



CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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*A Research & Teaching Institution under the aegis of Govt. of India (ICSSR) &
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MA Applied Economics Admission - 2025

Centre for Development Studies(CDS), an autonomous research centre sponsored by the Government of Kerala and the Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR) invites applications for its two year **MA programme in Applied Economics** for the academic year 2025-26. Admission is open to Indian nationals as well as students from selected SAARC countries. Eligibility, selection criteria and other details are given below:

ELIGIBILITY

- **For Indian students**

A bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 50 percent of marks. Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates and Persons with Disability (PwD) are eligible to apply irrespective of the percentage of marks secured in the bachelor's degree.

- **For SAARC students**

Candidate must have a bachelor's/undergraduate degree with English as the medium of instruction and the undergraduate programme must be equivalent to an undergraduate programme of an Indian university.

NUMBER OF SEATS AND RESERVATION

Thirty three seats are available for Indian nationals and two seats are available for SAARC category. If seats remain vacant in SAARC category, such vacant seats will be made available to Indian students. CDS provides reservation as per Government of India rules.

SELECTION

The selection of candidates will be based on the scores of Common University Entrance Test – CUET (PG)-2025. SAARC candidates are exempted from the entrance test.

HOW TO APPLY

a) Indian nationals

Candidates appeared in the Common University Entrance Test – CUET (PG)-2025 conducted for the **Test Paper Code COQP10** and satisfy the above mentioned eligibility criteria can apply through the link published on the website.

Application Fee is Rs. 300 and it is non-refundable. There is no application fee for candidates belonging to SC,ST, PwD (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) categories. Any bank or payment gateway service charges must be borne by the applicant.

b) SAARC nationals

SAARC candidates are required to fill-in the application form available on the website. The filled-in application form and relevant documents should be emailed to admissionma@cds.edu. Last date to apply is 15th July 2025.

There is no application fee for candidates from SAARC countries.

IMPORTANT DATES

Opening date ofonline applications	25 June 2025
Closing date of online applications	15 July 2025 (Link closes at 17:00 hrs on 15 July 2025)
Deadline for SAARC candidates	15 July 2025 (17:00 hrs)