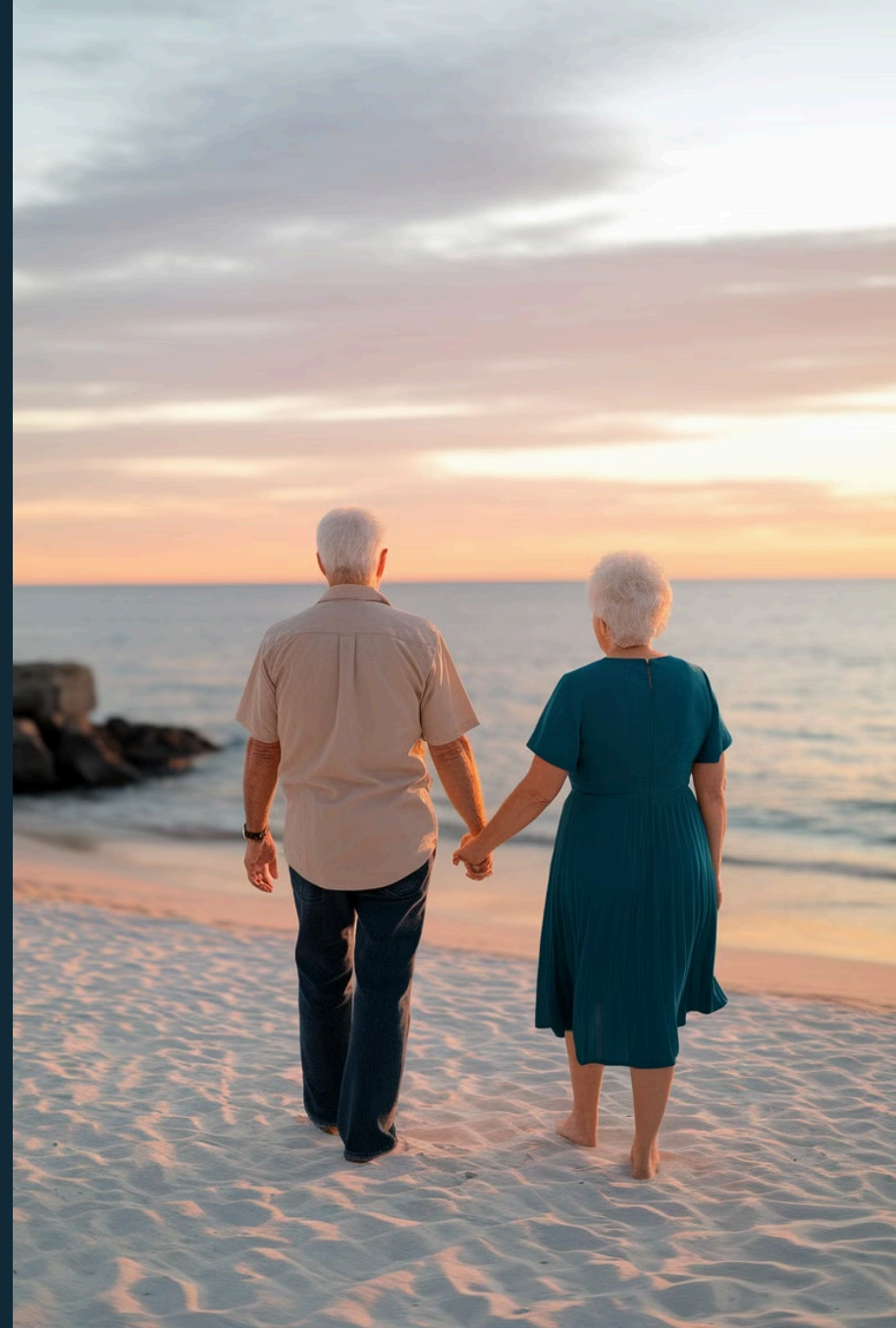


# Retirement Planning & Tax Benefits

Planning for retirement isn't just about saving money—it's about maximizing your wealth while minimizing tax liabilities. A well-structured retirement plan ensures financial security in your golden years while legally saving taxes on investments and withdrawals.

Let's explore the best retirement planning strategies along with tax-saving opportunities for FY 2025-26.

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# Best Retirement Investment Options

## Employee Provident Fund (EPF)

Interest Rate: ~8% (subject to annual revision)

Tax Benefits: Employee contribution eligible for deduction under Section 80C (₹1.5 lakh limit). Employer contribution exempt from tax (up to 12% of basic salary). Maturity amount is 100% tax-free if withdrawn after 5 years.

## Example

Amit contributes ₹50,000 annually to EPF for 25 years. At 8% interest, his EPF corpus grows to ₹39 lakh—completely tax-free!

# Public Provident Fund (PPF)

## Long-Term Tax-Free Investment

Interest Rate: ~7.1%  
(compounded annually).

Lock-in Period: 15 years  
(extendable in 5-year blocks).

## Tax Benefits

Investment up to ₹1.5 lakh qualifies for 80C deduction. Interest earned is tax-free under Section 10(11). Maturity amount is also fully tax-free.

## Example

Ramesh invests ₹1.5 lakh every year in PPF, he will accumulate ₹40-45 lakh in 15 years—all tax-free!





# National Pension System (NPS)

1

## Extra Deduction

80CCD(1) – Deduction up to ₹1.5 lakh (under 80C).

80CCD(1B) – Additional ₹50,000 deduction (exclusive to NPS).

2

## Employer Contribution

Up to 10% of salary (14% for govt employees) is tax-free.

3

## Tax-Free Withdrawal

At age 60, up to 60% of the corpus can be withdrawn tax-free. 40% must be used for annuity purchase (taxable as per slab).



# Tax Benefits on Pension & Withdrawals

1

## Pension Income

Monthly pensions received are taxable under “Income from Salary.” Standard Deduction: ₹50,000 applies to pensioners, reducing tax liability.

2

## Gratuity

If you work for 5+ years, gratuity is exempt up to ₹20 lakh. Government employees get full exemption on gratuity.

3

## Example

Ravi retires after 20 years of service and receives ₹18 lakh in gratuity. Since the limit is ₹20 lakh, he pays zero tax on it!





# Avoiding Taxes on Retirement Savings



## Tax-Free Options

Max out EPF, PPF, and NPS contributions to ensure tax-free retirement wealth.



## Stagger Withdrawals

Spread withdrawals over multiple financial years to reduce tax impact.



## Example

Arun retires with ₹50 lakh. Instead of falling in the 30% tax bracket, he withdraws ₹10 lakh per year for 5 years, staying in a lower tax slab.

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## Tax-Saving Plan for Retirees in 2025-26

Investment Option	Tax on Interest?	Tax on Maturity?	Best for?
PPF	No	No	Risk-Free Growth
EPF	No	No (if withdrawn after 5 years)	Salaried Employees
NPS	Partial (on annuity)	No (60% tax-free)	Pension Planning
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS)	Yes	Yes	Fixed Returns
Fixed Deposits (FDs)	Yes (as per slab)	Yes	Regular Income
Tax-Free Bonds	No	No	Safe, Long-Term Growth

# Final Checklist for a Tax-Free Retirement

1

## Maximize Contributions

Maximize EPF, PPF & NPS Contributions

2

## Claim Deduction

Claim ₹50,000 Deduction on NPS (80CCD(1B))

3

## Withdraw Smartly

Withdraw Retirement Corpus in Stages to Reduce Tax

4

## Use Tax-Free Options

Use Tax-Free Bonds & SCSS for Stable Income

5

## Plan Income

Plan Gratuity & Pension Income to Stay Within Lower Tax Brackets



# Secure Your Retirement with Smart Tax Planning!

With proper planning, you can retire stress-free while legally saving lakhs in taxes! Don't let your hard-earned money go to taxes—use these strategies to enjoy a financially secure future!

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