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1 About this career

An Inspector of Income Tax is an officer of the Income Tax Department under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). They form the backbone of India's tax system — verifying returns, conducting surveys and assisting in searches and assessments of taxpayers. The post is filled through the SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) exam and offers a stable government job with good pay and steady promotion.

2 At a glance

Domain	Government service / Direct taxes
Minimum qualification	Graduate in any subject
Selection exam	SSC CGL
Starting salary	₹44,900+/mo (Pay Level 7)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in numbers, accounts and solving puzzles
- Interest in rules, law and maintaining order
- Working in a team and taking on new responsibilities

ABILITIES

- Numerical and logical ability
- Attention to detail and alertness
- Following instructions and discipline

KEY SKILLS

- Understanding of income tax law and rules
- Reading accounts and financial documents
- Data analysis and computer use
- Investigation, survey and enquiry skills
- Report writing and documentation
- Clear communication and teamwork

- Integrity and confidentiality

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 10+2 in any stream (Commerce/Science helps but is not mandatory).
- 2 Complete a graduate degree in any subject from a recognised university — this is the minimum qualification.
- 3 Apply for the SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) examination.
- 4 Clear the Tier-1 and Tier-2 (computer-based) exams covering maths, reasoning, English and general awareness.
- 5 After document verification and medical check, get appointed as Inspector of Income Tax.
- 6 Rise to Income Tax Officer and higher posts through departmental exams and promotions.

MAIN EXAMS

- SSC CGL (Tier 1 & Tier 2)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

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

ONLINE

- एस.एस.सी. सी.जी.एल. ऑनलाइन तैयारी मंच (टेस्टबुक, अनएकेडमी आदि) — Online
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndl.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 (about ₹6,000–₹20,000 a year). The SSC CGL application fee is around ₹100 (free for women, SC/ST and PwD candidates). Coaching is optional and costs extra.

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 (CBDT) offices across India — Aayakar Bhawans, investigation directorates and assessment units; in Rajasthan, offices in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota and more.

WORK CULTURE

Mainly office-based work, 5–6 days a week, about 8–9 hours a day. Local travel is involved during surveys and searches. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities too.

WHO HIRES

- Income Tax Department, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- Directorate of Investigation and Central Economic Intelligence Bureau
- Enforcement Directorate (on deputation)
- Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue
- Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and allied offices

DEMAND (2026)

The Income Tax Department recruits hundreds of inspectors every year through SSC CGL, and it is among the most sought-after and respected government posts. A widening tax base and digital taxation keep demand for skilled officers steady. One thing to be clear about — the "demand" described above counts posts, not your chance of getting one. Selection is by open competition and the number of applicants runs to many times the number of posts, so most candidates are not selected in any given recruitment. That is not an argument against this career; it is an argument against making it your only plan. Keep studying or building a skill alongside your preparation, so that the year is not lost whichever way the result goes.

7 Career growth

- 1 Inspector of Income Tax
- 2 Income Tax Officer
- 3 Assistant Commissioner
- 4 Deputy / Joint Commissioner

- 5 Commissioner
- 6 Principal / Chief Commissioner

EARNINGS

Starting	₹44,900 (मूल, लेवल-7)
Mid level	₹80,000–1,10,000/माह (आयकर अधिकारी / सहायक आयुक्त स्तर)
Senior level	₹1,50,000+/माह (आयुक्त व उससे ऊपर)

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 7 — 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 is based on 7th Pay Commission Level 7 (₹44,900–1,42,400) plus DA, HRA and transport allowance. Figures are indicative and vary with the posting city. 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

- Stable, respected government job with good pay
- Entry with just a graduate degree and steady promotion
- Job security, pension and allowances

The challenges

- Tough competition in SSC CGL
- Transfers and sometimes long working hours
- Rule-bound, high-pressure and sensitive work

9 Real-life journeys

Manju Bala

Inspector of Income Tax & international hammer-throw athlete (Churu, Rajasthan)

Born in Churu, Rajasthan, Manju Bala is an international hammer-throw athlete who won a bronze medal at the 2014 Asian Games. Alongside sport, she serves as an Inspector of Income Tax in the Income Tax Department. Rising from a modest family, she built a career in both sport and government service, showing that hard work can carry both.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manju_Bala

Hemant Suthar

Inspector of Income Tax, SSC CGL 2022 (AIR-463)

Coming from an ordinary village, Hemant Suthar cracked SSC CGL 2022 with All-India Rank 463 through self-study to become an Inspector of Income Tax. In his interview he explains that despite limited means and a rural background, consistent study and self-belief can get you there — a village boy too can become an Income Tax Inspector.

YouTube (SSC CGL Topper Interview) · <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoHlvOjm3-4>

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 Revenue Service
- Indian Railway Personnel Service
- Indian Railway Accounts Service

11 Sources & further reading

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