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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

The Intelligence Bureau is the country's internal intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs, and Assistant Central Intelligence Officer Grade-II is its direct-recruitment entry post. The qualification is a degree in any discipline plus a knowledge of computers – no subject is required. The post sits at pay Level 7, so the basic pay begins at ₹44,900 and runs to ₹1,42,400, higher than most graduate-entry posts on this portal. The recruitment is large – 3717 posts in the 2025 advertisement – and selection has three stages: an objective Tier-I, a descriptive Tier-II and an interview. The work is by its nature confidential, so little about it is public; applications are made only through the Ministry of Home Affairs website.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Graduation or its equivalent in any discipline from a recognised university, together with a knowledge of computers
Recruiting body	Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India – applications only through mha.gov.in or ncs.gov.in
Pay level	Level 7 of the 7th CPC pay matrix (₹44,900 – ₹1,42,400), plus admissible Central Government allowances
Selection	Three stages – Tier-I (objective), Tier-II (descriptive) and Tier-III (interview)
Source status	Of the figures on this page only the pay Level 7 is confirmed from the Ministry's own circular. The vacancy count, the age band and the mark scheme come from secondary sources – see the Exams section below

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in national security and internal intelligence work
- The ability to work with confidentiality and discipline
- Gathering information, connecting it and drawing conclusions

ABILITIES

- Logical reasoning — a large part of Tier-I
- General awareness and a steady grip on current affairs
- Verbal ability — Tier-II is wholly descriptive, with an essay and English comprehension

KEY SKILLS

- Collecting, verifying and analysing information
- Use of computers — this is part of the qualification itself
- Report writing, which is a large part of this work
- Keeping confidence, and staying composed under pressure

4 How to get there

- 1 Take a degree in any discipline — Arts, Commerce, Science, Agriculture, any. There is no minimum percentage condition here.
- 2 A working knowledge of computers is required; it can be picked up in any ordinary course or at a common service centre.
- 3 Practise reasoning, numerical aptitude, English and current affairs steadily — Tier-I is made of these and it is the gate to everything after.
- 4 Prepare separately for Tier-II. It is descriptive, and a candidate who has practised only multiple-choice questions stops there.
- 5 Applications are made only through the Ministry of Home Affairs website (mha.gov.in) or the National Career Service portal (ncs.gov.in). Treat an advertisement arriving by any other route with care.

MAIN EXAMS

- One thing about this page should be said first, because it decides how much weight to give its figures. The detailed advertisement for this recruitment sits on the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Career Service websites, and neither could be read from outside. So the mark scheme, the vacancy count and the age band below are taken from secondary sources and could not be checked against the advertisement itself. Only one thing here is confirmed from a primary source — the Ministry's own vacancy circular records this post at pay Level 7. Check every figure against the advertisement before you apply.
- Tier-II is descriptive and, according to secondary sources, carries 50 marks — essay writing, English comprehension and long-answer questions. There is no negative marking in Tier-II. On the strength of Tier-I performance and the normalisation of its marks, about ten times the number of vacancies are shortlisted for Tier-II, and the marks of Tier-I and Tier-II together decide who reaches the interview. [secondary source]
- The age band, according to secondary sources, is 18 to 27, with relaxation for the reserved categories as per government norms. The vacancy count in the 2025 advertisement is given as 3717. Both figures need checking against the advertisement itself. [secondary source]
- Selection has three stages. Tier-I is an objective examination which, according to secondary sources, carries 100 questions for 100 marks across Current Affairs, General Studies, Numerical Aptitude, Reasoning and English. A quarter mark is deducted for each wrong answer and nothing for a question left blank. [secondary source]
- Tier-III is the interview. After it comes a verification of character and antecedents, which in this department is stricter than usual — as the nature of the work would lead you to expect.
- The application fee comes in two parts — an examination fee and recruitment processing charges — and the amounts have changed between advertisements. Take the correct amount from the advertisement you are actually applying under.

5 Where to study

ONLINE

- Ministry of Home Affairs — vacancies and recruitment notices — All India (<https://www.mha.gov.in/en/notifications/vacancies>)

- National Career Service — where the detailed IB advertisements are also posted — All India (<https://www.ncs.gov.in/>)

FEES

There is no separate cost of study — the qualification is a degree in any discipline, available at very low fees in a government college. The computer knowledge comes from any ordinary course. The application fee is charged in two parts, an examination fee and recruitment processing charges; the amounts vary by advertisement, so take them from the advertisement itself.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- National Scholarship Portal — central and state scholarships for graduation (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Offices of the Intelligence Bureau across the country, with the headquarters in New Delhi. It is an all-India service, so a posting may be anywhere, including border and sensitive areas.

WORK CULTURE

The work is confidential and its detail is not made public — which is why this page describes it only in general terms. The hours are not regular and shift with circumstance. Verification of character and antecedents is strict, and the expectation of confidentiality stays with the service for life.

WHO HIRES

- Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

DEMAND (2026)

This is one of the few large central recruitments open to a graduate of any discipline — the 2025 advertisement is reported to carry 3717 posts. It does not come every year, so missing an advertisement is costly. A student who aims at it should keep applying alongside to SSC CGL and SSC CHSL — the Tier-I preparation is much the same.

7 Career growth



Assistant Central Intelligence Officer, Grade-II/Executive — pay Level 7, the entry post

- 2 Assistant Central Intelligence Officer, Grade-I — pay Level 8
- 3 Deputy Central Intelligence Officer and Central Intelligence Officer
- 4 Joint Deputy Director and the senior posts above it

EARNINGS

Starting	वेतन स्तर 7 — मूल वेतन ₹44,900 से आरंभ, साथ में केंद्र सरकार के देय भत्ते
Mid level	वेतन स्तर 8 एवं उससे ऊपर, पदोन्नति पर
Senior level	वरिष्ठ पदों के वेतन स्तरों में; स्तर 7 का उच्चतम मूल वेतन ₹1,42,400 है

Pay Level 7 (₹44,900 – ₹1,42,400) is the one figure on this page confirmed from a primary source — the Ministry of Home Affairs' own vacancy circular records the post as 'ACIO-II/Exe (LVI 7)'. It is a level of the 7th CPC pay matrix, that is, basic pay; dearness, house rent and transport allowances come on top, so the amount in hand is considerably more. A special security allowance is payable at some postings. For comparison: most SSC CGL posts also begin at Level 7.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A degree in any discipline is enough, with no minimum percentage condition
- Pay Level 7 — a basic starting at ₹44,900, on a par with most graduate-entry central posts
- The recruitment is large — 3717 posts in the 2025 advertisement
- Work connected directly to national security, in a central service of the Home Ministry

The challenges

- Most figures on this page come from secondary sources, because the MHA and NCS websites could not be read from outside. Reading the advertisement itself before applying is necessary.
- The age limit is comparatively low — 27 according to secondary sources, well below the Civil Services Examination's 32
- Tier-II is descriptive; preparing only for multiple-choice questions is not enough here
- The work is confidential — you cannot speak freely about it even at home, and that expectation is permanent
- Verification of character and antecedents is strict, and a posting may be in a sensitive or remote area
- The recruitment does not come every year

9 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Indian Police Service
- Sub-inspector of Police
- Indian Administrative Service

10 Sources & further reading

1. Ministry of Home Affairs — vacancies and recruitment notices (apply here) — <https://www.mha.gov.in/en/notifications/vacancies>
2. National Career Service — where the detailed IB advertisements are also published — <https://www.ncs.gov.in/>
3. The MHA vacancy circular recording this post at pay Level 7 — https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/IBCircular_15032024.pdf
4. Ministry of Home Affairs — main website — <https://www.mha.gov.in/>