

What GT, ST, and EL Actually Mean

AFQT gets you in the door. Line scores (composite scores) decide which specific jobs you qualify for — and every branch computes them differently from the same ten ASVAB subtests. This card decodes the formulas your recruiter reads off a printout but rarely explains.

AFQT (ENLISTMENT ELIGIBILITY)

2×VE + AR + MK (VE = WK + PC)

VERBAL EXPRESSION (VE)

WK + PC

CURRENT SUBTESTS

GS	General Science	Life, earth, space, and physical science.
AR	Arithmetic Reasoning	Word problems / applied math. Feeds AFQT.
WK	Word Knowledge	Vocabulary. Half of Verbal Expression (VE).
PC	Paragraph Comprehension	Reading comprehension. The other half of VE.
MK	Mathematics Knowledge	Algebra and geometry. Feeds AFQT.
EI	Electronics Information	Circuits, current, electrical systems.
AS	Auto & Shop Information	Cars, tools, shop practices.
MC	Mechanical Comprehension	Mechanical principles, physics of machines.
A0	Assembling Objects	Spatial reasoning. Does not feed AFQT.

LEGACY SUBTESTS

NOT ON MODERN CAT-ASVAB

CS	Coding Speed	Legacy — not on the modern CAT-ASVAB.
NO	Numerical Operations	Legacy — not on the modern CAT-ASVAB.

Some older Army composite formulas (Combat, Operators & Food) still reference CS/NO from the legacy paper ASVAB. If your test didn't score those subtests, that formula runs on the subtests you do have — check the live calculator for how HonestMOS handles it.

ARMY

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CODE	NAME	FORMULA	JOBS	RANGE	EXAMPLE CATEGORIES
ST	Skilled Technical	VE + MK + GS + MC	48	91–112	Aviation, Chemical, Cyber, Engineer...
MM	Mechanical Maintenance	AS + MC + EI	27	88–104	Air Defense Artillery, Aviation, Ordnance, Transportation...
EL	Electronics	GS + AR + MK + EI	19	93–112	Aviation, Engineer, Field Artillery, Medical...
GT	General Technical	VE + AR	14	90–110	Air Defense Artillery, Aviation, Civil Affairs, Engineer...
CL	Clerical	VE + AR	12	90–101	Adjutant General, Chaplain, Finance, Medical...
CO	Combat <i>Uses legacy CS subtest</i>	AR + CS + AS	12	87–100	Armor, Engineer, Infantry, Special Forces...
OF	Operators & Food <i>Uses legacy CS + NO subtests</i>	VE + NO + MC + CS	8	85–90	Engineer, Quartermaster, Transportation...
FA	Field Artillery	AR + MK + GS	5	93–96	Field Artillery...
GM	General Maintenance	GS + AS + MK + EI	1	88–88	Quartermaster...

MARINE CORPS

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CODE	NAME	FORMULA	JOBS	RANGE	EXAMPLE CATEGORIES
GT	General Technical	VE + AR	48	80–110	Air Command and Control, Air Defense, Airfield Services, Artillery...
MM	Mechanical Maintenance	AS + MC + EI	46	85–105	Aircraft Maintenance, Aviation, Engineer/Utilities, Engineering...
EL	Electronics	GS + AR + MK + EI	28	100–110	Air Command and Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Airfield Services, Aviation...
CL	Clerical	VE + AR	16	90–100	Administration, Aviation, Community Services, Finance...

AIR FORCE

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CODE	NAME	FORMULA	JOBS	RANGE	EXAMPLE CATEGORIES
G	General	VE + AR	48	24–72	Aircrew, Civil Engineering, Command and Control, Cyber...
M	Mechanical	MC + AS + GS	27	40–60	Aviation Support, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering/EOD, Logistics...
A	Administrative	VE + AR + MK	16	41–56	Aircrew, Chaplain Corps, Civil Engineering, Command and Control...
E	Electronic	GS + AR + MK + EI	15	47–60	Aircrew, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering/EOD, Communications...

Navy & Coast Guard: No Named List

Army, Marines, and Air Force each work from a short list of named composites (GT, ST, MAGE, etc.). Navy and Coast Guard don't — each rating's score is its own custom sum of raw subtests, with no catchy abbreviation. These are real, representative formulas pulled from active ratings — not an exhaustive list.

NAVY

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FORMULA (RAW SUBTESTS)	JOB	RANGE SEEN
AR + MK + EI + GS	20	201-222
VE + AR + MK + AS	12	175-210
VE + AR	7	89-110
VE + AR + MK + GS	6	200-212
AR + VE	4	100-109
AR + MC + AS	3	145-162

COAST GUARD

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FORMULA (RAW SUBTESTS)	JOB	RANGE SEEN
AR + MK + EI + GS	6	209-222
VE + AR	3	105-109
VE + AR + MK + AS	2	195-195
AR + VE	1	105-105
MK + EI + GS	1	172-172
VE + AR + MK + GS	1	209-209