

Income Tax Update | Extension of timelines for filing of certain income-tax returns and audit reports

Considering the difficulties reported by the taxpayers and other stakeholders due to COVID and in electronic filing of various reports of audit under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act), CBDT has further extended the timelines for filing of certain income-tax returns and audit reports for AY 2021-22. The extension of the timelines was also requested by the ICAI in view of the difficulties presently faced by the assessee.

The details are as under:

Compliance of Furnishing / Filing (AY 2021-22)	Original timeline	Extended timeline (circular no. 17/2021)	Further extension (circular no. 01/2022)
Audit report under any provisions of the Act	30 September 2021	15 January 2022	15 February 2022
Return of income for above assessee (where audit report under any provisions of the Act are applicable) *	31 October 2021	15 February 2022	15 March 2022
Report of an Audit/ Report of an Accountant by persons entering into international transaction / specified domestic transaction under Section 92E (Transfer Pricing) for FY 20-21	31 October 2021	31 January 2022	15 February 2022
Return of income for assessee required to furnish report under 'Transfer Pricing' provisions *	30 November 2021	28 February 2022	15 March 2022

*Note:

- Where the net tax liability of the assessee (after deducting advance tax, TDS, reliefs and tax deductions) is more than INR 1 lakh, the extended due dates will not apply for such filings under Section 139 (1) for the purpose of calculations of interest chargeable under section 234A of the Act.
- Resident senior citizens not having 'Profits and gains of business or profession' are exempt from paying advance tax. Hence, they can avail the extension of timelines of the above notification so far as their tax liability does not exceed INR 1 lakh.

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Therefore

ICAI had submitted its written representation to the CBDT for waiver of penalties /other consequences considering the difficulties for compiling tax audit report on the background of continuing issues like non-availability of Form no. 3CEB, 10B & 10C, technical glitches in operation of the new portal, fast spread of Omicron & current lockdowns. The extended timelines will further ease the assessee in ensuring compliances for AY 2021-22, which was much awaited by the all the stakeholders.