



COVID-19 relief for taxpayers: Tax compliance dates further extended

In continuation of the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Ordinance, 2020 brought in by the government on March 31, 2020, CBDT today extended various tax compliance due dates under the Direct Tax and Benami Laws. A gist of the significant reliefs announced are as under:

Extention of due date for ITRs of AY 2019-20 – July 31, 2020

- The time for filing of original as well as revised income-tax returns for the FY 2018-19 (AY 2019-20) has been extended by another month, to July 31, 2020.

Due date for furnishing of audit report - Sec 44AB

- Due date of furnishing of tax audit report under section 44AB has been extended from September 30 to October 31, 2020.

Extention in due date of furnishing of TDS/TCS statements – July 31, 2020

- The furnishing of the TDS & TCS statements and issuance of TDS & TCS certificates being the prerequisite for enabling the taxpayers to

prepare their return of income for FY 2019-20, the date for furnishing of TDS & TCS statements has been extended to July 31, 2020.

- Due date of issuance of TDS & TCS certificates pertaining to FY 2019-20 stands further extended to August 15, 2020 respectively.
- Due date of furnishing of certificate under section 203 thereof in respect of deduction or payment of tax under section 192 of that Act for the FY 2019-20, has been extended to the August 15, 2020.

TDS - No extention in reduced interest of 9%

- Apart from the above extentions, the notification has specified that the reduced rate of interest of 9% for delayed payments of taxes, levies etc. specified in the earstwhile Ordinance shall not be applicable for the payments made after June 30, 2020.

Due date for depositing self assessment tax upto INR 1 lacs – November 30, 2020

- In order to provide relief to small and middle class taxpayers, the date for payment of self-assessment tax in the case of a taxpayer whose self-assessment tax liability is upto INR 1 lacs has also been extended to November 30, 2020.

- However, the due date for the payment of self-assessment tax for the taxpayers having self-assessment tax liability exceeding INR 1 lacs remains as payable by the due dates specified in the Income-tax Act, 1961. Accordingly, delayed payment would attract interest under section 234A of the Act.

Due date of tax saving investments – July 31, 2020

- The date for making various investment/ payment for claiming deduction under Chapter-VIA-B of the IT Act which includes section 80C (LIC, PPF, NSC etc.), 80D (Mediclaim), 80G (Donations) etc. has also been further extended to July 31, 2020. Hence the investment/ payment can be made upto July 31, 2020 for claiming the deduction under these sections for FY 2019-20.

Extention of due date for passing of order, issuance of notices – March 31, 2021

- The date for passing of order or issuance of notice by the authorities and various compliances under various Direct Taxes & Benami Law which are required to be passed/ issued/ made by December 31, 2020 has been extended to March 31, 2021

Extention in capital gain investment compliance dates – September 30, 2020

- The date for making investment/ construction/ purchase for claiming roll over benefit/ deduction in respect of capital gains under sections 54 to 54GB of the IT Act has also been further extended to September 30, 2020. Therefore, the investment/ construction/ purchase made up to September 30, 2020 shall

be eligible for claiming deduction from capital gains.

Extention in date for commencement of operation for SEZ units – September 30, 2020

- The date for commencement of operation for the SEZ units for claiming deduction under section 10AA of the IT Act has also been further extended to September 30, 2020 for the units which received necessary approval by March 31, 2020.

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