

On October 19, 2023, in accordance with its powers under sub-section (5) of section 10A read with sub-section (8) of section 10AA and section 295 of the Income-tax Act 1961, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), after Rule 16CC, inserted Rule 16D amending the Income tax rules 1962. This new Rule specifies that, "The report of an accountant which is required to be furnished by the assessee, under sub-section (8) of section 10AA read with sub-section (5) of section 10A shall be in Form No. 56F."

Moreover, in the Principal Rules provided in Appendix II, the new Form 56F shall be inserted after Form No.56E (as it stood immediately before its omission by the Income-tax (21st Amendment) Rules, 2021)

The Rule has retrospective application and <u>shall be deemed to have come into force from July 29</u>, <u>2021</u>. However, CBDT has certified that no adversity will be faced by any person due to such retrospective effect.

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