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How to Interpret the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (or ASVAB) Scores

Sophomores: to determine military jobs you qualify for based upon the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (or ASVAB) scores, access the Missouri Connections website. You can either click on the link below . . .

<http://www.missouriconnections.org/materials/portal/home.html>

or access the Missouri Connections website by going to the Ballard R-II Homepage at

<http://www.ballardr2.net/> then, click-on the Missouri Connections icon on the right of the page.

Note: students are not required to log-in to the Missouri Connections Website in order to access the military job search features.

Once at the Missouri Connections website click on the green, "College Learn More Button," scroll down to "Preparing for College," select the link for "ASVAB scores and military jobs."

Your ASVAB scores determine what jobs you will qualify for in the military. Before you embarrass yourself though, you should know that a job in the Army and the Marine Corps is called an "MOS" - short for "Military Occupational Specialty." In the Air Force, jobs are called "AFSC" - short for "Air Force Specialty Code." In the Navy and Coast Guard, jobs are called "ratings," or "rate" for short. Check the links below to see which jobs you will qualify for.

Note: The data listed here is subject to change and is only an example of how ASVAB Scores are related to job selection for each the service branches listed below.

Air Force Jobs: Minimum ASVAB Scores

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-and-air-force-jobs.html>

Army Jobs: Minimum ASVAB Scores

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-and-army-jobs.html>

Marine Corps Jobs: Minimum ASVAB Scores

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-and-marine-corps-jobs.html>

Navy: Minimum ASVAB Scores

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab-and-navy-mos-jobs.html>

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. **As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success.** The ASVAB also provides you with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career.

Your ASVAB Score can be Critical:

ASVAB test scores are broken down by the individual sub-tests and composites of the sub-tests. One of the most critical of these scores is the Armed Forces Qualification Test, which is used to determine if you are qualified to join the military service. Each service determines the qualification **AFQT** score for enlisting in their service.

The AFQT is comprised of your test results in Arithmetic Reasoning (AR), Math Knowledge (MK), and Verbal Composite (VE) x 2. Your Verbal Composite score is a combination of your Word Knowledge and Paragraph Comprehension scores. Check out the following AFQT qualifying scores for each branch of service.

Service Branch	Required AFQT Score*
Army	31
Navy	35
Marines	31
Air Force	36
Coast Guard	45

* These scores are subject to change without notice.

In addition, your scores on the other ASVAB composite tests will determine your career field or military occupation eligibility. *Since enlistment bonuses are usually tied to your choice of occupations, the better the score, the more opportunities you have.* But keep in mind, it is impossible to literally "ace" the ASVAB, so your goal should be to simply do your best.

TIP: Be sure you are ready before you take the ASVAB -- use the Military.com ASVAB practice tests to find the areas you may need to work on. In addition you can read about ASVAB study techniques.

Three Versions of the ASVAB:

There are three distinctly different versions or formats of the ASVAB; the CAT-ASVAB (computer adaptive test), the MET-site ASVAB, and the Student ASVAB. Each ASVAB has different benefits and limitations. Many potential military recruits take the CAT-ASVAB.

Source: *ASVAB Test Explained*, <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-test-explained.html?comp=7000023459245&rank=5> Accessed on 02/09/2015.