

### COVID 19 - IT, GST & RBI RELAXATIONS

Date	Description
<b>Direct Tax</b>	
31 March 2020	The last date of 31 March 2020 for filing the income tax return for AY 2019-20 (FY 2018-19) has been extended to 30 June 2020. The extension applies to the filing of original return and revised returns.
31 March 2020	Taxpayers can make tax-saving investments for FY 2019-20 such as payment of LIC premium, deposit to NSC, PPF, SSY and so on until 30 June 2020. Similarly, medical insurance premium, donations, interest on education loan paid until 30 June 2020 will also be eligible for a tax deduction for FY 2019-20.
31 March 2020	Taxpayers can also make investments in the new house property, bonds and so on until 30 June 2020 to claim capital gains exemption. Such investment or purchase made until 30 June 2020 can be claimed as capital gains exemption for FY 2019-20.
31 March 2020	The date for commencement of operation for SEZ units (claiming deduction under section 10AA) has been extended to 30 June 2020, for units which have received approval by 31 March 2020.
31 March 2020	The time for passing income tax orders or issuing income tax notices has been extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 June 2020.
31 March 2020	The interest on delayed payment of taxes has been reduced to 9% p.a. for any delayed payment of TDS, TCS, advance tax, equalization levy, Commodities Transaction tax (CTT) or Securities Transaction Tax (STT), which fall due for payment from 20 March 2020 to 29 June 2020, but paid by 30 June 2020.

31 March 2020	The last date for Aadhaar PAN linking is extended to 30 June 2020.
31 March 2020	Donations made to PM CARES Fund will be eligible for 100% deduction under section 80G. The donation made from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 can be claimed as a tax deduction for the FY 2019-20. In case a taxpayer wants to claim the tax deduction for FY 2020-21, the deduction is allowed both under the old regime and new optional tax regime.
31 March 2020	The time for declaration and payment under the Vivad se Vishwas Scheme has been extended to 30 June 2020.
8 April 2020	All pending income-tax refunds up to Rs 5 lakh will be released immediately to all taxpayers, including individuals and business entities.
<b>GST and other Indirect Taxes</b>	
24 March 2020	<b>Taxpayers with an annual aggregate turnover of up to Rs 5 crore:</b> The due dates for filing GSTR-3B for February 2020, March 2020, and April 2020 have been extended up to the last week of June 2020. Accordingly, no late fee, interest or penalty shall be levied for them.
24 March 2020	<b>Taxpayers with an annual aggregate turnover of more than Rs 5 crore:</b> Except for a reduced interest charge, the due dates of GSTR-3B for February 2020, March 2020, and April 2020 stand extended up to the last week of June 2020. No late fee or penalty shall be levied. Any tax payments made after a delay of 15 days from the original due dates will attract a reduced interest at 9% p.a. instead of 18% p.a. The reduced interest charge will apply for the tax payments made between 20th March 2020 and 30th June 2020.
24 March 2020	<b>Taxpayers registered under the composition scheme:</b> The due date for filing the statement-cum-challan in CMP-08 for the last quarter of FY 2019-20, i.e. Jan-Mar 2020 is extended till the last week of June 2020. Similarly, the due date for filing GSTR-4 for FY 2019-20 is extended from 30th April 2020 to the last week of June 2020.

24 March 2020	The last date for opting into the composition scheme for the FY 2020-21 has been extended from 31st March 2020 up to 30th June 2020. It applies to taxpayers availing both the schemes under Section 10 of the CGST Act as well as the Notification no. 2/2019 dated 7th March 2019.
24 March 2020	<b>Sabka Vishwas Scheme LDRS:</b> The last date to avail the scheme is extended up to 30th June 2020. No interest will be charged for this period if the dues are paid before 30th June 2020.
24 March 2020	The taxpayers and/or the tax authorities have got an extended time limit of up to 30th June 2020, where the time limit for the following compliance matter expires between 20th March 2020 and 29th June 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of notice/notification/approval order/sanction order</li> <li>• Filing of an appeal/furnishing of a return/ statements/ applications/ reports or any other documents</li> </ul>
<b>Financial / Banking Services</b>	
24 March 2020	The following financial/banking services have been relaxed for up to three months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debit cardholders can withdraw cash for free from any other banks` ATM</li> <li>• The minimum balance fee has been waived</li> <li>• The trade finance consumers will be charged with a lower bank charge for all the digital trade transactions.</li> </ul>
27 March 2020	<b>Moratorium on Term Loans:</b> All commercial banks, co-operative banks, all-India Financial Institutions and NBFCs (including housing finance companies and micro-finance institutions) are being permitted to allow a moratorium of three months on payment of instalments in respect of all term loans outstanding as on March 1, 2020. Accordingly, the repayment schedule and all subsequent due dates, as also the tenor for such loans, may be shifted across the board by 3 months.

<p>27 March 2020</p>	<p><b>Deferment of Interest on Working Capital Facilities:</b> In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of cash credit/overdraft, lending institutions are being permitted to allow a deferment of three months on payment of interest in respect of all such facilities outstanding as on March 1, 2020. The accumulated interest for the period will be paid after the expiry of the deferment period.</p> <p>Moratorium/deferment is being provided specifically to enable the borrowers to tide over the economic fallout from COVID-19. Hence, the same will not be treated as change in terms and conditions of loan agreements due to financial difficulty of the borrowers and, consequently, will not result in asset classification downgrade. The lending institutions may accordingly put in place a Board approved policy in this regard.</p>
<p>27 March 2020</p>	<p><b>Easing of Working Capital Financing:</b> In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of cash credit/overdraft, lending institutions may recalculate drawing power by reducing margins and/or by reassessing the working capital cycle for the borrowers. Such changes in credit terms permitted to the borrowers to specifically tide over the economic fallout due to COVID-19 will not be treated as concessions granted due to financial difficulties of the borrower, and consequently, will not result in asset classification downgrade.</p>
<p>29 March 2020</p>	<p><b>Credit Card payment:</b> Banks are permitted to grant a moratorium of 3 months or payment of all Credit Card dues falling between March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020. The moratorium will be provided for both interest as well as principal repayment, which means the moratorium will be provided for both interest as well as principal repayment, which means the moratorium will apply to your entire EMI amount and/or purchase outstanding amount on your Credit Card, However, please note during this period, the outstanding amount will attract interest charges which will have to be paid after the moratorium period is over.</p>
<p>17 April 2020</p>	<p><b>Non-Performing Asset:</b> It has been decided that in respect of all accounts for which lending institutions decide to grant moratorium or deferment, and which were standard as on March 1, 2020, the 90-day NPA norm shall exclude the moratorium period, i.e., there would an asset classification standstill for all such accounts from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020.</p>

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