

INTRODUCTION

National Pension System (NPS) is a defined contribution scheme specially designed as a sustainable financial solution to provide adequate retirement income. It was launched by the Government of India and regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA).

It allows individual to contribute periodically towards their NPS account through their working life, which later can be used to purchase an annuity.

BENEFITS OF NPS



Exclusive tax benefits



Flexibility to choose Investment options



Affordable as its one of the low-cost product



Power of compounding



Portable across geographies & organisation



Digital onboarding, maintenance & exit



Systematic Investments (SIP)



Systematic Lumpsum Withdrawals (SLW)



Annuity options

Tax Benefit under NPS

Exclusive tax benefits (beyond 80C limits)

Under Section 80CCD (1B)

NPS subscriber can claim tax deduction on an additional self-contribution upto ₹50,000/-

Tax Benefit for Salaried Individuals under Corporate NPS

Under Section 80CCD (2) (applicable under both tax regimes)

Old Tax Regime - Up to 10% of salary (Basic + DA)

New Tax Regime - Up to 14% of salary (Basic + DA)

*The total deduction for all retiral benefit made by employer including Provident Fund, Superannuation Fund and NPS cannot exceed ₹ 7.5 lacs in a FY

Within 80C limits

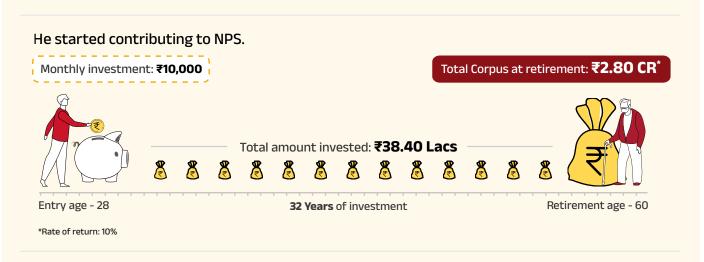
Under section 80CCD (1)

The NPS subscriber: Self employed can claim up to 20% of their gross income and salaried can claim 10% of their basic+DA within the overall limits of ₹1.50 lacs u/s 80C

How NPS Work

Illustration 1

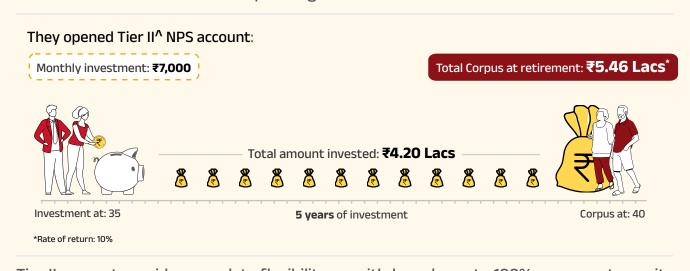
Ronit is 28 years happily married to an IT professional with a futuristic approach to life. He wishes to retire with financial independence and achieve all his life goals. He actively invested in NPS to create a corpus for his retired life and claim the tax benefits yearly.



At 60 years of age, he gets 60% lump sum i.e. ₹1.68 cr and 40% invested in annuity i.e. ₹1.12 Cr to receive guaranteed regular income of approx. ₹66,331** for him & his spouse lifetime.

Illustration 2:

Shobhit (35) & Shreya (32) are happily married for 2 years. They both are marketing professionals and love travelling. They have set a 5-year travel goal for a Europe tour (expected cost of trip to be approx. 5 lacs after 5 years). They are planning their investments and have decided to use NPS as an investment tool apart from retirement planning. They already have a Tier I NPS account for retirement planning.



Tier II account provides complete flexibility on withdrawals, up to 100% exposure to equity, lower fund allocation charges & seamless online process.

^{*}Rate of return given in above illustration is indicative in nature and not guaranteed or provided any assurance in future. Investments are subject to market risk.

^{**}As per prevailing annuity rate for joint life annuity without ROP.

[^]It is mandatory to have an active Tier I account to invest in Tier II account.

Investment choices & assest allocation in Tier I

Asset Class

- » E Equity Market Instruments Max exposure up to 75%
- » C Corporate Bonds Max exposure up to 100%
- » G Government Securities Max exposure up to 100%
- » A Alternate Investment Fund Max exposure up to 5%

Asset Allocation (Can be changed four times every year)

- Active Subscriber decides % age of allocation among asset classes
- Auto Investments will be made in a life-cycle fund (Aggressive LC75, Moderate LC50, Conservative - LC25)

Exit & Withdrawals Options

- Exit on Retirement Allowed at 60 years for individual subscribers & for corporate subscribers retirement age is as per corporate. Max 60% Tax-free can be withdrawn in lumpsum & min 40% to be invested in annuity. The exit can be extended up to 75 years of age.
- Premature Exit 20% Tax-free can be withdrawn in lumpsum & minimum 80% to purchase annuity.
- Systematic Lumpsum Withdrawal (SLW) Withdraw the lumpsum portion is equated instalments up to 75 years and earns a higher corpus.
- Incase of death Entire corpus is given to the nominee. Nominee can opt for full corpus withdrawal taxfree or can opt for an annuity plan.
- Partial Withdrawal while in service Allowed after completing 3 years of holding NPS PRAN. Tax-free withdrawal of 25% of subscriber's own contribution. Only for specific reasons. Max 3 times withdrawals are allowed in lifetime.

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