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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)
(CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES)**

(INCOME-TAX)

New Delhi, the 29th September, 2015

NOTIFICATION

S.O. 2663 (E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 295 read with section 197A of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Board of Direct Taxes hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (14th Amendment) Rules, 2015.
(2) They shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 2015.

2. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereafter referred to as the said rules), for rule 29C, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“29C. Declaration by person claiming receipt of certain incomes without deduction of tax.— (1) A declaration under sub-section (1) or under sub-section (1A) of section 197A shall be in Form No. 15G and declaration under sub-section (1C) of section 197A shall be in Form No. 15H.

(2) The declaration referred to in sub-rule (1) may be furnished in any of the following manners, namely:-

(a) in paper form;

(b) electronically after duly verifying through an electronic process in accordance with the procedures, formats and standards specified under sub-rule (7).

(3) The person responsible for paying any income of the nature referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) or sub-section (1C) of section 197A, shall allot a unique identification number to each declaration received by him in Form No.15G and Form No.15H respectively during

every quarter of the financial year in accordance with the procedures, formats and standards specified by the Principal Director-General of Income-tax (Systems) under sub-rule (7).

(4) The person referred to in sub-rule (3) shall furnish the particulars of declaration received by him during any quarter of the financial year along with the unique identification number allotted by him under sub-rule (3) in the statement of deduction of tax of the said quarter in accordance with the provisions of clause (vii) of sub-rule (4) of rule 31A.

(5) The person referred to in sub-rule (3) shall furnish the statement of deduction of tax referred to in rule 31A containing the particulars of declaration received by him during each quarter of the financial year along with the unique identification number allotted by him under sub-rule (3) in accordance with the provisions of clause (vii) of the sub-rule (4) of rule 31A irrespective of the fact that no tax has been deducted in the said quarter.

(6) Subject to the provisions of sub-rules (4) and (5), an income-tax authority may, before the end of seven years from the end of the financial year in which the declaration referred to in sub-rule (1) has been received, require the person referred in sub-rule (3) to furnish or make available the declaration for the purposes of verification or any proceeding under the Act in accordance with the procedures, formats and standards specified by Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) specified under sub-rule (7).

(7) The Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) shall specify the procedures, formats and standards for the purposes of furnishing and verification of the declaration, allotment of unique identification number and furnishing or making available the declaration to the income-tax authority and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration in relation to the furnishing of the particulars of declaration in accordance with the provisions of sub-rules (4) and (5).

(8) The Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) shall make available the information of declaration furnished by the person referred to in sub-rule (3) to the Principal Chief Commissioner or Chief Commissioner or Principal Commissioner or Commissioner to whom the Assessing Officer having jurisdiction to assess the person who has furnished the declaration under sub-section (1) or under sub-section (1A) or under sub-section (1C) of section 197A is subordinate.”.

3. In Appendix-II of the said rules, for Form No.15G and Form No.15H, the following Forms shall respectively be substituted, namely:—

"FORM NO. 15G

[See section 197A(1), 197A(1A) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A (1) and section 197A(1A) to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or firm) claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax.

PART I

1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)		2. PAN of the Assessee ¹		
3. Status ²		4. Previous year(P.Y.) ³ (for which declaration is being made)	5. Residential Status ⁴	
6. Flat/Door/Block No.	7. Name of Premises	8. Road/Street/Lane	9. Area/Locality	
10. Town/City/District	11. State	12. PIN	13. Email	
14. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.	15 (a) Whether assessed to tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961 ⁵ : Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (b) If yes, latest assessment year for which assessed			
16. Estimated income for which this declaration is made		17. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income mentioned in column 16 to be included ⁶		
18. Details of Form No. 15G other than this form filed during the previous year, if any ⁷				
Total No. of Form No. 15G filed		Aggregate amount of income for which Form No.15G filed		
19. Details of income for which the declaration is filed				
Sl. No.	Identification number of relevant investment/account, etc. ⁸	Nature of income	Section under which tax is deductible	Amount of income

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Signature of the Declarant⁹

Declaration/Verification¹⁰

*I/We.....do hereby declare that to the best of *my/our knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated. *I/We declare that the incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. *I/We further declare that the tax *on my/our estimated total income including *income/incomes referred to in column 16 *and aggregate amount of *income/incomes referred to in column 18 computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on relevant to the assessment yearwill be nil. *I/We also declare that *my/our *income/incomes referred to in column 16 *and the aggregate amount of *income/incomes referred to in column 18 for the previous year ending on relevant to the assessment year will not exceed the maximum amount which is not chargeable to income-tax.

Place:
Signature of the Declarant⁹

Date:

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I]

1. Name of the person responsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No. ¹¹	
3. PAN of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address	5. TAN of the person responsible for paying	
6. Email	7. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.	8. Amount of income paid ¹²	
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)		10. Date on which the income has been paid/credited (DD/MM/YYYY)	

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Place:

Signature of the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I

Date:

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

¹As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1) or 197A(1A) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number (PAN).

²Declaration can be furnished by an individual under section 197A(1) and a person (other than a company or a firm) under section 197A(1A).

³The financial year to which the income pertains.

⁴Please mention the residential status as per the provisions of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

⁵ Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.

⁶Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.

⁷In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15G is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15G filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.

⁸Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.

⁹Indicate the capacity in which the declaration is furnished on behalf of a HUF, AOP, etc.

¹⁰Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable-

(i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;

(ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

¹¹The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15G received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 31A(4)(vii) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15H during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15G and Form No.15H.

¹²The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) of section 197A or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 16 and 18.;

FORM NO. 15H

[See section 197A(1C) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A(1C) to be made by an individual who is of the age of sixty years or more claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax.

PART I

1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)		2. PAN of the Assessee ¹	3. Date of Birth ² (DD/MM/YYYY)
4. Previous year(P.Y.) ³ (for which declaration is being made)		5. Flat/Door/Block No.	
6. Name of Premises			
7. Road/Street/Lane	8. Area/Locality	9. Town/City/District	10. State
11. PIN		12. Email	
13. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.			
14 (a) Whether assessed to tax ⁴ : Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
(b) If yes, latest assessment year <input type="text"/> r which asse <input type="text"/>			

15. Estimated income for which this declaration is made		16. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income mentioned in column 15 to be included ⁵		
17. Details of Form No.15H other than this form filed for the previous year, if any ⁶				
Total No. of Form No.15H filed		Aggregate amount of income for which Form No.15H filed		
18. Details of income for which the declaration is filed				
Sl. No.	Identification number of relevant investment/account, etc. ⁷	Nature of income	Section under which tax is deductible	Amount of income

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Signature of the Declarant

Declaration/Verification⁸

I.....do hereby declare that I am resident in India within the meaning of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I also hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated and that the incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I further declare that the tax on my estimated total income including *income/incomes referred to in column 15 *and aggregate amount of *income/incomes referred to in column 17 computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on relevant to the assessment yearwill be nil.

Place:.....

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Signature of the Declarant

Date:

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I]

1. Name of the person responsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No. ⁹		
3. PAN of the person responsible for paying		4. Complete Address	5. TAN of the person responsible for paying	
6. Email	7. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.		8. Amount of income paid ¹⁰	
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)		10. Date on which the income has been paid/credited (DD/MM/YYYY)		

Place:

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Signature of the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I

Date:

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

¹As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1C) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number (PAN).

²Declaration can be furnished by a resident individual who is of the age of 60 years or more at any time during the previous year.

³The financial year to which the income pertains.

⁴Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.

⁵Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.

⁶In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15H is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15H filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.

⁷Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.

⁸Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable-

(i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;

(ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

⁹The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15H received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 31A(4)(vii) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15G during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15H and Form No.15G.

¹⁰The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in section 197A(1C) or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax after allowing for deduction(s) under Chapter VI-A, if any, or set off of loss, if any, under the head "income from house property" for which the declarant is eligible. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 15 and 17."

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