

Comparison of Tax Saving Instruments

Tax Saving Instruments in India









Equity-linked Tax Saving Scheme (ELSS)



National Saving Certificates (NSC)



Public Provident Fund (PPF)



Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana*



National Pension Scheme (NPS)



Term Insurance & Savings Insurance Plan



Health Insurance

Section 80C

Up to Rs. 150,000

Section 80CCE/ section 80CCD (1B)

Section 80C (Premium) & Section 10(D) (Death/Maturity)

Up to Rs. 150,000

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Additional Rs. 50,000

Section 80D

Up to Rs. 75,000

Comparison of Tax Saving Investment Options



Investment Option	Lock-in Period	Return CAGR per annum	Tax on Returns	Investment Risk
ELSS Funds (Equity mutual funds that are eligible for tax deductions)	3 years	17.02%*	LTCG upto Rs. 1 lakh tax-free. Above Rs. 1 Lakh @10% + Surcharge & Cess as applicable	High
National Savings Certificate (Government backed fixed income investment scheme)	5/10 years	6.8%	Taxable	Low
Public Provident Fund (Government backed guaranteed returns monthly investment scheme)	15 years from account creation	7.1%	Tax-free	Low
Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (Government backed small deposit scheme for a girl child and her financial needs)	21 years	7.6%	Tax-free	Low
Tax Saving Bank Fixed Deposits (Tax saving fixed deposit offered by Banks/NBFCs)	5 years	5% to 6.5%	Taxable	Low
National Pension Scheme (Voluntary retirement savings scheme)	Till Retirement	8% to 10%	60% of corpus tax free on maturity 40% of corpus received as annuity is taxable	Moderate
Savings/Investment Insurance Plan	Till Policy Maturity	5%-8%	Tax-free	Savings Plan - Low Investment Plan - Moderate

^{* 3} Year ELSS category average returns as on 30th November 2022. Source: Morningstar Direct

Benefits of ELSS Funds



Lowest Lock-in Period

Lowest lock-in period of 3 years compared to other tax saving instruments

Tax Treatment

Gains from ELSS investments are treated as long term capital gains (LTCG) and any gains in excess of Rs. 1 Lakh is taxed at the rate of 10%





Higher returns and Wealth creation potential

Primarily invests in equities, have the potential to earn higher returns compared to other traditional tax-saving options



Tax deduction of up to Rs 1.5 lacs under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act





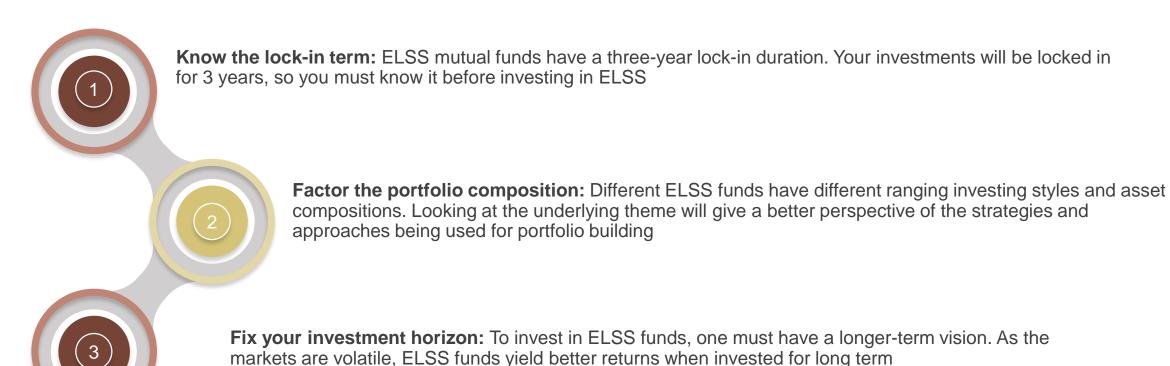


Option to invest through SIP mode

Can invest via lumpsum or SIP mode at their convenience. SIPs ensure financial discipline through regular investments periodically

Things to remember before investing in ELSS funds





Gauge the risk level: ELSS funds have a huge exposure to equity markets. Equity related instruments are highly susceptible to market volatility. Hence, due to this ELSS funds carry high risk



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