

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi

Q.1. What is APPPA?

Ans. APPPA, stands for **Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration**, is a ten months' course in public administration organized in the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi with an objective to prepare the participants to make a greater contribution to better governance, develop attitudes that focus on citizen services and also to strengthen leadership qualities in the civil service. It provides an opportunity to the participants to analyze major contemporary issues in Governance, learn about recent developments in the social sciences and their application in administration; review their experiences by making a critical analysis of environmental and other factors, apply relevant concepts, skills and techniques relating to policy, behavioral and administrative sciences and to demonstrate their creative and analytical abilities individually and in groups. It also seeks to develop interpersonal skills and sensitiveness to the needs of the people with a view to making administration more responsive and result oriented.

Q.2. Who are eligible for APPPA?

Ans. The course is open to officers of All India Services, Central Services (organized and non-organized, technical and non-technical) and State Services subject to the following conditions:-

(a)	Length of Service	The officer should have put in at least 10 years of Group 'A'(class-I) service and should be of the rank of Director/Deputy Secretary in the Government of India or holding an equivalent post. The programme is also open for senior officers (Group 'A') from State Services.
(b)	Age	The officers should not be more than 50 years as on 1 st of July of the commencement of the course year (53 years in case of officers belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe)
(c)	Earlier Training	The officers should not have undergone a training programme of 12-weeks or more duration in India during a period of 5 years preceding the date of commencement of this programme. Further the officer should not have undergone a programme of training abroad of more than 2 weeks in preceding 2 years, more than one month in the preceding 3 years or more than 6 months in preceding 5 years.

Q.3. Where can I find the Circular giving eligibility criteria for applying APPPA?

Ans. The circular is issued every year and hosted on the website of this Ministry (www.persmin.nic.in).

Q.4. How and when I can apply?

Ans. The circular of APPPA course conducted from July to April is generally issued in the preceding year.

Q.5. Who bears the cost of the APPPA?

Ans. The Cadre Controlling Authorities would be required to meet the expenditure on field visit, village study tour, project work and short duration foreign study visit etc. The expenditure towards the village study, project work, registration fee for M Phil and short duration foreign study visit is Rs.3,88,000/- (Three lakh eighty eight thousands only) while the cost of domestic component is Rs.5,80,000/- (Five lakh eighty thousand only). Both expenditures are borne by CCAs.

Q.6. In which Institutions the programme is conducted?

Ans. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.

Q.7. What is the duration of the programme?

Ans. 10 months.

Q.8. Is there any foreign component, if so, what is its duration?

Ans. Yes, 10 days.

Q.9. Is there any Bond prescribed for the officer to stay in service after completion of the programme?

Ans. Yes

Q.10. Will it lead to a degree or diploma?

Ans. On successful completion of the programme, the participants are awarded a Masters Diploma in Public Administration (MDPA) by the Institute. Successful participants holding a

post graduate degree with 50% marks (recognized by the Punjab University, Chandigarh as equivalent to their post graduate degree) will be eligible for the award of an M. Phil degree by the Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Q.11. Will the duration of the programme be treated as ‘duty’ and salary and allowances paid for the duration of the programme?

Ans. Yes.

Q.12. What are the facilities for officers admitted to the Programme?

Ans. This is given in the circular available on the website (www.persmin.nic.in).

Q.13. Whether Hostel Facilities are available to the officers admitted in the programme?

Ans. The Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, will provide residential accommodation in the Institute’s Hostel at the usual rates to the participants from outside Delhi who desires such accommodation.