

# RAISE YOUR ASVAB SCORE

## Study Guides

On the exam, you'll find subtests in the areas of general science, arithmetic reasoning, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto information, shop information and mechanical comprehension. ASVAB study guides cover each of the subtests, including the Armed Forces Qualification Test, that will determine your eligibility for enlistment. Along with review information, the study guides give you an idea of how the questions are set up and how much time you'll have for each section. There will also be some practice questions to help prepare you.

## Take Practice Tests

Familiarizing yourself with the test and how it's set up can also help you succeed and the best way to do this is by taking several ASVAB practice exams. Practice tests help prepare you for the real thing, as the content and question layout is similar. Additionally, taking a few practice exams throughout your preparation process will show you areas the you need to work on. For instance, if you've scored low in mathematics knowledge on the practice test, you can devote more study time to math.

## Make a Study Schedule

Using your practice test results, you can rank the subtests in order from your weakest to your strongest area. Then you can spend about an hour per day, five days per week, studying these areas. For example, if you scored lowest on arithmetic reasoning on the practice test, you can devote the majority of your study time for one night on that. The next night, you can spend most of your time focusing on the second-lowest area. Spend one day a week reviewing everything and take a break once a week.

## ASVAB Format

Getting familiar with the ASVAB format is another important preparation tool to avoid surprises on test day. All questions are in a multiple choice format, with four possible answers for each question. Some questions are standard multiple choice, with the question stated and answers following. Others require you to use reading comprehension skills, as the question is preceded by a paragraph and you have to pick out a specific detail from what you read. Be sure to read all the answers carefully, because once you select a response it cannot be changed. In all, it will take about an hour and a half to complete, with a time limit for each subtest, ranging from five to 39 minutes.

Each branch of the U.S. military has its own minimum standards when it comes to the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores and education levels needed to qualify for enlistment. As of 2018, these are the standards for each of the services for scoring on the ASVAB as well as education levels.

### **Air Force ASVAB and Education Requirements**

Air Force recruits must score at least 36 points the 99-point [ASVAB](#). The overall ASVAB score is known as the [AFQT score](#), or Armed Forces Qualification Test score. Exceptions may be made, however, for a handful of high school graduates who can score as low as 31. The vast majority, some 70 percent, of those accepted for an Air Force enlistment achieve a score of 50 or above.

### **Army ASVAB and Education Requirements**

The Army requires a minimum AFQT Score of 31 to qualify for enlistment. To qualify for certain enlistment incentives, such as enlistment bonuses, an Army recruit must score a minimum of 50.

### **Marine Corps ASVAB and Education Requirements**

Marine Corps recruits must score at least 32 on the ASVAB. Very few exceptions are made (about one percent) for some otherwise qualified recruits (exceptionally qualified, that is) with scores as low as 25.

### **Navy ASVAB and Education Requirements**

Navy recruits must score at least 35 on the AFQT. Reserve enlistment programs only require a score of 31. Like the Air Force, the Navy accepts few recruits who don't have a high school diploma.

### **Coast Guard ASVAB and Education Requirements**

The Coast Guard requires a minimum of 40 points on the AFQT. A waiver is possible if a recruit's ASVAB line scores qualify them for a specific job, and the recruit is willing to enlist in that job.

