

I. Income Tax

a. CBDT Mandates Online Issue Of TDS Certificates

Issue of Form 16A through TIN central system mentioning the unique TDS certificate number has been mandatory for all assessees with effect from all sums deducted from April 1, 2012. Previously, only banks and companies were required to issue the Form 16A in such manner.

Deductors may use digital signatures or manual signatures to authenticate the Form 16As downloaded from the TIN system.

II. Corporate Laws

a. Rates of depreciation specified for Toll Roads on BOT/PPP basis

Separate method of depreciation has been provided for all Toll Roads made under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) or any form of Public Private Partnership. The new method of depreciation provides that the charge of depreciation in the books of the Company shall be in proportion of the actual revenue earned with the total projected revenue.

This will provide clarity to various PPP Toll Road projects currently in operation at several places across India.

III. FEMA/RBI/SEBI

a. RBI permits aviation sector to raise working capital via ECBs

The Government has allowed companies in the civil aviation sector to raise external commercial borrowings (ECBs) for a year to meet their working capital needs and also refinance outstanding working capital rupee loans subject to the specified conditions and approval. As per the present policy of RBI, ECBs are not permitted where the end-use is for working capital financing. This would be a welcome relief for the aviation sector which is under stress to increasing fuel prices and low margins.

To avail the loan, certificate from C.A would be required confirming the requirement of the working capital loan and the projected foreign exchange cash flows/earnings which would be used for servicing the loan.

b. ECB Norms eased For Power, Road Sectors

Power companies will now be able to raise ECBs for refinancing their rupee debt up to a maximum limit of 40 per cent (increased from the existing level of 25%), provided the remaining 60 per cent of the ECB raised is utilised for investment in a new project. Alongside, the government also opened the ECB route for capital expenditure on maintenance and operations of toll systems in the roadways and highways sector, only if these constitute a part of the original project.

c. Limits for loans to NGO extended

There has been an increase in the limit for Bank Loan extended to Non – Governmental Agencies (approved by NHB) from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 Lakh for the purpose of construction/reconstruction of individual dwelling units or for slum clearance & rehabilitation of slum dwellers

d. Revised Bank Rate and Penal Interest rate

Bank Rate has been reduced from 9.5% to 9%. Consequently, penal interest rates for shortfall in reserve requirements have also been revised from 12.5% to 12% or 14.5 to 14%.

Bank rate is the rate of interest which a central bank charges on the loans and advances to a commercial bank.

IV. Indirect taxes**a. Core services of APMCs not to attract service tax: CBEC**

CBEC has clarified that basic core services provided by Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee's (APMC) out of the 'market fee' collected from the licensees mainly to facilitate farmers, purchasers and others and will not be liable to service tax. However, any other service provided by the APMCs for a separate charge, other than market fee, to either the licensees or farmers or any other person, such as renting of shops in the market area would be liable to tax under the respective taxable heads.

b. No higher Service Tax On Air Tickets

CBEC has clarified that air travellers who had purchased their tickets before April, 2012 will not have to pay higher service tax @ 12% (Rate of ST was 10% till 31.3.2012 but has been increased to April 1, 2012). The Board has asked airlines companies to deposit the differential service tax collected by them on tickets issued before April 1, for journey after that date, in a Central Government account.

V. Delhi Value Added Tax**a. Extension of time limit for filing DVAT-55**

Time limit for filing of Form DVAT-55 regarding furnishing of information for change in the tax period for the year 2012-13 has been extended by 30 days.

b. New due dates for deposit of tax by half-yearly and yearly dealers

Department of trade and taxes has prescribed that every dealer whose tax period is six months or one year shall deposit the tax due in respect of each quarter within 21 days of the conclusion of the quarter instead of 25 days as earlier.

c. Kerosene removed from the list of Goods Movement detail

Department of trade and taxes has removed requirement of on-line submitting movement of goods in Annexure-T-1 to the department before their actual movement for the kerosene product.

VI. Central Excise

Central Government has ordered non reversal of CENVAT taken before 15th March, 2012 for the assessee fulfilling specified conditions and engaged in process of cutting, slitting and printing of aluminium foils which are now not considered as manufacture as per the CESTAT in case of M/s Printo India Graphics (P) Ltd. Vs CCE.



Relevant due dates for the month of May 2012**Income Tax**

7 th May	Deposit TDS/TCS deducted/collected during the month ended April 30, 2012.
15 th May	Last date of filing of TDS/TCS return for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.
30 th May	Issue TDS Certificates (Form 16A) for other than salary deductees. Issue Form 16 for salary deductees.

Service Tax

5 th /6 th May	Deposit Service Tax liability of corporate assesseees for the month ended April 30, 2012.
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Excise Duty

5 th /6 th May	Deposit Excise duty liability for the month ended April 30, 2012
10 th May	Submit return of Excise Duty for liability for the month ended April 30, 2012.

DVAT

21 st May	Last date for deposit of Sales tax and DVAT for the month ending April 30, 2012.
25 th May	Submit monthly return in electronic form for the month ended April 30, 2012.
12 th May	Last Date for submitting Half Yearly return for DVAT in electronic Form ending 31 st March, 2012.
28 th May	Last date for submission of monthly return in manual form for the month ending April, 2012.

Labour Law

15 th May	Deposit Employee's & Employer's contributions to provident fund for the month ended April 30, 2012 (grace of 5 days)
21 st May	Deposit ESI dues for the month ended April 30, 2012.
25 th May	Submit return of PF for the month ending April 30, 2012.

Corporate Laws

30 th May	Submit return of LLP for the year ended March 31, 2012.
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