<u>1. NCC (Special Entry Scheme)</u>

University graduates possessing NCC 'C' Certificate with minimum 'B' grade and 50% aggregate marks in graduation examination are eligible to apply for Short Service Commission through this entry. Those studying in third year are allowed to apply provided they have secured minimum 50% aggregate marks in first two years. Such candidates will need to secure overall aggregate of minimum 50 % marks if selected in interview failing which his candidature will be cancelled. Candidates must possess graduation degree at the time of joining OTA or those candidates studying in third year should be able to produce the degree within 12 weeks from date of commencement of training at OTA. Such cadets are exempted from written examination conducted by the UPSC and are directly put through the SSB interview followed by a medical board. Candidates meeting the qualitative requirements have to apply through NCC Group Headquarters at the State level. After Screening by respective Group Headquarters, Directorate General of NCC forwards the applications of eligible cadets to the Recruiting Directorate of Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defense (Army).

Name of Exam	NCC Special Entry
Conducted By	Indian Army
Qualification	3 Yrs. service in NCC Senior Div. with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.
Exam Frequency	Twice a Year – May/June and Oct/Nov
Age Limit	19yrs – 25yrs
Gender	Both Male and Female Candidates
Training Academy	OTA (Officer's Training Academy)
Selection Procedure	Online Application >SSB Interview> Medical Test

2. Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT)

Name of Exam	Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT)
Conducted By	Indian Air Force (IAF)
Qualification	Flying Branch: Minimum of 60% marks each in Math and Physics at 10+2 level. Graduation with a minimum of 60% marks.
Exam Frequency	Twice a year
Age Limit	Flying Branch – 20yrs – 24 yrs Ground Duty – 20yrs – 24yrs
Exam Mode	2 hours (Objective type paper)
Subjects	General Awareness, Numerical Ability, Reasoning & Military Aptitude and General English (EKT exam for Technical branch)
Gender	Both for Male and Female can apply
Posts Offered	Commissioned officers in Flying Branch, Ground Duty (technical) and Ground Duty (Non-technical) branch
Selection Procedure	AFCAT Exam -> AFSB Interview -> Medical Test

<u>3. Combined Defense Services Examination (CDSE)</u>

Name of Exam	Combined Defense Services Examination (CDSE)
Conducted By	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Qualification	Any graduate (No percentage Limit)
Exam Frequency	Twice a year – April / May and Oct/Nov
Age Limit	20 yrs – 24 yrs
Exam Mode	2 hours (Objective type paper)
Subjects	English, General Knowledge (120 Questions Each) Elementary Mathematics (100 Questions, Not for OTA)
Gender	Both for Male and Female can apply
Training Academy	Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Naval Academy (INA) Air Force Academy (AFA) and Officers Training Academy (OTA)
Selection Procedure	Written Test -> SSB Interview -> Medical Test