

CAREERS 360

PREPARATION Series

CDS Salary



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Introduction

UPSC conducts the CDS exam every year in two sessions for various posts. The commission provides CDS salary details in the notification. Those who join as Lieutenants through the [CDS exam](#) can expect a monthly CDS salary from Rs.56,100 to Rs. 1,77, 500. The CDS salary structure varies based on the officer's rank. The shortlisted candidates in the CDS exam will have to undergo a training period. The CDS training period salary is a fixed stipend of Rs. 56,100 per month for officers in the Army, Navy or similar positions. In this ebook, candidates can check the detailed CDS salary information and others.

CDS Pay Scale & Post-Wise Salary

The CDS salary is various based on the ranks. From the below table, candidates can check the CDS pay scale post-wise.

CDS Ranks	Levels	Pay scale	Military Service Pay
Lieutenant	Level 10	Rs 56,100 - Rs 1,77,500	Rs 15,500
Captain	Level 10 B	Rs 61,300 - Rs 1,93,900	Rs 15,500
Major	Level 11	Rs 69,400 - Rs 2,07,200	Rs 15,500
Lt Colonel	Level 12 A	Rs 1,21,200 - Rs 2,12,400	Rs 15,500
Colonel	Level 13	Rs 1,30,600 - Rs 2,15,900	Rs 15,500
Brigadier	Level 13 A	Rs 1,39,600 - Rs 2,17,600	Rs 15,500
Major General	Level 14	Rs 1,44,200 - Rs 2,18,200	-
Lieutenant General	Level 15	Rs 1,82,200 - Rs 2,24,100	-
HAG+Scale	Level 16	Rs 2,05,400 – Rs 2,24,400	-
VCOAS/Army Cdr/ Lieutenant General (NFSG)	Level 17	Rs 2,25,000 (fixed)	-
COAS	Level 18	Rs 2,50,000 (fixed)	-

Also read:

- [CDS eligibility](#)
- [CDS exam pattern](#)

CDS Training Period Salary

Candidates will have to undergo a training period. For that, they will get a CDS training period salary. The training period stipend is fixed.

Component	CDS Training Period Salary
Basic Pay	Fixed stipend of INR 56,100 per month
Pay Level	Level 10
Allowances	None
Commission Service	Not counted as commission service

CDS General Salary

Those who complete their training period are considered permanent. After completing the training period, they are entitled to a CDS general salary. The CDS pay scale is different from level to level.

Component	CDS General Salary
Basic Pay	Ranges from Rs. 56,100 to INR 1,77,500 per month
Pay Level	Varies depending on the rank and pay level
Allowances	Includes grade pay, allowances, and other benefits. Allowances are cover other expenses such as housing, medical, and travel
Commission Service	Commission service starts after the training period

CDS Perks and Allowances

Apart from the CDS salary, they are entitled to various perks and allowances. From the following table, the CDS perks and allowances are provided.

CDS Allowance	Amount
Qualification Grant	Order is yet to be issued by MoD
Flying Allowance	Rs. 25,000 per month
Dearness Allowance	The same rate applies to civilian personnel from time to time
Kit Maintenance Allowance	Rs. 20,000 per year
Field Area Allowance	Lieutenant and above ranks with level 10 and above are eligible for the below allowances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly Active Field Area Allowance: Rs. 16,900 per month Field Area Allowance: Rs. 10,500 per month Modified Field Area Allowance: Rs. 6,300 per month
High Altitude Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAT I - Rs. 3,400 per month CAT II - Rs. 5,300 per month CAT III - Rs. 25,000 per month
Siachen Allowance	Rs. 42,500 per month
Uniform Allowance	Rs. 20,000 per year
Transport Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher TPTA cities: Rs. 7200 + DA per month Officers of NDA in Pay Level 14 and above Rs. 15,750 + DA per month Officers working in level 9 or above: Rs. 3600 + DA per month Physically disabled service personnel: Rs. 2,250/ + Dearness Allowances
Children Education Allowance	Rs. 2250 per month
House Rent Allowance	10-30% of Basic Pay Pay Band + Grade Pay + MSP
Special Forces Allowance	Rs. 1200 per month
Parachute Pay	Rs. 9000 per month
Free Ration	Entitled to free ration

Also read:

- [CDS syllabus](#)
- [CDS selection process](#)

Formula for CDS salary calculation

The CDS officers' salary ranges from Rs 56,100 to Rs 2,50,000 per month. They are also entitled to numerous perks and benefits as per their ranks. The CDS salary calculation formula is mentioned below:

CDS salary calculation formula

Total Salary = Basic Pay + Grade Pay + Allowance + Other benefits

CDS Job Profile - Officer Promotions and Career Growth

Career growth in CDS IMA and INA

Ranks	Time scale
Lieutenant	After completing training
Captain	2 years of commissioned service
Major	6 years of commissioned service
Lieutenant Colonel	13 years of commissioned service
Colonel (TS)	26 years of commissioned service
Colonel	15 years of commissioned service
Brigadier	23 years of commissioned service
Major General	25 years of commissioned service
Lieutenant General	28 years of commissioned service
General	No restrictions

Career growth in CDS AFA

CDS Rank – AFA	Promotion by time scale
Flying Officer	On Commission
Flight Lieutenant	2 Years of commissioned service
Squadron Leader	6 years of commissioned service
Wing Commander	13 years of commissioned service
Group Captain	26 years of commissioned service
Air Commodore	-

Air Vice Marshal	-
Air Chief Marshal HAG Scale	-
Air Chief Marshal Apex Scale	-
Air Chief Marshal	-

Career growth in CDS OTA

CDS Rank – OTA	Promotion by time scale
Captain	On completion of 2 years of commissioned service
Major	On completion of 6 years of commissioned service.
Lieutenant Colonel	On completion of 13 years of commissioned service.

Also read:

- [How to prepare for CDS](#)
- [Best Books for CDS](#)