

COVID-19: Government further extends timelines for various tax compliances

Summary

The government has further extended the timelines for various compliances under the Income-tax Act, 1961. It has also announced income tax exemption for amount received for meeting expenditure on COVID-19 treatment and ex-gratia received on death due to COVID-19.

Tax exemption on receipt of certain sums

The government has announced income tax exemption in respect of receipt of following amount in the financial year (FY) 2019-20 and subsequent years:

- Financial help received from employers and well-wishers for meeting expenditure incurred for the treatment of COVID-19.
- Ex-gratia received by family members of an employee from the employer or from any other person on the death of the employee due to COVID-19. While there is no tax exemption limit for ex-gratia received from employer, the tax exemption shall be limited to INR 10 lakh for amount received from any other person.

Necessary legislative amendment in this regard shall be moved in due course.

Extension of various due dates

Assessment related

- The last date for passing the assessment order has been extended to 30 September 2021 from 30 June 2021. The last date for passing penalty order has also been extended to 30 September 2021.
- Filing of objections before the Dispute Resolution Panel and tax officer (under Section 144C of the Act), for which the last date of filing falls on or after 1 June 2021, can be filed within the time specified in the Section or by 31 August 2021, whichever is later.
- The last date for exercise of option to withdraw pending application (filed before the erstwhile Income Tax Settlement Commission) in Form 34BB has been extended to 31 July 2021 from 27 June 2021.

Equalisation levy

- The last date for filing equalisation levy statement in Form No. 1 for FY 2020-21 has been extended to 31 July 2021 from 30 June 2021.
- Further, the time limit for processing equalisation levy returns has also been extended to 30 September 2021 from existing 30 June 2021.

Vivad se Vishwas Scheme

- The last date for payment of amount (without additional amount) under the Vivad se Vishwas Scheme has been extended to 31 August 2021 from 30 June 2021.

- Additionally, the government has notified the last date for payment of amount under the Vivad se Vishwas Scheme as 31 October 2021.

Time limit for issuing tax deduction at source (TDS) statement

- The due date for issuing TDS statement for the last quarter of FY 2020-21 has been extended to 15 July 2021 from 30 June 2021.
- Also, the last date for issue of TDS certificate in Form 16 has been extended to 31 July 2021 from 15 July 2021.

Compliance by an investment fund for FY 2020-21

Particulars	Existing due date	New due date
Last date for filing annual statement in Form 3CEK	29 Jun 2021	31 July 2021
Last date for filing statement of income paid or credited to unit holder		
In Form No. 64D	30 Jun 2021	15 July 2021
In Form No. 64C	15 July 2021	31 July 2021

Other due date extensions

Particulars	Existing due date	New due date
Last date for linking Aadhaar with Permanent account number	30 June 2021	30 September 2021
Last date for uploading Form No. 15G/15H received during the quarter ending 30 June 2021	15 July 2021	31 August 2021
Last date for filing quarterly statement in Form 15CC (by authorised dealer in respect of remittances made for quarter ending 30 June 2021)	15 July 2021	31 July 2021
Last date for compliances to be made by taxpayers for claiming capital gain tax exemption (under section 54 to 54GB of the Act)	1 April to 29 Sep 2021	30 September 2021
Last date for filing application in Form 10A/10AB for registration etc. of trusts/institutions/ research associations	30 June 2021	31 August 2021