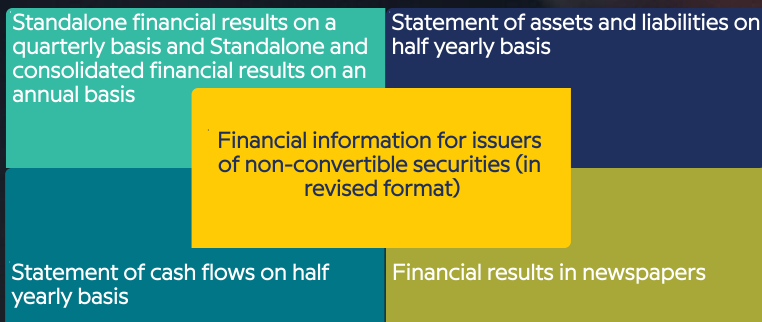


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Non-convertible securities include debentures that are not convertible into equity at any given time and constitute a debt obligation on the part of the issuer. Chapter V of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations) is applicable to entities that have listed their non-convertible securities on the stock exchanges. Regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations deals with the preparation and submission of financial results.

SEBI vide circular dated 7 September 2021 had amended various provisions in the Listing Regulations. A significant amendment under Chapter V, which applies to all debt listed entities, is the requirement of submission of financial results on a quarterly basis instead of erstwhile half-yearly basis. Further, SEBI vide circular dated 5 October 2021 has specified the format to be followed by the entities whose non-convertible securities are listed.

Exhibit 1: Revised format is provided for filing:



Note 1 – Financial results are required to be disclosed for the current and preceding quarters, corresponding quarter of previous year, year to date figures for the current period as well as the previous period and figures of the previous year. Further, the financial results shall also include certain information specified under Regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations.

Submission of results – The timeline for submission of the quarterly results is 45 days from the end of quarter. The last quarter financial results (ending 31 March) and the annual audited financial results shall be submitted within 60 days from the end of the financial year. In addition to the above, a copy of the financial results submitted to stock exchanges shall also be provided to Debenture Trustees on the same day.



Relaxation – In the circular dated 5 October 2021, SEBI has provided certain relaxations wherein if the listed entity does not have corresponding figures for quarters ended September 2020, December 2020, March 2021 and June 2021 and for the half year ended September 2020 (for statement of assets & liabilities and cash flows), the disclosure for such figures shall not be applicable.

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Therefore

With the amendment to SEBI LODR Regulations, SEBI has increased the compliance requirements for debt listed entities to bring the equity-listed entities and debt-listed entities at par. The requirement of quarterly results and additional information specified under Regulation 52(4) will boost investor confidence in the Indian debt capital market.