

## Chapter 9 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN DEFENCE SERVICES

A career in the armed forces is a very important, honourable and satisfying experience in serving the nation.

Selection and entry into the armed forces can be broadly done at three stages:-

- (1) Firstly, after qualifying in the Secondary School Certificate Examination. (SSC)
- (2) Secondly, after qualifying in the Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination. (HSC)
- (3) Thirdly, after acquiring a Bachelor Degree from any recognized university.

### Career Levels For Recruitment:

The various levels or grades for careers is as follows:-

- (1) **Class I** - 1 - Gazetted Officers.
- (2) **Class II** - 2 - or Group B (Gazetted).
- (3) **Class III** - 2 - or Group B (Non-Gazetted).
- (4) **Class IV** - 3 - or Group C.
- (5) **Class V** - or Group D, these are manual workers (skilled or semi-skilled).

### Basic Parameters for Recruitment:

- **Age Restrictions** - As per laid down Rules and Regulations.
- **Physical Qualitative Requirements** - minimum height, weight, chest as per laid down Rules and Regulations.
- **Medical fitness** - As per laid down Rules and Regulations.
- **Education Qualification** - As per laid down Rules and Regulations.

### Career opportunities for ladies in Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces.

- **The Armed Forces** : After receiving degree from university ladies have opportunity to work as class 1 - Gazetted officer in Armed Forces.
- **Paramilitary Forces** : Opportunities for ladies are available In CRPF, BSF and ITBP at officer group or below that group.

## How to Apply :

For details of basic parameters and to learn how to apply for career in the armed forces at various levels please refer to the following websites:-

- Army - <http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in>
- Navy - <http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in>
- Air Forces - <http://www.careerairforce.nic.in>  
<https://airmenselection.gov.in>
- Border Security Force - <http://bsf.nic.in>
- Central Reserve Police Force - <http://crpf.nic.in>
- Indo Tibetan Border Police - <http://recruitmentitbpolice.nic.in>
- Sashastra Seema Bal - <http://www.ssb.nic.in>
- CISF - <http://www.cisf.gov.in>
- Assam Rifles - <http://www.assamrifles.gov.in>

Besides these we can get information from weekly 'Employment News' newspaper.



