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<u>Income Tax</u>	
1. Income Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025.	
<div> <div>CBDT</div> <div>Notification No. 14/2025 dated 07.02.2025</div> </div> <p>Vide this notification, CBIC has replaced and amended the old Form 49C with the new Form 49C.</p> <p>The due date of filing Form 49C is also increased by 60 days from the end of financial year to 8 months from the end of financial year.</p> <p>Form 49C is a mandatory annual compliance form that foreign companies with Liaison Offices in India must file under RBI guidelines.</p> <p>Notification No.14</p>	
2. Extension of due date for filing of Form 56F under the Income Tax Act.	
<div> <div>CBDT</div> <div>Circular No. 02/2025 dated 18.02.2025</div> </div> <p>Vide this notification, CBDT has extended the due date of filing Form 56F for FY 2023-24.</p> <p>Due date is extended from 30th September 2024 to 31st March 2025.</p> <p>Form 56F is a mandatory Form for taxpayers who claim deduction under Section 10AA of the Income Tax Act. Section 10AA offers tax benefits to certain businesses operating in specific economic zones.</p> <p>Circular No.2</p>	
3. Income-tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2025.	
<div> <div>CBDT</div> <div>Notification No. 17/2025 dated 24.02.2025</div> </div> <p>Vide this notification, CBDT has amended Income-Tax Rules, 1962. The amendments primarily focus on ensuring greater clarity in the reporting and taxation of Business Trusts, Investment Funds and securitization Trusts.</p> <p>Details of the amendments are as under:</p> <p>1. Amendments to Rule 12CA- Business Trust</p> <p>A new provision has been introduced regarding the furnishing of statements of income distributed by a Business Trust to its unit holders. The updated rule states:</p> <p>The person responsible for making such payments on behalf of the Business Trust must submit the statement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Income-tax (within whose jurisdiction the principal office of the business trust is located) by June 15 of the financial year following the year in which the income was distributed. This submission must be made electronically under a digital signature in Form No. 64A, verified by an accountant. ➤ The unit holder by June 30 of the financial year following the year of income distribution, using Form No. 64B. This form must be generated and downloaded from a web portal specified by the Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) or the Director General of Income-tax (Systems), duly verified by the paying authority of the business trust. 	

2. Amendment to Rule 12CB- Investment Funds

A similar provision has been introduced for income payments made by an Investment Fund to its investors. The revised rule states:

The person responsible for making payments on behalf of an Investment Fund must submit the statement to:

- The Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Income-tax (within whose jurisdiction the principal office of the securitization trust is located) by **June 15** of the financial year following the year in which the income was paid or credited. This must be done electronically under a digital signature in **Form No. 64C**, verified by an accountant.
- The investor by **June 30** of the financial year following the year of income payment, using **Form No. 64D**. This form must be generated and downloaded from the specified web portal and verified by the person responsible for making the payments

3. Amendment to Rule 12CC- Securitization trust

A similar provision has been introduced for income payments made by a securitization trust to its investors. The revised rule states:

The person responsible for making payments on behalf of a securitization trust must submit the statement to:

- The Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Income-tax (within whose jurisdiction the principal office of the securitization trust is located) by **June 15** of the financial year following the year in which the income was paid or credited. This must be done electronically under a digital signature in **Form No. 64E**, verified by an accountant.
- The investor by **June 30** of the financial year following the year of income payment, using **Form No. 64F**. This form must be generated and downloaded from the specified web portal and verified by the person responsible for making the payments.

4. Revised Tax Treatment

- The amendment clarifies tax rates and deductions applicable to **business trusts, REITs, and AIFs**.
- Specific **capital gains tax adjustments** have been made under **Sections 112A and 111A**, removing previously specified **10% and 15% tax rates** for certain capital gains, aligning them with new rules.

5. Digital Compliance and E-Filing Mandates

- The notification emphasizes the use of **digital signatures** and electronic filing of forms on designated tax portals.
- The **Principal Director General of Income Tax (Systems)** has been empowered to define the procedures and security protocols for electronic filing.

[Notification No.17](#)

Goods and Service Tax

1. Effective dates for the applicability of amendments in the rules of the CGST (Amendment) Rules, 2024

CBIC
Notification No. 09/2025 dated 11.02.2025

Vide this notification, CBIC has specified the effective dates on which following amended rules of the CGST (Amendment) Rules, 2024 shall come into force.

Rules	Effective Date
Rules 8, 37 and clause (ii) of rule 38	1 st April, 2025
Rules 2, 24, 27 and 32	11 th February, 2025

Changes Effective from 1st April, 2025:

- Changes in Rule 39 of the CGST Rules, 2017. One such major change is ITC in respect of reverse charge is also to be distributed as common credit if the same is attributable to any other GSTIN.).
- Changes in FORM GSTR-7 (Table 3 and 4 amended- both related to TDS)
- Changes in FORM GSTR-8 (Related to mentioning the Place of supply in Table 3)

Changes Effective from 11th February, 2025:

- A newly inserted 2nd proviso to Rule 8(4A) of the CGST Rules states that while applying for GST registration if a person does not opt for Aadhaar-authentication, the following steps would still be needed at one of the facilitation centers notified by the Commissioner:
 - Taking a photo of the applicant / key management of the entity
 - Verification of original copy of documents at one of the Facilitation Centers
- Newly inserted 4th proviso to Rule 138(3) which requires an unregistered person who wishes to generate E-way Bill, to electronically submit necessary details in FORM GST ENR-03. This submission may be made directly on the common portal or through a Facilitation Centre designated by the Commissioner. Upon successful validation of the furnished details, a **unique enrolment number** shall be generated and communicated to the person concerned.
- Changes in FORM GSTR-3B related to late fees and interest (Table 6).

[Notification No. 9](#)

Disclaimer:

This is not a complete listing of all circulars/notifications issued during the month.
Instead, it is only a listing of some of the circulars/notifications that we considered important



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