

RETURNS



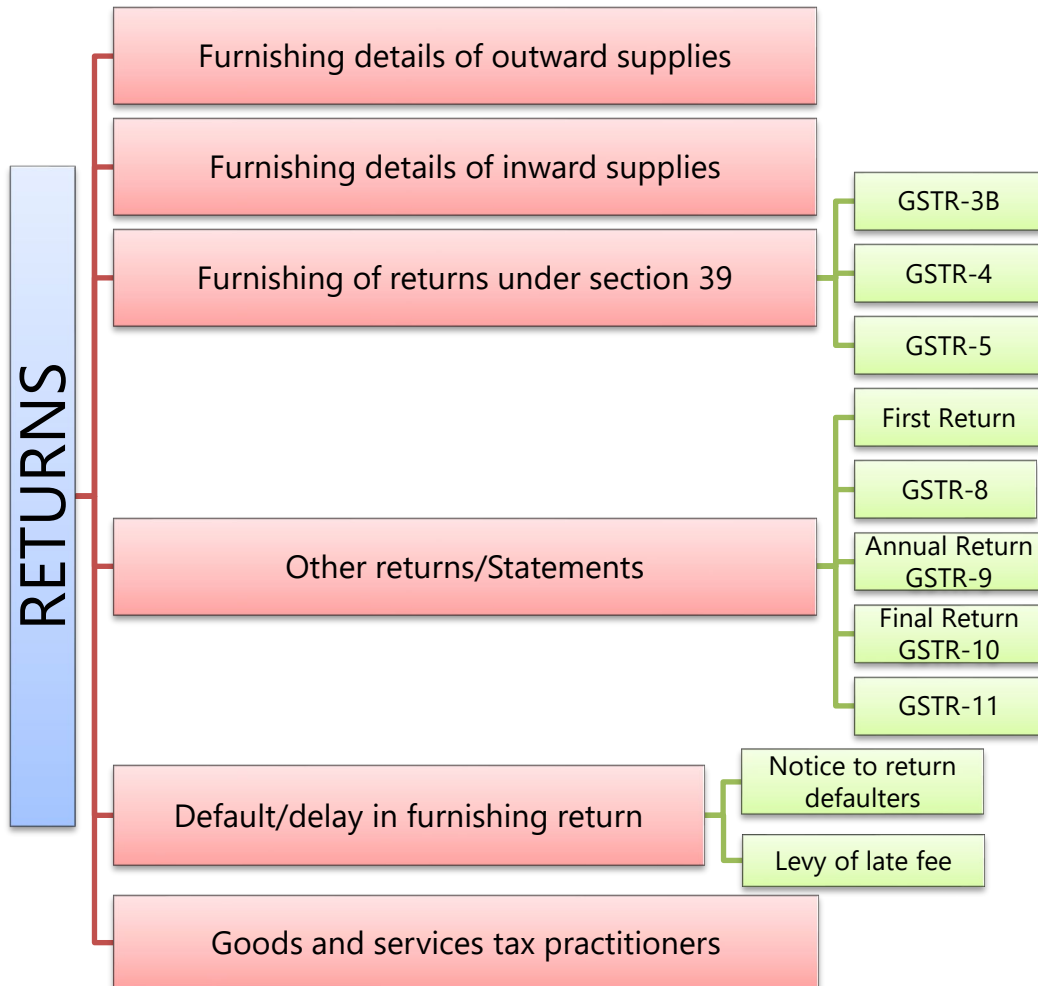
The section numbers referred to in the Chapter pertain to CGST Act and rule numbers referred to in the Chapter pertain to CGST Rules, unless otherwise specified. Examples/ Illustrations/Questions and Answers given in the Chapter are based on the position of GST law existing as on 31.10.2024.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After studying this Chapter, you will be able to –

- comprehend and analyse provisions relating to statements furnishing details of outward supplies and inward supplies
- understand and analyse provisions relating to furnishing of returns under section 39
- understand and analyse provisions relating to furnishing of other returns/statements
- provide an overview of provisions relating to default/delay in furnishing return
- explain the provisions relating to GST practitioner

CHAPTER OVERVIEW



1. INTRODUCTION

The term “return” ordinarily means statement of information (facts) furnished by the taxpayer, to tax administrators, at regular intervals. The information to be furnished in the return generally comprises of the details pertaining to the nature of activities/business operations forming the subject matter of taxation; the



measure of taxation such as sale price, turnover, or value; deductions and exemptions; and determination and discharge of tax liability for a given period.

In any tax law, "filing of returns" constitutes the most important compliance procedure which enables the Government/ tax administrator to estimate the tax collection for a particular period and determine the correctness and completeness of the tax compliance of the taxpayers.

The returns serve the following purposes:

- a) Mode for transfer of information to tax administration;
- b) Compliance verification program of tax administration;
- c) Finalization of the tax liabilities of the taxpayer within stipulated period of limitation;
- d) Providing necessary inputs for taking policy decision;
- e) Management of audit and anti-evasion programs of tax administration



The taxpayer is generally required to furnish the return in a specific statutory format. These formats are, therefore, designed to take care of all the provisions of the law that have a bearing on computation of tax liability of a taxpayer. Hence, a study of various fields contained in the form of return *vis-à-vis* the relevant corresponding provisions of the tax law, can facilitate overall understanding of the tax law in a better manner.

Under the GST laws, the correct and timely filing of returns is of utmost importance because of two reasons.

Firstly, under GST laws, a taxpayer is required to estimate his tax liability on "self-assessment" basis and deposit the tax amount along with the filing of such return.

Filing of GST returns helps in determination of tax liability of the return filer and at the same time it also has a huge bearing on determination of tax liability of other persons with whom the former has entered into taxable activities.

The return, therefore, constitutes a kind of working sheet/supporting document for the tax authorities that can be relied upon as the basis on which the tax has been computed by the taxpayer. Secondly, under the GST regime, filing of returns not only determines the tax liability of the person filing the same, but it also has a huge bearing on determination of tax liability of other persons with whom the former has entered into transactions in course or furtherance of business.

Chapter IX of the CGST Act [Sections 37 to 48¹] prescribe the provisions relating to filing of returns as under:

Section 37	Furnishing details of outward supplies
Section 38	Furnishing details of inward supplies
Section 39	Furnishing of returns
Section 40	First return
Section 44	Annual Return
Section 45	Final Return
Section 46	Notice to return defaulters
Section 47	Levy of late fee
Section 48	Goods and services tax practitioners

Apart from this, section 52, *inter alia*, prescribes a statement for tax collection at source to be furnished by Electronic Commerce Operator. *Provisions of section 41 relating to availment of input tax credit have already been discussed in Chapter 8 – Input Tax Credit in this Module of the Study Material; thus, said provisions are not discussed here.* The provisions relating to forms and manner, in which information is to be furnished through returns, are given under Chapter VIII of the CGST Rules [Rules 59-84²]. State GST laws also prescribe identical provisions in relation to filing of returns.

¹ Sections 42, 43 and 43A have been omitted.

² Rules 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 and 79 have been omitted.

Provisions of returns, other than late fee, under CGST Act have also been made applicable to IGST Act vide section 20 of the IGST Act.

All the returns under GST laws are to be filed electronically. Taxpayers can file the statements and returns by various modes. Firstly, they can file their statement and returns directly on the GST common portal online. However, this may be tedious and time consuming for taxpayers with large number of invoices. For such taxpayers, offline utilities have been provided by GSTN that can be used for preparing the statements offline after downloading the auto populated details and uploading them on the common portal. GSTN has also developed an ecosystem of GST Suvidha Providers (GSP) that will integrate with the common portal.

GSP- GST Suvidha Provider

- It is an eco-system of third party service providers, having access to GST system, who can help taxpayers in GST Compliance.
- GSP will develop applications for return filing, reconciliation of purchase register data with auto-populated data for acceptance/rejection/modification, dashboards for taxpayers for quick monitoring.

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The details furnished by the taxpayer in the form of returns shall be consolidated and stored at the common portal which will be common for both, i.e. Central Government and State Governments.

2. RELEVANT DEFINITIONS

- ❑ **Common portal** means the common goods and services tax electronic portal referred to in section 146 [Section 2(26)].
- ❑ **Credit note** means a document issued by a registered person under sub-section (1) of section 34 [Section 2(37)].
- ❑ **Casual taxable person** means a person who occasionally undertakes transactions involving supply of goods or services or both in the course or furtherance of business whether as principal, agent or in any other capacity,

in a State or a Union Territory where he has no fixed place of business [Section 2(20)].

- ❑ **Debit note** means a document issued by a registered person under sub-section (3) of section 34 [Section 2(38)].
- ❑ **Electronic cash ledger** means the electronic cash ledger referred to in sub-section (1) of section 49 [Section 2(43)].
- ❑ **Electronic commerce** means the supply of goods or services or both, including digital products over digital or electronic network [Section 2(44)].
- ❑ **Electronic commerce operator** means any person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce [Section 2(45)].
- ❑ **Electronic credit ledger** means the electronic credit ledger referred to in sub-section (2) of section 49 [Section 2(46)].
- ❑ **Exempt supply** means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and includes non-taxable supply [Section 2(47)].
- ❑ **Goods and services tax practitioner** means any person who has been approved under section 48 to act as such practitioner [Section 2(55)].
- ❑ **Invoice or tax invoice** means the tax invoice referred to in section 31 [Section 2(66)].
- ❑ **Inward supply** in relation to a person, shall mean receipt of goods or services or both whether by purchase, acquisition or any other means with or without consideration [Section 2(67)].
- ❑ **Non-resident taxable person** means any person who occasionally undertakes transactions involving supply of goods or services or both, whether as principal or agent or in any other capacity, but who has no fixed place of business or residence in India [Section 2(77)].
- ❑ **Outward supply** in relation to a taxable person, means supply of goods or services or both, whether by sale, transfer, barter, exchange, licence, rental,

lease or disposal or any other mode, made or agreed to be made by such person in the course or furtherance of business [Section 2(83)].

- ❑ **Prescribed** means prescribed by rules made under this Act on the recommendations of the Council [Section 2(87)].
- ❑ **Proper officer** in relation to any function to be performed under this Act, means the Commissioner or the officer of the central tax who is assigned that function by the Commissioner in the Board [Section 2(91)].
- ❑ **Quarter** shall mean a period comprising three consecutive calendar months, ending on the last day of March, June, September and December of a calendar year [Section 2(92)].
- ❑ **Recipient** of supply of goods or services or both, means—
 - where a consideration is payable for the supply of goods or services or both, the person who is liable to pay that consideration;
 - where no consideration is payable for the supply of goods, the person to whom the goods are delivered or made available, or to whom possession or use of the goods is given or made available; and
 - where no consideration is payable for the supply of a service, the person to whom the service is rendered,

and any reference to a person to whom a supply is made shall be construed as a reference to the recipient of the supply and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of the recipient in relation to the goods or services or both supplied [Section 2(93)].

- ❑ **Registered person** means a person who is registered under section 25 but does not include a person having a Unique Identity Number [Section 2(94)].
- ❑ **Return** means any return prescribed or otherwise required to be furnished by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder [Section 2(97)].
- ❑ **Reverse charge** means the liability to pay tax by the recipient of supply of goods or services or both instead of the supplier of such goods or services or both under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 9, or under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 5 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act [Section 2(98)].

- ❑ **Supplier** in relation to any goods or services or both, shall mean the person supplying the said goods or services or both and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of such supplier in relation to the goods or services or both supplied.

However, a person who organises or arranges, directly or indirectly, supply of specified actionable claims, including a person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic platform for such supply, shall be deemed to be a supplier of such actionable claims, whether such actionable claims are supplied by him or through him and whether consideration in money or money's worth, including virtual digital assets, for supply of such actionable claims is paid or conveyed to him or through him or placed at his disposal in any manner, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such supplier of specified actionable claims, as if he is the supplier liable to pay the tax in relation to the supply of such actionable claims [Section 2(105)].

- ❑ **Tax period** means the period for which the return is required to be furnished [Section 106].
- ❑ **Taxable person** means a person who is registered or liable to be registered under section 22 or section 24 [Section 2(107)].
- ❑ **Taxable supply** means a supply of goods or services or both which is leviable to tax under this Act [Section 2(108)].
- ❑ **Valid return** means a return furnished under sub-section (1) of section 39 on which self-assessed tax has been paid in full [Section 2(117)].



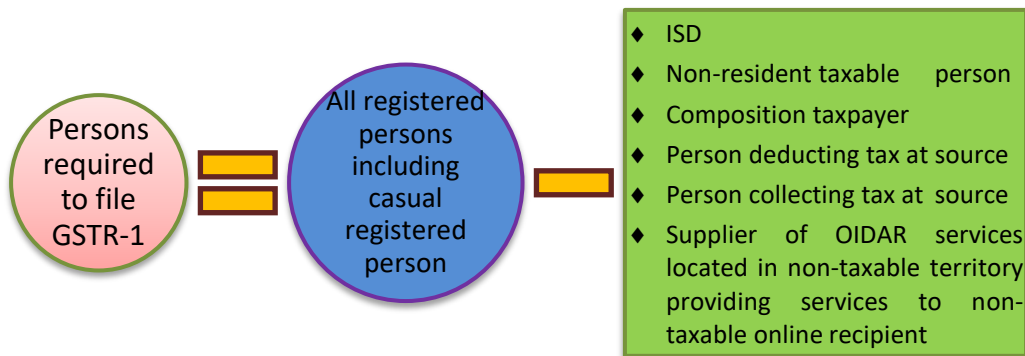
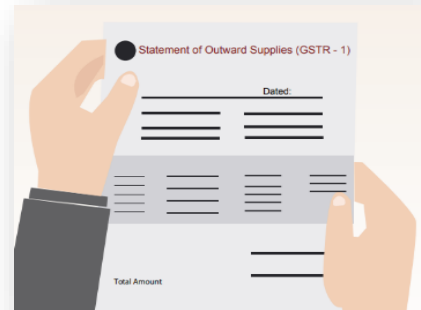
3. FURNISHING DETAILS OF OUTWARD SUPPLIES [SECTION 37 READ WITH RULE 59]

(i) Who is required to furnish the details of outward supplies? [Section 37(1) read with rule 59(1)]

The details of outward supplies (see definition) of both goods and services are required to be furnished by every registered person including casual registered person except the following:

- ❑ input service distributor (ISD)

- ❑ non-resident taxable person (NRTP)
- ❑ person paying tax under composition scheme
- ❑ person deducting tax at source
- ❑ person collecting tax at source i.e., e-commerce operator (ECO), not being an agent
- ❑ supplier of online information and database access or retrieval services (OIDAR) located in non-taxable territory and providing such services to a non-taxable online recipient³.



(ii) What is the form for submission of details of outward supplies? [Section 37(1) read with rule 59(1)]

The details of outward supplies are required to be furnished, electronically, in **Form GSTR-1 for the month or quarter**. Such details can be furnished through the common portal, either directly or from a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

Further, a Nil GSTR-1 can be filed through an SMS using the registered mobile number of the taxpayer.

³ Provisions for filing of returns by an input service distributor and a supplier of online information and database access or retrieval services (OIDAR) will be discussed at the Final level.

(iii) What is the due date of submission of GSTR-1? [Section 37(1)]

GSTR-1 for a particular tax period is filed **on or before the 10th day of the immediately succeeding tax period**. In other words, GSTR-1 of a month/quarter can be filed any time between 1st and 10th day of the succeeding month/quarter. The due date of filing GSTR-1 may be extended by the Commissioner/ Commissioner of State GST/ Commissioner of UTGST for a class of taxable persons by way of a notification. The time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 is extended⁴ as follows:



Class of registered person	Time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 for each quarter/month
Registered persons opting for QRMP scheme ⁵	13 th day of the month succeeding such quarter
Others	11 th day of the month succeeding such month

(iv) Invoice Furnishing Facility [IFF] for taxpayers opting for QRMP Scheme [Sub-rules (2) and (3) of rule 59]

Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF) is a facility provided to quarterly taxpayers who are in QRMP scheme, to file their details of outward supplies in first two months of the quarter, to pass on the credit to their recipients.

Invoice furnishing facility (IFF) is not mandatory, but an optional facility made available to the registered persons under the QRMP scheme. At his option, a registered person may choose to furnish the details of outward supplies made during a quarter in Form GSTR-1 only, without using the IFF.

⁴ vide Notification No. 83/2020 CT dated 10.11.2020

⁵ QRMP scheme - a Quarterly Return scheme where payment has to be made on monthly basis - has been discussed in detail subsequently in this chapter.

The facility of furnishing details of invoices in IFF has been provided so as to allow details of such supplies to be duly reflected in the Form GSTR-2A and Form GSTR-2B of the concerned recipient.

Otherwise, in case where a buyer has made purchases from a person opting for QRMP scheme, he could not have claimed full ITC but due to introduction of IFF, such delay will not occur as the details submitted using IFF will be reflected in the GSTR-2A, GSTR-2B, GSTR-4A or GSTR-6A⁶ of the recipients, as the case may be.

Taxpayers opting for QRMP Scheme may furnish the details of such outward supplies to a registered person, as he may consider necessary, for the 1st and 2nd months of a quarter, upto a cumulative value of ₹ 50 lakh in each of the first 2 months of the quarter using IFF electronically on the common portal. However, invoices pertaining to last month of a quarter are to be uploaded in GSTR-1 only.

The invoices are to be furnished in IFF between the 1st day of the succeeding month till the 13th day of the succeeding month. After 13th of the month, this facility for furnishing IFF for previous month would not be available.

As a facilitation measure, continuous upload of invoices would also be provided for the registered persons wherein they can save the invoices in IFF from the 1st day of the month till 13th day of the succeeding month.

The said facility would however be available, say for the month of July, from 1st August till 13th August. Similarly, for the month of August, the said facility will be available from 1st September till 13th September.

The details of invoices furnished using IFF in the first 2 months of the quarter are not required to be furnished again in GSTR-1 for the said quarter.



(1) A registered person who has availed the QRMP scheme wants to declare 2 invoices out of the total 10 invoices issued in the 1st month of quarter since the recipient of supplies covered by those 2 invoices desires to avail ITC in that month itself. Details of these 2 invoices may be furnished using IFF.

⁶ Form GSTR-6A is the system generated statement of inward supplies for an ISD. Provisions relating to ISD are discussed in detail at the Final level.

The details of the remaining 8 invoices shall be furnished in Form GSTR-1 of the said quarter.

The two invoices furnished in IFF shall be reflected in Form GSTR-2B of the concerned recipient of the 1st month of the quarter and remaining 8 invoices furnished in Form GSTR-1 shall be reflected in Form GSTR-2B of the concerned recipient of the last month of the quarter.

However, if a registered person does not opt to upload invoices using IFF, then he has to upload invoice details for all the 3 months of the quarter in Form GSTR-1.

(v) What are the cases where a registered person is debarred from furnishing details of outward supplies in GSTR-1/IFF? [Section 37(4) read with rule 59(6)]

A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies for a tax period, if the details of outward supplies for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him.

However, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies, even if he has not furnished the details of outward supplies for one or more previous tax periods [Section 37(4)].

Further, rule 59(6) stipulates that:

- (i) a registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1, if he has **not furnished** the return in **Form GSTR-3B for the preceding month**.
- (ii) a registered person, opting for QRMP scheme shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 or using IFF, if he has **not furnished the return in Form GSTR-3B for preceding tax period**.
- (iii) a registered person, to whom an intimation has been issued on the common portal under the provisions of rule 88C(1) in respect of a tax period, shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies

in Form GSTR-1 or using IFF for a subsequent tax period, unless he has either deposited the amount specified in the said intimation or has furnished a reply explaining the reasons for any amount remaining unpaid, as required under the provisions of rule 88C(2). Rule 88C has been discussed subsequently in this chapter.

- (iv) a registered person, to whom an intimation has been issued on the common portal under the provisions of rule 88D(1) in respect of a tax period/periods, shall not be allowed to furnish GSTR-1/IFF for a subsequent tax period, unless he has either paid the amount equal to the excess ITC as specified in the said intimation or has furnished a reply explaining the reasons in respect of the amount of excess ITC that still remains to be paid, as required under the provisions of rule 88D(2). Rule 88D has been discussed subsequently in this chapter.**
- (v) a registered person shall not be allowed to furnish GSTR-1/IFF, if he has not furnished the details of the bank account as per the provisions of rule 10A⁷.**



A taxpayer cannot file GSTR-1 before the end of the current tax period.

However, the following are the exceptions to this rule:

- a. Casual taxpayers, after the closure of their business**
- b. Cancellation of GSTIN of a normal taxpayer**

A taxpayer who has applied for cancellation of registration will be allowed to file GSTR-1 after confirming receipt of the application.

⁷ Provisions of rule 10A have been discussed in Chapter 9 – Registration in this Module of the Study Material.

(vi) What are the contents of GSTR-1?**CONTENTS OF GSTR- 1**

Basic & Other Details	Details of Outward Supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSTIN • Legal name • Trade name, if any • Aggregate turnover in previous year • Year and Month • HSN-wise summary of outward supplies • Details of documents issued during the tax period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2B including UIN holders • B2C inter-State supplies where invoice value > ₹ 2.5 lakh • Consolidated details of other B2C supplies • Zero rated and Deemed exports • Debit/ Credit notes issued • Nil rated/ Exempted/ Non-GST • Amendments for prior period • Advances received/advances adjusted




GST is a destination-based consumption tax. Hence, the tax revenue is transferred to the State which is the place of supply⁸ of the particular transaction. Since, the place of supply is crucial for determining the share of every State in the tax revenue, GSTR-1 also captures information relating to place of supply.

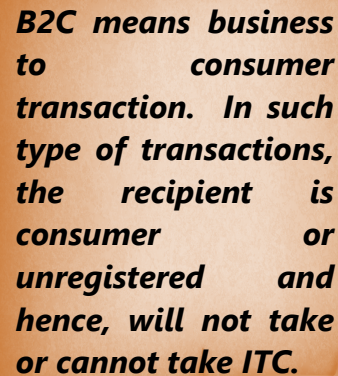
(vii) What kind of details of outward supplies are required to be furnished in GSTR-1 and IFF? [Explanation to section 37 read with sub-rules (4), (4A) and (5) of rule 59]

Uploading of invoices in IFF and GSTR-1 depends on whether the supply is B2B or B2C. Further, uploading of invoices in GSTR-1 also depends on whether the supply is intra-State or inter-State. Let us first understand what is B2B supply and what is B2C supply?

⁸ Principles determining the place of supply as contained in sections 10 and 12 of the IGST Act have been discussed in detail in Chapter 4 – Place of Supply in Module 1 of this Study Material.



B2B means business to business transaction. In such type of transactions, the recipient is also a registered supplier and hence, takes ITC.



B2C means business to consumer transaction. In such type of transactions, the recipient is consumer or unregistered and hence, will not take or cannot take ITC.

(A) Details of outward supplies required to be furnished in IFF

In the IFF, the registered person has to submit the B2B (business to business) invoice details of both inter-State and intra-State supply transactions along with debit and credit notes of the B2B invoices issued during the month.

The details of outward supplies furnished using IFF shall include the –

- (a) invoice wise details of inter-State and intra-State supplies made to the registered persons;
- (b) debit and credit notes, if any, issued during the month for such invoices issued previously.

From the above discussion, it can be inferred that IFF shall include invoices pertaining to B2B supplies irrespective of whether they are intra-State or inter- State supplies. This is so because the recipients will take ITC basis such invoices.

(B) Details of outward supplies required to be furnished in GSTR-1/GSTR-1A

The registered person is required to furnish:

- (i) details of invoices and revised invoices issued in relation to supplies made by him **to registered and unregistered persons** (i.e. B2B as well as B2C supplies) and debit notes and credit notes in GSTR-1, and
- (ii) additional details or the amendments of the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both furnished in Form GSTR-1A, as per the requirement of the registered person***

in the following manner:

Sl. No.	Invoice-wise details of ALL	Consolidated details of ALL	Debit and credit notes
(i)	Inter-State and Intra-State supplies made to registered persons, i.e. B2B supplies.	Intra-State supplies made to unregistered persons for each rate of tax	Issued during the month for invoices issued previously
(ii)	Inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons with invoice value exceeding ₹ 1,00,000 , i.e. B2C supplies	Inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons with invoice value upto ₹ 1,00,000 for each rate of tax separately for each State	

From the above discussion, it can be inferred that for B2B supplies, details of all invoices need to be uploaded in GSTR-1/ **Form GSTR-1A** irrespective of whether they are intra-State or inter-State supplies. This is so because the recipient will take ITC basis such invoices.

For B2C supplies, uploading of details in general is not required as the buyer will not be taking ITC. However, still in order to implement the destination-based principle, details of invoices of value more than **₹ 1 lakh** in inter-State B2C supplies need to be uploaded.

For inter-State invoices upto **₹ 1 lakh**, State wise summary is sufficient and for all intra-State invoices, only consolidated details need to be given.



(2) Mr. XY makes intra-State taxable supplies for ₹ 10,000 and ₹ 50,000 to Mr. AB, a registered person and ₹ 1,00,000 to Mr. DE, an unregistered person. He also makes inter-State taxable supplies for ₹ 1,00,000 and ₹ 45,000 to Mr. RS, a registered person and ₹ 90,000 to Mr. OP, an unregistered person. Mr. XY will report invoice-wise details of intra-State supplies made to Mr. AB and inter-State supplies made to Mr. RS, in GSTR-1 to be filed by him.

Invoices related details can be uploaded any time during the tax period and not just at the time of filing of IFF/ GSTR-1.

Details related to invoices can be modified/deleted any number of times till the submission of IFF/ GSTR-1 of a tax period. The uploaded invoice details are in a draft version till the time IFF/GSTR-1 is submitted and can be changed irrespective of due date.



Scanned copies of invoices are not required to be uploaded. Only certain prescribed fields of information from invoices need to be furnished e.g., invoice no., date, value, taxable value, rate of tax, amount of tax etc.

In case there is no consideration, but the activity is a supply by virtue of Schedule I of CGST Act, the taxable value will have to be worked out as prescribed and furnished.



Description of each item in the invoice need not be furnished. Only HSN (Harmonized System of Nomenclature) code in respect of supply of goods and accounting code in respect of supply of services need to be fed.

Indication of HSN details

The minimum number of digits of HSN code that a filer has to upload depend on his turnover in the last year.

HSN would be disclosed as under⁹:

Aggregate Annual turnover in the preceding financial year	Number of Digits of HSN Code
Upto ₹ 5 crore	For B2B supply - 4 For B2C supply – 4 (optional)
More than ₹ 5 crore	6



HSN or HS (Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System) is a standardized system of nomenclature of different goods developed by World Customs Organization, which is accepted globally.

HSN uses 6-digits uniform codes to classify different goods. India uses eight-digits codes for more specific and precise classification.



(3) The turnovers of Yellow Lemon Pvt. Ltd., Red Pepper Pvt. Ltd. and Blue Berry Pvt. Ltd. in the previous financial year are ₹ 1.5 crore, ₹ 4.8 crore and ₹ 6 crore respectively.

While Yellow Lemon Pvt. Ltd. and Red Pepper Pvt. Ltd. will be required to upload 4 digits of HSN code of the goods sold to registered persons, uploading of 4 digits HSN code will be optional for the two companies when the goods are sold to unregistered persons.

Blue Berry Pvt. Ltd. will have to upload 6 digits of HSN code of goods sold by it.

⁹ Notification No. 78/2020 CT dated 15.10.2020

(viii) How are the details of outward supply furnished in the current period amended? [Proviso to rule 59(1)]

In cases where a taxpayer, after having filed Form GSTR-1, realizes that some amendment (downward or upward) is required to be made in his tax liability in Form GSTR-1, an optional Form GSTR-1A is provided to him.



This allows him to add any particulars of the current tax period missed out in reporting in Form GSTR-1 of current tax period or amend any particulars already declared in Form GSTR-1 of current tax period (including those declared in IFF, for the first and second months of a quarter, if any, for quarterly taxpayers).

A registered person may, after furnishing the details of outward supplies of goods or service or both in Form GSTR-1 for a tax period but before filing of return in Form GSTR-3B for the said tax period, at his own option, amend or furnish additional details of outward supplies of goods or services or both in Form GSTR-1A for the said tax period [Proviso to rule 59(1)].



(4) A supplier issued two invoices INV1 and INV2 in the month of January. Then, he furnished the details of the invoice INV1 on 8th Feb in Form GSTR-1. However, he misses one invoice INV2 and furnishes the details of the same in Form GSTR-1A on 15th Feb.

In this case, INV1 will go to Form GSTR-2B of the recipient for the month of January made available on 14th Feb. Further, INV2 will be made available in Form GSTR-2B of the recipient for the month of February made available on 14th March.



(5) A supplier issued two invoices INV 3 and INV 4 in the month of January. Then, he furnished the details of the invoice INV 3 on 15th Feb in Form GSTR-1.

However, he declared INV 4 in Form GSTR-1A on 16th Feb. In this case, both INV3 and INV4 will be made available in Form GSTR-2B of the recipient for the month of February made available on 14th March.

Key features of Form GSTR-1A are as follows:

- ❑ ***Form GSTR-1A is an optional facility.***
- ❑ ***It can be filed only once for a return period.***
- ❑ ***It allows to amend the records filed in the Form GSTR-1 of current tax period only.***
- ❑ ***The corresponding effect of the changes made through Form GSTR-1A on the liability of the taxpayer shall be reflected in Form GSTR-3B for the same tax period.***
- ❑ ***At the recipient's end, the ITC for the supplies declared or amended by the suppliers through Form GSTR-1A will be available to the recipient in Form GSTR-2B generated for the next tax period.***
- ❑ ***It can be amended only electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre as may be notified by the Commissioner.***
- ❑ ***There is no due date for filing of GSTR-1A. For the taxpayers filing Form GSTR-1 on monthly basis:***
 - ❖ ***Form GSTR-1A will be available on the portal every month from the due date of filing of Form GSTR-1 or the actual date of filing of Form GSTR-1, whichever is later, and will be available till the actual filing of corresponding Form GSTR-3B of the same tax period.***
 - ❖ ***From the liability perspective, the net impact of particulars declared or amended through Form GSTR-1A, along with the particulars declared in Form GSTR-1, shall be auto-populated in Form GSTR-3B for the same tax period as that of Form GSTR-1.***
- ❑ ***For the QRMP taxpayers, who files FORM GSTR-1 on Quarterly basis:***
 - ❖ ***Form GSTR-1A shall be available quarterly after actual filing of Form GSTR-1 (Quarterly) or the due date of filing of Form GSTR -1 (Quarterly), whichever is later, and will be available till the actual filing of Form GSTR-3B of the same tax period.***

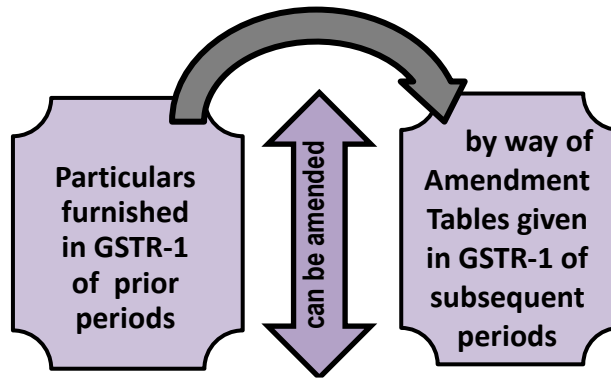
- ❖ *The supplies reported in Form GSTR-1 of the current tax period (including those declared in IFF, for the first month, M1 and second month, M2 of a quarter, if any) can be amended through corresponding quarterly GSTR-1A.*
- ❖ *From the liability perspective, the net impact of the particulars declared in GSTR 1A (Quarterly), along with particulars furnished in Form GSTR-1 (Quarterly) (or through IFF of Month M1 and M2, if filed), shall be auto-populated in Form GSTR-3B (Quarterly) of the same tax period.*
- ❖ *There will be no separate amendment facility available for records furnished through IFF for the months M1 and M2, during the month M1 and M2.*
- *In case where change is required to be made in GSTIN of a recipient for a supply reported in Form GSTR-1 of a tax period, the same can be rectified through Form GSTR-1 for the subsequent tax period only.*

(ix) How are the details of outward supply furnished in prior periods amended? [Section 37(3)]

(a) Scope of amendment/ correction entries

Tables 9, 10 and 11(II) of GSTR-1 provide for amendments in details of taxable outward supplies furnished in earlier periods (hereinafter referred to as "Amendment Table"). The details of original debit notes/ credit notes / refund vouchers issued by the taxpayer in the current tax period as also the revision in the debit notes/ credit notes / refund vouchers issued in the earlier tax periods are required to be shown in Table 9 of the GSTR-1.

Ordinarily, in Amendment Table, the supplier is required to give details of the original invoice (No and Date), the particulars of which have been wrongly entered in GSTR-1 of the earlier months and are now sought to be amended.



(b) Rectification of errors

If the supplier discovers any error or omission, he shall rectify the same in the tax period during which such error or omission is noticed, and pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is short payment, in the return to be furnished for such tax period.



(6) A supplier discovers a mistake in details of the invoice furnished in GSTR-1 for the month of August, in October. He can rectify the said mistake in the GSTR-1 for the month of October.

(c) Time limit for rectification


In above example, suppose for some reason, supplier could not make correction at the time of filing of GSTR-1 for the month of October then he can make such amendments in the subsequent periods. However, the maximum time limit within which such amendments are permissible is earlier of the following dates:

- 30th day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain or
- Date of filing of the relevant annual return



(7) An entity has furnished the annual return for the previous financial year on 15th August in the current financial year. An error is discovered in respect of a transaction pertaining to the month of November of the previous financial year. In this case, any

error pertaining to the transaction in the month of November of the previous financial year cannot be rectified beyond 15th August in the current financial year.

 **It may be noted that, the expression 'due date' is missing in time limit prescribed for making amendments u/s 37(3) [GSTR-1]. Therefore, such date apparently means actual date of filing and not the due date.**

(x) Nil GSTR-1 [Rule 67A]

Filing of GSTR-1 is mandatory for all normal and casual taxpayers, even if there is no business activity in any particular tax period. For such tax period(s), a Nil GSTR-1 is required to be filed as prescribed under rule 67A.

A Nil GSTR-1 does not have any entry. For example, a Nil GSTR-1 for a tax period cannot be filed, if the taxpayer has made any outward supply (including exempt, nil rated or non-GST supplies), or it has received supplies on which tax is payable under reverse charge or an amendment needs to be made to any of the supplies declared in an earlier return or any credit or debit notes is to be declared / amended etc. A Nil GSTR-1 can be filed through an SMS using the registered mobile number of the taxpayer. GSTR-1 submitted through SMS is verified by registered mobile number-based OTP facility.

A taxpayer can file Nil GSTR-1, anytime from 1st day of the month subsequent of the tax period. For example, GSTR-1 for the calendar month of April, can be filed from 1st May onwards. GSTR-1 for the quarter of April to June can be filed from 1st July onwards.



★ Taxpayer opting for voluntary cancellation of GSTIN has to file GSTR-1 for active period.

★ In cases where a taxpayer has been converted from a normal taxpayer to composition taxpayer at the beginning of any financial year, GSTR-1 will be available for filing only for the period during which the taxpayer was registered as normal taxpayer. The GSTR-1 for the said period, even if filed with delay would accept invoices for the period prior to conversion.

What are the precautions that a taxpayer is required to take for a hassle-free compliance under GST?

One of the most important things under GST is the timely uploading of the details of outward supplies in GSTR-1. How best this can be ensured will depend on the number of B2B invoices that the taxpayer issues.

If the number is small, the taxpayer can upload all the information in one go. However, if the number of invoices is large, the invoices (or debit/ credit notes) should be uploaded on a regular basis.

Regular uploading of invoices

GST common portal allows regular uploading of details of invoices. Till the return is actually submitted, the system also allows the taxpayer to modify the uploaded invoices' details.

Therefore, it would always be beneficial for the taxpayers to regularly upload the invoices. Last minute rush makes uploading difficult and comes with higher risk of possible failure and default.

The second thing would be to ensure that taxpayers follow up on uploading the invoices of their inward supplies by their suppliers. This would be helpful in ensuring that ITC is available without any hassle and delay.

Follow up with suppliers to upload the invoices of inward supplies

Recipients can also encourage their suppliers to upload their invoices on a regular basis instead of doing it on or close to the due date. The system would allow recipients to see if their suppliers have uploaded invoices pertaining to them.

(xi) Maximum time-limit for furnishing Form GSTR-1 [Section 37(5)]

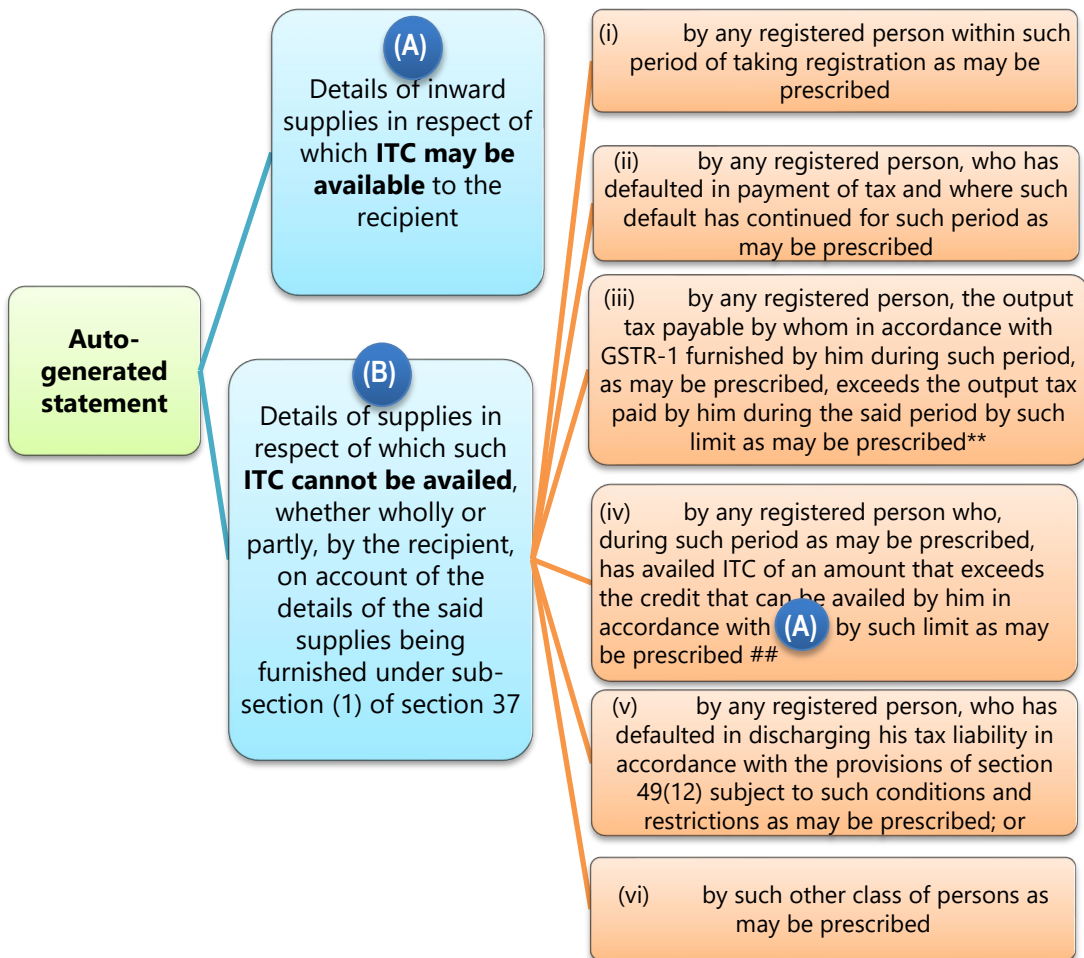
Maximum time-limit upto which a registered person can furnish the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 for a tax period is **3 years** from the due date of furnishing such details.

This time limit can be extended by the Government for a registered person or a class of registered persons subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.



4. COMMUNICATION OF DETAILS OF INWARD SUPPLIES AND INPUT TAX CREDIT [SECTION 38 READ WITH RULE 60]

The details of outward supplies furnished by the registered persons under section 37(1) and of such other supplies as may be prescribed, and an **Auto-Generated Statement** containing the details of ITC shall be made available electronically to the recipients of such supplies in such form and manner, within such time, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.



**** Manner of dealing with difference in liability reported in Form GSTR-1 and Form GSTR-3B that reported in return [Rule 88C]**

Rule 88C provides the mechanism for dealing with difference in liability reported in statement of outward supplies between Form GSTR-1 (as amended in Form GSTR-1A, if any) and Form GSTR-3B. Accordingly, where the tax liability as per Form GSTR-1 for a tax period exceeds the tax liability as per Form GSTR-3B for that period by more than a specified extent, the registered person would be intimated on the portal of such difference and be directed to either (i) pay the differential tax liability along with interest, or (ii) explain the difference, within 7 days' period.

Unless the taxpayer either deposits the amount specified in the said intimation or furnishes a reply explaining the reasons for any amount remaining unpaid, such a person should not be allowed to file Form GSTR-1/ IFF for the subsequent tax period.

Rule 88C reads as follows:

Where the tax payable by a registered person, in accordance with the statement of outward supplies furnished by him in Form GSTR-1 (as amended in Form GSTR-1A, if any) or using the IFF in respect of a tax period, exceeds the amount of tax payable by such person in accordance with the return for that period furnished by him in Form GSTR-3B, by such amount and such percentage, as may be recommended by the Council, the said registered person shall be intimated of such difference.

Such registered person shall be intimated in prescribed form, electronically on the common portal, and a copy of such intimation shall also be sent to his e-mail address*.

In said intimation, the said difference between GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B will be highlighted and he will be directed to:

- (a) pay the differential tax liability, along with interest under section 50, through prescribed form; or
- (b) explain the aforesaid difference in tax payable on the common portal, within a period of 7 days.

**email address which registered person has provided at the time of registration or as amended from time to time*

Such registered person shall, upon receipt of the aforesaid intimation, either:

- (a) pay the amount of the differential tax liability, as specified in intimation, fully or partially, along with interest under section 50, and furnish the details thereof electronically on the common portal; or
- (b) furnish a reply electronically on the common portal, incorporating reasons in respect of that part of the differential tax liability that has remained unpaid, if any,

within the period of 7 days.

Where any amount specified in the said intimation remains unpaid within 7 days' period and where no explanation or reason is furnished by the registered person in default or where the explanation or reason furnished by such person is not found to be acceptable by the proper officer, the said amount shall be recoverable in accordance with the provisions of section 79¹⁰.

Manner of dealing with difference in ITC available in Form GSTR-2B and Form GSTR-3B [Rule 88D]

Rule 88D provides the mechanism which allows system-based intimation to the taxpayer about the excess availment of ITC in Form GSTR-3B vis-a-vis that reported in Form GSTR-2B, above a particular threshold and with provision for self-compliance on the portal by the said taxpayer. Consequently, new rule 88D has been introduced to give a system-based intimation to the registered person in those cases where difference between the ITC availed as per GSTR-3B and that available as per GSTR-2B exceeds such amount and such percentage as may be recommended by the Council. In such cases, the registered person shall be directed to pay an amount equal to the said excess amount of ITC availed along with interest or to give a reasonable explanation and if neither of these is done, then the amount can be demanded under section 73 or section 74¹¹.

This provision would help in safeguarding the revenue by controlling the difference in ITC availed in Form GSTR-3B and that available as per Form GSTR-2B of the taxpayers and will reduce the ITC mismatches.

¹⁰ Provisions of section 79 – Recovery of tax - has been discussed at the Final level.

¹¹ Provisions of sections 73 and 74 have been discussed at the Final level.

New rule 88D provides as follows:

Where the amount of ITC availed by a registered person in the return for a tax period(s) furnished by him in Form GSTR-3B exceeds the ITC available to such person in accordance with the auto-generated statement containing the details of ITC in Form GSTR-2B in respect of the said tax period(s), by specified amount and percentage, the said registered person shall be given an intimation in prescribed form electronically on the common portal, and a copy of such intimation shall also be sent to his e-mail address provided at the time of registration or as amended from time to time. Said intimation shall highlight the said difference and will direct him to —

- (a) pay an amount equal to the excess ITC availed in the said Form GSTR-3B, along with interest payable under section 50, through prescribed form, or***
- (b) explain the reasons for the aforesaid difference in ITC on the common portal,***

within a period of 7 days.

Such registered person shall, upon receipt of said intimation, either,

- (a) pay an amount equal to the excess ITC, as specified in intimation, fully or partially, along with interest payable, through prescribed form and furnish the details thereof, electronically on the common portal, or***
- (b) furnish a reply, electronically on the common portal, incorporating reasons in respect of the amount of excess ITC that has still remained to be paid,***

within 7 days' period.

Where any amount specified in the intimation remains to be paid within 7 days' period and where no explanation/reason is furnished by the registered person in default or where the explanation/reason furnished by such person is not found to be acceptable by the proper officer, the said amount shall be liable to be demanded in accordance with the provisions of section 73/section 74.

Form and manner of ascertaining details of inward supplies – GSTR-2A and GSTR-2B

Form GSTR-2A

Form GSTR-2A - is a **system generated read only statement of inward supplies** for a recipient. This statement is **updated on a real time basis**.

GSTR-2A

Details of outward supplies furnished by the supplier in Form GSTR-1 **or Form GSTR-1A** or using the IFF is made available electronically to the concerned registered persons (recipients) in Form GSTR-2A. Further, Form GSTR-4A is the system generated statement of inward supplies for composition taxpayer¹².

Details of invoices furnished by a non-resident taxable person (NRTP) in Form GSTR-5¹³, details of TDS by deductor furnished in Form GSTR-7 and details of TCS by an e-commerce operator furnished in Form GSTR-8, are made available to the recipient, deductee or concerned person, in Form GSTR-2A.

Further, details of the IGST paid on the import of goods or goods brought in DTA from SEZ unit/developer on a bill of entry are also made available in Form GSTR-2A.

The details become available to the recipient for view/download and are updated incrementally as and when supplier(s) upload or change details in their respective form of return/statement, for the given tax period.

Form GSTR-2B

Form GSTR-2B – an **auto-generated statement** containing the details of **eligible ITC** - is made available to the registered person (recipient) for every month.

GSTR-2B

It is a **static statement** and is **available only once a month**.

¹² System generated statement of inward supplies for an ISD is GSTR-6A. Provisions relating to ISD are discussed in detail at the Final level.

¹³ Details of invoices furnished by an ISD in Form GSTR-6 are also made available to a recipient in GSTR-2A.

It consists of –

- (i) the details of outward supplies furnished by the suppliers in Form GSTR-1, other than a supplier who has opted for QRMP scheme, between the day immediately after the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the previous month to the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the month.
- (ii) the details of invoices furnished by a non-resident taxable person in GSTR-5¹⁴ and the details of outward supplies furnished by his supplier who has opted for QRMP scheme, in Form GSTR-1 or using the IFF, as the case may be,-
 - (a) **for the 1st month of the quarter**, between the day immediately after the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the preceding quarter to the due date of furnishing details using the IFF for the 1st month of the quarter;
 - (b) **for the 2nd month of the quarter**, between the day immediately after the due date of furnishing details using the IFF for the 1st month of the quarter to the due date of furnishing details using the IFF for the 2nd month of the quarter;
 - (c) **for the 3rd month of the quarter**, between the day immediately after the due date of furnishing of details using the IFF for the 2nd month of the quarter to the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the quarter.
- (iii) additional details or amendments in details of outward supplies furnished by his supplier in Form GSTR-1A filed between the day immediately after the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the previous tax period to the due date of furnishing of Form GSTR-1 for the current tax period**
- (iv) the details of IGST paid on the import of goods or goods brought in the DTA from SEZ unit/developer on a bill of entry in the month.

Form GSTR-2B consists of all documents filed by suppliers/ISD in their Form GSTR-1, 5 & 6, between the cut-off dates. It also consists of import data for the period

¹⁴ Details of invoices furnished by an ISD in his return in GSTR-6 are also reflected in GSTR-2B. ISD provisions will be discussed at the Final level.

which are received within 13th of the succeeding month. In case of monthly Form GSTR-1, the cut-off date is 00:00 hours on 12th of the relevant month to 23:59 hours, on 11th of the succeeding month. Whereas for quarterly Form GSTR-1/IFF, Form GSTR-5 and Form GSTR-6, the cut-off date is 00:00 hours on 14th day of relevant month to 23:59 hours, on 13th day of succeeding month.

The details filed in Form GSTR-1 & 5 (by supplier) & Form GSTR-6 (by ISD) would reflect in the next open Form GSTR-2B of the recipient irrespective of supplier's/ISD's date of filing.



(8) If a supplier opting for QRMP files an invoice dated 15th July on 13th August, it will get reflected in GSTR-2B of July (generated on 14th August).

The statement in Form GSTR-2B for every month shall be made available to the registered person,-

- (a) for the 1st and 2nd month of a quarter, a day after the due date of furnishing of details of outward supplies for the said month,
 - in the IFF by a registered person opting for QRMP, or
 - in Form GSTR-1 by a registered person other than opting for QRMP, whichever is later.
- (b) in the 3rd month of the quarter, a day after the due date of furnishing of details of outward supplies for the said month, in Form GSTR-1 by a registered person opting for QRMP.



(9) For the quarter July-September, Form GSTR-2B for a registered person (recipient) who has received supplies from QRMP suppliers as well as from other suppliers will be generated as follows:

Month	Date of generation of GSTR 2B
July	14 th August
August	14 th September
September	14 th October

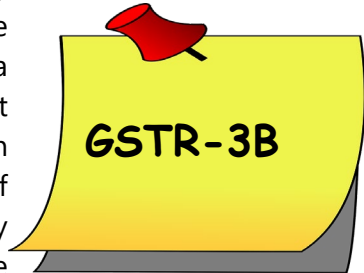


5. FURNISHING OF RETURNS UNDER SECTION 39

1. GSTR-3B [Section 39(1) read with rule 61 & 61A]

(a) Person eligible to file return [Section 39(1)]

Section 39(1) prescribes a monthly return for every registered person, other than an input service distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a composition taxpayer, a person deducting tax at source, a person collecting tax at source, i.e. an electronic commerce operator and supplier of OIDAR services located in non-taxable territory providing such services to non-taxable online recipient in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.



However, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, subject to the specified conditions and restrictions. Under this proviso, QRMP scheme has been notified which has been discussed in subsequent paras.

(b) Return to be filed in Form GSTR-3B

GSTR-3B is the form prescribed for filing return under section 39. It contains summary of outward supplies, inward supplies liable to reverse charge, eligible ITC, payment of tax etc. Thus, GSTR-3B does not require invoice-wise data of outward supplies.

GSTR-3B can be submitted electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner. Further, a Nil GSTR-3B can be filed through an SMS using the registered mobile number of the taxpayer. GSTR-3B can be filed monthly or quarterly.

(c) Due date for filing return

- (1) **Monthly GSTR-3B** - on or before **20th of the month** succeeding the month for which return is furnished.
- (2) **Quarterly GSTR-3B**- on or before **22nd or 24th of the month** succeeding the quarter for which return is furnished in case of a taxpayer opting for QRMP scheme - (*discussed below*).

(d) Quarterly Return Monthly Payment (QRMP) Scheme

Quarterly Return Monthly Payment (QRMP) Scheme is a trade facilitation measure which further eases the process of doing business.

Quarterly Return

Monthly Payment

QRMP Scheme is an **optional return filing scheme**, introduced for small taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover (PAN based) of upto ₹ 5 crore in the preceding financial year to **furnish their Form GSTR-1 and Form GSTR-3B on a quarterly basis while paying their tax on a monthly basis** through a simple challan.

This will significantly reduce the compliance burden on such taxpayers as now the taxpayers need to file only 4 GSTR-3B returns instead of 12 GSTR-3B returns in a year. Similarly, they would be required to file only 4 GSTR-1 returns since Invoice Filing Facility (IFF) is provided under this scheme.

QRMP Scheme is GSTNwise.

Opting of QRMP scheme is GSTIN wise. Distinct persons can avail QRMP scheme option for one or more GSTINs. It implies that some GSTINs for a PAN can opt for the QRMP scheme and remaining GSTINs may not opt for the said scheme.

(A) Eligibility for QRMP scheme

Registered persons¹⁵, having an **aggregate turnover up to ₹ 5 crore** in the preceding financial year, and who have opted to furnish quarterly return under QRMP scheme¹⁶ as the class of persons who shall **furnish a return for every quarter and pay the tax due every month**¹⁷.

Thus, the taxpayers whose aggregate turnover is up to ₹ 5 crore in the preceding financial year are eligible for QRMP scheme. For computing

¹⁵ other than supplier of online information and database access or retrieval services (OIDAR) located in non-taxable territory and providing such services to a non-taxable online recipient

¹⁶ opted under rule 61A of the CGST Rules, 2017

¹⁷ in accordance with the proviso to section 39(7)

aggregate turnover, details furnished in returns for tax periods in the preceding financial year shall be taken into account.

Condition to be fulfilled for becoming eligible to opt for QRMP scheme

Registered persons under QRMP scheme must have furnished the return for the preceding month, as due on the date of exercising such option.

A registered person shall not be eligible to opt for QRMP scheme if he has not **furnished the last return due on the date of exercising such option.**



(10) If a registered person intending to avail of QRMP scheme for the quarter 'July to September' is exercising his option on 27th July for the said quarter, he must have furnished the return for the month of June which was due on 20th July.

(B) Manner of exercising option of QRMP scheme

A registered person intending to opt for QRMP scheme for any quarter shall indicate his preference for furnishing of return on a quarterly basis from 1st day of the 2nd month of the preceding quarter till the last day of the 1st month of the quarter for which the option is being exercised.



(11) A registered person intending to avail of QRMP scheme for the quarter 'July to September' can exercise his option from 1st May to 31st July.

No need to exercise this option every quarter

Registered persons under QRMP scheme are not required to exercise the option every quarter. Where such option has been exercised once, they shall continue to furnish the return as per the selected option for future tax periods, unless they revise the said option.

Further, where such option has been exercised once, the said registered person shall continue to furnish the return on a quarterly basis for future tax periods, unless he–

- (a) becomes ineligible for this scheme as per the conditions and restrictions notified in this regard; or

- (b) opts for furnishing of return on a monthly basis, electronically, on the common portal.

(C) Option of QRMP scheme to lapse

In case where a registered person’s aggregate turnover crosses ₹ 5 crore during a quarter in a financial year, he shall not be eligible for furnishing of return on quarterly basis from the first month of the succeeding quarter.

He shall opt for furnishing of return on a monthly basis, electronically, on the common portal, from the first month of the quarter, succeeding the quarter during which his aggregate turnover exceeds ₹ 5 crore.

The facility for opting out of the scheme for a quarter will be available from 1st day of 2nd month of preceding quarter to the last day of the 1st month of the quarter.

(D) Form and manner of filing return – GSTR-3B under QRMP scheme

Due date for filing return in case of a taxpayer opting for QRMP scheme - Quarterly GSTR-3B on or before 22nd or 24th of the month succeeding the quarter for which return is furnished (Refer the Table given below for details**).

****Due dates for taxpayers opting for QRMP scheme**

Class of registered persons	Due date
Registered persons whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Union territories of Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep.	22nd day of the month succeeding such quarter.
Registered persons whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand,	24th day of the month succeeding such quarter.

Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi.	
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(e) Nil GSTR-3B

Filing of GSTR-3B is mandatory for all normal and casual taxpayers, even if there is no business activity in any particular tax period. For such tax period(s), a Nil GSTR-3B is required to be filed.

A Nil GSTR-3B does not have any entry in any of its tables. For example, a Nil GSTR-3B for a tax period cannot be filed, if the taxpayer has made any outward supply (including nil-rated, exempt or non-GST supplies) or has received any supplies which are taxable under reverse charge or it intends to take ITC etc.

A Nil GSTR-3B can be filed through an SMS using the registered mobile number of the taxpayer. GSTR-3B submitted through SMS is verified by registered mobile number-based OTP facility.

A taxpayer may file Nil GSTR-3B, anytime on or after the 1st day of the subsequent month/quarter for which the return is being filed for.

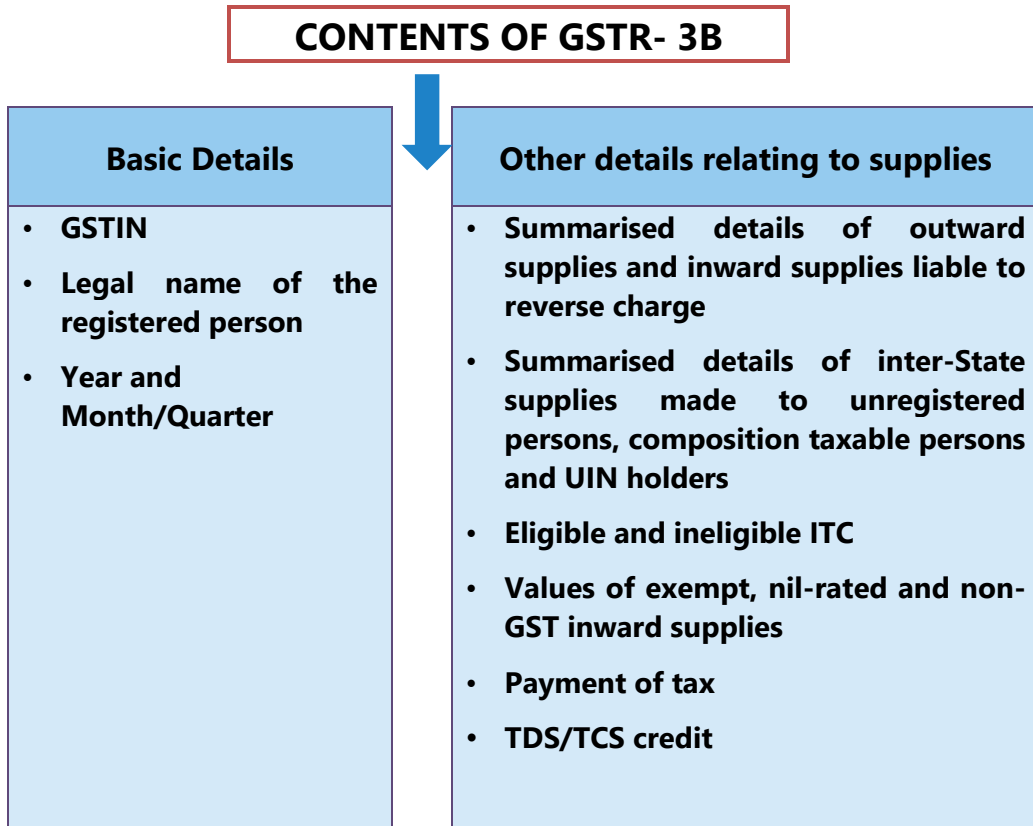
(f) Maximum time-limit for furnishing Form GSTR-3B [Section 39(11)]

Maximum time-limit upto which a registered person can furnish the return in Form GSTR-3B for a tax period is **3 years** from the due date of furnishing such return.

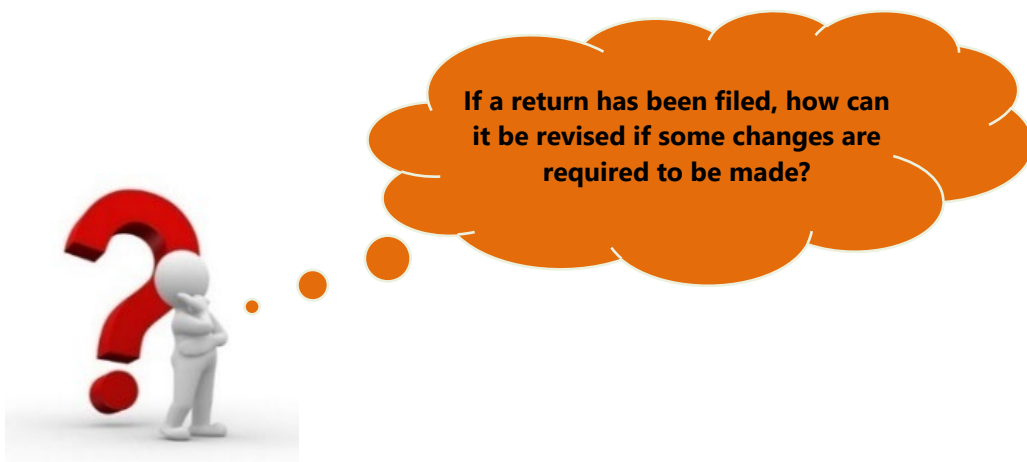
This time limit can be extended by the Government for a registered person or a class of registered persons subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.

(g) Broad contents of GSTR-3B

The broad contents of GSTR-3B are given below



(h) Rectification of errors/omissions [Section 39(9)]



In GST since the returns are built from details of individual transactions, there is no requirement for having a revised return. Any need to revise a return may arise due to the need to change a set of invoices or debit/ credit notes. Instead of revising the return already submitted, the system allows changing the details of those transactions (invoices or debit/credit notes) that are required to be amended. They can be amended in any of the future GSTR- 1 in the tables specifically provided therein for the purposes of amending previously declared details.

Omission or incorrect particulars discovered in the returns filed u/s 39 can be rectified in the return to be filed for the tax period during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed.

Any tax payable as a result of such error or omission will be required to be paid along with interest.

Exception

It is important to note that section 39(9) does not permit rectification of error or omission discovered on account of scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement activities by tax authorities.

Hence, taxpayer may not be able to pass on the ITC to the receiver in respect of tax payments made by him in pursuance of any of the aforementioned situations.

Time limit for making rectification

The maximum time limit within which the rectification of errors/omissions is permissible is earlier of the following dates:

- 30th day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain or
- Actual date of filing of the relevant annual return

The last date of filing of annual return for a financial year is 31st December of next financial year.

Hence, if annual return for a financial year is filed before 30th November (of next financial year), then no rectification of errors/omissions in returns pertaining to the said financial year would be permitted thereafter.



✪ A return furnished under section 39(1) on which self-assessed tax has been paid in full is considered as a valid return.

✪ Filing of returns for current month is possible only when returns for any of the previous tax periods and GSTR-1 for the said tax period has been furnished by him¹⁸.

✪ A taxpayer needs to electronically sign the submitted returns otherwise it will be considered not-filed.

✪ Taxpayers can electronically sign their returns using a DSC (mandatory for all types of companies and LLPs), E-sign (Aadhaar-based OTP verification), or EVC (Electronic Verification Code sent to the registered mobile number of the authorized signatory)

2. GSTR-4 – Return for composition supplier [Section 39(2) and second proviso to section 39(7) read with rule 62]

(a) Person eligible to file return, periodicity and form of return

A registered person paying tax under composition levy (provisions of section 10), shall, for each financial year or part thereof, furnish a return, electronically, of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods and/or services, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.



Every registered person paying tax under section 10, i.e. a composition supplier is required to file a return on yearly basis in **Form GSTR-4**.

GSTR-4 for a financial year or part of a financial year should be filed electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

¹⁸ The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return, even if he has not furnished the returns for one or more previous tax periods or has not furnished the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period [Proviso to section 39(10)].

Quarterly statement for payment of self-assessed tax

Every composition supplier shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, and such other particulars during a quarter, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.



The composition supplier are required to furnish a statement in the **Form GST CMP-08** containing details of payment of **self-assessed tax**, for every quarter (or part of the quarter), by 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter.



While a composition supplier is required to file the return GSTR-4 annually, he is required to pay the tax quarterly.

(b) Due date for filing Form GSTR-4 and Form GST CMP-08

GSTR-4 for a financial year¹⁹ should be furnished by **30th June** of the succeeding financial year.

Due date of filing GSTR-4 for a financial year



By 30th day of June following the end of such financial year

GST CMP-08 (quarterly statement for payment of self-assessed tax) should be furnished by 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter.

Due date of filing GST CMP-08 for a quarter



By 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter

¹⁹ from FY 2024-25 onwards

(c) What kind of details of supplies are required to be furnished in GSTR-4?

GSTR-4 shall include the—

- (a) invoice-wise inter-State and intra-State inward supplies received from registered and unregistered persons; and
- (b) consolidated details of outward supplies made.

(d) Auto-population of inward supplies in GSTR-4A

The inward supplies of a composition supplier received from registered persons filing GSTR-1 will be auto populated in **Form GSTR-4A** for viewing.



Consolidated details of outward supplies

Composition taxpayers are neither entitled for any ITC nor entitled to pass on any ITC to its customers. Therefore, composition taxpayers are required to provide consolidated details of outward supplies in GSTR-4 (Table 6) and not invoice-wise details. However, details of inter-State and intra-State inward supplies received from registered and un-registered persons are to be provided invoice-wise (Table 4).



Tax liability

Since composition suppliers are not eligible to take ITC, they discharge their tax liability only by debiting electronic cash ledger.

(e) Nil GST CMP-08 [Rule 67A]

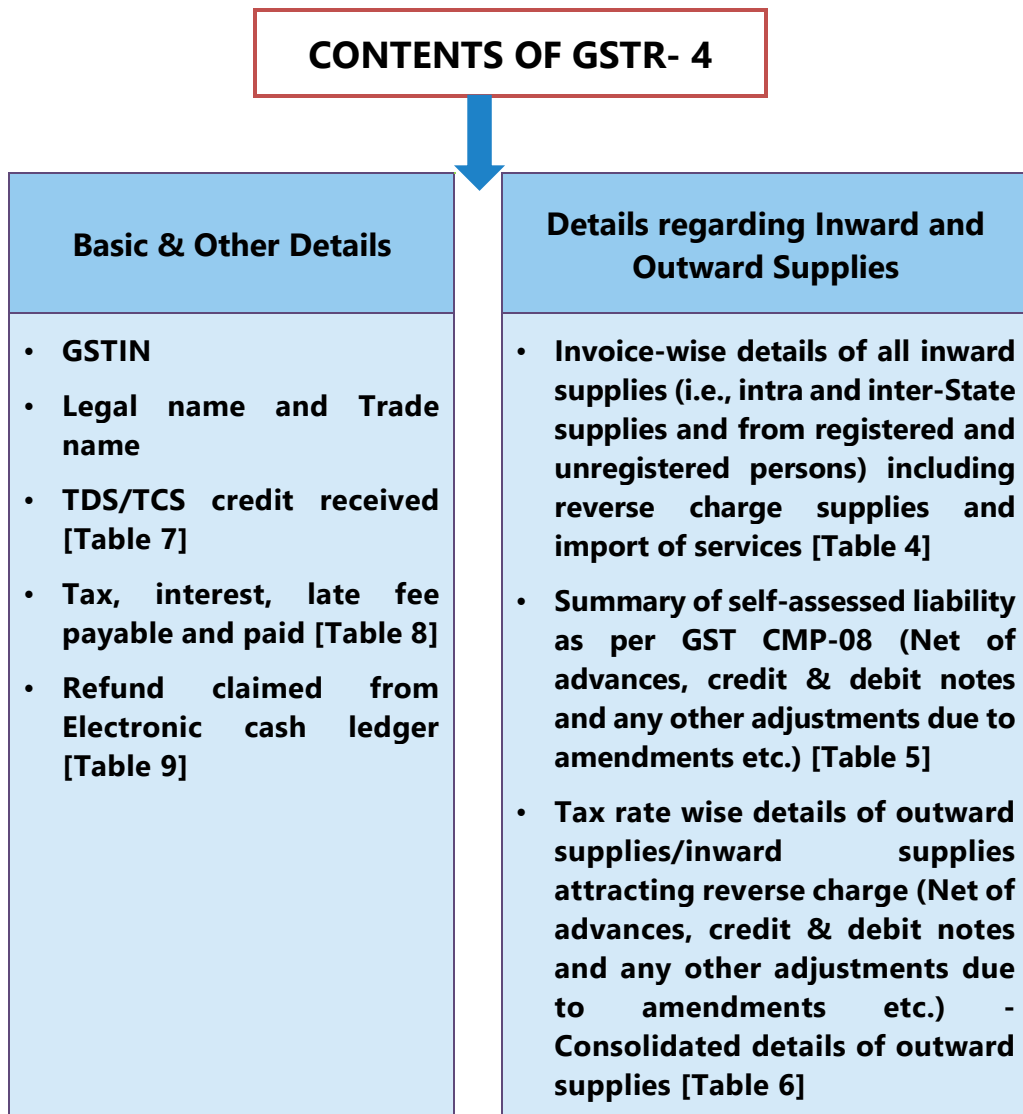
Filing of GST CMP-08 is mandatory for all taxpayers who have opted to pay tax under composition scheme, even if there is no business activity in any particular tax period. For such tax period(s), a Nil GST CMP-08 is required to be filed.

A Nil GST CMP-08 does not have any entry in any of its tables. For example, a Nil GST CMP-08 for a tax period cannot be filed, if the taxpayer has made any outward supplies or has received any supplies which are taxable under reverse charge.

A Nil GST CMP-08 can be filed through an SMS using the registered mobile number of the taxpayer. A Nil GST CMP-08 submitted through SMS is verified by registered mobile number-based OTP facility.

(f) Broad contents of GSTR-4

The broad contents of GSTR-4 are given below.



(g) Statements/ return for the period prior to opting for composition scheme

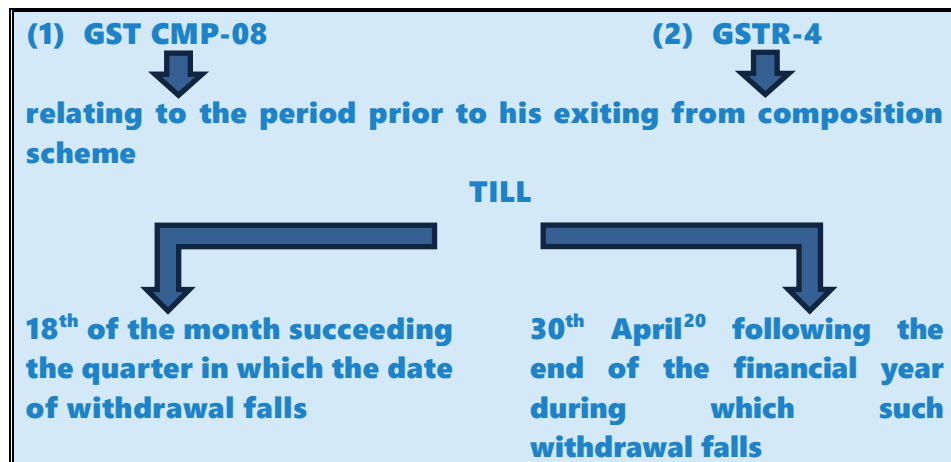
If a registered person opts to pay tax under composition scheme from the beginning of a financial year, he will, where required, furnish statements/return relating to the period prior to paying tax under composition scheme till the

- due date of furnishing the return for the month of September of the succeeding financial year, or
- furnishing of annual return of the preceding financial year, whichever is earlier.

The composition supplier will not be eligible to avail ITC on receipt of invoices or debit notes from the supplier for the period prior to their opting to pay tax under composition scheme.

(h) GSTR-4 for the period prior to exiting from composition scheme

A registered person opting to withdraw from the composition scheme at his own motion or where option is withdrawn at the instance of the proper officer will, where required, furnish-

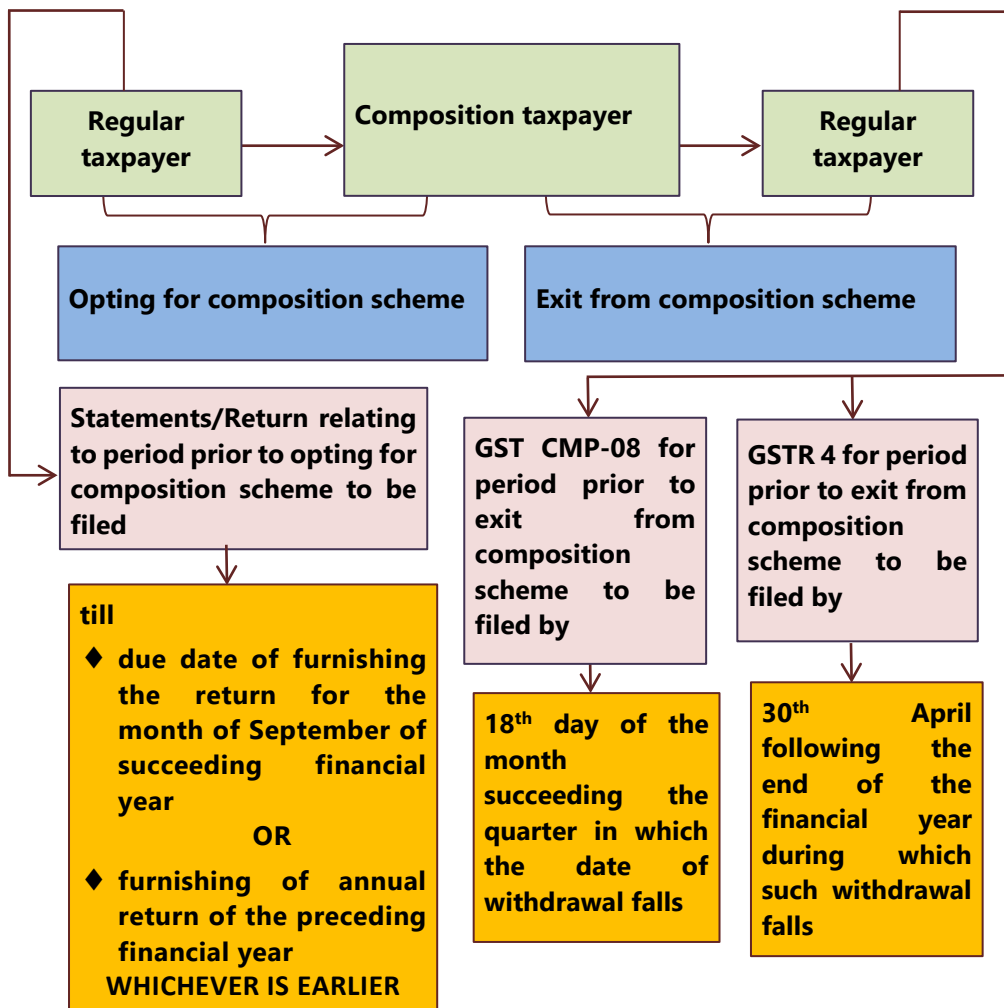


The provisions explained in points (f) and (g) above have been explained by way of a diagram given at next page:

²⁰ As stated earlier, due date for filing Form GSTR-4 shall be 30th June following the end of such financial year, from FY 2024-25 onwards.

★ As per section 29(2), a proper officer is empowered to cancel the registration of a taxable person if, *inter alia*,:

- (a) a person paying tax under composition scheme has not furnished his GSTR-4 for a financial year beyond 3 months from the due date of furnishing the said return.
- (b) any other taxable person has not furnished returns for such continuous tax period as may be prescribed.



3. **GSTR-5 - Return for Non-Resident Taxable Persons [Section 39(5) read with rule 63]**

Non-Resident Taxable Persons (NRTPs) are those suppliers who do not have a business establishment in India and have come for a short period to make supplies in India. They would normally import their products into India and make local supplies. *The concept of Non-Resident Taxable Person has been discussed in detail in Chapter 9 – Registration in this Module of the Study Material.*

(a) **Monthly return**

A registered NRTP is not required to file the Statement of Outward Supplies and return which are otherwise applicable for a normal taxpayer.

In place of the same, a simplified monthly tax return has been prescribed in **Form GSTR-5** for a NRTP for every calendar month or part thereof. The details of outward supplies and inward supplies of an NRTP are incorporated in GSTR-5.



(b) **Last date of filing return**

GSTR-5 should be furnished within **13 days** after the end of the calendar month **or within 7 days** after the last day of validity period of the registration, whichever is earlier²¹.

(c) **Payment of interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable**

An NRTP should pay the tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the CGST Act or the provisions of the Returns Chapter under CGST Rules till the last date of filing GSTR-5.

²¹ As per rule 63, GSTR-5 needs to be furnished within **20 days** after the end of the tax period or within 7 days after the last day of the validity period of registration, whichever is earlier.



An NRTP is not required to file an annual return.

4. **GSTR-7 - Return for tax deducted at source [Section 39(3) read with rule 66]**

Normally, whenever taxable goods or services or both are supplied to a Central/ State Government's Department/ establishment or, local authority, or Governmental agencies, recipient is required to deduct tax at source under section 51 where the total value of such supply exceeds ₹ 2,50,000.

(a) **Monthly return**

Deductor shall furnish a monthly return in **Form GSTR-7**.



(b) **Last date of filing return**

The details in GSTR-7 should be furnished **on/before 10th of the month succeeding the calendar month** in which tax has been deducted at source.

(c) **TDS details available to deductee on common portal**

The details of TDS furnished by the deductor in GSTR-7 shall be made available electronically to each of the deductees on the common portal after filing of Form GSTR-7. The supplier can take this amount as credit in his electronic cash ledger after validation and use the same for payment of tax or any other liability.

(d) **Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) Certificate**

A TDS certificate is required to be issued by deductor (the person who is deducting tax) in Form GSTR-7A to the deductee (the supplier from whose payment, TDS is deducted), within 5 days of crediting the amount to the Government. It contains the details pertaining to value on which

tax has been deducted, rate of deduction, amount of tax deducted at source and amount paid to the Government.



6. DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF TAX [SECTION 39(7)]

Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1), other than the person referred to in the proviso thereto, or sub-section (3) or sub-section (5), shall pay to the Government the tax due as per such return not later than the last date on which he is required to furnish such return.

However, every registered person furnishing return under QRMP scheme shall pay to the Government, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed –

- (a) an amount equal to the tax due taking into account inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, ITC availed, tax payable and such other particulars during a month; or
- (b) in lieu of the amount referred to in clause (a), an amount determined in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.

Due dates for payment of tax in respect of the persons required to file monthly GSTR-3B, GSTR-5 and GSTR-7 are linked with the due dates for filing of such returns, i.e. the last dates (due dates) of filing such returns are also the due dates for payment of tax in respect of persons required to file such returns.

However, due dates for payment of tax in respect of the persons required to file quarterly GSTR-3B under QRMP Scheme for 1st two months of the quarter is delinked. Every registered person under QRMP scheme shall pay the tax due for each of the first 2 months of the quarter, by depositing the said amount in, by the 25th day of the month succeeding such month.

Similarly, in case of registered persons paying tax under composition scheme, the due date for payment of tax and filing of GSTR-4 is delinked. While GSTR-

4 for a financial year is required to be filed by **30th June** of the following year, tax for a quarter is to be paid by 18th of the month succeeding such quarter.

Further, NRTPs or casual taxable persons are required to make advance deposit of an amount equivalent to their estimated tax liability for the period for which registration is sought or extension of registration is sought in terms of section 27(2).

Every registered person required to furnish return²² shall, discharge their liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under GST law by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger and include the details in the return.

Monthly payment of tax under QRMP Scheme

The registered person under the QRMP Scheme would be required to pay the **tax due in 1st month or 2nd month or both** the months of the quarter by depositing the tax due²³. The payment is to be made **by 25th day of the month succeeding such month**.

Monthly payment of tax

However, the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, extend the due date for depositing the said amount in Form GST PMT-06, for specified class of taxable persons. Further, any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax/UT shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner:

While making a deposit of tax, such a registered person may –

- (a) for the 1st month of the quarter, take into account the balance in the electronic cash ledger.
- (b) for the 2nd month of the quarter, take into account the balance in the electronic cash ledger excluding the tax due for the 1st month.

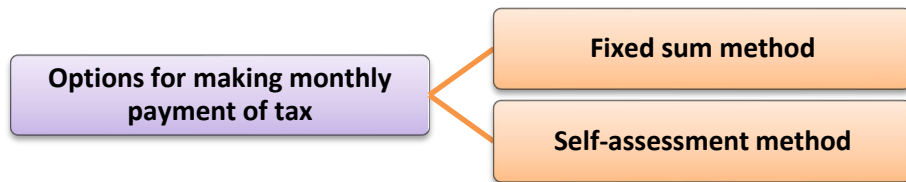
At the time of filing the return for the said quarter in Form GSTR-3B, the amount deposited by the registered person in the first 2 months of the quarter shall be debited. This amount is debited solely for the purposes of

²² subject to the provisions of section 49

²³ under first proviso to sub-section (7) of section 39

offsetting the liability furnished in that quarter’s Form GSTR-3B. However, any amount left after filing of that quarter’s Form GSTR-3B may either be claimed as refund or may be used for any other purpose in subsequent quarters.

While generating the challan, taxpayers should select **“Monthly payment for quarterly taxpayer”** as reason for generating the challan. The said person can use any of the following two options provided below for monthly payment of tax during the first 2 months –



(a) **Fixed sum method:** If a taxpayer chooses this option, a facility is available on the GST portal for generating an auto-generated/pre-filled challan in Form GST PMT-06. The challan amount is calculated by the system which cannot be edited. The amount is equal to:

- (i) **35% of the tax paid in cash** in the return for the preceding quarter where the return was **furnished quarterly**; or
- (ii) **tax liability paid in cash in the return** for the last month of the immediately preceding **quarter where the return was furnished monthly**.

For easy understanding, the same is explained by way of examples given below:

(i) **In case the last return filed was on quarterly basis for quarter ending March:**

Tax paid in cash in quarter (January - March)		Tax required to be paid in each of the months – April and May	
CGST	100	CGST	35
SGST	100	SGST	35

IGST	500	IGST	175
Cess	50	Cess	17.5

(ii) In case the last return filed was monthly for tax period March:

Tax paid in cash in March		Tax required to be paid in each of the months – April and May	
CGST	50	CGST	50
SGST	50	SGST	50
IGST	80	IGST	80
Cess	-	Cess	-

However, no such amount may be required to be deposited-

- (a) **for the 1st month of the quarter**, where the balance in the electronic cash ledger/electronic credit ledger is adequate for the tax liability for the said month or where there is nil tax liability;
- (b) **for the 2nd month of the quarter**, where the balance in the electronic cash ledger/electronic credit ledger is adequate for the cumulative tax liability for the 1st and the 2nd month of the quarter or where there is nil tax liability

Monthly tax payment through this method would not be available to those registered persons who have not furnished the return for a complete tax period preceding such month.

A **complete tax period** means a tax period in which the person is registered from the first day of the tax period till the last day of the tax period.

- (b) **Self-Assessment Method:** The said persons, in any case, can pay the tax due by considering the tax liability on inward and outward supplies and the ITC available, in Form GST PMT-06. In order to facilitate ascertainment of the ITC available for the month, an auto-drafted input tax credit statement has been made available in Form GSTR-2B, for every month.

The registered person under QRMP is free to avail either of the two tax payment methods above in any of the two months of the quarter.

As already discussed earlier, at the time of filing the return for a quarter in Form GSTR-3B, the amount deposited by the registered person in the first 2 months of the quarter shall be debited. Further, any amount left after filing of that quarter's Form GSTR-3B may either be claimed as refund or may be used for any other purpose in subsequent quarters.

However, such refund claim shall be permitted only after the return in Form GSTR-3B for the said quarter has been furnished. Further, this deposit cannot be used by the taxpayer for any other purpose till the filing of return for the quarter.

Applicability of interest

A. For registered person making payment of tax by opting Fixed Sum Method

No interest would be payable in case the tax due is paid in the first 2 months of the quarter by way of depositing auto-calculated fixed sum amount (as discussed above) by the due date.

In other words, if while furnishing return in Form GSTR-3B, it is found that in any or both of the first 2 months of the quarter, the tax liability net of available credit on the supplies made /received was higher than the amount paid in challan, then, no interest would be charged provided they deposit system calculated amount for each of the first 2 months and discharge their entire liability for the quarter in Form GSTR-3B of the quarter by the due date.

In case such payment of tax by depositing the system calculated amount in Form GST PMT-06 is not done by due date, interest would be payable at the applicable rate, from the due date of furnishing Form GST PMT-06 till the date of making such payment.

Further, in case Form GSTR-3B for the quarter is furnished beyond the due date, interest would be payable as per the provisions of section 50 for the tax liability net of ITC.



(12) A registered person, who has opted for the QRMP Scheme, had paid a total amount of ₹ 100/- in cash as tax liability in the previous quarter of October to December.

He opts to pay tax under fixed sum method. He therefore pays ₹ 35/- each on 25th February and 25th March for discharging tax liability for the first 2 months of quarter viz. January and February.

In his return for the quarter, it is found that liability, based on the outward and inward supplies, for January was ₹ 40/- and for February it was ₹ 42/-. However, no interest would be payable for the lesser amount of tax (i.e. ₹ 5 and ₹ 7 respectively) discharged in these 2 months provided that he discharges his entire liability for the quarter in the Form GSTR-3B of the quarter by the due date.



(13) A registered person, who has opted for the QRMP Scheme, had paid a total amount of ₹ 100/- in cash as tax liability in the previous quarter of October to December.

He opts to pay tax under fixed sum method. He therefore pays ₹ 35/- each on 25th February and 25th March for discharging tax liability for the first 2 months of quarter viz. January and February.

In his return for the quarter, it is found that total liability for the quarter net of available credit was ₹ 125, but he files the return on 30th April. Interest would be payable at applicable rate on ₹ 55 [₹ 125 – ₹ 70 (deposit made in cash ledger in first and second month)] for the period between due date of quarterly GSTR 3B and 30th April.

B. For registered person making payment of tax by opting Self-assessment method

Interest amount would be payable as per the provision of section 50 for tax or any part thereof (net of ITC) which remains unpaid / paid beyond the due date for the first 2 months of the quarter.

Interest payable, if any, shall be paid through Form GSTR-3B.

Note: It is clarified that no late fee is applicable for delay in payment of tax in first 2 months of the quarter.



7. OTHER RETURNS/ STATEMENTS

(i) First return [Section 40]

When a person becomes liable to registration after his turnover crosses the threshold limit, he may apply for registration within 30 days of so becoming liable. Thus, there might be a time lag between a person becoming liable to registration and grant of registration certificate.

During the intervening period, such person might have made the outward supplies, i.e. after becoming liable to registration but before grant of the certificate of registration.



Now, in order to enable such registered person to declare the taxable supplies made by him for the period between the date on which he became liable to registration till the date on which registration has been granted so that ITC can be availed by the recipient on such supplies, firstly, the registered person may issue revised tax invoices against the invoices already issued during said period within 1 month from the date of issuance of certificate of registration [Section 31(3)(a) read with rule 53– *Discussed in detail in Chapter-10: Tax Invoice, Credit and Debit Notes*]. Further, section 40 provides that registered person shall declare his outward supplies made during said period in the first return furnished by him after grant of registration. The format for this return is the same as that for regular return.

(ii) GSTR – 8 - Statement for tax collection at source [Sub-sections (3), (4), (6) and (7) of section 52 read with rule 67]

(a) Monthly statement

An ECO liable to collect tax at source shall furnish a monthly statement in **Form GSTR-8** electronically through the common portal. Form GSTR-8 contains the details of supplies of goods or services or both effected through ECO, including the supplies of goods or services or both returned through it and the amount of tax collected at source.



(b) Last date of filing statement and for deposit of tax collected at source

The details in GSTR-8 should be furnished on/before 10th of the month succeeding the calendar month in which tax has been collected at source.

The due date of filing GSTR-8 may be extended by the Commissioner/Commissioner of State GST/Commissioner of UTGST for a class of taxable persons by way of a notification.

Further, the amount of tax collected by ECO (TCS amount) is also required to be deposited by the 10th of the month succeeding the calendar month in which tax has been collected at source.

(c) TCS details available to suppliers on common portal and claiming of TCS by suppliers

The details of TCS furnished by the ECO in GSTR-8 shall be made available electronically to each of the suppliers who supplied goods and/or services through ECO on the common portal after filing of GSTR-8. The supplier can take this amount reflected in GSTR-8 as credit in his electronic cash ledger after validation and use the same for payment of tax or any other liability.

(d) Rectification of errors/omissions in GSTR-8

If after submission of GSTR-8, the ECO discovers any discrepancy therein on his own - not being the result of any scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement proceedings - he should rectify such discrepancy in GSTR-8 to be filed for the month during which such discrepancy is noticed, subject to payment of interest under section 50.

The rectification is not allowed after 30th November following the end of the financial year or the actual date of filing of the relevant annual statement [GSTR-9B], whichever is earlier.

(g) Maximum time-limit for furnishing Form GSTR-8

Maximum time-limit upto which ECO can furnish Form GSTR-8 is **3 years** from the relevant due date of filing such statement. This time limit can be extended by the Government for an ECO or a class of ECOs subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.

(iii) GSTR – 9/9A and GSTR-9B - Annual Return [Sections 44, 52(5) read with rule 80]

(a) Who is required to furnish the annual return and what is the due date for the same?

All registered persons are required to file an annual return. However, following persons are not required to file annual return:

- (i) Casual taxable persons
- (ii) Non-resident taxable person
- (iii) Input service distributors²⁴
- (iv) Persons authorized to deduct/collect tax at source under section 51/52, and



The Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, exempt any class of registered persons from filing annual return under this section.

The annual return for a financial year needs to be filed by 31st December of the next financial year.

(b) What is the prescribed form for annual return/statement?

The annual return is to be filed electronically in [Form GSTR-9](#) through the common portal.

Person registered under composition levy: A person paying tax under composition scheme is required to file the annual return in **Form GSTR-9A**.

★ **It may be noted that an ECO required to collect tax at source is required to file an annual statement referred to in section 52(5) in [Form GSTR-9B](#) (yet to be notified). The statement for a financial year needs to be filed by 31st December of the next financial year.**

²⁴ Provisions relating to ISD have been discussed at the Final level.

(c) Who is required to furnish a self-certified reconciliation statement?

- (i) All registered persons are required to file furnish a self-certified reconciliation statement alongwith annual return if their aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds ₹ 5 crores. However, following persons are not required to file self-certified reconciliation statement:
- Casual taxable persons
 - Non-resident taxable person
 - Input service distributors
 - Persons authorized to deduct/collect tax at source under section 51/52, and
- (ii) Such registered person should furnish, electronically, the annual return along with a copy of **self-certified reconciliation statement**, duly certified, in **Form GSTR-9C**.

Self-certified reconciliation statement will reconcile the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year with the audited annual financial statement.

**(d) Exemption from the requirement of furnishing annual return including self-certified reconciliation statement**

The department of the Central/State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law for the time being in force, are exempt from the requirement of furnishing an annual return including self-certified reconciliation statement.

(e) **Maximum time-limit for furnishing annual return**

Maximum time-limit upto which a registered person can furnish an annual return for a financial year is **3 years** from the due date of furnishing said annual return. This time limit can be extended by the Government for a registered person or a class of registered persons subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.

(iv) **GSTR - 10 - Final Return [Section 45 read with rule 81]**

(a) **Who is required to furnish final return?**

Every registered person who is required to furnish return u/s 39(1) and whose registration has been cancelled is required to file a **final return** electronically in **Form GSTR-10** through the common portal.



(b) **What is the time-limit for furnishing final return?**

The final return has to be filed within 3 months of the:

- (i) date of cancellation
 - or
 - (ii) date of order of cancellation
- whichever is **later**.

(v) **GSTR – 11 - Details of inward supplies of persons having UIN [Rule 82]**

(a) **When UIN is issued for claiming refund of taxes paid on inward supplies**

Such person shall furnish the details of those inward supplies of taxable goods and/or services on which refund of taxes has been claimed in **Form GSTR-11**, along with application for such refund claim.



(b) When UIN is issued for purposes other than refund of taxes paid

Such person shall furnish the details of inward supplies of taxable goods and/or services as may be required by the proper officer in **Form GSTR-11**.



8. DEFAULT/DELAY IN FURNISHING RETURN [SECTIONS 46 & 47]

(i) Notice to return defaulters [Section 46 read with rule 68]

A notice in prescribed form is issued, electronically, to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 [Normal Return] or section 44 [Annual Return] or section 45 [Final Return] or section 52 [TCS Statement].



The notice requires the registered person to furnish the return within 15 days, failing which the tax liability will be assessed under section 62, based on the relevant material available with the proper officer. In addition to tax so assessed, applicable interest and penalty will also be payable.

(ii) Late fees for delay in filing return [Section 47]

Late fee is applicable for delay in furnishing of return / details of outward supply as per the provision of section 47. Delay in filing the Statement of Outward Supplies [Section 37], Returns (including returns under QRMP Scheme) [Section 39], Final Return [Section 45] and TCS Statement [Section 52] by their respective due dates, attracts prescribed late fee.

The late fee payable by a registered person for delayed filing of a return and/or annual return under section 47 is with reference to only the CGST Act. An equal amount of late fee is payable by such person under the respective SGST/UTGST Act as well.

The late fee can be waived off partially or fully by the Central Government [Section 128²⁵]. In view of this, late fees for delayed filing of Forms GSTR-1,

²⁵ Section 128 has been discussed at the Final level.

GSTR-3B, GSTR-4, GSTR-7 and GSTR-9 have been rationalized²⁶.

The amount of late fee prescribed by section 47 and the amount of late fee after waiver have been given as Annexure to this chapter for information of the students and is not relevant for the examination purposes.



9. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX PRACTITIONERS [SECTION 48]

Section 48 provides for the authorisation of an eligible person to act as approved Goods and Services Tax Practitioner (GSTP). A registered person may authorise an approved GSTP to furnish information, on his behalf, to the Government.

The manner of approval of GSTPs, their eligibility conditions, duties and obligations, manner of removal and other conditions relevant for their functioning have been prescribed in the rules 83, 83A and 84.

GSTN provides separate user ID and Password to GSTP to enable him to work on behalf of his clients without asking for their user ID and passwords. They can do all the work on behalf of taxpayers as allowed under GST Law. A taxpayer may choose a different GSTP by simply unselecting the previous one and then choosing a new GSTP on the GST portal.



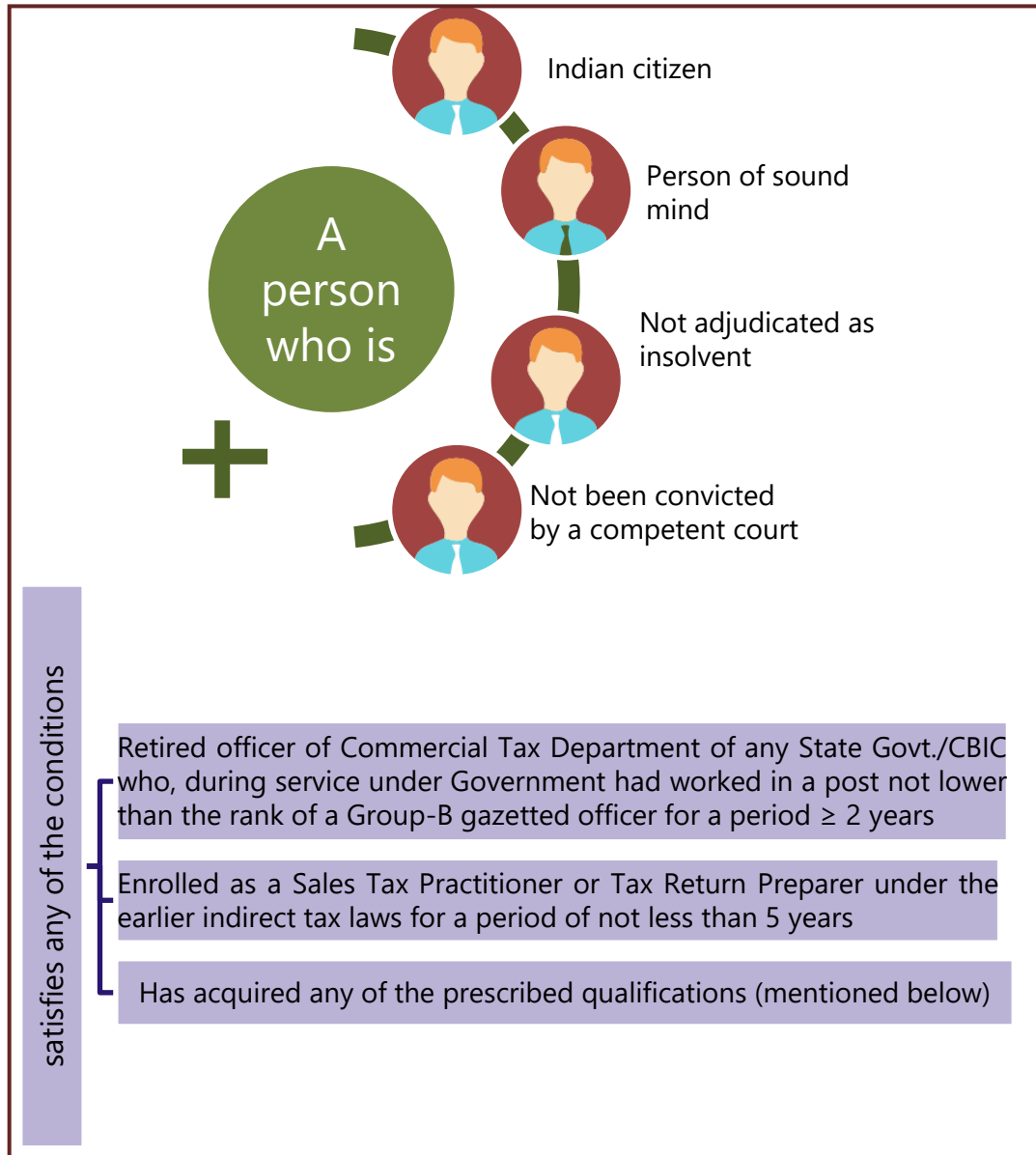
Standardized formats have been prescribed for making application for enrolment as GSTP, certificate of enrolment, show cause notice for disqualification, order of rejection of application of enrolment, list of approved GSTPs, authorisation letter and withdrawal of authorisation.

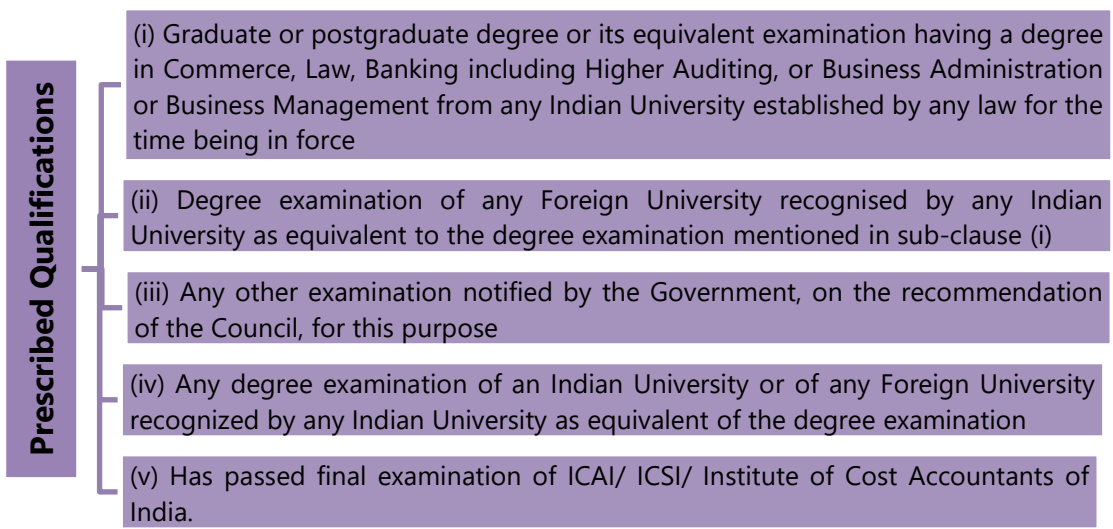
²⁶ vide Notification No. 4/2018 CT dated 23.01.2018, Notification No. 73/2017 CT dated 29.12.2017, Notification No. 76/2018 CT dated 31.12.2018, Notification Nos 19-22/2021 CT all dated 01.06.2021 and Notification No. 07/2023 CT dated 31.03.2023

A GSTP enrolled in any State or Union Territory shall be treated as enrolled in the other States/Union territories.

(i) What is the eligibility criteria for GSTP?

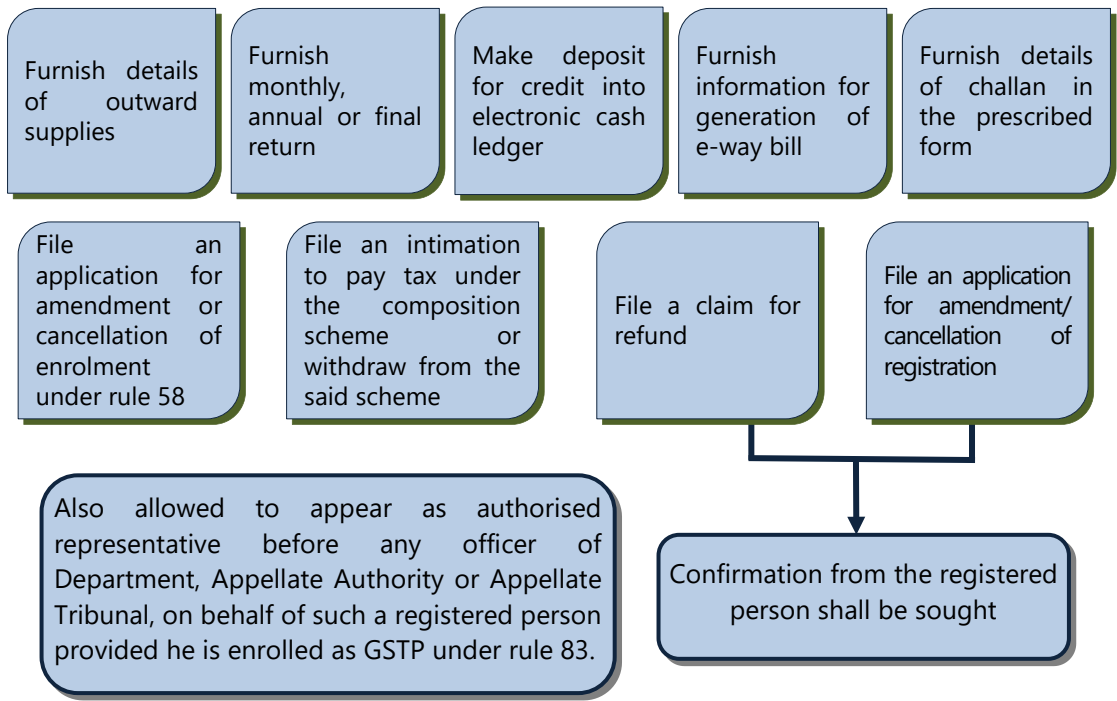
The eligibility criteria for GSTP has been explained on next page:





(ii) What are the activities which can be undertaken by a GSTP?

A GSTP can undertake any/all of the following activities on behalf of a registered person, if so authorised by him:



Furnishing returns through GSTP: When a registered person opts to furnish his return through GSTP, such registered person:

Gives his consent in prescribed form to any GSTP to prepare and furnish his return

Before confirming submission of any statement prepared by GSTP, ensures that the facts mentioned in the return are true and correct.

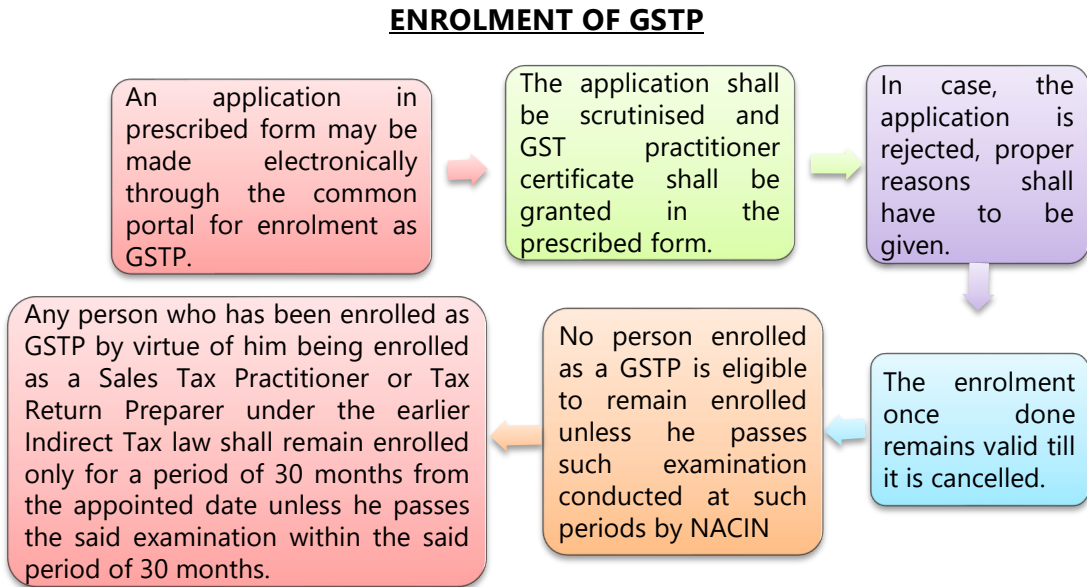
Thus, the responsibility for correctness of any particulars furnished in the return or other details filed by the GSTP continues to rest with the registered person on whose behalf such return and details are furnished. The registered person before confirming, should ensure that the facts mentioned in the return are true and correct before signature. However, failure to respond to request for confirmation is treated as deemed confirmation.

(iii) Other points

- ❑ A registered person gives his consent and authorises a GSTP in the prescribed form by listing the authorised activities in which he intends to authorise the GSTP. The GSTP accepts the authorisation in Part B of the same form.
- ❑ The GSTP can undertake only such tasks as indicated in the prescribed form. The registered person may, at any time, withdraw such authorization.
- ❑ Any statement furnished by the GSTP is made available to the registered person on the common portal. For every statement furnished by the GSTP, a confirmation is sought from the registered person over email or SMS.
- ❑ The GSTP should prepare all statements with due diligence and affix his digital signature on the statements prepared by him or electronically verify using his credentials.
- ❑ If the GSTP is found guilty of misconduct, his enrolment will be liable to be cancelled and a show cause notice would be issued to him.

(iv) What is the procedure for enrolment as GSTP?

The procedure for enrolment of GSTP has been depicted by way of a diagram is given below:



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1. Meaning of Returns

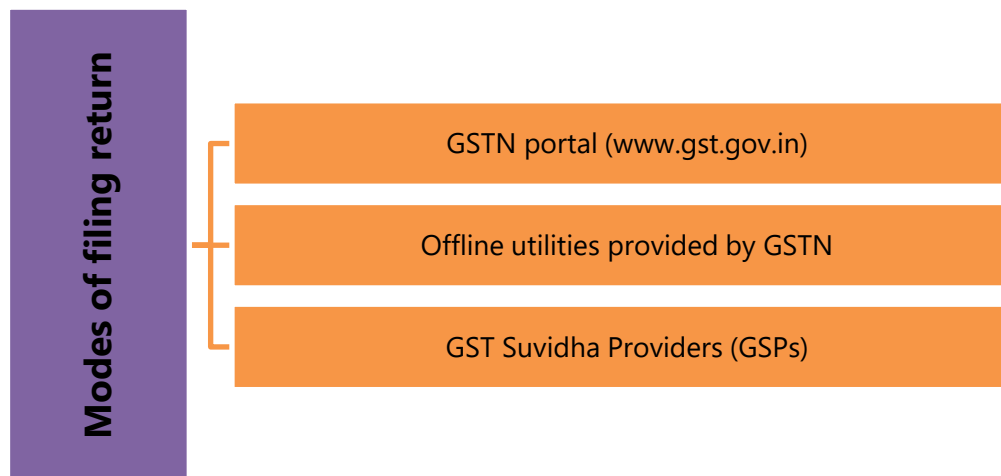
Return

A statement of information furnished by the taxpayer, to tax administrators, at regular intervals.

Filing of returns constitutes the most important compliance procedure which enables the Government/ tax administrator to estimate the tax collection for a particular period and determine the correctness and completeness of the tax compliance of the taxpayers.

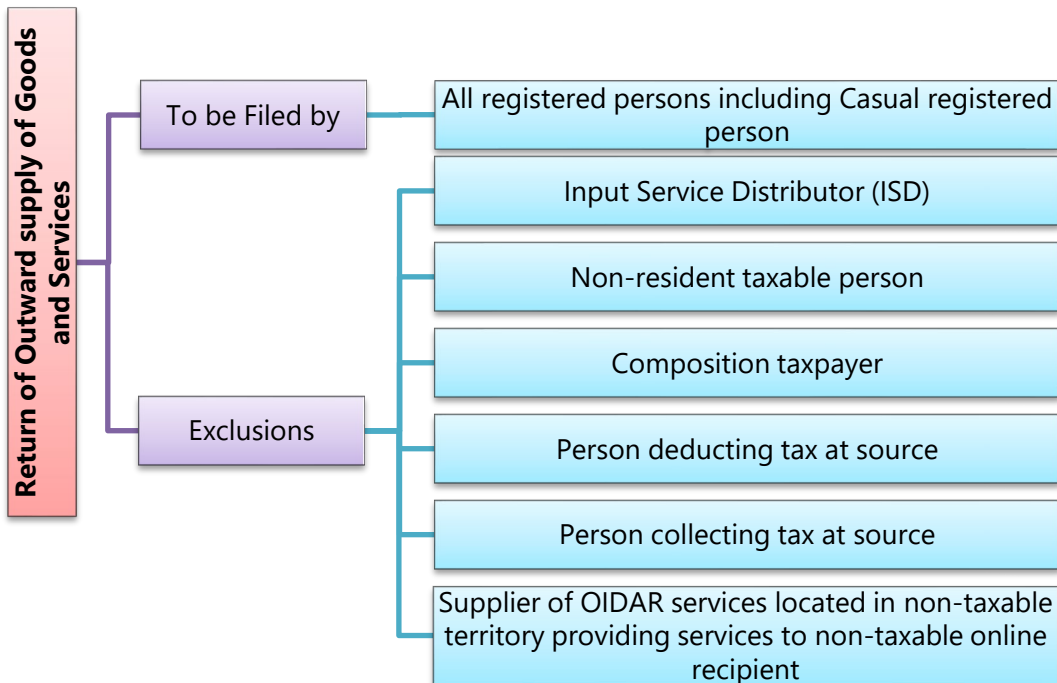
2. Modes of filing returns

All the returns are to be filed online.

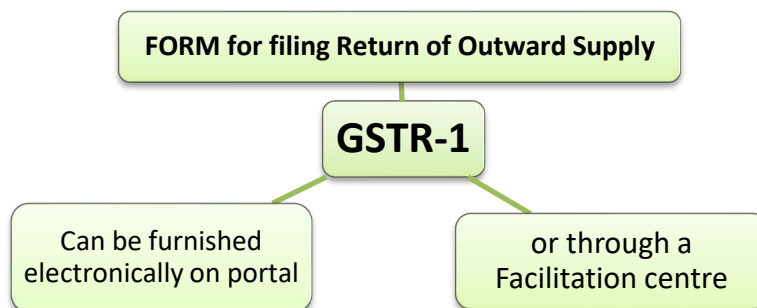


3. Furnishing details of outward supplies [Section 37 read with rule 59]

Who is required to furnish the details of outward supplies?



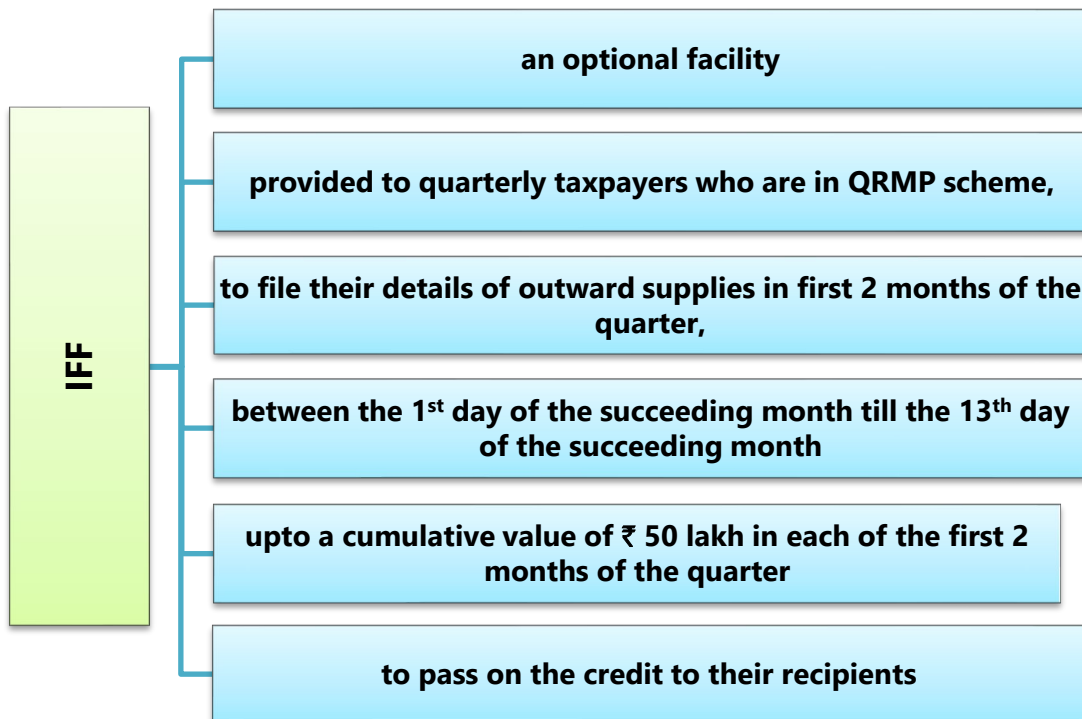
What is the form for submission of details of outward supplies?



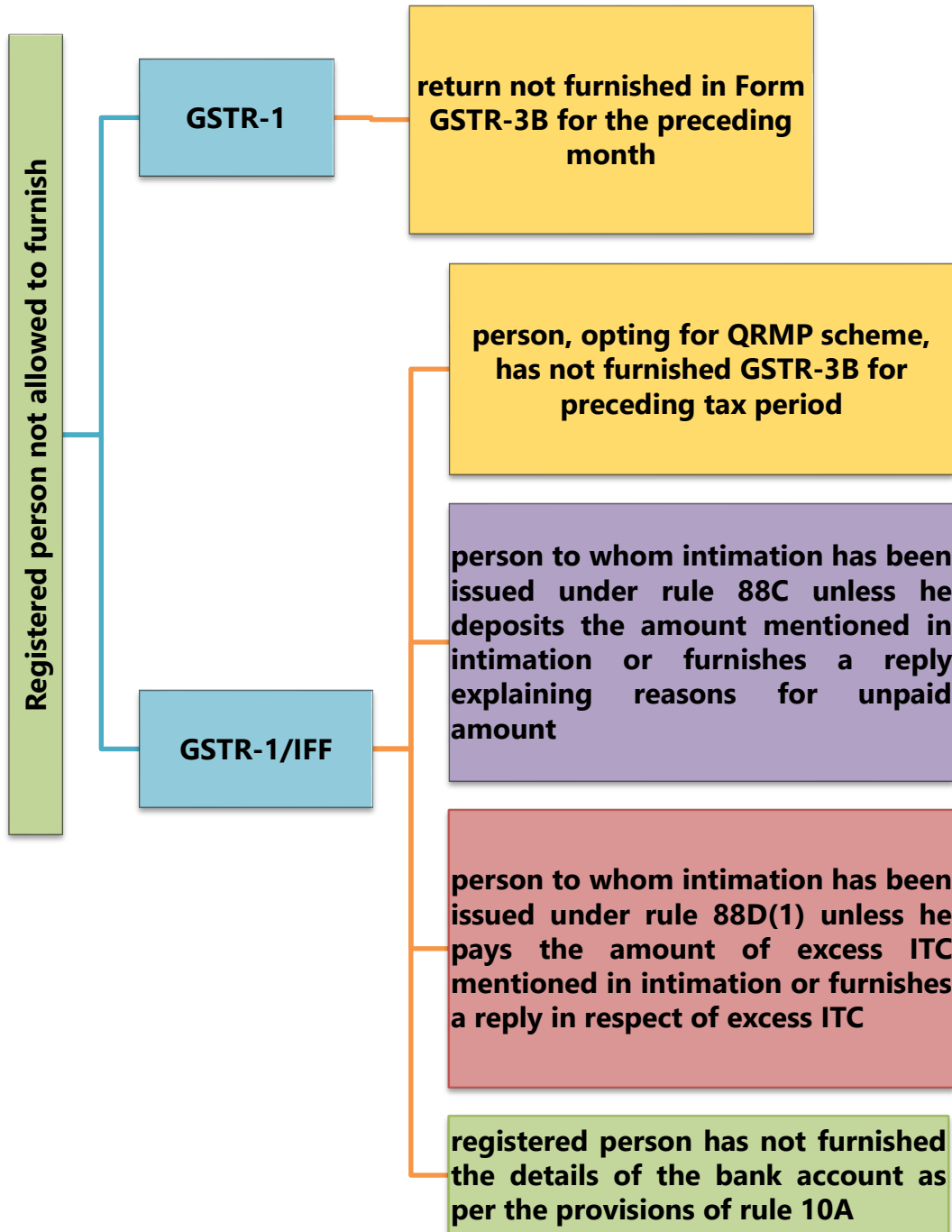
Due Dates for Submission of Form GSTR-1

Class of registered person	Time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 for each quarter/month
Registered persons opting for QRMP scheme	13th day of the month succeeding such quarter
Others	11th day of the month succeeding said month

Invoice Furnishing Facility [IFF] for taxpayers opting for QRMP Scheme

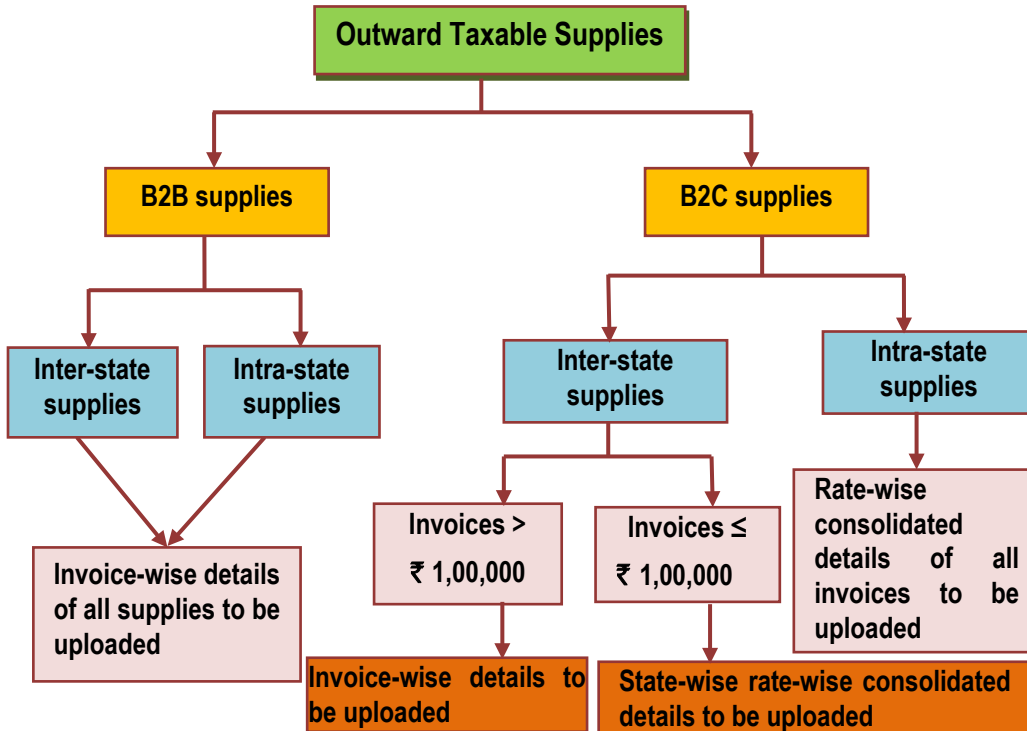


What are the cases where a registered person is debarred from furnishing details of outward supplies in GSTR-1/IFF?

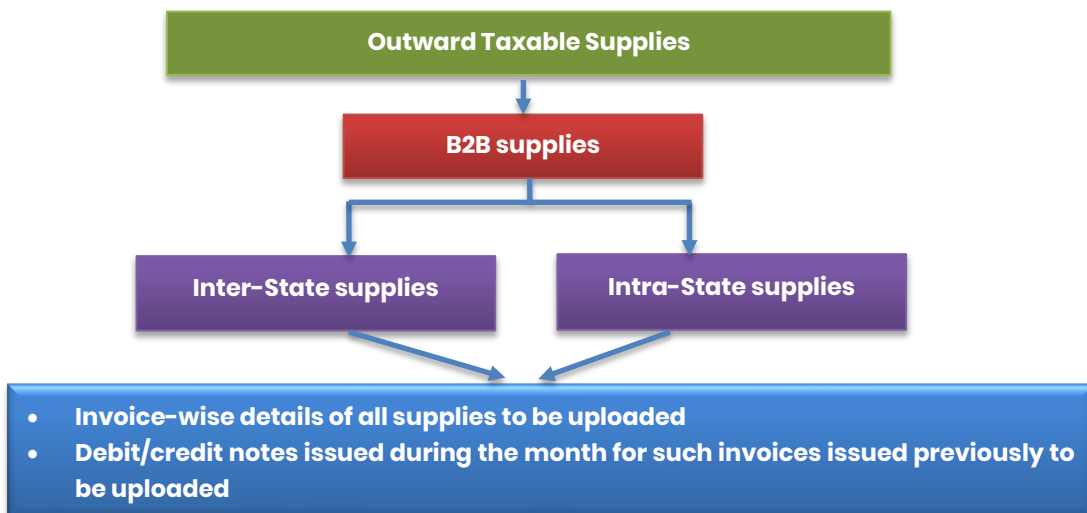


What kind of details of outward supplies are required to be furnished in GSTR-1/GSTR-1A and IFF?

Details to be furnished in GSTR-1/GSTR-1A



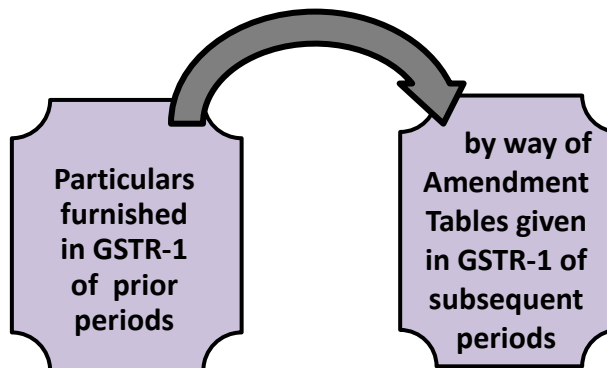
Details to be furnished through IFF



Amendment of GSTR-1 for current period

GSTR-1A	an optional facility
	to add new records which taxpayer missed out while filing in form GSTR-1, and/or
	to amend records which were already reported in same period in form GSTR-1
	after furnishing GSTR-1 for a tax period but before filing GSTR-3B for said tax period.

Rectification of errors in GSTR-1 filed for previous periods



Maximum time limit within which such amendments are permissible is earlier of the following dates:

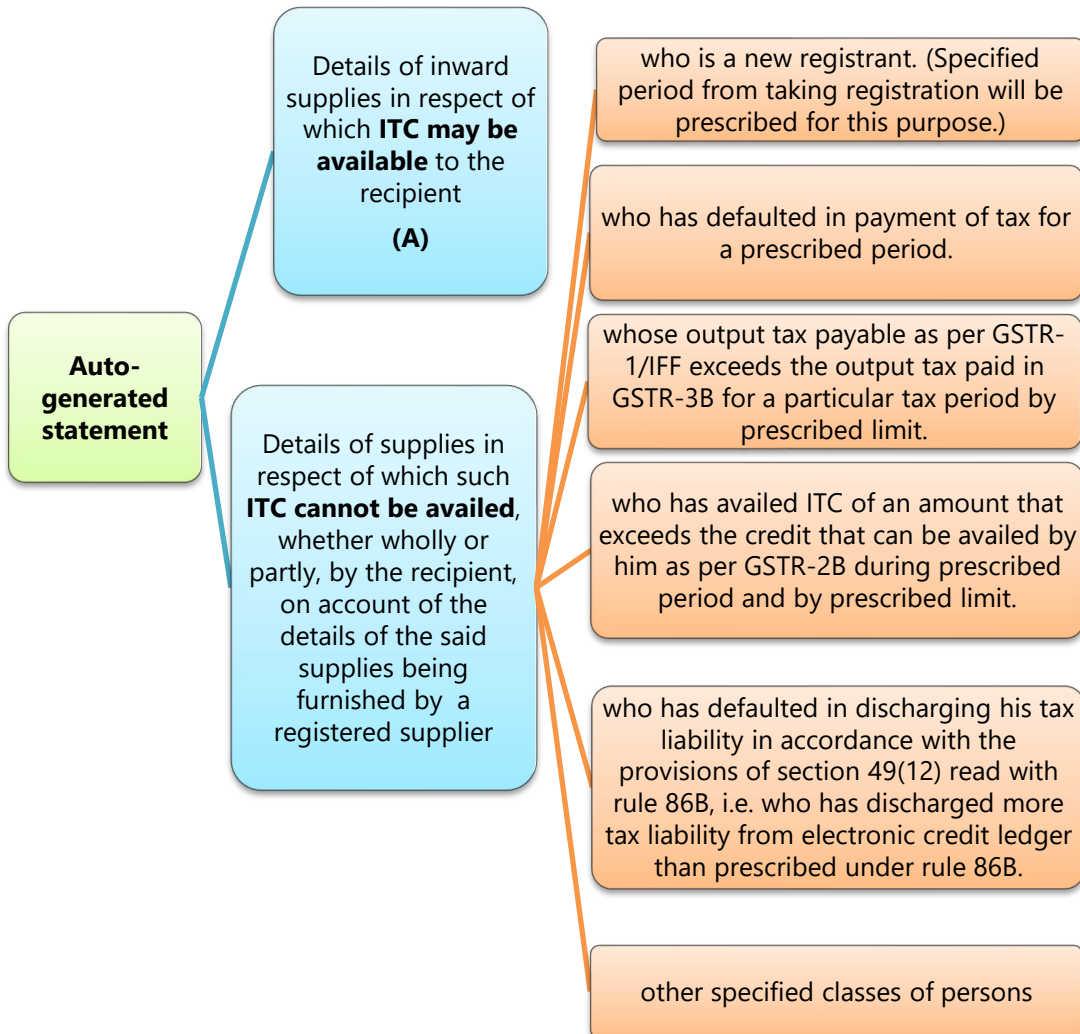
- 30th day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain or
- Date of filing of the relevant annual return

Filing of Nil GSTR-1

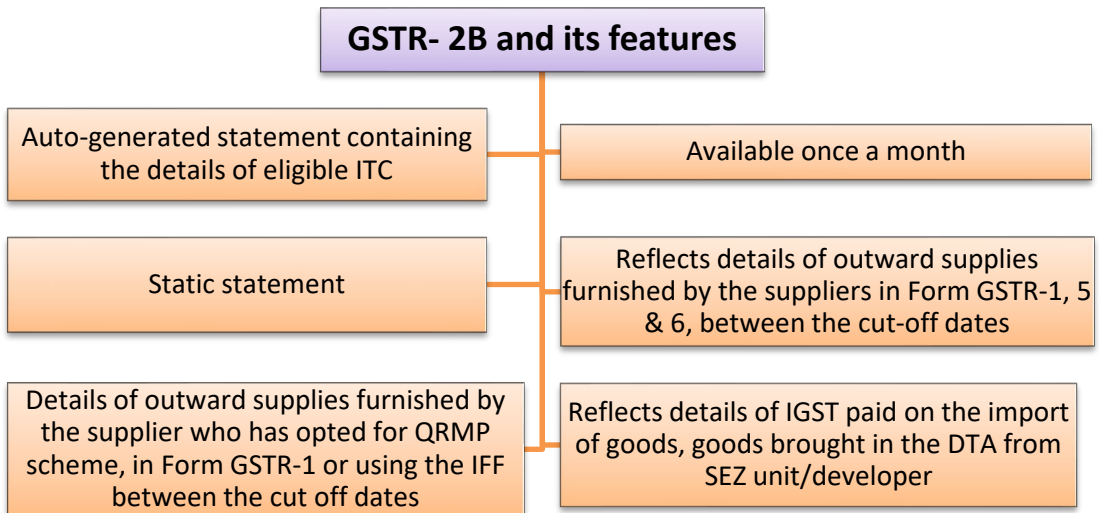
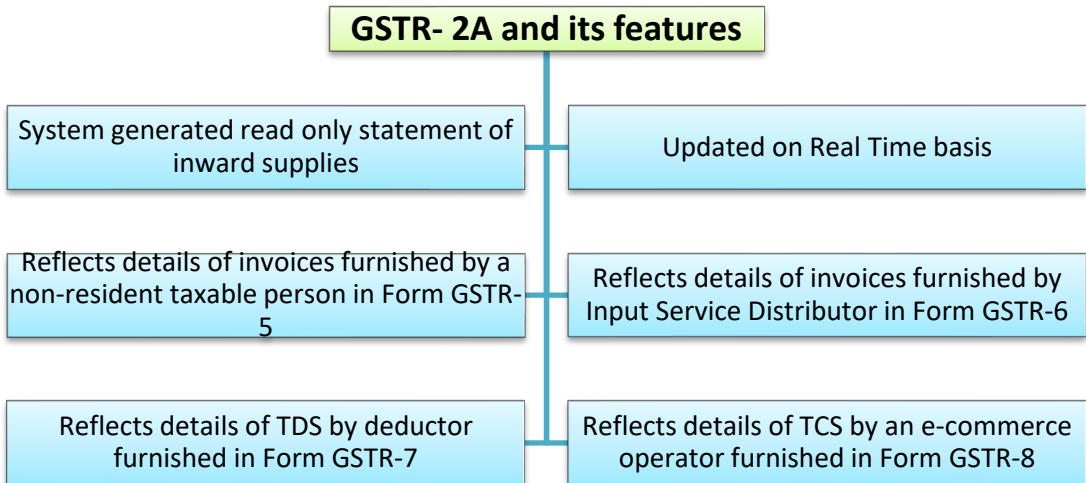
Nil GSTR-1

- Filing of GSTR-1 is mandatory for all normal and casual taxpayers, even if there is no business activity in any particular tax period.

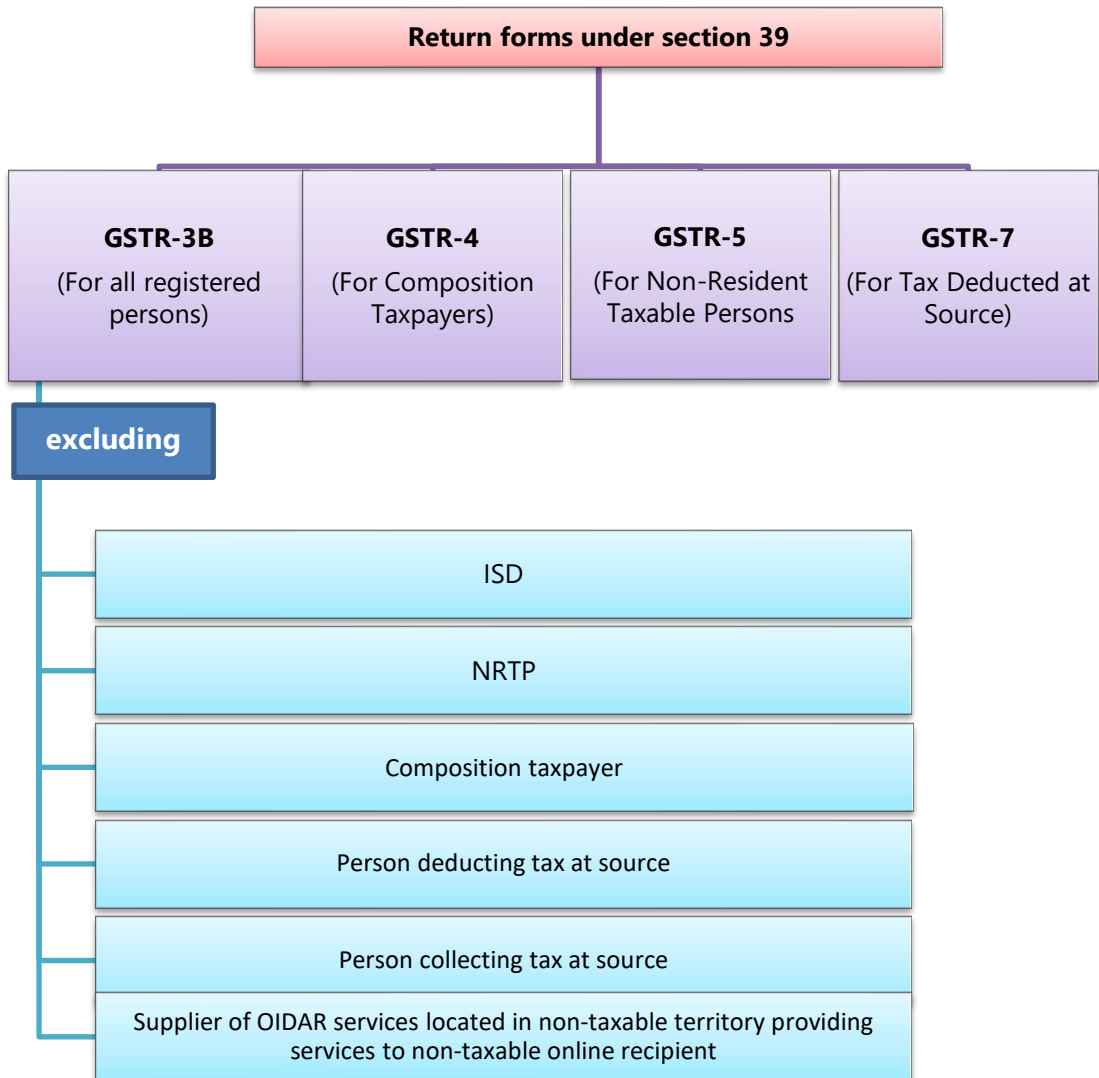
4. Furnishing details of inward supplies [Section 38 read with rule 60]



Form and manner of ascertaining details of inward supplies – GSTR-2A and GSTR-2B



5. Furnishing of returns under section 39



Due dates for furnishing Form GSTR-3B

GSTR-3B can be filed monthly or quarterly and due date for filing are as follows:

- ❖ **Monthly GSTR-3B** on or before **20th** of the month succeeding the month for which return is furnished.

- ❖ **Quarterly GSTR-3B** on or before **22nd** and **24th** of the month (Depending upon State) succeeding the quarter for which return is furnished in case of a taxpayer opting for QRMP scheme.

QRMP scheme

Optional return filing scheme

Quarterly Return

Monthly payment

Eligibility

- Taxpayers having aggregate turnover of up to ₹ 5 crore in the preceding financial year

Condition to be fulfilled for becoming eligible

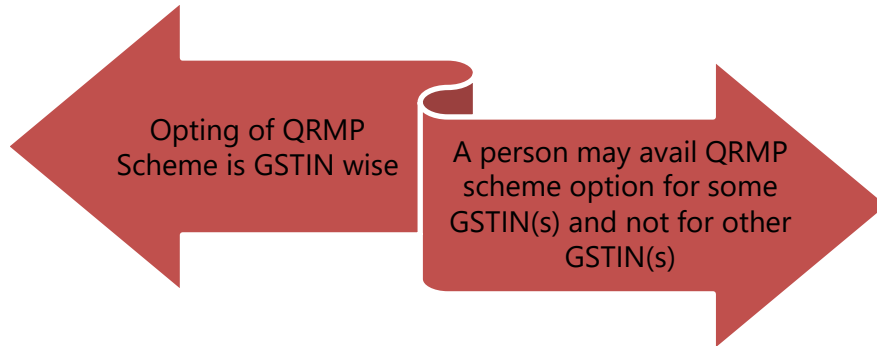
- Taxpayer must have furnished the last return, as due on the date of exercising such option

Manner of Exercising option

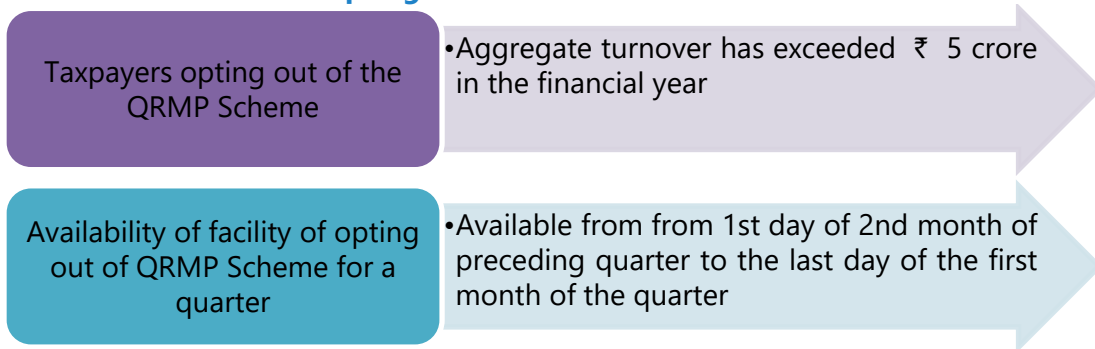
- Taxpayers can opt in for any quarter from 1st day of 2nd month of preceding quarter to the last day of the first month of the quarter for which the option is being exercised

Validity of option once exercised

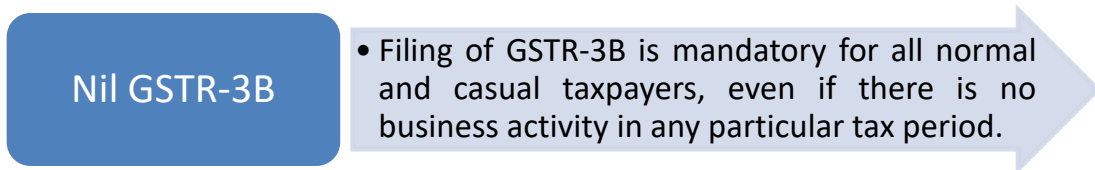
- Taxpayers are not required to exercise their option every quarter. Where such option has been exercised once, they shall continue to furnish the return as per the selected option for future tax periods, unless they revise the said option.



Opting out of the QRMP Scheme

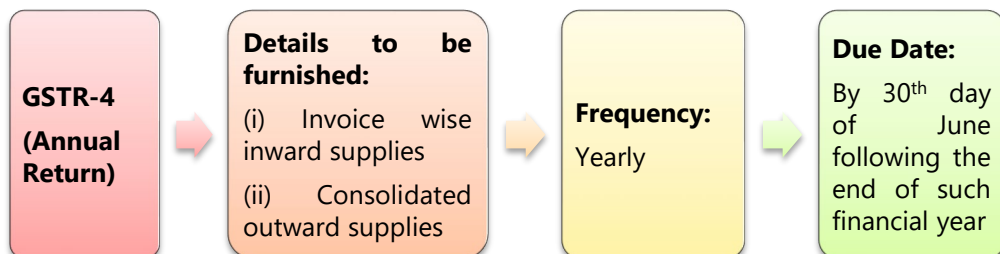


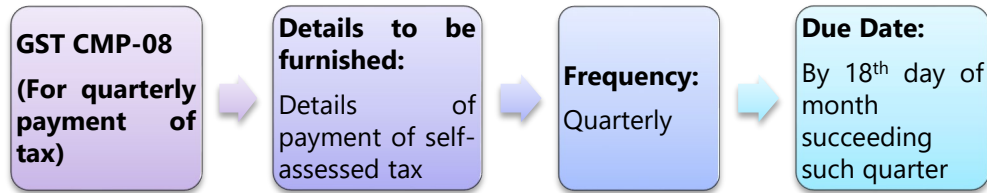
Nil GSTR-3B



3. Form GSTR-4 and GST CMP-08: For Composition dealers

- ❖ A composition supplier is required to file the return GSTR-4 annually and is required to pay the tax quarterly in Form GST CMP-08.

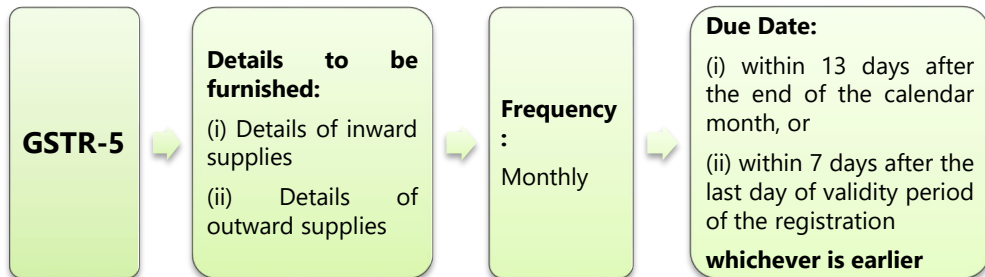




Note:

- (1) The inward supplies of a composition supplier received from registered persons filing GSTR-1 will be auto populated in **FORM GSTR-4A** for viewing.
- (2) Filing of NIL GST CMP-08 is mandatory for all taxpayers who have opted to pay tax under composition scheme if there is no business activity in any tax period.

4. Form GSTR-5: For Non-Resident Taxable Person (NRTPs)

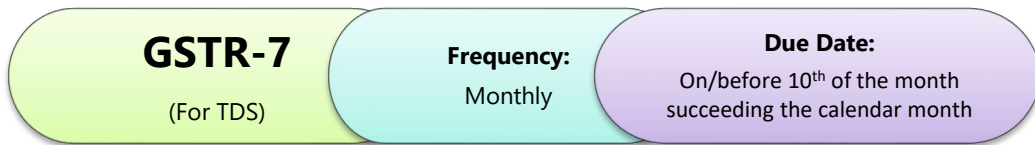


Note: A N RTP is not required to file an Annual Return.

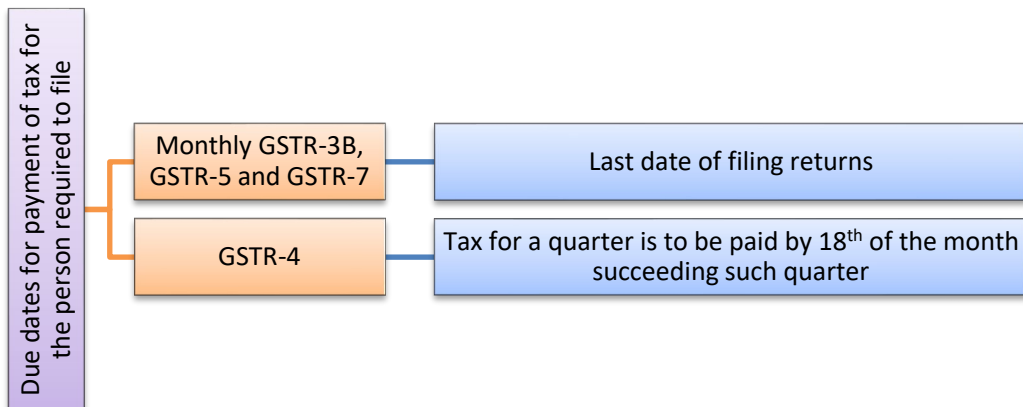
5. Form GSTR-7: For Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)

- ❖ GSTR-7 is a return for tax deducted at source, whenever taxable goods or services or both are supplied to a Central/ State Government’s Department/ establishment or, local authority, or Governmental agencies, recipient is required to deduct tax at source and total value of supply exceeds ₹ 2,50,000.

- ❖ **GSTR-7A-** Form for issue of TDS certificate by deductor to the deductee.



7. Due date for payment of tax



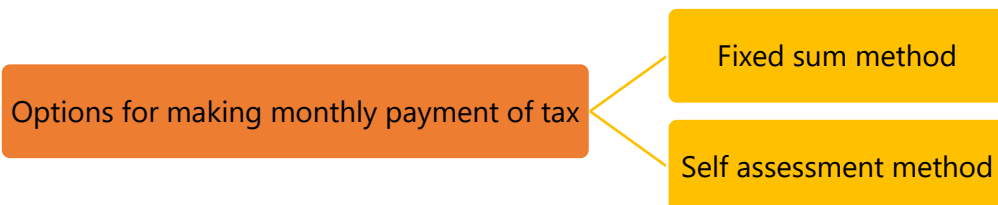
Payment of tax under QRMP scheme

Tax due in each of the first 2 months of the quarter

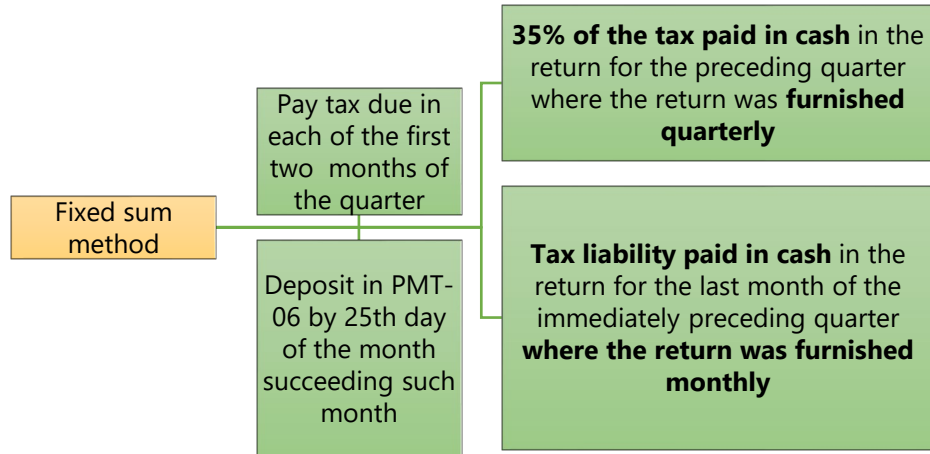
To be paid by depositing in pre filled Form GST PMT-06

Payment to be made by 25th of the succeeding month

Options for making monthly payment of tax under QRMP scheme

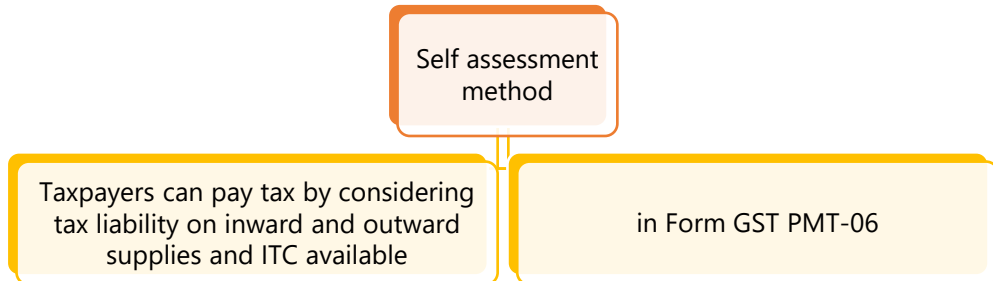


Method 1: Fixed Sum Method



Monthly tax payment through this method would not be available to those registered persons who have not furnished the return for a complete tax period preceding such month.

Method 2: Self Assessment Method



Applicability of Interest -

(1) For Fixed Sum method taxpayers

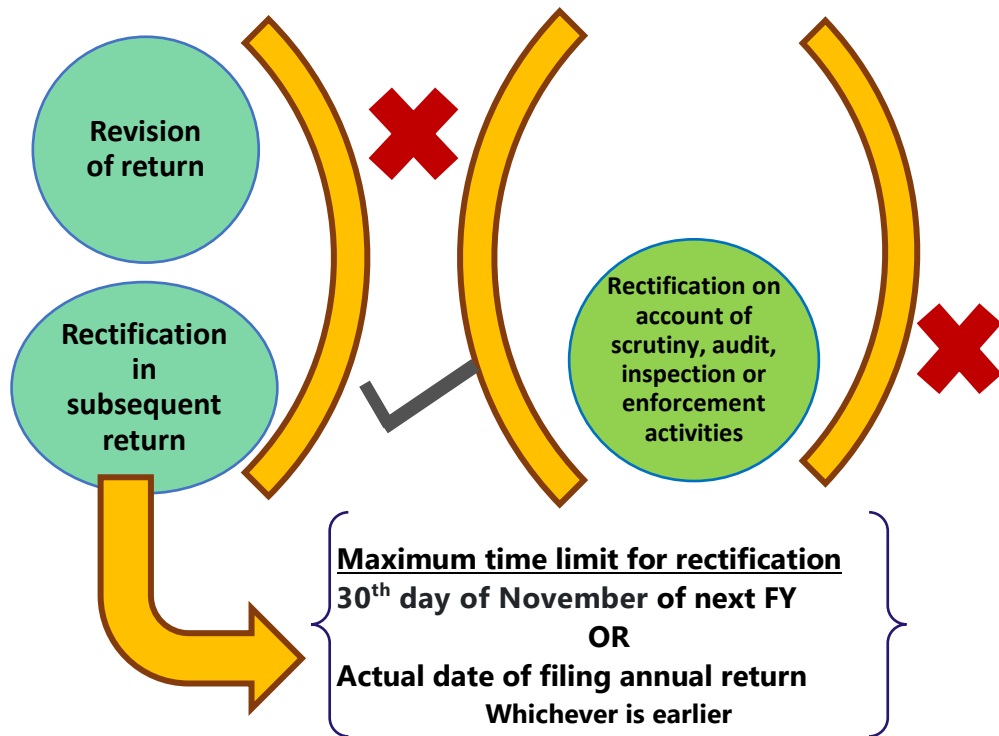
Where auto-calculated fixed sum amount for first 2 months of quarter is paid by due date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interest would be applicable even if the liability for the said month was found higher • If GSTR-3B of the quarter is filed by the due date by discharging the entire liability
Where tax payer makes monthly payment beyond due date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest is payable at the applicable rate from due date of furnishing GST PMT-06 till date of making payment
Where Form GSTR-3B is furnished beyond due date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest payable as per provisions of section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017 for the tax liability net of ITC

(2) For Self-assessment method taxpayers

Interest payable as per provisions of section 50 of the CGST Act

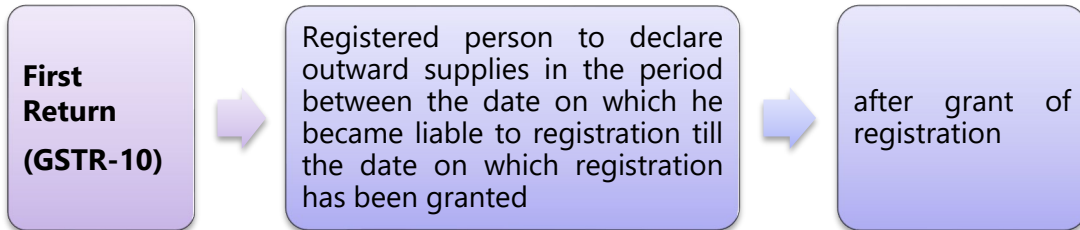
for tax or any part thereof (net of ITC) which remains unpaid/ paid beyond the due date

for the first 2 months of the quarter

8. Rectification of errors/omissions

6. OTHER RETURNS/ STATEMENTS

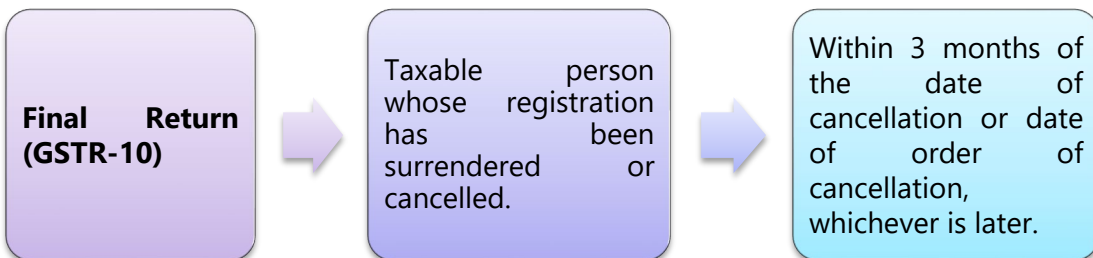
(i) First return

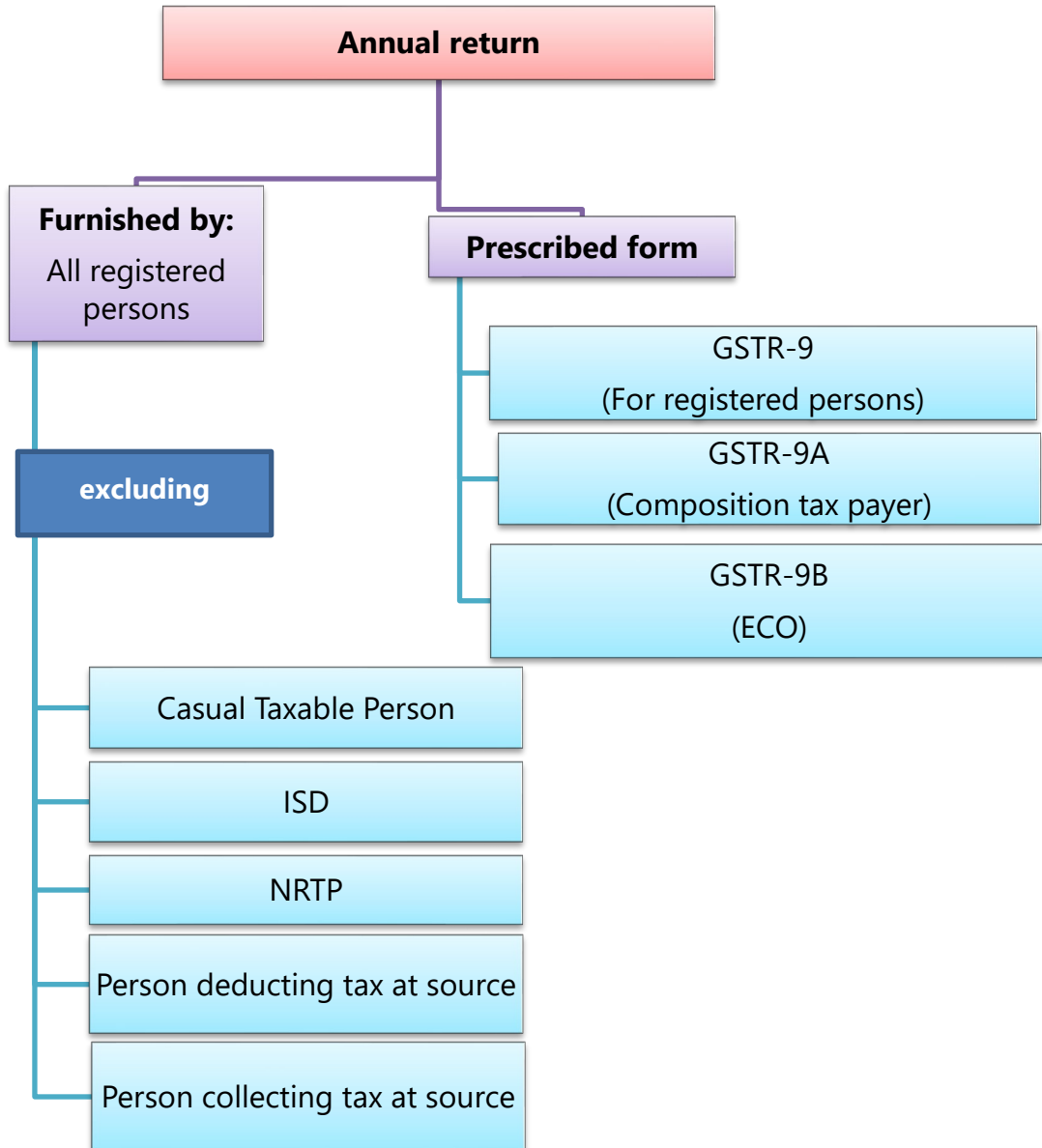


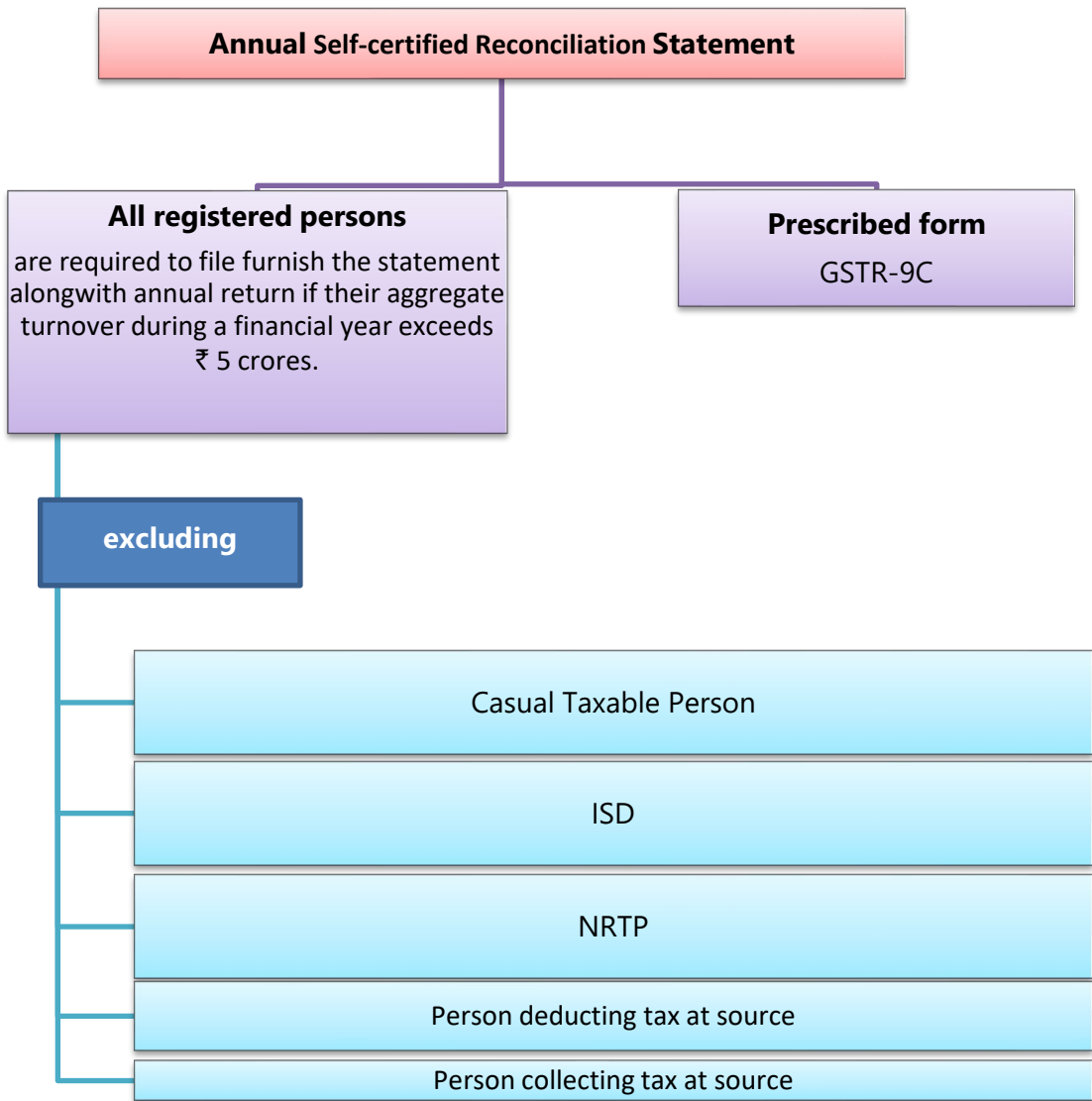
(ii) GSTR – 8 - Statement for tax collection at source



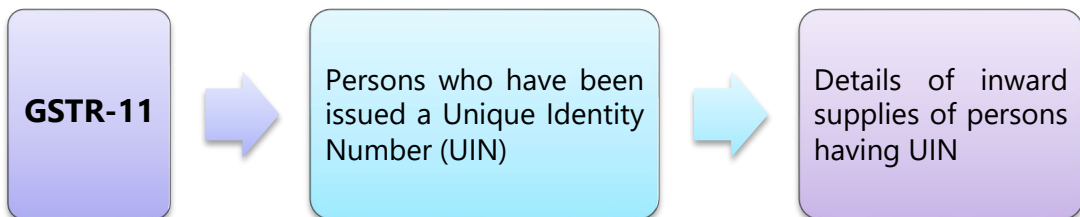
(iii) Final return



(iv) Annual Return & Annual Statement



(v) GSTR – 11 - Details of inward supplies of persons having UIN





TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Mr. X, a registered taxpayer under regular scheme, did not make any taxable supply during the month of July.

Is he required to file a GSTR-3B if he is monthly filer?
2. "All taxpayers are required to file GSTR-1 only after the end of the tax period." Examine the validity of the statement.
3. Mr. Kohli is a registered supplier in the State of Gujarat. He is filing GSTR-1 every month. During the month of February, he went out of India and thus, could not do any business transaction during that month. He believes that as there is no transaction, there is no need to file GSTR-1 for the month of February.

Is he correct if he is a monthly filer? Explain.
4. Mr. Kalpesh is a registered dealer in Kerala paying tax under composition levy from 1st April. However, he opts to pay tax under regular scheme from 1st December.

Is he liable to file GSTR-4 for the said F.Y. during which he opted out of composition scheme? Discuss.
5. Mrs. Zarina, a registered dealer in Rajasthan, did not file GSTR-3B for the month of June but she wants to file GSTR-3B for the month of July.

Is it possible? Answer with reference to section 39.
6. List the details of outward supplies which can be furnished using Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF).
7. A is a chartered accountant in practice and is registered under GST. On a query regarding return filing process by a potential client, A has represented him as a GST practitioner. A is of the view that since he is a qualified chartered accountant with a GST registration in the name of his proprietorship firm, he also qualifies as GST practitioner.

Is the understanding of A correct? Discuss.

8. *Quicktax, a GST return filing service provider, has asked its clients to provide the scanned copies of the tax invoices issued to B2B customers for uploading on the GST portal and filing the return.*

Whether the process followed by Quicktax is correct?

9. *X Ltd., a normal taxpayer, is winding up its business in Rajasthan. The Tax Consultant of X Ltd. has suggested that X Ltd. will have to file either the annual return or the final return at the time of voluntary cancellation of registration in the state of Rajasthan.*

Do you agree with the stand taken by Tax Consultant of X Ltd.? Offer your comments.



ANSWERS

1. A registered taxpayer is required to furnish a return u/s 39 for every month (every quarter in case of quarterly filers) even if no supplies have been effected during such period. In other words, filing of Nil GSTR-3B is also mandatory.

Therefore, being a monthly filer, Mr. X is required to file GSTR-3B even if he did not make any taxable supply during the month of July.

2. The statement is partially valid.

A taxpayer cannot file Form GSTR-1 before the end of the current tax period. However, following are the exceptions to this rule:

- a. Casual taxpayers, after the closure of their business
- b. Cancellation of GSTIN of a normal taxpayer.

A taxpayer who has applied for cancellation of registration will be allowed to file Form GSTR-1 after confirming receipt of the application.

3. No, Mr. Kohli is not correct. GSTR-1 needs to be filed even if there is no business activity in the tax period. Therefore, in the given case, even though Mr. Kohli was out of India and thus, could not do any business transaction

during the month of February, he is still required to file GSTR-1 for that month.

4. Where a taxpayer opts to withdraw from the composition scheme, he has to file GSTR-4 for the period for which he has paid tax under the composition scheme. Such return is required to be furnished till 30th day of April following the end of the financial year during which such withdrawal falls. Therefore, in the given case, Mr. Kalpesh is liable to file GSTR-4 for the said F.Y. during which he opted out of composition scheme by 30th June of next F.Y.
5. As per section 39(10), a registered person is not allowed to furnish a return for a tax period if the return for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him.

Therefore, in the given case, Mrs. Zarina cannot file GSTR-3B for July if she has not filed GSTR-3B for the preceding month, i.e., June.

6. Details of outward supplies which can be furnished using IFF are as follows:
 - (a) invoice wise details of inter-State and intra-State supplies made to the registered persons;
 - (b) debit and credit notes, if any, issued during the month for such invoices issued previously.
7. The understanding of A is not correct.

A chartered accountant can become a GST practitioner (GSTP). However, holding a certificate of practice as a chartered accountant and having GST registration does not imply that such chartered accountant is a GST practitioner as well. For becoming a GSTP, even a chartered accountant in practice has to follow the enrolment process of GSTP as provided under the GST law and only upon approval of such enrolment can a chartered accountant represent himself as a GSTP.

8. No, the process followed by Quicktax is not correct.

The registered persons supplying goods or services to B2B customers are required to upload the invoice wise details of supplies made during the tax period. However, there is no requirement to upload the scanned copies of the invoices issued to the customers on the GST portal at the time of filing returns. Only information required as per the format of GST returns is to be

captured in the return filing utility and the same is to be uploaded on the GST portal and not the scanned copies of the actual invoices.

9. No, the stand taken by Tax Consultant of X Ltd. is not correct.

Annual return is required to be filed by every registered person paying tax as a normal taxpayer. Final return is filed by the registered persons who have applied for cancellation of registration within three months of the date of cancellation or the date of cancellation order.

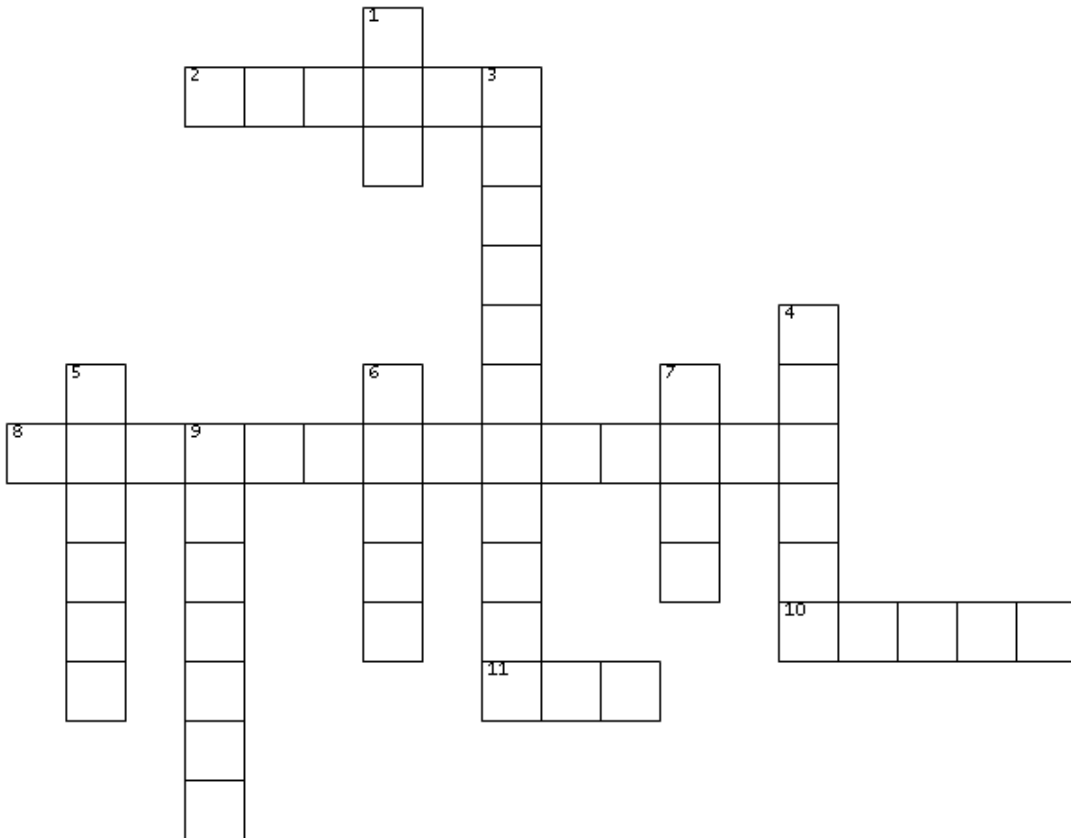
In the given case, X Ltd., a registered person, is winding up its business and has thus, applied for cancellation of registration. Therefore, it is required to file both annual return and final return.

R A P I D FIRE Q U I Z

- 1 •What is the due date for payment of tax by a composition supplier for a particular quarter?
- 2 •Whether a composition supplier is required to file return quarterly or yearly?
- 3 •Who's the person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce?
- 4 •Determine whether Form GSTR-1 furnishes the details of Inward supplies or Outward supplies.
- 5 •Whether GSTR-2B is a real time updated statement or a static statement?
- 6 •Under IFF, what is the cumulative value of invoice in each of the 1st two months of the quarter beyond which invoice wise details cannot be submitted?
- 7 •Whether GSTR-2A is a real time updated statement or a static statement?
- 8 •How many GSTR-3B returns are to be submitted in a year by a person who has opted for QRMP Scheme?
- 9 What is the due date for filing of return for the month in which tax has been deducted at source by a TDS deductor?
- 10 •Which return is to be furnished by a registered person required to furnish return under section 39(1) and whose registration has been surrendered or cancelled?



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- 2. Form GSTR-2B is a -----statement and is available only once a month.
- 8. All registered persons are required to file furnish a self-certified ----- statement alongwith annual return if their aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds ₹ 5 crores.
- 10. Final return is to be filed by a taxable person whose registration has been cancelled within 3 months of the date of cancellation or date of order of cancellation, whichever is -----.

11. When there is no business activity in any particular tax period,-----GSTR-1 is to be filed.

DOWN

1. Form GSTR-2B contains the details of eligible-----.(Acronym)
3. ----- taxpayers are required to pay tax on quarterly basis in Form CMP-08.
4. A NRTP is not required to file an----- return.
5. A composition supplier is required to file a return on----- basis.
6. Every registered person who is required to furnish return u/s 39(1) and whose registration has been surrendered is required to file a -----return.
7. A TDS certificate is required to be issued by deductor in Form GSTR-7A to the deductee within ---- days of crediting the amount to the Government.
9. GSTR-3B does not require invoice-wise data of ----- supplies.

Scan the following QR code for accessing the answers to Rapid Fire Quiz and Cross word puzzle of this chapter.



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AMENDMENTS MADE VIDE THE FINANCE (NO. 2) ACT, 2024

The Finance (No. 2) Act, 2024 came into force from 16.08.2024. However, most of the amendments made under the CGST Act and the IGST Act vide the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2024 became effective subsequently from the date notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette.

In the table given below, the amendment in section 39(3) made by the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2024 has been elaborated. **Since this amendment has become effective from 01.11.2024, said amendment is not applicable for May 2025 examinations. However, said amendment is applicable for September 2025 and January 2026 examinations.** Therefore, students appearing in September 2025 and January 2026 examinations should read the amended provisions given hereunder in place of the related provisions discussed in the chapter.

Section	Existing provisions	Provisions as amended by the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2024	Remarks
39(3)	Every registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 shall furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, for the month in which such deductions have been made within ten days after the end of such month.	<i>Every registered person required to deduct tax at source under section 51 shall electronically furnish a return for every calendar month of the deductions made during the month in such form and manner and within such time as may be prescribed. Provided that the said registered person shall furnish a return for every calendar month whether or not any deductions have been made during the said month.</i>	Sub-section (3) of section 39 has been substituted, so as to mandate the electronic furnishing of return for each month by the registered person required to deduct tax at source, irrespective of whether any deduction has been made in the said month or not. It also empowers the Government to prescribe by rules, the form, manner and the time within which such return shall be filed.

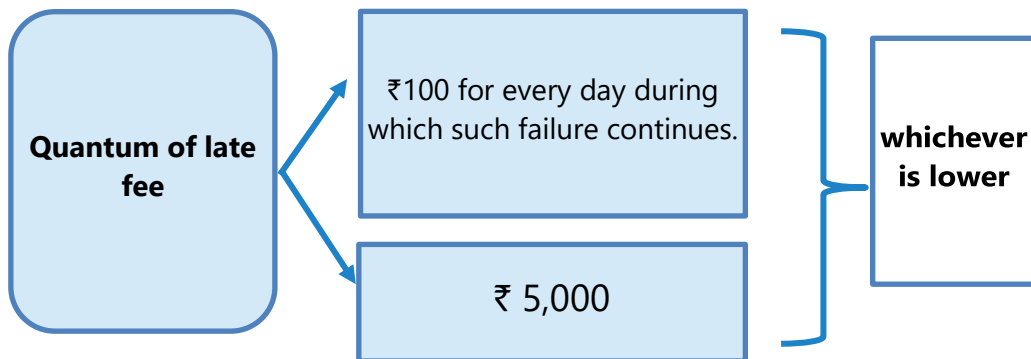
Annexure

The quantum of late fees leviable in case of delay in filing return has been given hereunder only for information of the students and is not relevant for the examination purposes.

As seen in the discussion this chapter, late fee is applicable for delay in furnishing of return / details of outward supply as per the provision of section 47. Delay in filing any of the following by their respective due dates, attracts late fee:

- (A) Statement of Outward Supplies [Section 37]
- (B) Returns (including returns under QRMP Scheme) [Section 39]
- (C) Final Return [Section 45]
- (D) TCS Statement [Section 52]

Quantum of late fee prescribed by section 47 is as under:



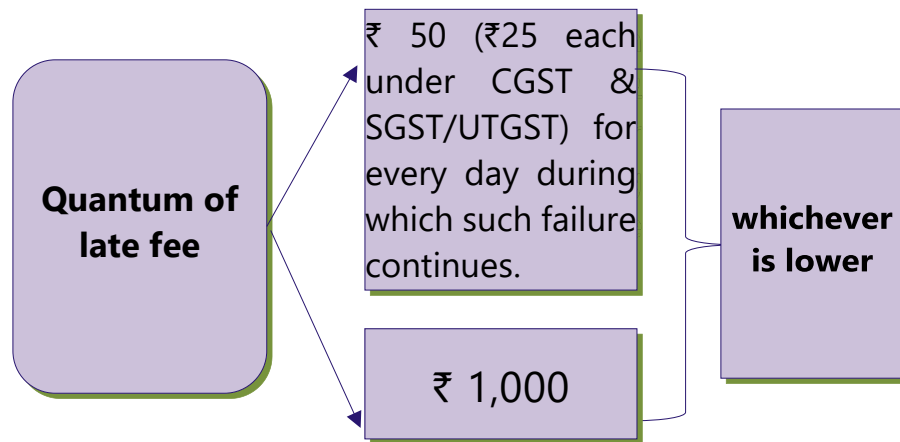
It may be noted that the late fee payable by a registered person for delayed filing of a return and/or annual return under section 47 is with reference to only the CGST Act. An equal amount of late fee is payable by such person under the respective SGST/UTGST Act as well. Hence, the late fee amount mentioned herein pertains to both CGST as well as SGST/UTGST.

Rationalisation of late fees for delayed filing of Forms GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-4, GSTR-7 and GSTR-9

The late fee can be waived off partially or fully by the Central Government [Section 128²⁷]. In view of this, late fees for delayed filing of Forms GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-4, GSTR-7 and GSTR-9 have been rationalized²⁸ as follows:

(i) For delayed filing of GSTR-7:-

Total amount of late fee payable under section 47 by any registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 for delayed filing of GSTR-7, shall be as follows:



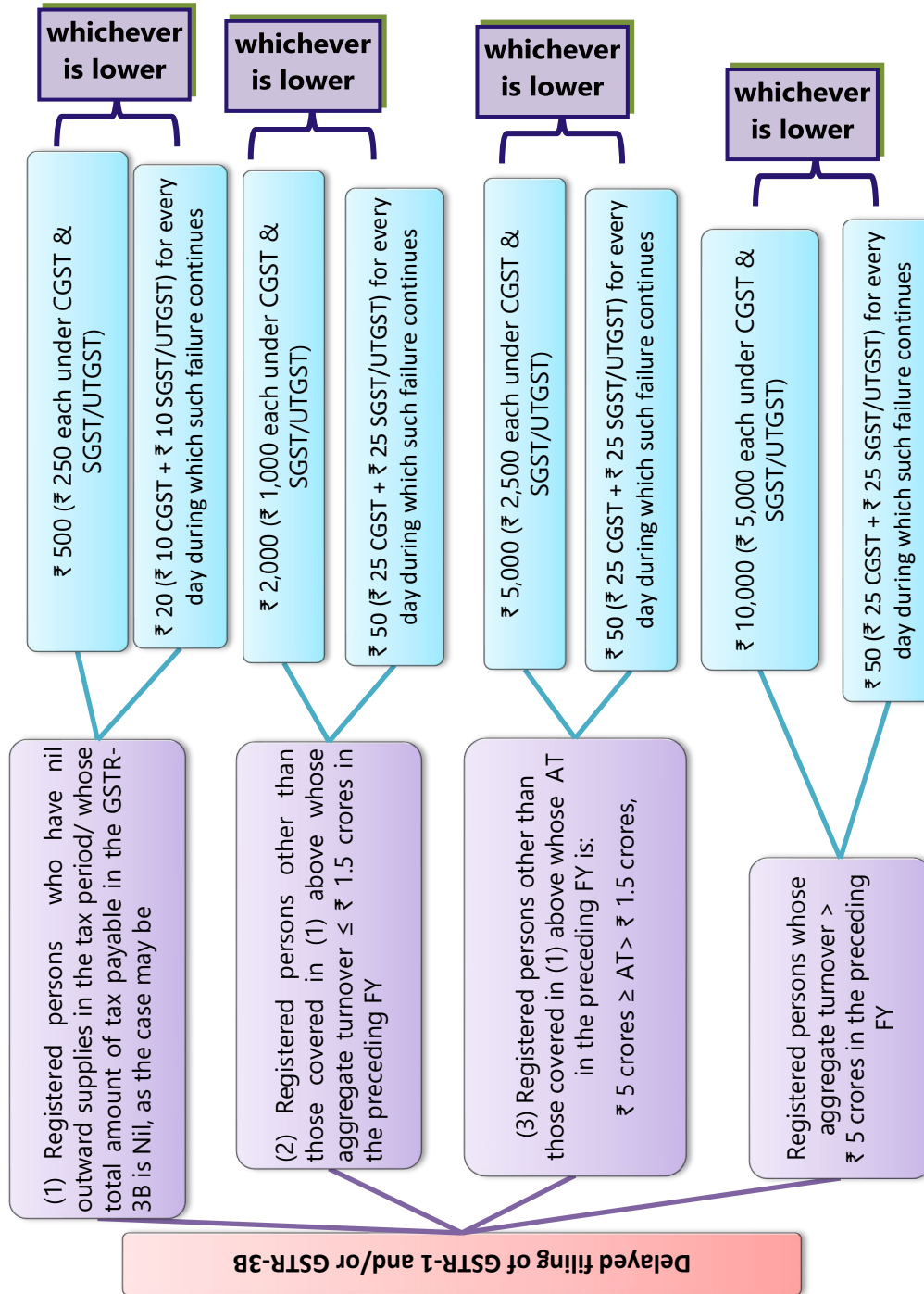
Where the total amount of central and State tax deducted at source in a month is Nil, the total amount of late fee stands waived.

(ii) For delayed filing of GSTR-1 and/or GSTR-3B:-

Amount of late fee payable under section 47 by the registered person who fail to furnish Form GSTR-1 and/or Form GSTR-3B by the due date, shall be as follows:

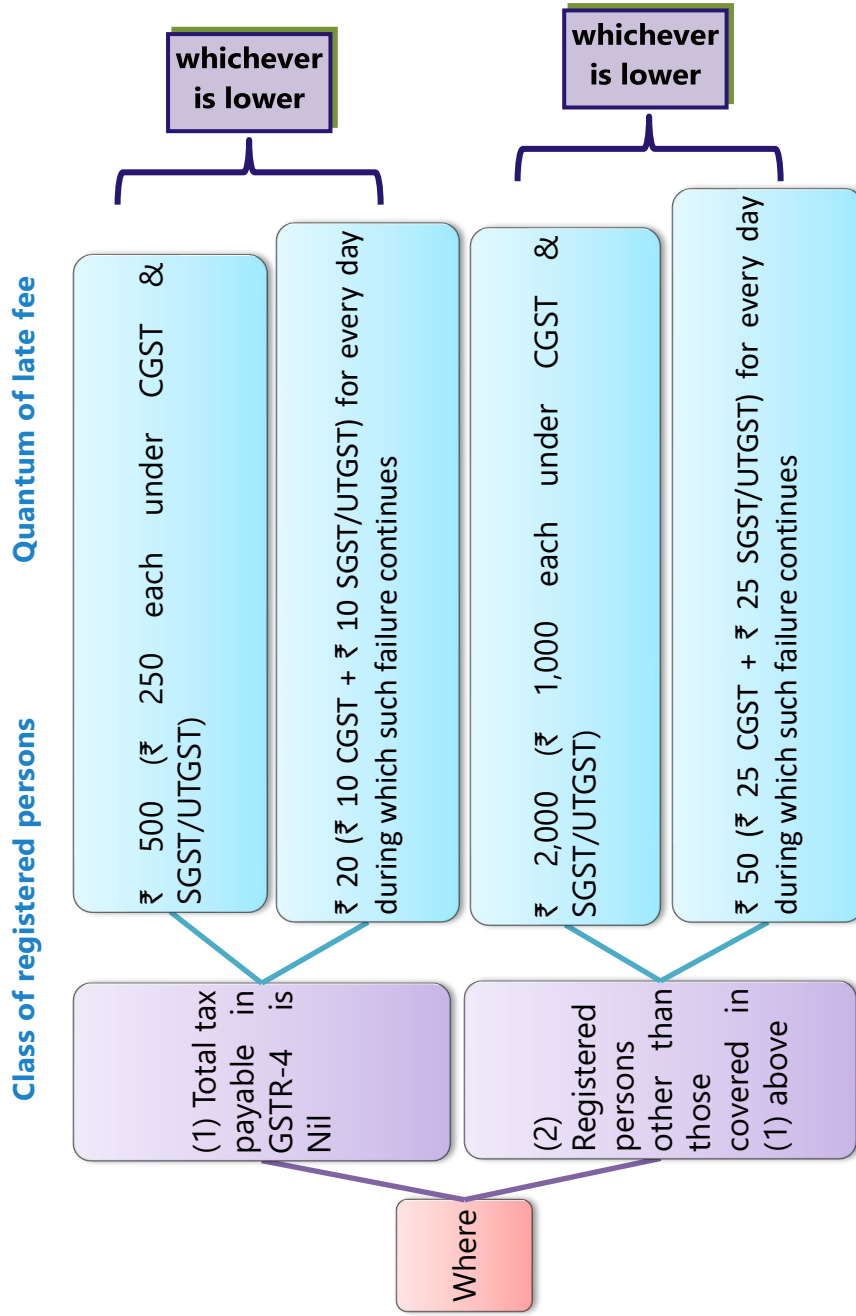
²⁷ Section 128 has been discussed at the Final level.

²⁸ vide Notification No. 4/2018 CT dated 23.01.2018, Notification No. 73/2017 CT dated 29.12.2017, Notification No. 76/2018 CT dated 31.12.2018, Notification Nos 19-22/2021 CT all dated 01.06.2021 and Notification No. 07/2023 CT dated 31.03.2023



(iii) For delayed filing of GSTR-4:-

Amount of late fee payable under section 47 by a composition supplier who fails to furnish Form GSTR-4 by the due date, shall be as follows:



(iv) [For delayed filing of GSTR-9:-](#)

