
12. Admissions to MDS Courses at Armed Forces Medical Services Institutions and for SSC entry in Army Dental Corps

12.1. Admission to the under mentioned Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) training institutes is open to eligible candidates:

- i) Armed Forces Medical College, Pune
- ii) Army Dental Centre, Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt

12.2. The candidates shall be considered for admission to the above-mentioned AFMS institutions under the following categories, in the order of precedence

- i) Priority-I (Serving Army Dental Corps Officers as applicable vide Training Rules-2020 for AD Corps Officers promulgated by the DGAFMS)
- ii) Priority-II (Foreign candidates)
- iii) Priority-III (Para Mil/other Govt. of India sponsored candidates)
- iv) Priority-IV (Ex-SSC AD Corps Officers)
- v) Priority-V (Civilian Dental Surgeons)

12.3. FOR GRANT OF SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS: As per Govt. of India policy on the subject, all the desirous candidates have to appear for NEET-MDS. This includes BDS as well as MDS candidates. NEET-MDS marks shall be used for short-listing of candidates for interview and further selection process will be conducted by the DGAFMS/ Army Dental Corps.

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- 12.4. At the time of online submission of application form for NEET-MDS 2022, the candidates will have to select the option “YES” to “*Are you willing to take up post graduate courses in institution/hospital of Armed Forces Medical Services*”. Thereafter, they will have to indicate their category as mentioned in **Para 12.2**
- 12.5. At the time of online submission of application form for NEET-MDS 2022, if the candidates are willing to opt for Short Service Commission in Army Dental Corps, they will have to select “Yes” to “*Are you willing to opt for Short Service Commission (SSC) in Army Dental Corps?*”
- 12.6. The Dental PG Courses at AFMS training Institutes are reserved for Priority-I & Priority-II candidates. However, any seat remaining vacant after fulfilling the AFMS requirement of seats to Priority-I & Priority-II candidates (balance of seats), shall be taken up for Priority III, IV & V candidates in that order. The counseling for these seats will be by DGHS through DGAFMS/ AD Corps. It is also likely that no seat may be available for some of the prioritized categories, if the same have been allotted to candidates higher in priority and merit.
- 12.7. Candidates should preserve the Score & admit cards of NEET-MDS 2022, which are required to be produced during counseling to be conducted for admission to Post Graduate courses in their respective categories & for Grant of SSC in Army Dental Corps. The dates of which will be notified separately, at a later date by Army Dental Corps.
- 12.8. Priority-IV candidates only: Ex-SSC AD Corps Officers released from service after completion of contractual service and within three years after their release from service and SSC AD Corps Officers in their last year of contractual service are also eligible to apply for this category such that:

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- i) The date of release should not be before **01 May 2019** or **after 30 Apr 2022** for the session starting in May 2022 (both dates inclusive).
 - ii) SSC AD Corps officers in the last year of contractual service and still not released from service on the day of examination must have had the explicit permission of the DGAFMS for appearing in the written entrance examination (NEET-MDS 2022)
 - iii) For further details of terms & conditions, candidates are requested to refer the Info Bulletin on the subject by DGAFMS/Army Dental Corps, as & when the same is notified.

12.9. Officers who have resigned their commission/dismissed/removed from service/ not completed their contractual service are NOT eligible under this category. Such officers are also not eligible as Priority-V candidates.

12.10. **MERIT LIST:** A separate merit list of categories 'PG in AFMS Institutions' and 'Grant of Short Service Commission in Army Dental Corps' shall be provided to the Directorate General of Dental services for admission to Armed Forces institutions.

12.11. ALLOTMENT OF SEATS AND RESERVATION:

12.11.1. A separate handbook informing details of the counseling process and applicable reservation shall be released by the designated counseling authority for NEET-MDS 2022.

12.11.2. The designated Counseling Authority i.e. Medical Counseling Committee (MCC) will do only Registration part of AFMS counseling, The further merit based allotment of seats and physical test will be conducted by DGAFMS. Candidates are advised to be familiar with the terms & conditions of physical fitness test conducted by AFMS and visit AFMS website for further information in this regard.