

Air Force Medical Assistant Eligibility, Syllabus & Salary Guide: Complete Official-Pattern Overview

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What is an Air Force Medical Assistant?

The Medical Assistant trade in the Indian Air Force (IAF) is a Group 'Y' (Non-Technical) Airmen trade. Medical Assistants support the healthcare services of the Indian Air Force and are trained to perform duties related to nursing, first aid, medical stores, dispensaries, and ward supervision. They may also be assigned other Air Force duties according to organisational requirements.

It is important not to confuse this entry with a commissioned medical officer entry or Agniveervayu. The latest IAF Medical Assistant Airmen notification specifically states that this selection is not for commissioned officers, pilots, navigators or Agniveervayu.

Air Force Medical Assistant: Quick Overview

Particular	General Information
Organisation	Indian Air Force
Entry	Airmen
Group/Trade	Group 'Y' (Non-Technical) – Medical Assistant
Main Qualification Route	10+2 with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English
Pharmacy Route	Diploma/B.Pharm/B.Sc in Pharmacy, subject to prescribed conditions
Written Test	English + Reasoning & General Awareness (RAGA)
Test Duration	45 Minutes
Selection Stages	Online Test → PFT → Adaptability Tests → Medical Examination → Merit/Enrolment

Particular	General Information
Training Stipend	₹14,600 per month under the currently published terms
Starting Gross Emoluments after Training	₹26,900 per month at the minimum of the scale, including MSP, plus applicable DA
Nature of Service	Airmen service in the Indian Air Force

The exact terms should always be checked against the notification for the particular intake.

Air Force Medical Assistant Eligibility

There are broadly two educational routes for the Medical Assistant trade.

1. Eligibility After 10+2

A candidate should have passed 10+2/Intermediate or an equivalent examination with:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- English

The current IAF criteria require a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate and at least 50% marks in English. The 10+2 qualification must be from an education board recognised by the Central Government, State Government or Union Territory.

The IAF also permits the prescribed two-year vocational course route where Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English are the non-vocational subjects, subject to the same percentage requirements.

Important Point

Marks are considered according to the marksheet and the rules of the concerned education board. The latest notification specifically states that a percentage such as 49.99% cannot simply be rounded off to 50%.

Eligibility for D.Pharm, B.Pharm and B.Sc Pharmacy Candidates

The Indian Air Force also provides a Medical Assistant route for candidates with specified pharmacy qualifications.

Under the latest published criteria, candidates should first have passed 10+2/Intermediate or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English, securing:

- Minimum 50% aggregate marks, and
- Minimum 50% marks in English.

In addition, the candidate should possess one of the prescribed pharmacy qualifications such as:

Diploma in Pharmacy, B.Pharm or B.Sc in Pharmacy, with at least 50% aggregate marks, along with the required valid registration with a State Pharmacy Council or Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) at the time of enrolment.

Can a D.Pharm Candidate Apply?

Yes. A Diploma in Pharmacy holder can be eligible, provided the candidate also fulfils the required 10+2 PCB-English qualification, percentage requirements, pharmacy qualification requirements, registration requirements, age criteria and other conditions specified for that intake.

Can a B.Pharm Candidate Apply?

Yes. B.Pharm is specifically included in the latest Medical Assistant eligibility framework, subject to all other prescribed conditions.

Air Force Medical Assistant Age Limit

Unlike a permanent universal date-of-birth range, the IAF publishes a specific date-of-birth block for each Airmen intake. Therefore, a blog guide should not treat one recruitment cycle's DOB range as permanent.

As a general reference, the latest published terms specify an upper age limit at the time of enrolment of:

- 21 years for candidates entering through the 10+2/Intermediate/equivalent or vocational route.
- 24 years for candidates holding the prescribed Diploma/B.Pharm/B.Sc in Pharmacy qualification.

Candidates must check the exact DOB range mentioned in the notification for the intake for which they intend to apply.

Marital-status requirements can also differ according to qualification, age and intake; they should therefore be taken directly from the relevant official notification rather than treated as a fixed rule.

Gender and Nationality

Recent IAF Medical Assistant Airmen notifications have invited male Indian citizens and eligible Gorkha candidates who are subjects of Nepal.

Because entry conditions can be revised by the IAF, candidates should check the current notification for the applicable nationality and gender provisions.

Air Force Medical Assistant Selection Process

The Medical Assistant selection process is conducted in multiple stages.

Phase I – Online Test

Candidates first appear for the online objective examination.

Phase II

Candidates shortlisted after Phase I undergo:

- Document/eligibility verification
- Physical Fitness Test (PFT)
- Adaptability Test-I
- Adaptability Test-II

Adaptability Test-I assesses suitability for service under different geographic, weather and operational conditions. Adaptability Test-II assesses the candidate's ability to adjust to the Air Force environment and military way of life.

Phase III – Medical Examination

Candidates qualifying the preceding stages undergo a detailed Air Force medical examination.

Finally, selection/enrolment is governed by merit, medical fitness, eligibility conditions and the number of available vacancies.

Air Force Medical Assistant Exam Pattern

According to the latest IAF Medical Assistant notification, the Phase-I online examination consists of:

- 1. English – 10+2 CBSE standard**
- 2. Reasoning & General Awareness (RAGA)**

The examination duration is 45 minutes. Questions are objective type and are available in English and Hindi, except for the English paper. Candidates are required to qualify each paper separately.

Marking Scheme

Response	Marks
Correct Answer	+1
Unattempted Question	0
Wrong Answer	–0.25

The IAF may use normalisation when required where examinations are conducted in different sessions.

Important: The latest notification defines the Phase-I subjects as English and RAGA. Candidates should not confuse the educational requirement of PCB or Pharmacy with a separate Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy or Medical Science paper unless the IAF specifically changes the examination scheme in a future notification.

Air Force Medical Assistant Syllabus

1. English Syllabus

English is based broadly on the 10+2 CBSE standard. Preparation should cover the principal areas included in the Air Force English syllabus, such as:

- **Reading comprehension**

- Subject–verb agreement
- Verb forms
- Tenses
- Transformation of sentences
- Word formation
- Determiners
- Prepositions
- Nouns and pronouns
- Adjectives and adverbs
- Conjunctions
- Modals
- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- One-word substitution
- Correct spelling
- Idioms and phrases
- Correct usage of words
- Direct and indirect speech
- Active and passive voice

The current Medical Assistant notification confirms that the English paper is at 10+2 CBSE level.

2. Reasoning & General Awareness – RAGA Syllabus

RAGA broadly includes Reasoning, Elementary Mathematics, General Knowledge and Current Affairs.

Reasoning

Important areas commonly covered in the Air Force RAGA syllabus include:

- Numerical/number series
- Distance and direction
- Mathematical operations
- Ranking and time sequence
- Classification
- Coding-decoding
- Blood/human relations
- Analogy
- Odd one out
- Alphabet-based problems
- Number puzzles
- Non-verbal reasoning
- Logical sequence
- Venn diagrams
- Seating and relationship-based reasoning

Elementary Mathematics

Candidates should prepare fundamental topics such as:

- Ratio and proportion
- Average
- LCM and HCF
- Profit and loss
- Percentage
- Fractions
- Simplification
- Time, speed and distance
- Basic mensuration

- Area
- Surface area and volume
- Probability
- Elementary trigonometry

General Awareness

General Awareness generally covers areas such as:

- General Science
- Indian History
- Geography
- Civics
- Current affairs
- Basic computer operations
- Important national and international events
- Defence-related general awareness

The IAF advises candidates to use the current CASB syllabus and model question papers because syllabus details and examination methodology can be revised.

Air Force Medical Assistant Physical Fitness Test

Candidates shortlisted for Phase II have to clear the PFT.

PFT-I: 1.6 km Run

Under the latest standards:

Candidate Category	Maximum Time
Candidates up to 21 years	7 minutes
Candidates above 21 years holding eligible Diploma/B.Pharm/B.Sc Pharmacy qualification	7 minutes 30 seconds

PFT-II

After qualifying the run and the prescribed recovery period, candidates have to complete:

Exercise	Requirement	Maximum Time
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Push-ups	10	1 minute
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Sit-ups	10	1 minute
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Squats	20	1 minute
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The prescribed recovery intervals are also followed between exercises.

Candidates preparing for this trade should therefore work on running endurance, upper-body strength, core strength and lower-body endurance well before the selection test.

Air Force Medical Assistant Medical Standards

Medical fitness standards for the Indian Air Force are stricter than normal civilian fitness requirements. Final fitness is determined by the authorised Air Force Medical Board.

Minimum Height

The current minimum height specified for Medical Assistant and Medical Assistant (Pharmacist) is:

152 cm.

Chest

The current broad standard specifies:

- Minimum chest circumference: 77 cm
- Minimum expansion: 5 cm

Weight

Weight should be proportionate to height and age according to applicable IAF standards.

Hearing

Candidates should have normal hearing and should be able to hear a forced whisper from 6 metres with each ear separately.

Dental Fitness

Candidates are expected to have healthy gums and a good set of teeth, with at least 14 dental points under the current standards.

Vision

The latest notification gives the Medical Assistant trade a minimum visual acuity standard of 6/36 in each eye, correctable to 6/6 in each eye, with CP-II colour vision and the prescribed refractive-error limits.

The current notification also states that candidates with a history of LASIK/PRK are not accepted under these standards.

Medical standards can be revised, so candidates should treat these figures as a current official reference rather than a lifetime guarantee of eligibility.

Medical Examination

The Air Force medical examination may include baseline investigations such as:

- Blood haemogram
- Routine and microscopic urine examination
- Blood glucose
- Serum cholesterol
- Renal function tests
- Liver function tests
- Chest X-ray
- ECG
- Any other investigation considered necessary by the Recruiting Medical Officer

Final medical fitness is decided by the authorised Defence Forces medical authorities.

Air Force Medical Assistant Salary

Salary information is frequently reported incorrectly online, so the wording of the IAF notification is important.

Salary During Training

During training, the currently published stipend is:

₹14,600 per month

Salary After Training

According to the current IAF Medical Assistant terms, after successful completion of training:

Starting gross emoluments at the minimum of the scale of pay, including Military Service Pay (MSP), are ₹26,900 per month.

Dearness Allowance is payable additionally as applicable and pay may increase with career progression.

Accuracy Note: The official notification describes ₹26,900 as the starting gross emoluments including MSP. It should therefore not automatically be presented as “₹26,900 basic pay + MSP” unless a newer official IAF document specifically provides such a breakup.

Allowances and Benefits

In addition to pay, eligible Airmen may receive allowances and facilities according to Government and IAF rules, including:

- **Dearness Allowance**
- **Transport Allowance**
- **House Rent Allowance where applicable**
- **Composite Personal Maintenance Allowance**
- **Leave Ration Allowance**
- **Children Education Allowance**
- **Ration**
- **Clothing**
- **Medical facilities**
- **Accommodation**
- **CSD facilities**
- **Recreational facilities**

- **Leave Travel Concession**
- **Group insurance**
- **Group housing facilities**

The current terms also mention 60 days of annual leave and 30 days of casual leave in a calendar year as a privilege, subject to service requirements.

Air Force Medical Assistant Job Profile

An IAF Medical Assistant may perform duties such as:

Nursing Support: Assisting in basic nursing and patient-care activities.

First Aid: Providing first-aid support and assisting during medical emergencies.

Dispensary Duties: Supporting the operation of Air Force dispensaries and healthcare units.

Medical Store Management: Handling and assisting in the management of medicines, medical supplies and stores.

Ward Supervision: Supporting ward-related activities and patient management.

Military Duties: Performing additional duties assigned by Air Force authorities according to organisational requirements.

It is therefore a military healthcare-support career, not simply a civilian hospital or pharmacist position.

Training and Service Tenure

Under the current terms, selected candidates first undergo Joint Basic Phase Training (JBPT) followed by trade-specific training.

Training can be terminated if a trainee fails to achieve the prescribed standards in areas such as:

- **Academics**
- **Professional training**
- **Physical fitness**
- **Discipline**

- **Medical fitness**

The latest published terms provide for an initial enrolment period of 20 years, subject to service conditions, which may be extended up to the prescribed age under applicable rules.

Is Air Force Medical Assistant an Agniveervayu Post?

No.

The current Medical Assistant Airmen notification specifically clarifies that the selection test is not for Agniveervayu. It is an Airmen Group 'Y' Medical Assistant trade entry under the terms specified by the IAF.

This distinction is especially important because the tenure, salary structure and service conditions should not be copied from Agniveervayu articles.

Is NEET Required for Air Force Medical Assistant?

Under the current Air Force Medical Assistant eligibility and selection scheme, NEET is not listed as a requirement.

Candidates qualify through the educational criteria prescribed by the IAF and the Air Force's own selection process consisting of the online examination, physical fitness, adaptability and medical stages.

Is There a Separate Pharmacy or Biology Paper?

Under the current Phase-I examination pattern, there is no separately listed Pharmacy or Biology paper.

The official notification specifies:

English + Reasoning & General Awareness (RAGA).

PCB and pharmacy qualifications are important for eligibility, but candidates should not assume that a dedicated D.Pharm/B.Pharm or Biology subject paper is part of Phase I unless a future official syllabus explicitly introduces one.

Preparation Tips for Air Force Medical Assistant

A balanced preparation strategy is essential because candidates have to clear both the academic test and physical stages.

For the written examination, candidates should build strong English grammar and vocabulary, practise RAGA questions regularly, revise elementary arithmetic and stay updated with current affairs and general science.

For the PFT, candidates should gradually train for the 1.6 km run and practise push-ups, sit-ups and squats with correct technique. Physical preparation should begin early rather than after the written examination.

Candidates should also take medical fitness seriously and read the official IAF medical standards before applying, particularly if they have concerns related to eyesight, dental fitness, height, hearing or previous corrective eye surgery.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What qualification is required for Air Force Medical Assistant?

The standard route requires 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English, with the prescribed percentage. A separate pharmacy-qualified route exists for eligible Diploma/B.Pharm/B.Sc Pharmacy candidates.

2. Can D.Pharm students join the Air Force Medical Assistant trade?

Yes, provided they meet the prescribed 10+2 PCB-English criteria, pharmacy percentage, registration, age, physical and medical requirements.

3. Can B.Pharm students apply?

Yes. B.Pharm is included in the latest published pharmacy-route qualifications.

4. What is the Air Force Medical Assistant exam syllabus?

The Phase-I examination comprises English at 10+2 CBSE level and Reasoning & General Awareness (RAGA).

5. What is the exam duration?

The current Phase-I online test duration is 45 minutes.

6. Is there negative marking?

Yes. Under the current scheme, 0.25 mark is deducted for each wrong answer.

7. What is the minimum height?

The current minimum height for Medical Assistant/Medical Assistant (Pharmacist) is 152 cm.

8. What is the salary during training?

The currently published training stipend is ₹14,600 per month.

9. What is the starting salary after training?

The IAF currently states starting gross emoluments of ₹26,900 per month at the minimum of the scale, including MSP, with DA and other admissible allowances additionally applicable.

10. Is Medical Assistant the same as Agniveervayu?

No. The latest notification expressly identifies this as an Airmen Group 'Y' Medical Assistant entry and not Agniveervayu.

Conclusion

The Indian Air Force Medical Assistant trade offers candidates from a PCB background—and eligible pharmacy-qualified candidates—an opportunity to work in a specialised military healthcare-support role. The job combines medical responsibilities such as nursing, first aid, dispensary work and medical-store management with the discipline and service requirements of the Indian Air Force.

Candidates preparing for this career should focus equally on English, RAGA, physical fitness and medical standards. They should also remember that age blocks, marital-status conditions, selection schedules and other administrative requirements are intake-specific.

Official Information Disclaimer

This is an educational/common guide and not a recruitment advertisement or vacancy notification. It has been prepared using the currently published Indian Air Force Medical Assistant Airmen framework. The IAF states that terms and conditions are subject to Government orders and may be changed when required.

For the latest notification, detailed syllabus, model question papers and medical standards, candidates should use the official CASB Airmen portal