



IndiGo Cadet Program

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Application and selection

1. Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 18-32* years on Stage 1 of the testing/selection process
 - * *A candidate becomes ineligible after reaching the age of 32.*
- Indian National or OCI holder
- Minimum Academic Qualification – 10+2 with at least 51% in each English, Maths and Physics

Note: The eligibility criteria for Maths and/or Physics can be overlooked if someone holds a Higher Education Degree in those subjects with 51% and above, an Engineering Degree or B.Tech (4 year program) with 51% and above.

- Fluent in English, both written and verbal
- Eligible to hold an Australian Visa for the purposes of study
- Hold or eligible to hold, an Indian passport with the unrestricted right to live and work in India and travel worldwide
- Physically fit and healthy.

Note: You will be required to hold both an Indian (DGCA) Class 1 aviation medical prior to LOI and after starting on course, an Australian (CASA) Class 1 aviation medical with no limitations. A stable body mass index (BMI) of less than 30 is required.

A minimum of an Indian (DGCA) Class II aviation medical will be required to attend the selection process, therefore, DGCA Class II is required for FTA to accept your application.

A Class I aviation medical is required prior to IndiGo LOI or you will not be able to start on course, it is recommended that candidates complete the Class I as early as possible. Please advise FTA of any updates after application.

- Eligibility with regard to your testing history
 - The IndiGo Cadet Pilot Program has guidelines that apply to all FTO's involved. These guidelines dictate cooling off periods and maximum attempts that apply to candidates regardless of which FTO they choose to apply with, the following is a brief summary:
 - Stage 1 (Written tests/PILAPT/CASS/CUT-E)
 - Maximum of 2 attempts (total all FTOs)
 - FTA may offer a second attempt - minimum 3 months
 - Attempt with another FTO – minimum 3 months

- Stage 2 (Group Activity)
 - Maximum of 2 attempts (total all FTO's)
 - Second attempt allowed with the same FTO without delay.

- Stage 3 (Personal Interview)
 - Maximum of 2 Attempts (total all FTOs)
 - Second attempt allowed – minimum 3 months
 - Minimum 3 months to change to another FTO – Start Stage 1

2. I do not meet the minimum academic qualification, what can I do?

If you do not meet this requirement, you can pursue these subjects via the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). NIOS results are acceptable.

3. I have not turned 18 yet and/or have not got my 10+2 results yet, can I still apply?

If you are 17 and/or in your final year but have not received your 10+2 results yet, we will accept your application. You cannot be tested until you meet the eligibility criteria, but we will register your interest for a later date.

4. Do I need a valid passport?

Yes. Not required to commence the selection process, but it is a requirement to commence training in Australia

5. I already hold a pilot's licence, can I apply?

This is an ab initio program designed for those with little to no flying experience. Current licence holders are not eligible for this program.

6. What happens after I apply?

FTA will process your application and advise if you are eligible to be considered for the first stage of testing or not. This process will generally occur within 7 working days of application.

If your application is accepted FTA will offer you the next available testing date immediately. If testing dates are not immediately available, your application will be kept on hold waiting confirmation of the next testing dates. Generally FTA will test every 2-3 months.

7. What does the selection process involve?

All 3 stages of the FTA/IndiGo testing and selection process occur in the same location, Gurgaon-Delhi.

All Stage 1 testing will occur on the same day.

Normally Stage 2 and 3 will occur on a single day but can be split over two days if preferred by IndiGo.

Stage 1 – Written tests and PILAPT

Candidates will take three multiple choice written tests covering English, Physics and Maths subjects. FTA does not provide a syllabus or sample questions to any candidate for these tests.

If successful you will advance to PILAPT, a computer based pilot aptitude test. Please refer to the FAQ “How do I prepare for PILAPT” Successful candidates will also take a computer based personality assessment at this point.

Stage 2 – Group Activity

If you are successful in Stage 1, you will be invited to the group activity/interview process with IndiGo. These stages are facilitated by FTA but conducted by IndiGo. Interviews are generally scheduled 2-3 weeks following Stage 1 dependent upon IndiGo staff availability.

The group activity consists of various group exercises with other successful candidates. IndiGo Flight Operations and Human Resources staff will be present at these stages.

Stage 3 – Personal Interview

If you are successful through the group activity you will move on to a personal interview.

8. What is the testing fee?

FTA does not charge a fee for the testing and selection process. If you are travelling to Delhi for testing, travel, accommodation and other expenses are at your own cost.

9. How can I prepare for PILAPT?

It is best not to prepare for the PILAPT test. This test was designed to identify whether you have the appropriate aptitude to successfully complete your course of training with FTA.

The consequence of practising for the test is a misleading PILAPT result if you are selected to attend the course, which will increase your risk of failing the course.

10. When is FTA testing next?

Testing dates are not fixed.

The next testing date is always dependent upon the results of the previous selection round.

This ensures we have the right number of students required on course.

FTA will generally conduct testing every 2-3 months. Future dates are published on the FTA IndiGo webpage.

When you apply, you are always applying for the next round of testing

11. What happens if I have a confirmed testing slot and I don't appear?

If you have a confirmed booking to test and you do not appear, you will be not eligible to test with FTA at any time in the future.

We will accept cancellation up to 72 hours prior to testing without penalty.

12. I have already completed the DGCA Flight Crew Examinations, can I still apply?

Yes, if you have already completed these exams you will not be disadvantaged in the application process. A fee reduction may be applicable under certain circumstances, this is reviewed on a case by case basis.

After Selection

13. What are the agreements involved?

The following three agreements apply:

- Between the training provider and IndiGo; this is the TSA.
- Between the candidate and IndiGo HR, whereby the candidate agrees to join IndiGo after completion of the program and work for a minimum period of 5 years + with their 'sureties' and UDC.
- Between the cadet and the training provider.

14. Do I sign a bond with IndiGo?

IndiGo does not sign a bond with the candidate, instead it is called a training agreement which will be for 5 years from the time a candidate joins IndiGo as a Junior First Officer.

15. When do I submit the undated cheque of 30 lakhs (UDC)?

This is part of the agreement with IndiGo, the candidate will need to submit an undated cheque of 30 lacs, which could be encashed by IndiGo if the candidate does not complete 5 years with IndiGo.

16. Is the job guaranteed?

All candidates that successfully complete the course are absorbed in IndiGo as Junior First Officers.

17. What are the payment schedules for the IndiGo Cadet Program?

Please click below to see the current Payment Schedule.

[IndiGo Payment Schedule](#)

18. Which class of medical certification should I have before the course starts? *

Prior to signing of the LOI with IndiGo, you must be in possession of a valid Indian DGCA Class 1 medical certificate with no limitations. * *

Please see list of approved DGCA medical centres [here](#)

Prior to the flying component of your CPL course in Australia, you will be required to hold a valid CASA Class 1 medical certificate. FTA will organise the Class 1 medical examination on your arrival at FTA's facilities.

** Please note that cost of the Indian Class 1 medical certificate is at your own expense. Cost of attaining the CASA Class 1 medical certificate, and renewal prior to licence conversion, is included in your course price.*

*** A stable BMI of less than 30 is required. Cadets are recommended to remain within the globally recognised BMI range of 18 to 25 (normal weight category).*

On Course

19. Will I need to stay at the FTA campus?

Yes, it is an IndiGo requirement that students stay in the FTA provided accommodation for the full duration of training delivered in Australia.

20. Are meals included in the course cost?

Yes, meals are included for the duration of the course.

Please click [here](#) for all inclusions.

21. Are flights included in the course cost?

The following flights are included in the course price and. FTA will arrange these flights on your behalf.

1 X India - Australia for commencement of Phase 2

1 X Australia – India – Australia on completion of Phase 2

1 X Domestic Australia flight for commencement of Phase 4

1 X Australia – India on completion of Phase 4

Please click [here](#) for all inclusions.

22. Where is the licence conversion done?

Phase 1 DGCA ground theory and Phase 3 licence conversion will be conducted in India with FTA's approved providers.

23. Can my training be terminated once I start a course?

Yes. Employment in a professional aviation career is subject to an ongoing training and assessment process. Selection to commence a course is no guarantee of successful completion. Optimising chances of success will rely on personal dedication and application to study to complement the training provided. Remedial training may be considered if an individual's progress is not to the standard required.

Termination may also occur should a cadet fail to conduct themselves to the standards set by FTA and IndiGo.

24. Are there any additional training costs?

The course price allows for the minimum number of flying hours set in the DGCA regulations. Historically, we have seen that some cadets meet the competencies required to achieve the qualification within the allocated number of hours, therefore no additional training costs have been incurred.

There have been instances where cadets have required a number of hours over and above those stipulated in the syllabus, and as a result they have incurred some additional training fees.

In general we have found that cadets require an average of 10 – 15 additional flying hours, some more and some less.

For budgeting purposes, we would suggest that you plan for some additional funding to cover this possibility.

25. Are there any additional non-training costs?

The following costs are not included in the course price:

- DGCA medicals
- Australian Student Visa
- Travel to Phase 1 (DGCA ground theory module) from your home to the training centre