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**Instant PAN card
online through
Aadhaar facility
formally launched!
Check how to apply**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today formally launched the facility for instant allotment of PAN through Aadhaar based e-KYC (on near to real-time basis). The Income Tax department tweeted that the process of applying for the instant PAN is very simple. You can go to the e-filing website of Income Tax Department for generating the PAN instantly.

The Income Tax department said that the process for applying for instant PAN is extremely simple. "The applicant may go to the e-filing website of the Income Tax Department to provide her/his valid Aadhaar no & submit the OTP generated on the Aadhaar registered mobile no."

"On completion of this process, a 15-digit acknowledgement number is generated. The status of the request can be checked anytime by providing the valid Aadhaar number & once allotted, the e-PAN can be downloaded. e-PAN is also sent to the applicant on the email id, if registered with Aadhaar," the tax department said.

The instant PAN facility was announced by the Finance minister in the Union Budget. The Ministry of Finance said in a statement that the instant PAN facility is now available for those PAN applicants who possess a valid Aadhaar number and have a mobile number registered with Aadhaar. The allotment process is paperless and an electronic PAN (e-PAN) is issued to the applicants free of cost.

(<https://www.financialexpress.com>)

**Direct tax mop-up
rises 39% amid sharp
decline in
disbursement of
refunds**

Gross direct tax collections recorded a 13 per cent fall up to May 23 this year, compared to the same period last year. This came on the back of economic disruption caused by the outbreak.

However, a sharp decline in disbursement of refunds by the tax department has bumped up net collections, which rose 39 per cent during the period.

Gross tax collections declined to Rs 91,646 crore between April 1 and May 23, compared to Rs 1.05 trillion in the corresponding period of FY20. Refunds worth Rs 16,242 crore were issued during this period, a 68 per cent fall compared to the Rs 51,655 crore disbursed last year.

(<https://www.business-standard.com>)

**CBDT gives
wholesalers relief on
electronic payment
norms**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has pruned the list of electronic payments methods wholesalers can offer, in a bid to make payment options more relevant to a business' customer base.

CBDT said in a circular that wholesalers need not offer certain electronic payment methods, such as debit cards powered by RuPay, unified payments interface (UPI) and UPI quick response code, which are generally used by retail customers. They were made compulsory for businesses in 2019 with the aim of promoting a less-cash economy.

The move to exempt wholesalers from compulsorily offering these payment options is based on industry suggestions that these modes are more suitable for retail transactions and usually have a maximum payment limit per transaction, or per day, which do not apply to wholesalers, who receive payments through other electronic modes such as real-time gross settlement.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/circular/circular_no_12_2020.pdf

CBDT Revamped Form 26AS [Annual Information Statement]

CBDT Revamped Form 26AS and will come into effect from June 1. Revised Form 26AS will contain following additional information over and above TDS/TCS and tax payment details.

1. Information relating to Property transactions
2. Information relating to Share transactions
3. Information relating to Demand and Refund
4. Information relating to Pending and Completed proceedings.

This new Form 26AS will provide all the information at one place to facilitate the tax authorities doing e-assessments wherein there is no or limited interaction with the taxpayers. Tax authorities will easily compare information available in Form 26AS vis-a-vis information reported by taxpayer in Income Tax Return and any mismatch may be easily flagged by the systems. It will also assist the taxpayers to identify and take timely corrective action, in case any incorrect information is reported in Form 26AS.

(https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notification_30_2020.pdf)

Tax Deducted at Source: Quarterly payment of TDS could be a 'Saviour' for taxpayers in Corona crisis

The government has provided certain relaxation in lockdown 4.0 but sectors that depend on human resources shall take time to recover. From small businesses to corporates, malls and cinemas, every segment is facing heat of this prolonged lockdown in the country due to the global pandemic.

The Finance Minister has announced certain relaxations in terms of reduced rate of interest for tax payments which are due for payment from 20-03-2020 to 29-06-2020 from 1.5% to 0.75% for every month or part thereof if it is paid on or before 30-06-2020. Further, in the press conference held on May 13, 2020, the Finance Minister has also reduced the rates of TDS/TCS in respect of specified payments/receipts by 25%.

In general, the tax deducted between April to February has to be deposited on or before 7th day of the next month and for March it has to be deposited by 30th April. The Finance Minister hasn't provided any relief in the due date of tax payments. If the deductor fails to deposit tax at source, he shall be liable to pay interest at the rate of 1.5% for every month or part thereof on the amount of tax he failed to deposit to the credit of the Central Govt. The interest shall be calculated for the period starting from the date on which tax is deducted and ending on the date on which such tax is deposited.

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Submission of NIL GSTR-3B by SMS

The facility to file NIL GSTR 3B via Short Messaging Service facility (SMS) has been made available to a registered person from June 8, 2020, using the registered mobile number.

[Notification No.44/2020 – Central Tax dated June 8, 2020]

Extension of time limit to pass GST refund rejection order

In view of the spread of pandemic COVID-19 across many countries in the world including India, it has been notified that where a notice has been issued for rejection of refund claim, in full or in part and where the time limit for issuance of order in terms of provisions of sub section (5) read with sub section (7) of section 54 of the GST act falls during the period from the 20th March 2020 to 29th June 2020, in such cases, the time limit for issuance of order shall be extended to 15 days after the receipt of reply to the notice from the registered person or 30th June 2020 whichever is later.

[Notification No.46/2020 – Central Tax dated June 9, 2020]

Extension of validity period of E-way Bill

Where an **E-way Bill** has been generated under rule 138 on or before **March 24th 2020** and whose validity has expired on or after **20th March 2020**, the validity period of such e-way bill shall be **deemed to have been extended till 30th June 2020**.

[Notification No.47/2020 – Central Tax dated June 9, 2020]

***Extension of time
limits for settlement
of import payment*** ▶

In terms of existing regulations, remittances against normal imports (i.e. excluding import of gold/diamonds and precious stones/ jewelry) should be completed not later than six months from the date of shipment, except in cases where amounts are withheld towards guarantee of performance etc.

In view of the disruptions due to outbreak of COVID- 19 pandemic, it has been decided by the Reserve Bank of India to extend the time period for completion of remittances against such normal imports (except in cases where amounts are withheld towards guarantee of performance etc.) from six months to twelve months from the date of shipment for such imports made on or before July 31, 2020.

(RBI/2019-20/242A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.33 dated May 22, 2020)

**Central Board of Direct
Taxes (CBDT) extends
applicability of
transfer pricing (TP)
safe harbor rules (SHR)
to financial year
2019-20**

The TP SHR were first issued in 2013. These rules provide for specific transactions where the safe harbors could be adopted, provided procedures for adopting, the transfer prices to be implemented and the compliance requirement. The rules were applicable for five years and ended with financial year (FY) 2016-17. The CBDT then stretched and modified the SHR for three additional FYs ending FY 2018-19.

On 20 May 2020, the CBDT amended the SHR to extend the applicability to FY 2019-20, without any changes. Taxpayer opting for the SHR for FY 2019-20 needs to file Form 3CEFA, the due date for this filing is 30 November 2020.

Further, the Finance Act, 2020 amended the income tax law to enable the CBDT to prescribe SHR for the attribution of profits to a business connection or permanent establishment (PE) of a non-resident. However, those SHR have not been issued to date.

(CBDT Notification No. 25/2020/F. No. 370142/14/2020-TPL dated May 20, 2020)

General circular regarding clarification on holding of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM):-

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide its General Circular No. 20 dated 5th May, 2020 with reference to earlier General Circulars No.14 dated 8th April, 2020 (Clarification on passing of Ordinary and Special resolutions by Companies under The Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder on account of the threat posed by COVID – 19) and 17 dated 13th April, 2020 (Clarification on passing of Ordinary and Special resolutions by companies under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder on account of the threat posed by COVID – 19) provided a detailed clarification on holding an Annual General Meeting through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) by Companies which are required to provide e-voting facility (Every company which has listed its equity shares on a recognised stock exchange and every company having not less than One Thousand members) under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder or Companies which has opted for such facility and the Companies which are not required to provide an e – voting facility during the Calendar Year 2020.

Link:

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Circular20_05052020.pdf

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Circular17_13042020.pdf

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Circular14_08042020.pdf

General Circular regarding clarification on dispatch of notice under section 62(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 (Mode and manner of dispatch of Notice of issue of letter of offer for further issue of Share Capital) by listed Companies for Rights Issue opening upto 31st July, 2020:-

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide its General Circular No.21 dated 11th May, 2020 clarified that, in case of listed Companies, which comply with SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL2/CIR/P/2020/78 (Relaxations relating to procedural matters –Issues and Listing) dated 6th May, 2020, an inability to dispatch notice to their shareholders through registered post or speed post or courier for rights issues opening upto 31st July, 2020, would not be viewed as violation of section 62(2) [Mode and manner of dispatch of Notice of issue of letter of offer for further issue of Share Capital] of the Companies Act, 2013 as per the lockdown measure undertaken by Central and state Government.

Links:

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Circular21_11052020.pdf

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/may-2020/relaxations-relating-to-procedural-matters-issues-and-listing_46652.html

Due dates for the Month of July, 2020*

Regulation	Due Date	Compliance	Description
Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948- (ESIC)	15-Jul-20	ESIC Payment	ESIC Payment for the month of Jun, 2020.
The Companies Act, 2013	30-Jun-20	DPT- 3	Return of Deposit as on 31.03.2020 in Form DPT-3
Goods and Service Tax (GST)	10-Jul-20	GSTR 7	Summary of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and deposited for the month of June 2020
	10-Jul-20	GSTR 8	Summary of Tax Collected at Source (TCS) and deposited by E-Commerce Operator for the month of June 2020
	11-Jul-20	GSTR 1 (Monthly)	Return of outward supplies of taxable goods and/or services for the Month of June 2020 (for Assesses having turnover exceeding 1.5 Cr.)
	13-Jul-20	GSTR 6	Return for Input Service Distributors for the month of June 2020.
	20-Jul-2020 or 22-Jul-2020 or 24-Jul-2020	GSTR 3B	Simple GSTR return for the Month of June 2020 (based on category of taxpayer)
	31-Jul-20	GSTR 1 (Quarterly)	Quarterly return of outward supplies of taxable goods and/or services for registered persons with aggregate turnover up to Rs. 1.50 Crores for the quarter April to June 2020
Income Tax Act, 1961	30-Jun-20	TDS/TCS	Extended due date to file Quarterly statement of TDS deposited for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 without late fees
	30-Jun-20	PAN Linking	Extended Due date for linking of PAN with Aadhaar
	07-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Due date for deposit of Tax deducted/collected for the month of June, 2020.
	15-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Due date for issue of TDS Certificate for tax deducted under section 194 M, 194-IA & 194-IB in the month of June, 2020
	15-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Quarterly statement of TCS deposited for the quarter ending 30 June, 2020
	15-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Upload the declarations received from recipients in Form No. 15G/15H during the quarter ending June, 2020
	30-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Quarterly TCS certificate in respect of tax collected by any person for the quarter ending June 30, 2020
	30-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Due date for furnishing of challan-cum-statement in respect of tax deducted under section 194-IA for the month of June, 2020
	30-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Due date for issue of TDS Certificate for tax deducted under Section 194-IB / 194-M for the month of June, 2020
	31-Jul-20	TDS/TCS	Quarterly statement of TDS deposited for the quarter ending June 30, 2020
Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952	15-Jul-20	PF Payment	PF Payment for the month of June, 2020.

* The above due date calender contains compliances generally applicable to taxpayers (without considering extensions provided by various authorities, unless otherwise specified) and this calender has been compiled by HSCo on basis of data available on various portals and other sources. One should always check applicable compliances based on their business needs and should also check updated due dates, if any, on the government portal before making the compliance.

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