



SENIOR CITIZEN'S SAVINGS SCHEME (SCSS)

KEY Highlights



DEPOSIT SAFETY

(Govt. guaranteed)



SHORT LOCK-IN

(5 years)



LIQUIDITY

(foreclosure possible)



TAX SAVINGS

(Deductible under Section 80C up to ₹ 1.5 lakh)



REGULAR INTEREST PAYOUT

(Quarterly)



Salient Features

The Government of India introduced this scheme in 2004. It is a fixed deposit scheme that pays an assured returns at regular intervals to senior citizens.

1 Secured Capital

SCSS is a government - endorsed scheme, making the capital in this scheme secure and guaranteed.

2 Account Portability

Can be moved from bank to bank or post office and vice-versa

3 Loan

No such provision

4 ECS

Transfer of interest to the savings account can be done



Product Details

Minimum Investment

₹ 1,000

Maximum Investment

₹ 15 Lakh

Tenure

- 5 years (can be extended for another 3 years within a year of maturity)

Interest

- 8% per annum compounded annually (varies quarterly as announced)
- Interest is paid on the last working day of April, July, October and January

Deposit	Quarterly Payout At 8%
₹ 5 lakh	₹10,000
₹ 10 lakh	₹20,000
₹ 15 lakh	₹30,000



Product Details

Account Holding



Eligibility - You need to be a resident Indian to open an account.



Age - You need to be 60 years of age or above. (Defence personnels and those taken VRS have some relaxations)



A depositor may operate more than one account in individual capacity or jointly with spouse (husband/wife)



Any number of accounts can be opened in any post office subject to maximum investment limit by adding balance in all accounts

Nomination Facility Available



Pre-mature Closure



If closed before 1 year, no interest will be payable, if paid already will be recovered.



If closed after 1 year, an amount equal to 1.5% of the deposit to be deducted.



If closed after 2 years, 1% of the deposit to be deducted.



If the account is closed prematurely due to the death of the depositor, then no charges will be levied on the deposits



Tax Benefit



Investment in this scheme is eligible for tax deduction subject to an upper limit of ₹1.5 lakh, under section 80C of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.

Interest received from the scheme is eligible for deduction under section 80TTB of the Income-tax.

Historical Interest Rate



PERIOD	INTEREST RATE
4th Quarters of Financial Year 2022-23	8.00%
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Quarters of Financial Year 2022-23	7.40%
Financial Year 2021-22	7.40%
Financial Year 2020 – 21	7.40%
2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters of Financial Year 2019 – 20 (July to April)	8.60%
1st Quarter of Financial Year 2019 – 20 (April to June)	8.70%
4th Quarter of Financial Year 2018 – 19 (January to March)	8.70%
3rd Quarter of Financial Year 2018 – 19 (October to December)	8.70%
2nd Quarter of Financial Year 2018 – 19 (July to September)	8.30%
1st Quarter of Financial Year 2018 – 19 (April to June)	8.30%
4th Quarter of Financial Year 2017 – 18 (January to March)	8.30%
3rd Quarter of Financial Year 2017 – 18 (October to December)	8.30%
2nd Quarter of Financial Year 2017 – 18 (July – September)	8.30%
1st Quarter of Financial Year 2017 – 18 (April – June)	8.40%
Financial Year 2016 – 17	8.50%
Financial Year 2015 – 16	9.30%
Financial Year 2014 – 15	9.20%
Financial Year 2013 – 14	9.20%
Financial Year 2012 – 13	9.30%

Account Opening



Where to open the account?

- Account can be opened at any head post office or general post office
- Select branches of several designated nationalised banks offer SCSS



Documents for account opening

- Account-opening form
- Two passport-size photographs
- Address and identity proof such as the Aadhaar, PAN, Electricity bill, Passport, Driving licence, voter's identity card or ration card
- Carry original identity proof for verification
- at the time of account opening



Deposit Mode

- Up to ₹1 lakh by cash
- Cheque, draft or electronic transfers