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1 About this career

The Indian Revenue Service (IRS) is a premier Group 'A' central civil service of the Government of India. IRS officers collect the country's direct taxes (income tax), act against tax evasion and black money, and raise the revenue that funds development, security and governance. Entry is through the UPSC Civil Services Examination, and the service offers high prestige, authority and career growth.

2 At a glance

Domain	Civil service / Direct taxes
Minimum qualification	Graduate in any subject
Selection exam	UPSC Civil Services Exam (CSE)
Starting salary	₹56,100+/mo (Pay Level 10)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in nation-building and public service
- Understanding economy, taxation and policy
- Taking on responsibility and solving problems

ABILITIES

- Logical and analytical thinking
- Leadership and decision-making
- Perseverance, discipline and integrity

KEY SKILLS

- Understanding of taxation and financial laws
- Investigation and evidence analysis
- Administration and team management
- Use of data and information technology
- Communication, negotiation and public dealing
- Report and policy writing
- Ethics and confidentiality

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 10+2 in any stream.
- 2 Complete a graduate degree in any subject from a recognised university — this is the minimum qualification.
- 3 Apply for the UPSC Civil Services Examination (Prelims, Mains and Interview).
- 4 Clear all three stages and secure the IRS (Income Tax) service based on merit and preference.
- 5 Undergo training at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur, and join as Assistant Commissioner.

MAIN EXAMS

- UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- कोई भी मान्यता प्राप्त सरकारी विश्वविद्यालय (स्नातक हेतु) — University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and others

ONLINE

- यू.पी.एस.सी. ऑनलाइन तैयारी मंच व निःशुल्क संसाधन — Online
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndli.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

Government education up to graduation costs very little. The UPSC application fee is around ₹100 (free for women, SC/ST and PwD candidates). Coaching is optional — many candidates succeed through self-study and free government resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- विद्या लक्ष्मी (शिक्षा ऋण पोर्टल) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Income Tax Department and CBDT offices across India — investigation, appellate and policy units; on deputation, also ministries, the Enforcement Directorate and international bodies.

WORK CULTURE

Largely an office-based leadership role, managing teams of officers. 5–6 days a week, 8–9 hours a day, sometimes more. It is a transferable service with some local travel.

WHO HIRES

- Income Tax Department, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- Enforcement Directorate and Central Economic Intelligence Bureau
- International organisations (on deputation)
- Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue
- Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and policy-making units

DEMAND (2026)

IRS is among the largest Group 'A' services filled through UPSC. A growing economy, widening tax base and digital taxation keep demand for skilled revenue officers steady and high. It matters to keep two things apart: "demand" here counts the posts on offer, not your chance of getting one. In the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025, 958 candidates in all were recommended across the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service, the Indian Police Service and every central Group A and Group B service combined; in 2024 the figure was 1,009. That is the whole country's intake for a year. So do not make this your only plan — keep a second route (a postgraduate degree, a skill, or another recruitment) moving alongside it.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Commissioner
- 2 Deputy Commissioner
- 3 Joint / Additional Commissioner
- 4 Commissioner
- 5 Principal / Chief Commissioner
- 6 Member / Chairman, CBDT

EARNINGS

Starting	₹56,100 (मूल, लेवल-10)
Mid level	₹1,00,000–1,50,000/माह (उपायुक्त/आयुक्त स्तर)
Senior level	₹2,25,000+/माह (प्रधान/मुख्य आयुक्त, सी.बी.डी.टी. अध्यक्ष तक)

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 10 — so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Pay follows the 7th Pay Commission from Level 10 (₹56,100) up to ₹2,25,000 at apex posts, plus DA, housing and other allowances. Figures are indicative. The figures above rest on the 7th Central Pay Commission matrix, which is what applies as of 16 August 2026. The Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission on 28 October 2025, and it must report within 18 months of its constitution. It has not reported yet, so no revised pay scale exists — but these figures will change. Dearness allowance has been 60% of basic pay since 1 January 2026.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- High prestige, authority and a chance to serve the nation
- Stable career, good pay and pension
- Only a graduate degree needed; entry from any subject

The challenges

- Extremely tough competition in UPSC
- Transfers and the pressure of high responsibility
- Requires long, disciplined preparation

9 Real-life journeys**Purvi Nanda**

Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, IRS (Udaipur, Rajasthan)

Purvi Nanda from Udaipur, Rajasthan, was once told she was 'too ordinary to crack this exam.' She prepared from home, looked after her health and sleep, and secured Rank 244 in the UPSC Civil Services Exam to join the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax). She now serves as a Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax in Delhi and encourages youngsters to prepare in a balanced, sustainable way.

Indian Masterminds · <https://indianmasterminds.com/feature-stories-on-bureaucrats-changemakers/purvi-nanda-upsc-journey-rank-244-irs-success-story-186944/>

Nitin Gupta**Former Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), IRS 1986 batch**

An IRS (Income Tax) officer of the 1986 batch, Nitin Gupta became Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in 2022 — the topmost post in the Income Tax Department. He is reported to have studied civil engineering at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur. His journey shows that even an engineering background can lead to the very top of the IRS.

Business Standard · https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/govt-appoints-indian-revenue-services-officer-nitin-gupta-new-cbdt-chairman-122062700363_1.html

10 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 Railway Personnel Service
- Indian Railway Accounts Service
- Inspector of Income Tax

11 Sources & further reading

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