



## **CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

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*A Research & Teaching Institution under the aegis of Govt. of India (ICSSR) & Govt. of Kerala  
(Department of Planning & Economic Affairs)*

### **MA Applied Economics Admission - 2026**

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 2026-27. 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 Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates and Persons with Disability (PwD) are eligible to apply irrespective of the percentage of marks secured in the bachelor's degree. Students should have done a paper on mathematics/statistics or any other quantitative subject either in their 10+2 or undergraduate level.

- **For SAARC students**

Candidates 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. Students should have done a paper on mathematics/statistics or any other quantitative subject either in their 10+2 or in their undergraduate level.

## NUMBER OF SEATS AND RESERVATION

Twenty five 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 percentile scores of Common University Entrance Test – CUET (PG)-2026. SAARC candidates are exempted from the entrance test.

Percentile score =  $100 * \frac{\text{No. of candidates scored less than or equal to you}}{\text{Total number of candidates who appeared for that subject}}$

For details see <https://exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg/participating-universities/government-institutions-fully-funded/> and the MA Prospectus of CDS.

## HOW TO APPLY

### a) Indian nationals

Candidates appeared in the Common University Entrance Test – CUET (PG)-2026 conducted for the following Test Paper Codes and satisfy the eligibility criteria can apply through the link published on the website.

COQP10 - Economics
COQP01 - Agri-Business Management
COQP02 - Applied Geography/Geo Informatics
COQP08 - Commerce
COQP12 - General-Management
COQP17 - Mass Communication and Journalism
SCQP01 - Agricultural Science
SCQP02 - Agro-forestry
SCQP06 - Bioinformatics
SCQP07 - Botany
SCQP08 - Chemistry
SCQP09 - Computer Science/Information Technology/ Artificial Intelligence
SCQP11 - Environmental Sciences/Studies
SCQP12 - Food Science and Technology

SCQP14 - Geology/Applied Geology
SCQP17 - Life Science
SCQP19 - Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Electronics
SCQP24 - Physics
SCQP27 - Statistics
SCQP28 - Zoology
HUQP01 - Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archeology
HUQP02 - Anthropology
HUQP06 - Development and Labour Studies
HUQP08 - Geography
HUQP09 - History
HUQP16 - Philosophy
HUQP18 - Political Science
HUQP20 - Psychology/ Applied Psychology
HUQP21 - Social Work
HUQP22 - Sociology
MTQP01 - Chemical Thermal & Polymer Engineering
MTQP02 - Civil and Structural Engineering
MTQP03 - Dairy Technology
MTQP04 - Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Computer Science, Engineering/Technology
MTQP05 - Electronics, Communication and Information Engineering
MTQP06 - Food Engineering and Technology
MTQP07 - Mechanical Engineering
MTQP08 - Nano Science/ Nano Technology
MTQP09 - Nanoelectronics/Material Sciences
MTQP10 - Electrical, Power, and Energy Engineering
MTQP11 - Water Engineering and Management
MTQP12 - Textile Engineering

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](mailto:admissionma@cds.edu). Last date to apply is 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (5 pm IST).

There is no application fee for candidates from SAARC countries.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Opening date of online applications	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (9 am)
Closing date of online applications	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (5 pm)
Deadline for SAARC candidates	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (5 pm IST)