



Coast Guard Assistant Commandant — an officer at sea from day one, and the pay gap nobody mentions



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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

For the first dozen-odd years the climb is largely time-bound: serve the years, clear the courses, and you rise rank by rank up to Commandant. After that the ladder narrows sharply. Most officers retire as Commandant or DIG. A few clear every selection board and reach the flag ranks, right up to Director General. Here's what each path looks like.

SALARY PROJECTION

If you joined today

Figures as of June 2026

7th CPC Pay Matrix, DA @ 60% (from 01.01.2026), no Military Service Pay, standard allowances. The climb to Commandant is largely time-bound; above it the path splits between officers who clear every selection board (selection) and those who retire on the time-scale (steady). 7th CPC DA revises about every six months, so these figures move through the year. Coast Guard officers do NOT receive Military Service Pay. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	TIME-SCALE PATH where most retire	SELECTION PATH if you clear every board
0	Joining (AC)	L10 · ₹95k Both paths identical so far · Assistant Commandant	
8	Deputy Commandant	L11 · ₹1.18L Both paths identical so far · Deputy Commandant	
14	Commandant (JG)	L12A · ₹1.38L Both paths identical so far · Commandant (JG)	
22	Paths split	L13 · ₹2.1L Commandant	L14 · ₹2.5L Inspector General
33	Retirement range	L13A · ₹2.3L DIG	L15 · ₹3.05L Additional Director General

In-hand figures, no MSP, standard allowances. Time-bound to ~year 17, then split. Snapshot dated June 2026, DA @ 60%.

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