

Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), Roles, Training, Salary

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The Indian Defence Accounts Service is considered a 'Group A' service and allotted to the candidates who qualify the UPSC Civil Services Examination. The responsibilities under the service include accounting functions of the defence department. The Defence Accounts Department is headed by the Controller General of Defence Accounts. In this article, we are going to explore the roles and responsibilities, pay scale, training and career prospects for IDAS Cadre Officers.

Indian Defence Accounts Service Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of Indian Defence Accounts include:

- Carry out internal auditing, and accounting functions to army, navy and air force officers.
- Providing financial advice and payment for Army, Navy, Defence Research and Development Organisations, ordnance factories, canteen store departments and Border Road organisations and other allied organisations.
- IDAS Officers are eligible to be appointed in various government organisations, ministries and departments.

- IDAS Officers are qualified to be posted overseas as a part of Indian Army's UN peacekeeping missions.

IDAS Officers Training

- The first phase of 4 months training for IDAS Officers is conducted at LBSNAA. The second phase is conducted at CENTRAD at New Delhi.
- The next phase of training is conducted at National Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad and the final phase is at National Academy of Defence Financial Management Institute located at Pune.
- In total the training period is conducted for 24 months.

Indian Defence Accounts Service Salary

As a group 'A' service, IDAS Service is known for its lucrative salary and pay grades. Here is the list of positions under the IDAS Category and their salaries:

Grade	Designations in different offices				Pay Scales
	HQ	PCDA/CDA	Factory Side	Integrated Financial Advice (IFA) Side	
Junior Time Scale	Assistant Controller General of Defence Accounts (ACGDA)	Assistant Controller of Defence Accounts (ACDA)	Assistant Controller of Finance and Accounts (ACFA)	Deputy Integrated Financial Advisor (Dy IFA)	15600-39100 + Grade Pay 5400
Senior Time Scale	Senior ACGDA	Deputy Controller of Defence Accounts (DCDA)	Deputy Controller of Finance and Accounts (DCFA)	Senior Dy IFA	15600-39100 + Grade Pay 6600
Junior Administrative Grade (JAG)	Deputy CGDA	Joint Controller of Defence Accounts	Joint Controller of Finance and Accounts	Joint IFA	15600-39100 + Grade Pay 7600
Non Functional Selection Grade of JAG	Senior Deputy CGDA	Additional Controller of Defence Accounts	Additional Controller of Finance and Accounts	Additional IFA	37400-67000 + Grade Pay 8700

Senior Administrative Grade	Joint CGDA	Controller of Defence Accounts (CDA)	Controller of Finance and Accounts (CFA)	IFA	37400-67000 + Grade Pay 10000
Higher Administrative Grade	Principal Controller of Defence Accounts	Principal Controller of Finance and Accounts	Principal IFA	67000 (annual increment @3%) - 79000	
Higher Administrative Grade +	Additional CGDA	---	---	---	75500 (annual increment @3%) - 80000
Apex	Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)	---	---	---	80000 (Fixed)

Indian Defence Accounts Service Career Growth

In terms of career IDAS Service officers have the following prospects-

- Upon induction, IDAS cadre officers are assigned as Assistant Controllers of Defence Accounts, typically posted in municipal towns with cantonments.
- As they progress, they are promoted to the role of Deputy Controllers of Defence Accounts, with postings generally in state capital cities.
- In senior positions, IDAS officers serve at Command Headquarters, overseeing key defence accounting functions.

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