURTHER BE DEBARRED FROM APPEARING IN ANY FUTURE SELECTION PROCESSES.

IN CASE OF AMBIGUITY IN INTERPRETATION OF ANY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS/ TERMS/RULES/CRITERIA REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY/REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES/ CONDUCT OF INTERVIEW/ INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, THE INTERPRETATION OF THE AFMS WILL BE FINAL & BINDING. THIS DIRECTORATE GENERAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON/ WITHDRAW PERMISSION, IF ANY, GRANTED INADVERTENTLY TO ANY CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR FOR INTERVIEW.

ANY UPDATES AND NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE HOSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

IN CASE OF ANY PROBLEM FACED IN APPLYING ONLINE, PLEASE CONTACT 011-24199857 DURING OFFICE HOURS (10:00 AM - 04:00 PM) MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

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