Basics of Accounting Standards for

Corporates & Non-Corporates S. 43B(h) & Audit Trail





ICAI - Patiala Branch (NIRC) CA. PRAMOD JAIN
FCA, FCS, FCMA, LL.B, MIMA, DISA, IP



1998-99



1991

AS 7, AS 8, AS

9, AS 10, and

AS 11

1987

1977

1979

of AS & AS 1

issued

issued based on IAS

2000-03

Convergence with IFRS **Standards** started

2007

2006

Formats for

FS for Non-

Corporates,

LLP & NPO

2023



IFRS converged Ind AS hosted on

MCA

website

2011

Contd...

MCA notified revision in AS 2, AS 4, AS 10, AS 13, AS 14, AS 21, AS 29

2016

MCA notified
Ind AS 115
and
Amendments
to various Ind
AS

2018

- ICAI Issued
 Conceptual
 Framework for
 Financial Reporting
 under Ind AS
- MCA notified
 amendments to Ind
 21st April AS
 Day

2021

MCA notified 39
Ind AS & issued
roadmap for
convergence with
IFRS Standards

2015

MCA notified Amendments to Ind AS 102 and Ind AS 7

2017

MCA notified
Ind AS 116
and
Amendments
to various Ind
AS

2019

AS

- MCA notified AS Rules, 2021
- ICAI issued Announcement for revision in Criteria for classification of noncompany entities.

Recognition of Accounting Standards CA. Pramod Jain by Regulators

Legal recognition to Accounting Standards issued by the ICAI under Companies Act

SEBI mandated all listed companies to mandatorily comply with AS

IRDAI required insurance companies to comply with AS



Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines for Bank for strict compliance of AS

ASB also engages with the Regulators on various accounting issues and support their capacity building initiatives.

AS

- Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021 notified vide notification dated 23.06.2021
- These have replaced Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2006
- Effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st April, 2021

Companies Act 2013

- F\$ has to be AS compliant (S. 129(5)):
 - FS to disclose deviation from AS
 - Reason for deviation
 - Financial effect arising of deviation
- Non- compliance
 - MD,
 - WTD in charge of finance
 - CFO
 - Any other person charged by Board
 - If no one all directors
 - Imprisonment upto I yr or Fine 50k to 500k or both

AS APPLICABILITY FOR COMPANIES

Conditions	12	1C	Other tl	nan SMC
	Existing	Revised	Existing	Revised
Turnover (excluding other Income) in PY	< 50 Cr	< 250 Cr	> 50 Cr	> 250 Cr
Borrowing (including public deposit)	< 10 Cr	< 50 Cr	>10 Cr	> 50 Cr

\$MC Disclosure

- From 1.4.2021 "The Company is a **Small and Medium Sized Company** (SMC) as defined in the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021 notified under the Companies Act, 2013. Accordingly, the Company has complied with the Accounting Standards as applicable to a Small and Medium Sized Company."
- Two year wait period if change from Non-SMC to SMC

- ???
- Are Financial Statements Audited during Tax audit of Prop. Partnership?
- Are Notes to accounts prepared for Non-Corporates?
- Are Accounting Standards applicable to Non-corporates?
- What if there is non-compliance?
- Where to Report such non-compliance?

Accounting Standards



Entities that are to follow AS

Companies

Other than Companies

Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021

(27 Standards)

Ind AS
(39 Standards)

AS issued by ICAI
(27 Standards)

AS Applicability for Non-Corporates

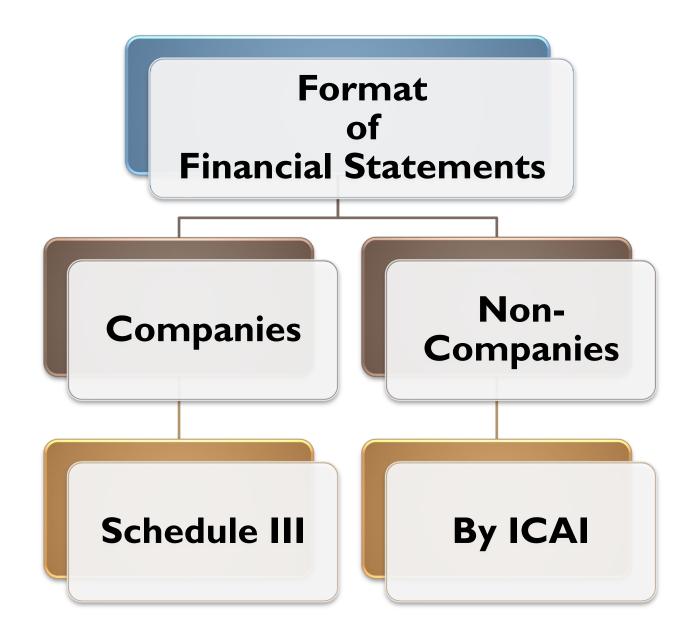
Effective for Accounting Periods from 1.4.2020 Instead of 3 levels.. Now 4 levels

Level	Turnover			Borrowing		
	Existing	Existing Revised		Existing	Revised	
I	> 50 Cr	> 250 Cr		> 10 Cr	> 50 Cr	
II	I-50Cr	50-250 Cr		1-10 Cr	10-50 Cr	
III	< I Cr	10-50Cr	0-50Cr < I		2-10Cr	
IV		< 10 Cr			< 2 Cr	

MSME Disclosure Non-Corporate

"The Entity is a Micro Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (MSME) as per the announcement made by ICAI and has complied with the Accounting Standards insofar as they are applicable to entities falling in Level II or Level III or Level IV, as the case may be."

Two year wait period if change from Level I to II or III to IV



Formats of **Financial Statements** for **Non-corporate Entities**

broprietorship Partnership

Balance Sheet

Name of the Non-Corporate Entity.....

Balance Sheet as at

	Particulars	Note No	Figures as at the end of (Current reporting period) (in Rs.) (DD/MM/YYYY)	Figures as at the end of (Previous reporting period) (in Rs.) (DD/MM/YYYY)
	1	2	3	4
I.	OWNERS' AND LIABILITIES			
	(1) Owners' Fund			
	(a) Owners Capital Account			
	(b)Reserves and surplus			
(2)	Non-current liabilities			
	(a) Long-term borrowings			
	(b) Deferred tax liabilities (Net)			

	Particulars	Note No	Figures as at the end of (Current reporting period) (in Rs.) (DD/MM/YYYY)	Figures as at the end of (Previous reporting period) (in Rs.)(DD/MM/YYYY)
	(c) Other Long Term Liabilities			
	Long-term provisions			
(3)	Current liabilities			
	(a) Short-term borrowings			
	(b) Trade payables			
	(c)Other current liabilities			
	(d)Short-term provisions			
	TOTAL			
II.	ASSETS			
(1)	Non-Current Assets			
	(a) Property, Plant and Equipment & Intangible assets			
	(i) Property, Plant and Equipment			
	(ii) Intangible assets			

	Particulars	Note No	Figures as at the end of (Current reporting period) (in Rs.) (DD/MM/YYYY)	Figures as at the end of (Previous reporting period) (in Rs.) (DD/MM/YYYY)
	(iii) Capital work-in-progress			
	(iv) Intangible assets under development			
	(b) Non-current investment			
	(c) Deferred tax assets (net)			
	(d) Long-term loans and advances			
	(e) Other non-current assets			
(2)	Current assets			
	(a) Current investments			
	(b) Inventories			
	(c) Trade receivables			
	(d) Cash and bank balances			
	(e) Short-term loans and advances			
	(f) Other current assets			
	TOTAL			

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Statement of Profit and loss for the year ended

(Rupees in.....)

	Particulars	Note	Figures for the current reporting period (in rs.)	Figures for the previous reporting period (in Rs.)
			From(DD/MM/YYYY)	From(DD/MM/YYYY)
			To	To
			(DD/MM/YYYY)	(DD/MM/YYYY)
	1	2	3	4
l.	Revenue from operations		XXX	Xxx
II.	Other income		XXX	Xxx
III.	Total Income (I + II)		XXX	Xxx
IV.	Expenses			
(a)	Cost of Goods Sold			
(b)	Employee benefits expense		XXX	Xxx
(c)	Depreciation and amortization expense		XXX	Xxx
(d)	Finance Cost		XXX	Xxx
(e)	Other expenses		XXX	XXX

	Particulars	Note	current reporting period (in Rs.) From (DD/MM/YYYY) To (DD/MM/YYYY)	previous reporting period (in rs.) From (DD/MM/YYYY) To (DD/MM/YYYY)
	Total expenses		XXX	XXX
V	Profit before exceptional and extraordinary items & tax (III-IV)		XXX	XXX
VI	Exceptional items		xxx	xxx
VII	Profit before extraordinary items and tax (V - VI)		xxx	xxx
VIII	Extraordinary Items		xxx	xxx
IX	Profit before tax (VII- VIII)		xxx	xxx
X	Tax expense:			
(i)	Current tax		xxx	xxx
(ii)	Deferred tax		xxx	xxx
ΧI	Profit (Loss) for the period from continuing operations (VII-VIII)		XXX	xxx
XII	Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations		xxx	xxx
XIII	Tax expense of discontinuing operations		xxx	xxx
XIV	Profit/(loss) from Discontinuing operations (after tax) (XII-XIII)		XXX	xxx
XV	Profit/ (Loss) (XI + XIV)		xxx	xxx

Formats of Financial Statements for NPOs

Trusts Societies

Balance Sheet

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Bal	ance	Sheet	as	at	•••	••	• • •	•••	•••	••

(Rs. in.....)

	Particulars	Note	31 March 20XX	31 March 20XX
I	Sources of Funds			
ı	NPO Funds	3	0	0
(a)	Unrestricted Funds			
(b)	Restricted Funds			
2	Non-current liabilities			
(a)	Long-term borrowings	4	-	
(b)	Other long-term liabilities	5	-	-
(c)	Long-term provisions	6	-	-
3	Current liabilities			
(a)	Short-term borrowings	4	-	_
(b)	Payables	7		
(c)	Other current liabilities	8	-	-
(d)	Short-term provisions	6	-	-
	Total		-	-

Name of the NPO...... Balance Sheet as at

	Particulars	Note	31 March 20XX	31 March 20XX
ll	Application of Funds			
1	Non-current assets			
	Property, Plant and Equipment and			
(a)	Intangible assets	9		
(i)	Property, Plant and Equipment			
(ii)	Intangible assets			
(iii)	Capital work in progress			
	Intangible asset under			
(iv)	development			
(b)	Non-current investments	10	-	-
(c)	Long Term Loans and Advances	11		-
	Other non-current assets (specify			
(d)	nature)	12	-	-
2	Current assets			
(a)	Current investments	10	-	-
(b)	Inventories			
(c)	Receivables	13	-	-
(d)	Cash and bank balances	14	-	-
(e)	Short Term Loans and Advances	11	-	-
(f)	Other current assets	15	-	_
` _	Total			

Income & Expenditure A/c

Nan	ne of the Non-Corporate Entity
Stat	tement of Profit and loss for the year ended
	(Rupees in)

	Particulars	Note	31 March 20XX			31 March 20XX		
			Unrestr icted funds	Restri cted funds	Total	d	Restri cted funds	Total
ı	Income							
(a)	Donations and Grants							
(b)	Fees from Rendering of Services							
(c)	Sale of Goods							
II	Other Income	16					-	-
Ш	Total Income (I+II)						-	-

	Particulars	Note	31 March 20XX			31 March 20XX		
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			Unrestr	Restri		tricte	Restri	
			icted	cted		d	cted	
			funds	funds	Total	funds	funds	Total
IV	Expenses:							
(a)	Material consumed/distributed	17					-	-
(b)	Donations/contributions paid							
(c)	Employee benefits expense	18					-	-
	Depreciation and amortization expense	19						-
	Finance costs	20					-	-
(f)	Other expenses	21					-	-
(g)	Religion/charitable expenses							
	Other Expenses (specify nature)							
	Total expenses						-	-
	Excess of Income over							
	Expenditure for the year							
	before exceptional and							
<u>V</u>	extraordinary items (III- IV)						-	-

	Particulars	Note	31 March 20XX			31 March 20XX		
			Unrestr icted funds	Restri cted funds	Total	d	Restri cted funds	Total
VI	Exceptional items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)						-	-
VII	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before extraordinary items (V-VI)							-
VIII	Extraordinary Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)						-	-
IX	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year (VII-VIII)						1	-
	Appropriations Transfer to funds, e.g., Building fund							
	Transfer from funds Balance transferred to General Fund							

Disclosures in Notes

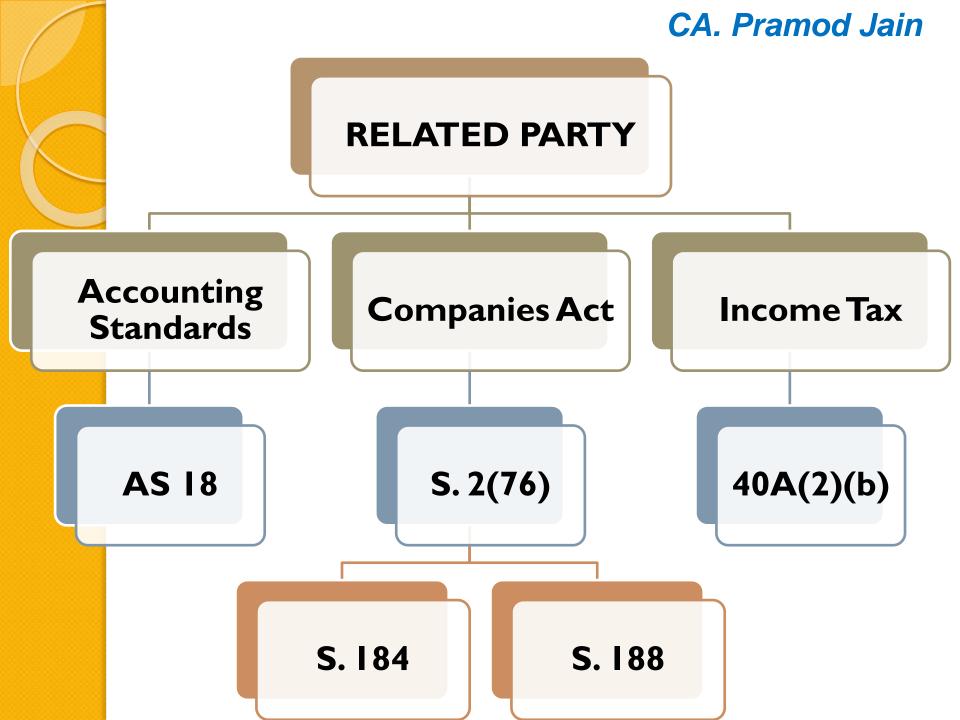
- AS I Policies
- Notes wordings
- Do List of Crs, Drs, Loans, etc form part of notes?
- MSMED 2006
- Contingent Liabilities

AS Applicability CA. Pramod Jain Output Description: Output D

	AS	Short Title	Companies		Non - Companies				
١	No.		Non- SMC	SMC	L-I	L- II	L-III	L - IV	
	I	Accounting Policies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	2	Inventories	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	3	Cash Flow	Y	N/Y	Y	N	N	N	
	4	Events after Balance Sheet date	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	5	Prior Period Items & Policies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	6	Depreciation (Omitted w.e.f. 30.3.16)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	7	Construction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	9	Revenue	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	10	Property, Plant & Equipment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Partly	Partly	
	Ш	Foreign Exchange	Y	Y	Y	Y	Partly	Partly	
	12	Government Grants	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	13	Investments	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	14	Amalgamations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
	15	Employee Benefits	Y	Partly	Y	Partly	Partly	Partly	

AS Applicability

AS	Short Title	Companies		Non - Companies				
No.		Non-SMC	SMC	L-I	L- II	L - III	L - IV	
16	Borrowing Cost	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
17	Segment	Υ	Z	Y	N	N	N	
18	Related Party	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	
19	Leases	Y	Partly	Y	Partly	Partly	Partly	
20	Earning Per Share	Y	Partly	N	N	N	N	
21	Consolidation	N/Y	N/Y	(listed)	N	N	N	
22	Deferred Taxes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Partly	
23	Consolidated Statements	N/Y	N/Y	(listed)	N	N	N	
24	Discontinuing Operation	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	
25	Interim Reporting	Y (listed)	N**	N**	N**	N**	N	
26	Intangible Assets	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Partly	
27	Interest in Joint Ventures	N/Y	N/Y	(listed)	N	N	N	
28	Impairment	Y	Partly	Y	Partly	Partly	N	
29	Contingency	Y	Partly	Y	Partly	Partly	Partly	



Cash System

AS I – accrual system

ICAI – 1991 announcement

In cases where the statute governing the enterprise requires the preparation and presentation of financial statements on accrual basis but the financial statements have not been so prepared, the auditor should qualify his report.

On the other hand, where there is no statutory requirement for preparation and presentation of financial statements on accrual basis, and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than 'accrual' the auditor should describe in his audit report, the basis of accounting followed, without necessarily making it a subject matter of a qualification.

Cash System

Disclosure in the audit report:

- "It is the policy of the enterprise to prepare its financial statements on the cash receipts and disbursements basis. On this basis revenue and the related assets are recognised when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognised when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.
- In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of at and of the revenue collected and expenses paid during the year then ended on the cash receipts and disbursements basis as described in Note X."

Cash System
Revenue - In case, revenue has not been received in
cash, however, TDS made and deposited by the payer,
in that case, revenue shall be recognised equivalent to
the amount of TDS.

Borrowing:

- Interest on Loans to be paid
 - Capitalisation of borrowing costs shall commence when expenditure for acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset is paid & all activities necessary to prepare qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are in progress.
- Borrowing costs paid after substantial completion of all activities necessary to prepare qualifying asset for its intended use or sale shall be expensed off.

Cash System

- Depreciation Recognise depreciation and impairment of assets as expense in PL so that the periodic net result of operations of the entity reflects the use of the asset.
- Inventories Difference arising on valuation of inventories at lower of cost and net realisable value, shall also be recognised in the PL.
- Taxes Tax paid for FY shall be recognised as expense in PL. In case, entity has paid tax more than current tax for FY, and it is reasonably certain that additional tax paid will be received as refund, then it shall expense off amount in PL to the extent of actual current tax and recognise the balance amount as 'tax refund receivable' in the B/s

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S. 43B

- Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, a deduction otherwise allowable under this Act....
- Clause (h) inserted w.e.f. I.4.2024 i.e.AY 2024-25 i.e. FY 2023-24

Any sum payable by assessee to a Micro or Small enterprise beyond

Time Limit specified in s. 15 of MSMED Act, 2006

S. 43B

- Shall be allowed (irrespective of the PY in which liability to pay such sum was incurred by the assessee according to the method of accounting regularly employed by him) only in computing income referred to in section 28 of that PY in which such sum is actually paid by him
- Before 139(1) not allowed (Excluded from the Proviso)
- Form 3CD amended to include reporting on 43B(h)

IMPORTANT DATES

2.10.2006

MSMED Act 2006

16.11.2007

Schedule VI of Companies Act 1956 amended

13.4.2009

Clause 22 inserted in Form 3CD

4.9.2015

• Schedule III of Companies Act 2013 amended

22.1.2019

MSME Form I

26.6.2020

• Change in classification w.e.f. 1.7.2020

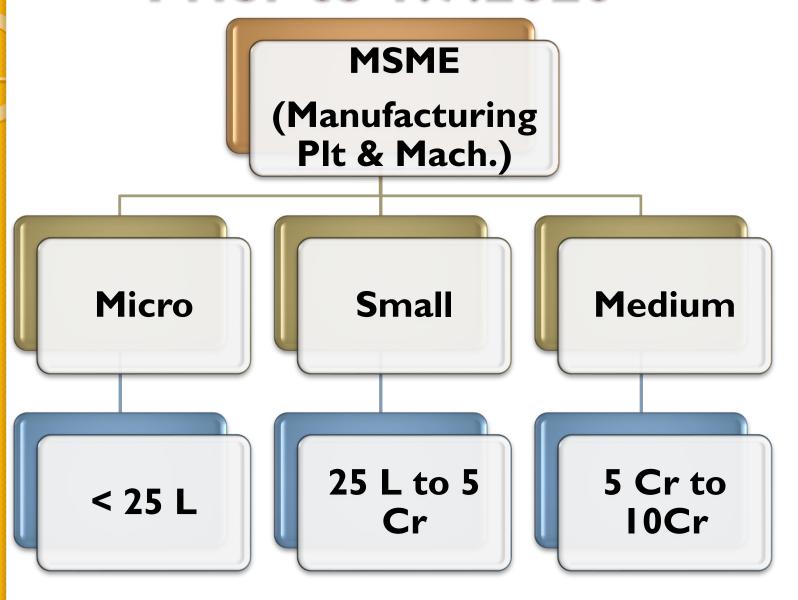
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MSME Ministry Office Memorandum

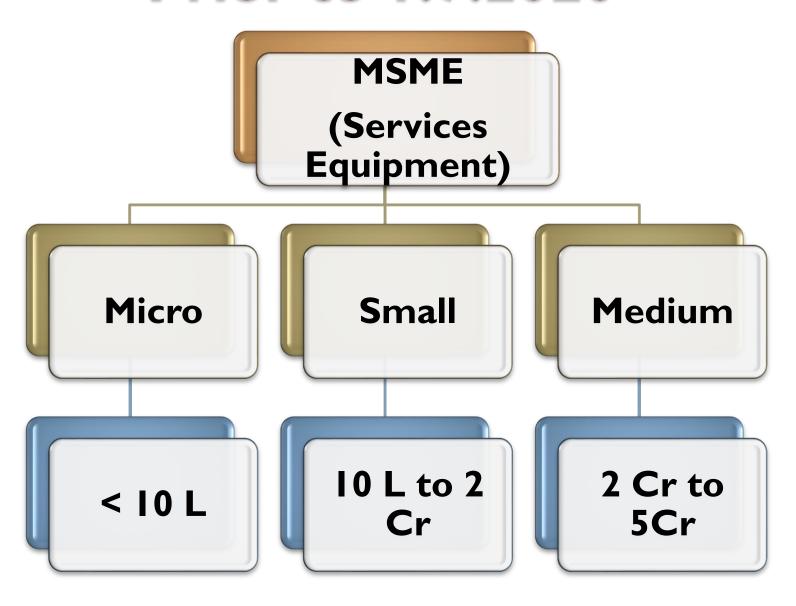
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• S. 43B(h) Income Tax Act

Prior to 1.7.2020

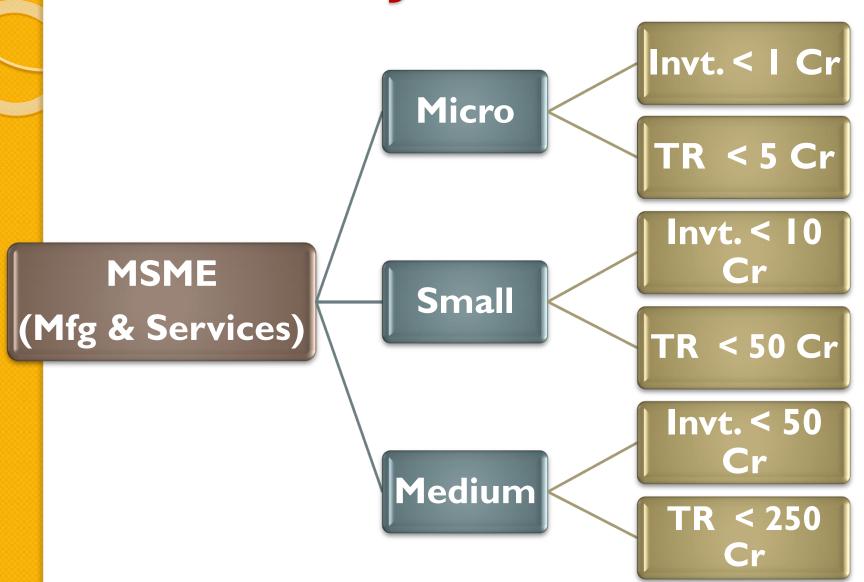


Prior to 1.7.2020



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w.e.f. Ist JULY 2020



INVESTMENTS

- Calculation of investment in plant & machinery or equipment will be linked to ITR of PY
- New enterprise, invest. on self-declaration relaxation shall end after 31st March of FY in which it files its first ITR.
- Plt & Mach. Same as IT Act shall include all tangible assets (other than land & building, furniture & fittings).
- Purchase (invoice) value of Plt & Mach. or equip., whether purchased 1st hand or 2nd hand, excluding GST, if enterprise is a new.
- Cost to exclude .. Pollution control, R&D, Industrial safety devices, + not. dt. 5.10.2006

TURNOVER

- Exports of goods or services or both, shall be excluded
- Information as regards turnover and exports turnover for an enterprise shall be linked to the IT Act or CGST Act and the GSTIN.
- Turnover related figures of such enterprise which do not have PAN will be considered on self-declaration basis for a period up to 31st March 2021 and thereafter, PAN and GSTIN shall be mandatory

WHEN TO PAY

- section 15 Where any supplier supplies any goods or renders any services to any buyer, the buyer shall make payment therefor on or before the date agreed upon between him and the supplier in writing or, where there is no agreement in this behalf, before the appointed day:
- Provided that in no case the period agreed upon between the supplier and the buyer in writing shall exceed 45 days from the day of acceptance.

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

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Appointed day - day following immediately after 15 days from the day of acceptance or the day of deemed acceptance of any goods or any services by a buyer from a supplier

Day of acceptance

day of the actual delivery of goods or the rendering of services; or where any objection is made in writing by the buyer regarding acceptance of goods or services within 15 days from the day of the delivery of goods or the rendering of services, the day on which such objection is removed by the supplier

Day of deemed acceptance - where no objection is made in writing by the buyer regarding acceptance of goods or services within 15 days from the day of the delivery of goods or the rendering of services, the day of the actual delivery of goods or the rendering of services

CONSEQUENCES

SECTION 16 - Where any buyer fails to make payment of the amount to the supplier, as required u/s 15, the buyer shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any agreement between the buyer and the supplier or in any law for the time being in force, be liable to pay compound interest with monthly rests to the supplier on that amount from the appointed day or, as the case may be, from the date immediately following the date agreed upon, at 3 times of bank rate notified by RBI.

CONSEQUENCES

SECTION 23 - Notwithstanding anything contained in the Income-tax Act, 1961 the amount of interest payable or paid by any buyer, under or in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall not, for the purposes of computation of income under the Income-tax Act, 1961, be allowed as deduction.

FS REPORTING

- SECTION 22 Where any buyer is required to get his annual accounts audited under any law for the time being in force, such buyer shall furnish the following additional information in his annual statement of accounts, namely:—
- principal amount & interest due thereon (to be shown separately) remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the end of each accounting year;
- amount of interest paid by buyer in terms of s. I 6, along with the amount of payment made to supplier beyond the appointed day during each accounting year;
- amount of interest due and payable for the period of delay in making payment (which have been paid but beyond the appointed day during the year) but without adding the interest specified under this Act;
- amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid at end of each accounting year;
- amount of further interest remaining due and payable even in the succeeding years, until such date when the interest dues as above are actually paid to the small enterprise, for the purpose of disallowance as a deductible expenditure u/s 23

OVERRIDING EFFECT

SECTION 24

The provisions of sections 15 to 23 shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.

S. 43B

- Any sum payable by assessee to a
- Micro or Small enterprise
- beyond
- Time Limit specified in s. 15 of MSMED Act, 2006

Important Definitions

Enterprise - means an industrial undertaking or a business concern or any other establishment, by whatever name called, engaged in the manufacture or production of goods, in any manner, pertaining to any industry specified in 1st Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 or engaged in providing or rendering of any service or services

Important Definitions

- Supplier means a micro or small enterprise, which has filed a memorandum with authority referred to in section 8(1), and includes
 - NSCI registered as a company
 - SIDC of a state or UT registered as company
 - any company, co-operative society, trust or a body, by whatever name called, registered or constituted under any law for the time being in force and engaged in selling goods produced by micro or small enterprises and rendering services which are provided by such enterprises

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TRADERS

Dated:02.07.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:

Activities (NIC code) under MSMED Act, 2006 for Udyam Registration –Addition of Retail and Wholesale Trade- regarding

This Ministry's O.M. No. UAM/MC/01/2017-SME dated 27.06.2017 on the subject 'Activities (NIC codes) not covered under MSMED Act, 2006 for registration of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM)' excluded certain activities from registration on UAM Portal. This O.M. was further validated for Udyam Registration vide O.M. no. 5/2(1)/2020-P&G/Policy dated 17.07.2020. Certain changes were made vide 5/2(1)/2020/E-P&G/Policy dated 01.12.2020; where it was clarified that in Table. 1 of O.M. no. UAM/MC/01/2017-SME dated 27.06.2017, NIC codes 45, 46 and 47 and the activities mentioned against these NIC codes, are not permitted for registration in Udyam Registration Portal (https://udyamregistration.gov.in).

- The Government has received various representations and it has been decided to include Retail
 and wholesale trades as MSMEs and they are allowed to be registered on Udyam Registration Portal.
 However, benefits to Retail and Wholesale trade MSMEs are to be restricted to Priority Sector Lending
 only.
- 3. Accordingly, the list of eligible additional activities under NIC Code 45, 46 and 47 are as under :

45	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicle and motorcycles	
46	Wholesale trade except of motor vehicles and motor cycles	
47	Retail Trade Except of Motor Vehicles and motor cycles	

4. The Udyam Registration is allowed for above three NIC Codes and activities mentioned against

CASE STUDY

- Purchase 10.5.2023, paid 10.9.2023
 - No 43B(h), but interest
- Purchase 15.3.2024, paid 15.4.2024
 - No 43B(h), no interest
- Purchase 15.3.2024, paid 15.5.2024
 - 43B(h) & interest

ISSUES

- Registered or Not
- Traders !!
- Opening Balance
- Capital Asset
- Purchases not consumed
- Only for entities audited or for all



- Written agreement!!
- Date of delivery or date of invoice
- Advance received allowed on payment basis!!
- Purchase and sale with same party
- Is TDS deducted... money paid!!
- GST amount due !!

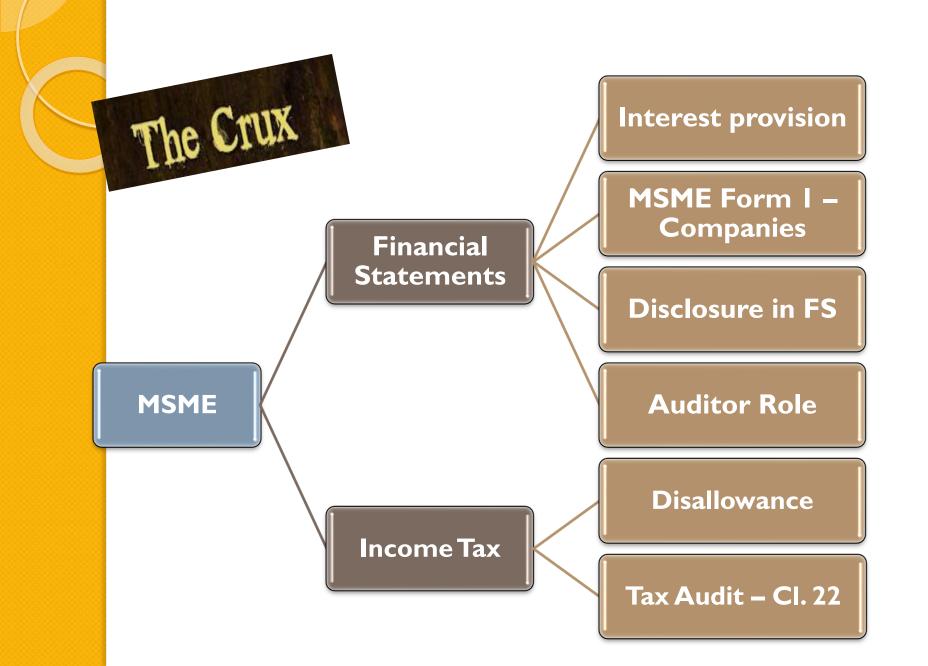
ISSUES

- S. 44AD / 44ADA / 44AE
- Interest not receivable due to agreement or waiver
- **TDS** on interest
- MSE registration surrendered
- Payment on LIFO basis
- Buyer is not MSE. Is he covered?

ISSUES

- Are Charitable Trusts covered?
- TDS not deducted 40(a)(ia) or 43B 3CD
- Retention money
- Audit fee
- Provisions / unbilled expenses

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S. 43B(h) & FORM 3CD

- Cl 26 amended to include reporting for S. 43B(h) on 5th March 2024
- Form 3CD again amended on 19th March 2024 -from Cl. 26 to Cl. 22
- Now Cl. 22:
 - The amount of interest inadmissible under section 23 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 or any other amount not allowable under clause (h) of section 43B of the Income-tax Act, 1961
- No reporting in Cl 26 !!!

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SECTION 128

- Books of account, etc., to be kept by company.
- (1) Every company shall prepare and keep at its registered office books of account and other relevant books and papers and FS for every FY which give a true fair view of the state of the affairs of the company, including that of its branch office or offices, if any,:
- Provided that ..
- Provided further that the <u>company</u> may keep such <u>books of account</u> or other relevant papers **in electronic mode** in such manner <u>as may be prescribed</u>.

RULE 3(I)

Manner of Books of Account to be Kept in Electronic Mode

- (1) The books of account and other relevant books and papers maintained in electronic mode shall remain accessible in India, at all times so as to be usable for subsequent reference.
- Provided that for the financial year commencing on or after the 1st day of April, 2023, every company which uses accounting software for maintaining its books of account, shall use only such accounting software which has a feature of recording audit trail of each and every transaction, creating an edit log of each change made in books of account along with the date when such changes were made and ensuring that the audit trail cannot be disabled.

AUDITTRAIL

- Applicable only for companies.
- For accounting period commencing on or after 1.4.2023
- Books of accounts using accounting software. Books of accounts includes records in respect of:
 - >all sums of money received and expended
 - >all sales and purchases of goods and services
 - >assets and liabilities of the company; and
 - items of cost cost records

AUDIT TRAIL

- Accounting software should have feature of:
 - Recording audit trail of each and every transaction,
 - creating an edit log of each change made in books of account
 - date when such changes were made; and
 - ensuring that the audit trail cannot be disabled.

RULE II(g)

Whether the company has used such accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has been operated throughout the year for all transactions recorded in the software and the audit trail feature has not been tampered with and the audit trail has been preserved by the company as per the statutory requirements for record retention

AUDIT APPROACH

- Identify records & transactions that constitute books of account
- Identify the software or any other IT component used for processing and or storing data for creation and maintenance of books of a/c
- Ensure such software have the audit trail feature;
- Ensure that the audit trail captures changes to each and every transaction of books of account; information that needs to be captured may include the following:
 - when changes were made
 - who made those changes
 - what data was changed

AUDIT APPROACH

- Ensure that Audit Trail is:
 - Always enabled (not disabled)
 - Enabled at the database level (if applicable) for logging any direct data changes
 - Appropriately protected from any modification
 - Retained as per statutory requirements for record retention 8 years (128(5))
- Ensure that controls over maintenance & monitoring of audit trail & its feature are designed & operating effectively throughout the period of reporting

EXPECTED SCENARIOS

- Management have not identified all records/transactions for which audit trail should be maintained.
- The accounting software does not have the feature to maintain audit trail
- In accounting software audit trail was not enabled throughout the audit period
- Management maintains adequate audit trail as required by the Account Rules.

REPORTING – RULE I (g)
Based on our examination which included test checks, the company has used an a/cing software for maintaining its books of a/c which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility & the same has operated throughout the yr for all relevant transactions recorded in the software except that the audit trail feature of XX software used by the company to maintain payroll records did not operate throughout the year. Further, during the course of our audit we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with.

The audit trail has been preserved by company as per the statutory requirements for record retention

- from 2nd year onwards

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REPORTING – **S.** 143(3)(b)

In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the company so far as it appears from our examination of those books [and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branches not visited by us] except for the matters stated in the paragraph (...) below on reporting under Rule II(g)

REPORTING - **S.** 143(3)(h)

- S. 143(3) (h) any qualification, reservation or adverse remark relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith
- The [qualification/ adverse remark/ reservation] relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the paragraph (...) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph (...) below on reporting under Rule 11(g)

RULE II(g) - MODIFIED REPORTING

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S.	Scenario	Reporting
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	Audit trail feature was disabled for one of the books of account/ records or for an accounting software - (e.g., PPE software did not have audit trail feature))	Based on our examination, the company, has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility except in respect of maintenance of PPE records wherein the accounting software did not have the audit trail feature enabled throughout the year. Further, the audit trail facility has been operating throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software except for the instances reported below Further, during the course of our audit we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being

tampered with.

RULE II(g) - MODIFIED REPORTING

S. No.	Scenario	Reporting
2	Audit trail feature is not operating effectively during the reporting period	"except that the audit trail feature of YYY software used by the company to maintain payroll records did not operate throughout the year" "except that no audit trail enabled at the database level for accounting software AAA (database SQL) and BBB (database db2) to log any direct data changes"

RULE II(g) - MODIFIED REPORTING

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S.	Scenario	Reporting
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3	Accounting software is maintained by third party and auditor is unable to assess whether audit trail feature can be disabled during the reporting period	"Based on our examination, the company, has used an accounting software ABC which is operated by a third party software service provider, for maintaining its books of account and in absence of [state the type of control report] we are unable to comment whether audit trail feature of the said software was enabled and operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software or whether there were any
		instances of the audit trail feature
		been tampered with."

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RULE | |(g) - MODIFIED REPORTING

S. No.	Scenario	Reporting
4	Migration from one software to the other happened during the year or higher version of software installed and auditor is unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence	The Company has migrated to [name of the software] from [old software/manual] during the year and is in the process of establishing necessary controls and documentations regarding audit trail. Consequently, we are unable to comment on audit trail feature of the said software

ERROR OR FRAUD

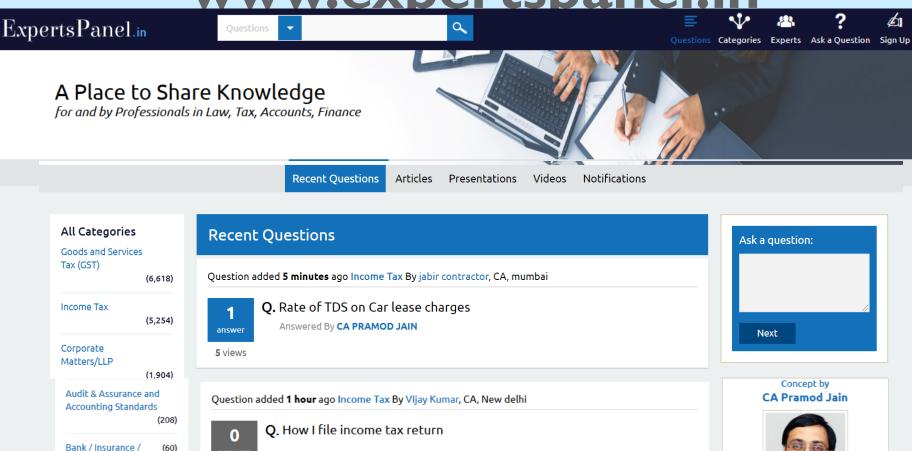
- Occurrence of an error or fraud may not be established due to lack of maintenance, availability or retrievability of audit trails.
- For evaluating severity of a deficiency for such instances specifically in cases of fraud, consider:
 - Likelihood that the deficiency will result in a material misstatement, and
 - Magnitude of such an outcome.
- S. 143(12) Reporting



- Can transactional books be maintained through different period?
- For small companies, can all books be maintained after year end?
- Consolidated FS?
- IFCoR Reporting?
- Non- Compliance:
 - Company 50k to 500k
 - Auditor reporting
- ICAI Implementation Guide (Revised 2024)

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