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STUDY MATERIAL

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It will cover TWO units

Unit 2: Registration: Procedure of Registration, Compulsory registration, deemed registration, cancellation and revocation of registration

Unit 3: Composition Levy: Meaning, specified rates, persons not eligible for composition scheme, payment of tax, returns, penalty and fines

Objective of the Study material:

To provides basic knowledge and equip students with applications of provisions of Goods and Services Tax Act of 2017

For understanding registration, a student should first learn following points:

1. Special category States

The parliament by enacting The Constitution (101st Amendment) Act 2016 has inserted a new article **279A** after article 279. The clause 4 (g) provides special provisions for following states:

Number of Special States : 11

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

2. Threshold Limit for Registration

- ₹ 20 Lakhs for non-special states
- ₹ 10 Lakhs for special states

If the turnover exceeds above limit, a supplier is required to get registration under GST.

3. Aggregate Turnover

- It shall include all supplies made by the taxable person, whether on his own account or made on behalf of all his principals.
- The supply of goods by a registered job worker shall be treated as the supply of goods by the principal.
- Section 2(6) define aggregate turnover as-
“aggregate turnover” means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of persons having the same Permanent Account Number, to be computed on all India basis but excludes central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess;

‘Aggregate turnover’ includes will be calculated on all India basis under one PAN and it includes-

- All taxable supplies,
- exempt supplies,
- exports of goods or services or both and
- inter-State supplies.

But ‘Aggregate turnover’ does not includes-

- central tax,
- state tax,
- union territory tax,
- integrated tax and
- cess.

4. The process of registration under GST is PAN (Permanent Account Number) based and the aggregate turnover of a supplier shall be calculated on all India basis.
5. A suppliers (an assessee) is required to get registration in every state in which he wants his physical presence. All registration shall be connected to PAN of assessee. A supplier may get multiple registration in same state for business verticals.
6. The registration under GST will provide several benefits and facilities to suppliers also. E.g. input tax credit, GSTIN etc.
7. The ‘appointed day’ is 01/07/2017 as per section 2(10).
8. **Agriculturist:** Section 2(7)
“agriculturist” means an individual or a Hindu Undivided Family who undertakes cultivation of land—
 - (a) by own labour, or
 - (b) by the labour of family, or
 - (c) by servants on wages payable in cash or kind or by hired labour under personal supervision or the personal supervision of any member of the family.

REGISTRATION

The provisions of registration are given in Section 22 to 30 in the Chapter-VI of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act 2017.

Section 8 to 26 provides for registration rules Chapter III of CGST Rules 2017.

Eligibility for Registration under GST (Section 22 of CGST Act 2017)

1. **Non-Special Category State:** Section 22(1)

Supplier whose aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds twenty lakh rupees, shall be liable to be registered under this Act in the State or Union territory, from where he makes a taxable supply of goods or services or both.

2. **Special Category State:** Section 22(1) Proviso

Supplier whose aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds ten lakh rupees, shall be liable to be registered under this Act in the any of the special category state, from where he makes a taxable supply of goods or services or both.

3. **Already registered person under any previous laws:** Section 22(2)

Persons who, are already registered under existing tax laws or holds a licence under an existing law, shall be liable to be registered under this Act with effect from the appointed day.

4. **In case of transfer of business:** Section 22(3)

Where a business carried on by a taxable person registered under this Act is transferred to another person as a going concern on account of succession or otherwise, the transferee or the successor, as the case may be, shall be liable to be registered with effect from the date of such transfer or succession.

5. **In case of amalgamation / demerger:** Section 22(4)

In a case of transfer due to amalgamation / demerger, the transferee shall be liable to be registered, with effect from the date on which the Registrar of Companies issues a certificate of incorporation.

Person not eligible for registration (Section 23 of CGST Act 2017)

1. **Person dealing in Exempt goods or services or both:** (Section 23(1)(a))

Any person engaged exclusively in the business of supplying goods or services or both that are not liable to tax or wholly exempt from tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;

2. **Agriculturist:** (Section 23(1)(b))

An agriculturist to the extent of supply of produce out of cultivation of land.

3. **Other category of persons:** (Section 23(2))

The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify the category of persons who may be exempted from obtaining registration under this Act.

- If an agriculturist, undertakes supply other than the supply of produce out of cultivation of land, then he will be required to get registration.
- It is allowed for an Individual, Hindu Undivided Family only.
- Any other person carrying/ supplying the agricultural goods are not covered from this section and they will be required to get registration.

Procedure of registration

25. (1) Every person who is liable to be registered under section 22 or section 24 shall apply for registration in every such State or Union territory in which he is so liable within thirty days from the date on which he becomes liable to registration, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed:

Provided that a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person shall apply for registration at least five days prior to the commencement of business.

Explanation.—Every person who makes a supply from the territorial waters of India shall obtain registration in the coastal State or Union territory where the nearest point of the appropriate baseline is located.

(2) A person seeking registration under this Act shall be granted a single registration in a State or Union territory: Provided that a person having multiple business verticals in a State or Union territory may be granted a separate registration for each business vertical, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(3) A person, though not liable to be registered under section 22 or section 24 may get himself registered voluntarily, and all provisions of this Act, as are applicable to a registered person, shall apply to such person.

(4) A person who has obtained or is required to obtain more than one registration, whether in one State or Union territory or more than one State or Union territory shall, in respect of each such registration, be treated as distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.

(5) Where a person who has obtained or is required to obtain registration in a State or Union territory in respect of an establishment has an establishment in another State or Union territory, then such establishments shall be treated as establishments of distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.

(6) Every person shall have a Permanent Account Number issued under the Income tax Act, 1961 in order to be eligible for grant of registration:

Provided that a person required to deduct tax under section 51 may have, in lieu of a Permanent Account Number, a Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number issued under the said Act in order to be eligible for grant of registration.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (6), a non-resident taxable person may be granted registration under sub-section (1) on the basis of such other documents as may be prescribed.

(8) Where a person who is liable to be registered under this Act fails to obtain registration, the proper officer may, without prejudice to any action which may be taken under this Act or under any other law for the time being in force, proceed to register such person in such manner as may be prescribed.

(9) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1),—

(a) any specialised agency of the United Nations Organisation or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organisation notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947, Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries; and

(b) any other person or class of persons, as may be notified by the Commissioner, shall be granted a Unique Identity Number in such manner and for such purposes, including refund of taxes on the notified supplies of goods or services or both received by them, as may be prescribed.

(10) The registration or the Unique Identity Number shall be granted or rejected after due verification in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed.

(11) A certificate of registration shall be issued in such form and with effect from such date as may be prescribed.

(12) A registration or a Unique Identity Number shall be deemed to have been granted after the expiry of the period prescribed under sub-section (10), if no deficiency has been communicated to the applicant within that period.

CGST RULES 2017

8. Application for registration.- (1) Every person, other than a non-resident taxable person, a person required to deduct tax at source under section 51, a person required to collect tax at source under section 52 and a person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017) who is liable to be registered under sub-section (1) of section 25 and every person seeking registration under sub-section (3) of section 25 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as “the applicant”) shall, before applying for registration, declare his Permanent Account Number, mobile number, e-mail address, State or Union territory in Part A of FORM GST REG-01 on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that a person having a unit(s) in a Special Economic Zone or being a Special Economic Zone developer shall make a separate application for registration as a business vertical distinct from his other units located outside the Special Economic Zone:

Provided further that every person being an Input Service Distributor shall make a separate application for registration as such Input Service Distributor.

(2) (a) The Permanent Account Number shall be validated online by the common portal from the database maintained by the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

(b) The mobile number declared under sub-rule (1) shall be verified through a onetime password sent to the said mobile number; and

(c) The e-mail address declared under sub-rule (1) shall be verified through a separate one-time password sent to the said e-mail address.

(3) On successful verification of the Permanent Account Number, mobile number and email address, a temporary reference number shall be generated and communicated to the applicant on the said mobile number and e-mail address.

(4) Using the reference number generated under sub-rule (3), the applicant shall electronically submit an application in Part B of FORM GST REG-01, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, along with the documents specified in the said Form at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(5) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (4), an acknowledgement shall be issued electronically to the applicant in FORM GST REG-02.

(6) A person applying for registration as a casual taxable person shall be given a temporary reference number by the common portal for making advance deposit of tax in accordance with the provisions of section 27 and the acknowledgement under sub-rule (5) shall be issued electronically only after the said deposit.

9. Verification of the application and approval.- (1) The application shall be forwarded to the proper officer who shall examine the application and the accompanying documents and if the same are found to be in order, approve the grant of registration to the applicant within a period of three working days from the date of submission of the application.

(2) Where the application submitted under rule 8 is found to be deficient, either in terms of any information or any document required to be furnished under the said rule, or where the proper officer requires any clarification with regard to any information provided in the application or documents furnished therewith, he may issue a notice to the applicant electronically in FORM GST REG-03 within a period of three working days from the date of submission of the application and the applicant shall furnish such clarification, information or documents electronically, in FORM GST REG-04, within a period of seven working days from the date of the receipt of such notice.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-rule, the expression “clarification” includes modification or correction of particulars declared in the application for registration, other than Permanent Account Number, State, mobile number and e-mail address declared in Part A of FORM GST REG-01.

(3) Where the proper officer is satisfied with the clarification, information or documents furnished by the applicant, he may approve the grant of registration to the applicant within a period of seven working days from the date of the receipt of such clarification or information or documents.

(4) Where no reply is furnished by the applicant in response to the notice issued under sub-rule (2) or where the proper officer is not satisfied with the clarification, information or documents furnished, he shall, for reasons to be recorded in writing, reject such application and inform the applicant electronically in FORM GST REG-05.

(5) If the proper officer fails to take any action, -

(a) within a period of three working days from the date of submission of the application; or

(b) within a period of seven working days from the date of the receipt of the clarification, information or documents furnished by the applicant under sub-rule (2), the application for grant of registration shall be deemed to have been approved.

10. Issue of registration certificate.- (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (12) of section 25, where the application for grant of registration has been approved under rule 9, a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG-06 showing the principal place of business and additional place or places of business shall be made available to the applicant on the common portal and a Goods and Services Tax Identification Number shall be assigned subject to the following characters, namely:-

(a) two characters for the State code;

(b) ten characters for the Permanent Account Number or the Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number;

(c) two characters for the entity code; and

(d) one checksum character.

(2) The registration shall be effective from the date on which the person becomes liable to registration where the application for registration has been submitted within a period of thirty days from such date.

(3) Where an application for registration has been submitted by the applicant after the expiry of thirty days from the date of his becoming liable to registration, the effective date of registration shall be the date of the grant of registration under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (3) or sub-rule (5) of rule 9.

(4) Every certificate of registration shall be duly signed or verified through electronic verification code by the proper officer under the Act.

(5) Where the registration has been granted under sub-rule (5) of rule 9, the applicant shall be communicated the registration number, and the certificate of registration under sub-rule

(1), duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, shall be made available to him on the common portal, within a period of three days after the expiry of the period specified in sub-rule (5) of rule 9.

11. Separate registration for multiple business verticals within a State or a Union territory.- (1) Any person having multiple business verticals within a State or a Union territory, requiring a separate registration for any of its business verticals under sub-section (2) of section 25 shall be granted separate registration in respect of each of the verticals subject to the following conditions, namely:-

(a) such person has more than one business vertical as defined in clause (18) of section 2;

(b) the business vertical of a taxable person shall not be granted registration to pay tax under section 10 if any one of the other business verticals of the same person is paying tax under section 9;

(c) all separately registered business verticals of such person shall pay tax under the Act on supply of goods or services or both made to another registered business vertical of such person and issue a tax invoice for such supply.

Explanation.- For the purposes of clause (b), it is hereby clarified that where any business vertical of a registered person that has been granted a separate registration becomes ineligible to pay tax under section 10, all other business verticals of the said person shall become ineligible to pay tax under the said section.

(2) A registered person eligible to obtain separate registration for business verticals may submit a separate application in FORM GST REG-01 in respect of each such vertical.

(3) The provisions of rule 9 and rule 10 relating to the verification and the grant of registration shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to an application submitted under this rule.

12. Grant of registration to persons required to deduct tax at source or to collect tax at source.- (1) Any person required to deduct tax in accordance with the provisions of section 51 or a person required to collect tax at source in accordance with the provisions of section 52 shall electronically submit an application, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, in FORM GST REG-07 for the grant of registration through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(2) The proper officer may grant registration after due verification and issue a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG-06 within a period of three working days from the date of submission of the application.

(3) Where, upon an enquiry or pursuant to any other proceeding under the Act, the proper officer is satisfied that a person to whom a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG- 06 has been issued is no longer liable to deduct tax at source under section 51 or collect tax at source under section 52, the said officer may cancel the registration issued under subrule (2) and such cancellation shall be communicated to the said person electronically in FORM GST REG-08:

Provided that the proper officer shall follow the procedure as provided in rule 22 for the cancellation of registration.

13. Grant of registration to non-resident taxable person.- (1) A non-resident taxable person shall electronically submit an application, along with a self-attested copy of his valid passport, for registration, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, in FORM GST REG-09, at least five days prior to the commencement of business at the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that in the case of a business entity incorporated or established outside India, the application for registration shall be submitted along with its tax identification number or unique number on the basis of which the entity is identified by the Government of that country or its Permanent Account Number, if available.

(2) A person applying for registration as a non-resident taxable person shall be given a temporary reference number by the common portal for making an advance deposit of tax in accordance with the provisions of section 27 and the acknowledgement under sub-rule

(5) of rule 8 shall be issued electronically only after the said deposit in his electronic cash ledger.

(3) The provisions of rule 9 and rule 10 relating to the verification and the grant of registration shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to an application submitted under this rule.

(4) The application for registration made by a non-resident taxable person shall be duly signed or verified through electronic verification code by his authorised signatory who shall be a person resident in India having a valid Permanent Account Number.

14. Grant of registration to a person supplying online information and database accessor retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient.- (1) Any person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient shall electronically submit an application for registration, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, in FORM GST REG-10, at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(2) The applicant referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be granted registration, in FORM GST REG-06, subject to such conditions and restrictions and by such officer as may be notified by the Central Government on the recommendations of the Council.

15. Extension in period of operation by casual taxable person and non-resident taxable person.- (1) Where a registered casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person intends to extend the period of registration indicated in his application

of registration, an application in FORM GST REG-11 shall be submitted electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, by such person before the end of the validity of registration granted to him.

(2) The application under sub-rule (1) shall be acknowledged only on payment of the amount specified in sub-section (2) of section 27.

16. *Suo moto* registration.- (1) Where, pursuant to any survey, enquiry, inspection, search or any other proceedings under the Act, the proper officer finds that a person liable to registration under the Act has failed to apply for such registration, such officer may register the said person on a temporary basis and issue an order in FORM GST REG- 12.

(2) The registration granted under sub-rule (1) shall be effective from the date of such order granting registration.

(3) Every person to whom a temporary registration has been granted under sub-rule (1) shall, within a period of ninety days from the date of the grant of such registration, submit an application for registration in the form and manner provided in rule 8 or rule 12:

Provided that where the said person has filed an appeal against the grant of temporary registration, in such case, the application for registration shall be submitted within a period of thirty days from the date of the issuance of the order upholding the liability to registration by the Appellate Authority.

(4) The provisions of rule 9 and rule 10 relating to verification and the issue of the certificate of registration shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to an application submitted under sub-rule (3).

(5) The Goods and Services Tax Identification Number assigned, pursuant to the verification under sub-rule (4), shall be effective from the date of the order granting registration under sub-rule (1).

17. Assignment of Unique Identity Number to certain special entities.- (1) Every person required to be granted a Unique Identity Number in accordance with the provisions of subsection

(9) of section 25 may submit an application electronically in FORM GST REG-13, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, in the manner specified in rule 8 at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(2) The proper officer may, upon submission of an application in FORM GST REG-13 or after filling up the said form, assign a Unique Identity Number to the said person and issue a certificate in FORM GST REG-06 within a period of three working days from the date of the submission of the application.

18. Display of registration certificate and Goods and Services Tax Identification Number on the name board.- (1) Every registered person shall display his certificate of registration in a prominent location at his principal place of business and at every additional place or places of business.

(2) Every registered person shall display his Goods and Services Tax Identification Number on the name board exhibited at the entry of his principal place of business and at every additional place or places of business.

19. Amendment of registration.- (1) Where there is any change in any of the particulars furnished in the application for registration in FORM GST REG-01 or FORM GST REG-07 or FORM GST REG-09 or FORM GST REG-10 or for Unique Identity Number in FORM GST-REG-13, either at the time of obtaining registration or Unique Identity Number or as amended from time to time, the registered person shall, within a period of fifteen days of such change, submit an application, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, electronically in FORM GST REG-14, along with the documents relating to such change at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that – (a) where the change relates to,-

(i) legal name of business;

(ii) address of the principal place of business or any additional place(s) of business;
or

(iii) addition, deletion or retirement of partners or directors, Karta, Managing Committee, Board of Trustees, Chief Executive Officer or equivalent, responsible for the day to day affairs of the business,- which does not warrant cancellation of registration under section 29, the proper officer shall, after due verification, approve the amendment within a period of fifteen working days from the date of the receipt of the application in FORM GST REG-14 and issue an order in FORM GST REG-15 electronically and such amendment shall take effect from the date of the occurrence of the event warranting such amendment;

(b) the change relating to sub-clause (i) and sub-clause (iii) of clause (a) in any State or Union territory shall be applicable for all registrations of the registered person obtained under the provisions of this Chapter on the same Permanent Account Number;

(c) where the change relates to any particulars other than those specified in clause (a), the certificate of registration shall stand amended upon submission of the application in FORM GST REG- 14 on the common portal;

(d) where a change in the constitution of any business results in the change of the Permanent Account Number of a registered person, the said person shall apply for fresh registration in FORM GST REG-01:

Provided further that any change in the mobile number or e-mail address of the authorised signatory submitted under this rule, as amended from time to time, shall be carried out only after online verification through the common portal in the manner provided under sub-rule (2) of rule 8.

(2) Where the proper officer is of the opinion that the amendment sought under sub-rule (1) is either not warranted or the documents furnished therewith are incomplete or incorrect, he may, within a period of fifteen working days from the date of the receipt of the application in FORM GST REG-14, serve a notice in FORM GST REG-03, requiring the registered person to show cause, within a period of seven working days of the service of the said notice, as to why the application submitted under sub-rule (1) shall not be rejected.

(3) The registered person shall furnish a reply to the notice to show cause, issued under sub-rule (2), in FORM GST REG-04, within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of the said notice.

(4) Where the reply furnished under sub-rule (3) is found to be not satisfactory or where no reply is furnished in response to the notice issued under sub-rule (2) within

the period prescribed in sub-rule (3), the proper officer shall reject the application submitted under sub-rule (1) and pass an order in FORM GST REG -05.

(5) If the proper officer fails to take any action,-

(a) within a period of fifteen working days from the date of submission of the application, or

(b) within a period of seven working days from the date of the receipt of the reply to the notice to show cause under sub-rule (3),

the certificate of registration shall stand amended to the extent applied for and the amended certificate shall be made available to the registered person on the common portal.

20. Application for cancellation of registration.- A registered person, other than a person to whom a registration has been granted under rule 12 or a person to whom a Unique Identity Number has been granted under rule 17, seeking cancellation of his registration under sub-section (1) of section 29 shall electronically submit an application in FORM GST REG-16, including therein the details of inputs held in stock or inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock and of capital goods held in stock on the date from which the cancellation of registration is sought, liability thereon, the details of the payment, if any, made against such liability and may furnish, along with the application, relevant documents in support thereof, at the common portal within a period of thirty days of the occurrence of the event warranting the cancellation, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that no application for the cancellation of registration shall be considered in case of a taxable person, who has registered voluntarily, before the expiry of a period of one year from the effective date of registration.

21. Registration to be cancelled in certain cases.- The registration granted to a person is liable to be cancelled, if the said person,-

(a) does not conduct any business from the declared place of business; or

(b) issues invoice or bill without supply of goods or services in violation of the provisions of this Act, or the rules made thereunder; or

(c) violates the provisions of section 171 of the Act or the rules made thereunder.

22. Cancellation of registration.- (1) Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registration of a person is liable to be cancelled under section 29, he shall issue a notice to such person in FORM GST REG-17, requiring him to show cause, within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of such notice, as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.

(2) The reply to the show cause notice issued under sub-rule (1) shall be furnished in FORM REG-18 within the period specified in the said sub-rule.

(3) Where a person who has submitted an application for cancellation of his registration is no longer liable to be registered or his registration is liable to be cancelled, the proper officer shall issue an order in FORM GST REG-19, within a period of thirty days from the date of application submitted under sub-rule (1) of rule 20 or, as the case may be, the date of the reply to the show cause issued under sub-rule (1), cancel the registration, with effect from a date to be determined by him and notify the taxable person, directing him to pay arrears of any tax, interest or penalty including the amount liable to be paid under subsection (5) of section 29.

(4) Where the reply furnished under sub-rule (2) is found to be satisfactory, the proper officer shall drop the proceedings and pass an order in FORM GST REG –20.

(5) The provisions of sub-rule (3) shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the legal heirs of a deceased proprietor, as if the application had been submitted by the proprietor himself.

23. Revocation of cancellation of registration.- (1) A registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may submit an application for revocation of cancellation of registration, in FORM GST REG-21, to such proper officer, within a period of thirty days from the date of the service of the order of cancellation of registration at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that no application for revocation shall be filed, if the registration has been cancelled for the failure of the registered person to furnish returns, unless such returns are furnished and any amount due as tax, in terms of such returns, has been paid along with any amount payable towards interest, penalty and late fee in respect of the said returns.

(2) (a) Where the proper officer is satisfied, for reasons to be recorded in writing, that there are sufficient grounds for revocation of cancellation of registration, he shall revoke the cancellation of registration by an order in FORM GST REG-22 within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of the application and communicate the same to the applicant.

(b) The proper officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, under circumstances other than those specified in clause (a), by an order in FORM GST REG- 05, reject the application for revocation of cancellation of registration and communicate the same to the applicant.

(3) The proper officer shall, before passing the order referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (2), issue a notice in FORM GST REG–23 requiring the applicant to show cause as to why the application submitted for revocation under sub-rule (1) should not be rejected and the applicant shall furnish the reply within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of the notice in FORM GST REG-24.

(4) Upon receipt of the information or clarification in FORM GST REG-24, the proper officer shall proceed to dispose of the application in the manner specified in sub-rule (2) within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of such information or clarification from the applicant.

24. Migration of persons registered under the existing law.- (1) (a) Every person, other than a person deducting tax at source or an Input Service Distributor, registered under an existing law and having a Permanent Account Number issued under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act 43 of 1961) shall enrol on the common portal by validating his e-mail address and mobile number, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(b) Upon enrolment under clause (a), the said person shall be granted registration on a provisional basis and a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG-25, incorporating the Goods and Services Tax Identification Number therein, shall be made available to him on the common portal:

Provided that a taxable person who has been granted multiple registrations under the existing law on the basis of a single Permanent Account Number shall be granted only one provisional registration under the Act:

(2) (a) Every person who has been granted a provisional registration under sub-rule (1) shall submit an application electronically in FORM GST REG-26, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, along with the information and documents specified in the said application, on the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

(b) The information asked for in clause (a) shall be furnished within a period of three months or within such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner in this behalf.

(c) If the information and the particulars furnished in the application are found, by the proper officer, to be correct and complete, a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG-06 shall be made available to the registered person electronically on the common portal.

(3) Where the particulars or information specified in sub-rule (2) have either not been furnished or not found to be correct or complete, the proper officer shall, after serving a notice to show cause in FORM GST REG-27 and after affording the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard, cancel the provisional registration granted under sub-rule (1) and issue an order in FORM GST REG-28:

(3A) Where a certificate of registration has not been made available to the applicant on the common portal within a period of fifteen days from the date of the furnishing of information and particulars referred to in clause (c) of sub-rule (2) and no notice has been issued under sub-rule (3) within the said period, the registration shall be deemed to have been granted and the said certificate of registration, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, shall be made available to the registered person on the common portal.

Provided that the show cause notice issued in FORM GST REG- 27 can be withdrawn by issuing an order in FORM GST REG- 20, if it is found, after affording the person an opportunity of being heard, that no such cause exists for which the notice was issued.

(4) Every person registered under any of the existing laws, who is not liable to be registered under the Act may, within a period of thirty days from the appointed day, at his option, submit an application electronically in FORM GST REG-29 at the common portal for the cancellation of registration granted to him and the proper officer shall, after conducting such enquiry as deemed fit, cancel the said registration.

25. Physical verification of business premises in certain cases.- Where the proper officer is satisfied that the physical verification of the place of business of a registered person is required after the grant of registration, he may get such verification done and the verification report along with the other documents, including photographs, shall be uploaded in FORM GST REG-30 on the common portal within a period of fifteen working days following the date of such verification.

26. Method of authentication.- (1) All applications, including reply, if any, to the notices, returns including the details of outward and inward supplies, appeals or any other document required to be submitted under the provisions of these rules shall be so submitted electronically with digital signature certificate or through e-signature as specified under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000) or verified by any other

mode of signature or verification as notified by the Board in this behalf:

Provided that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall furnish the documents or application verified through digital signature certificate.

(2) Each document including the return furnished online shall be signed or verified through electronic verification code-

(a) in the case of an individual, by the individual himself or where he is absent from India, by some other person duly authorised by him in this behalf, and where the individual is mentally incapacitated from attending to his affairs, by his guardian or by any other person competent to act on his behalf;

(b) in the case of a Hindu Undivided Family, by a Karta and where the Karta is absent from India or is mentally incapacitated from attending to his affairs, by any other adult member of such family or by the authorised signatory of such Karta;

(c) in the case of a company, by the chief executive officer or authorised signatory thereof;

(d) in the case of a Government or any Governmental agency or local authority, by an officer authorised in this behalf;

(e) in the case of a firm, by any partner thereof, not being a minor or authorised signatory thereof;

(f) in the case of any other association, by any member of the association or persons or authorised signatory thereof;

(g) in the case of a trust, by the trustee or any trustee or authorised signatory thereof; or

(h) in the case of any other person, by some person competent to act on his behalf, or by a person authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 48.

(3) All notices, certificates and orders under the provisions of this Chapter shall be issued electronically by the proper officer or any other officer authorised to issue such notices or certificates or orders, through digital signature certificate or through E-signature as specified under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000) or verified by any other mode of signature or verification as notified by the Board in this behalf.

Compulsory Registration

As per section 24 of the CGST Act, the following categories of persons shall be required to be registered compulsorily under this Act-

- i. Persons making any inter-State taxable supply.
- ii. Casual taxable persons making taxable supply.
- iii. Persons who are required to pay tax under reverse charge.
- iv. Person who are required to pay tax under sub-section (5) of section 9
- v. Non-resident taxable persons making taxable supply.
- vi. Persons who are required to deduct tax under section 51, whether or not separately registered under this Act.
- vii. Persons who make taxable supply of goods or services or both on behalf of other taxable persons whether as an agent or otherwise.
- viii. Input Service Distributor, whether or not separately registered under this Act.

- ix. Persons who supply goods or services or both, other than supplies specified under sub-section (5) of section 9, through such electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52.
- x. Every electronic commerce operator.
- xi. Every person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a person in India, other than a registered person.
- xii. Such other person or class of persons as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.

Deemed registration (Section 26 of CGST Act 2017)

According to Section 26(1), the grant of registration or the Unique Identity Number under the SGST Act or the UTGST Act shall be deemed to be a grant of registration or the Unique Identity Number under this Act subject to the condition that the application for registration or the Unique Identity Number has not been rejected under this Act within the time specified in sub-section (10) of section 25.

Deemed to be a rejection of application for registration

According to Section 26(2,) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (10) of section 25, any rejection of application for registration or the Unique Identity Number under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act shall be deemed to be a rejection of application for registration under this Act.

Cancellation of registration

Cancellation of registration will be governed by the Section 29 of the act.

29. (1) The proper officer may, either on his own motion or on an application filed by the registered person or by his legal heirs, in case of death of such person, cancel the registration, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, having regard to the circumstances where,—

- (a) the business has been discontinued, transferred fully for any reason including death of the proprietor, amalgamated with other legal entity, demerged or otherwise disposed of; or
- (b) there is any change in the constitution of the business; or
- (c) the taxable person, other than the person registered under sub-section (3) of section 25, is no longer liable to be registered under section 22 or section 24.

(2) The proper officer may cancel the registration of a person from such date, including any retrospective date, as he may deem fit, where,—

- (a) a registered person has contravened such provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder as may be prescribed; or
- (b) a person paying tax under section 10 has not furnished returns for three consecutive tax periods; or
- (c) any registered person, other than a person specified in clause (b), has not furnished returns for a continuous period of six months; or
- (d) any person who has taken voluntary registration under sub-section (3) of section 25 has not commenced business within six months from the date of registration; or

(e) registration has been obtained by means of fraud, wilful misstatement or suppression of facts:

Provided that the proper officer shall not cancel the registration without giving the person an opportunity of being heard.

(3) The cancellation of registration under this section shall not affect the liability of the person to pay tax and other dues under this Act or to discharge any obligation under this Act or the rules made there under for any period prior to the date of cancellation whether or not such tax and other dues are determined before or after the date of cancellation.

(4) The cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a cancellation of registration under this Act.

(5) Every registered person whose registration is cancelled shall pay an amount, by way of debit in the electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, equivalent to the credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or

finished goods held in stock or capital goods or plant and machinery on the day immediately

preceding the date of such cancellation or the output tax payable on such goods, whichever

is higher, calculated in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that in case of capital goods or plant and machinery, the taxable person shall pay an amount equal to the input tax credit taken on the said capital goods or plant and

machinery, reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed or the tax on the transaction value of such capital goods or plant and machinery under section 15, whichever is higher.

(6) The amount payable under sub-section (5) shall be calculated in such manner as may be prescribed.

Rule 20. Application for cancellation of registration.- A registered person, other than a person to whom a registration has been granted under rule 12 or a person to whom a Unique Identity Number has been granted under rule 17, seeking cancellation of his registration under sub-section (1) of section 29 shall electronically submit an application in FORM GST REG-16, including therein the details of inputs held in stock or inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock and of capital goods held in stock on the date from which the cancellation of registration is sought, liability thereon, the details of the payment, if any, made against such liability and may furnish, along with the application, relevant documents in support thereof, at the common portal within a period of thirty days of the occurrence of the event warranting the cancellation, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that no application for the cancellation of registration shall be considered in case of a taxable person, who has registered voluntarily, before the expiry of a period of one year from the effective date of registration.

21. Registration to be cancelled in certain cases.- The registration granted to a person is liable to be cancelled, if the said person,-

- (a) does not conduct any business from the declared place of business; or
- (b) issues invoice or bill without supply of goods or services in violation of the provisions of this Act, or the rules made thereunder; or
- (c) violates the provisions of section 171 of the Act or the rules made thereunder.

22. Cancellation of registration.- (1) Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registration of a person is liable to be cancelled under section 29, he shall issue a notice to such person in FORM GST REG-17, requiring him to show cause, within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of such notice, as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.

(2) The reply to the show cause notice issued under sub-rule (1) shall be furnished in FORM REG-18 within the period specified in the said sub-rule.

(3) Where a person who has submitted an application for cancellation of his registration is no longer liable to be registered or his registration is liable to be cancelled, the proper officer shall issue an order in FORM GST REG-19, within a period of thirty days from the date of application submitted under sub-rule (1) of rule 20 or, as the case may be, the date of the reply to the show cause issued under sub-rule (1), cancel the registration, with effect from a date to be determined by him and notify the taxable person, directing him to pay arrears of any tax, interest or penalty including the amount liable to be paid under subsection (5) of section 29.

(4) Where the reply furnished under sub-rule (2) is found to be satisfactory, the proper officer shall drop the proceedings and pass an order in FORM GST REG-20.

(5) The provisions of sub-rule (3) shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the legal heirs of a deceased proprietor, as if the application had been submitted by the proprietor himself.

Revocation of registration

30. (1) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may apply to such officer

for revocation of cancellation of the registration in the prescribed manner within thirty days

from the date of service of the cancellation order.

(2) The proper officer may, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed,

by order, either revoke cancellation of the registration or reject the application:

Provided that the application for revocation of cancellation of registration shall not be rejected unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard.

(3) The revocation of cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be

deemed to be a revocation of cancellation of registration under this Act.

Rule 23. Revocation of cancellation of registration.-

(1) A registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may submit an application for revocation of cancellation of registration, in FORM GST REG-21, to such proper officer, within a period of thirty days from the date of the service of the order of cancellation of registration at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that no application for revocation shall be filed, if the registration has been cancelled for the failure of the registered person to furnish returns, unless such returns are furnished and any amount due as tax, in terms of such returns, has been paid along with any amount payable towards interest, penalty and late fee in respect of the said returns.

(2) (a) Where the proper officer is satisfied, for reasons to be recorded in writing, that there are sufficient grounds for revocation of cancellation of registration, he shall revoke the cancellation of registration by an order in FORM GST REG-22 within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of the application and communicate the same to the applicant.

(b) The proper officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, under circumstances other than those specified in clause (a), by an order in FORM GST REG- 05, reject the application for revocation of cancellation of registration and communicate the same to the applicant.

(3) The proper officer shall, before passing the order referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (2), issue a notice in FORM GST REG–23 requiring the applicant to show cause as to why the application submitted for revocation under sub-rule (1) should not be rejected and the applicant shall furnish the reply within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of the notice in FORM GST REG-24.

(4) Upon receipt of the information or clarification in FORM GST REG-24, the proper officer shall proceed to dispose of the application in the manner specified in sub-rule (2) within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of such information or clarification from the applicant.

Unit 3: Composition Levy: Meaning, specified rates, persons not eligible for composition scheme, payment of tax, returns, penalty and fines

CHAPTER III LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAX Composition Levy

10. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 9, a registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed fifty lakh rupees, may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him, an amount calculated at such rate as may be prescribed, but not exceeding,—

(a) one per cent. of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of a manufacturer,

(b) two and a half per cent. of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of persons engaged in making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II, and

(c) half per cent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of other suppliers,

subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, by notification, increase the said limit of fifty lakh rupees to such higher amount, not exceeding one crore rupees, as may be recommended by the Council.

(2) The registered person shall be eligible to opt under sub-section (1), if:—

(a) he is not engaged in the supply of services other than supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II;

(b) he is not engaged in making any supply of goods which are not leviable to tax under this Act;

(c) he is not engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods;

(d) he is not engaged in making any supply of goods through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52; and

(e) he is not a manufacturer of such goods as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

Provided that where more than one registered persons are having the same Permanent Account Number (issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961), the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under sub-section (1) unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under that sub-section.

(3) The option availed of by a registered person under sub-section (1) shall lapse with effect from the day on which his aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds the limit specified under sub-section (1).

(4) A taxable person to whom the provisions of sub-section (1) apply shall not collect any tax from the recipient on supplies made by him nor shall he be entitled to any credit of input tax.

(5) If the proper officer has reasons to believe that a taxable person has paid tax under sub-section (1) despite not being eligible, such person shall, in addition to any tax that may be payable by him under any other provisions of this Act, be liable to a penalty and the provisions of section 73 or section 74 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply for determination of tax and penalty.

CHAPTER II COMPOSITION RULES

3. Intimation for composition levy.- (1) Any person who has been granted registration on a provisional basis under clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 24 and who opts to pay tax under section 10, shall electronically file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-01, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner,

prior to the appointed day, but not later than thirty days after the said day, or such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner in this behalf:

Provided that where the intimation in FORM GST CMP-01 is filed after the appointed day, the registered person shall not collect any tax from the appointed day but shall issue bill of supply for supplies made after the said day.

(2) Any person who applies for registration under sub-rule (1) of rule 8 may give an option to pay tax under section 10 in Part B of FORM GST REG-01, which shall be considered as an intimation to pay tax under the said section.

(3) Any registered person who opts to pay tax under section 10 shall electronically file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, prior to the commencement of the financial year for which the option to pay tax under the aforesaid section is exercised and shall furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 44 within a period of sixty days from the commencement of the relevant financial year.

(4) Any person who files an intimation under sub-rule (1) to pay tax under section 10 shall furnish the details of stock, including the inward supply of goods received from unregistered persons, held by him on the day preceding the date from which he opts to pay tax under the said section, electronically, in FORM GST CMP-03, on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, within a period of sixty days from the date on which the option for composition levy is exercised or within such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner in this behalf.

(5) Any intimation under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (3) in respect of any place of business in any State or Union territory shall be deemed to be an intimation in respect of all other places of business registered on the same Permanent Account Number.

4. Effective date for composition levy.- (1) The option to pay tax under section 10 shall be effective from the beginning of the financial year, where the intimation is filed under subrule (3) of rule 3 and the appointed day where the intimation is filed under sub-rule (1) of the said rule.

(2) The intimation under sub-rule (2) of rule 3, shall be considered only after the grant of registration to the applicant and his option to pay tax under section 10 shall be effective from the date fixed under sub-rule (2) or (3) of rule 10.

5. Conditions and restrictions for composition levy.-

(1) The person exercising the option to pay tax under section 10 shall comply with the following conditions, namely:-

(a) he is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person;

(b) the goods held in stock by him on the appointed day have not been purchased in the course of inter-State trade or commerce or imported from a place outside India or

received from his branch situated outside the State or from his agent or principal outside the State, where the option is exercised under sub-rule (1) of rule 3;

(c) the goods held in stock by him have not been purchased from an unregistered supplier and where purchased, he pays the tax under sub-section (4) of section 9;

(d) he shall pay tax under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 9 on inward supply of goods or services or both;

(e) he was not engaged in the manufacture of goods as notified under clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 10, during the preceding financial year;

(f) he shall mention the words “composition taxable person, not eligible to collect tax on supplies” at the top of the bill of supply issued by him; and

(g) he shall mention the words “composition taxable person” on every notice or signboard displayed at a prominent place at his principal place of business and at every additional place or places of business.

(2) The registered person paying tax under section 10 may not file a fresh intimation every year and he may continue to pay tax under the said section subject to the provisions of the Act and these rules.

6. Validity of composition levy.- (1) The option exercised by a registered person to pay tax under section 10 shall remain valid so long as he satisfies all the conditions mentioned in the said section and under these rules.

(2) The person referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be liable to pay tax under sub-section (1) of section 9 from the day he ceases to satisfy any of the conditions mentioned in section 10 or the provisions of this Chapter and shall issue tax invoice for every taxable supply made thereafter and he shall also file an intimation for withdrawal from the scheme in FORM GST CMP-04 within seven days of the occurrence of such event.

(3) The registered person who intends to withdraw from the composition scheme shall, before the date of such withdrawal, file an application in FORM GST CMP-04, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, electronically on the common portal.

(4) Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registered person was not eligible to pay tax under section 10 or has contravened the provisions of the Act or provisions of this Chapter, he may issue a notice to such person in FORM GST CMP-05 to show cause within fifteen days of the receipt of such notice as to why the option to pay tax under section 10 shall not be denied.

(5) Upon receipt of the reply to the show cause notice issued under sub-rule (4) from the registered person in FORM GST CMP-06, the proper officer shall issue an order in FORM GST CMP-07 within a period of thirty days of the receipt of such reply, either accepting the reply, or denying the option to pay tax under section 10 from the date of the option or from the date of the event concerning such contravention, as the case may be.

(6) Every person who has furnished an intimation under sub-rule (2) or filed an application for withdrawal under sub-rule (3) or a person in respect of whom an order of withdrawal of option has been passed in FORM GST CMP-07 under sub-rule (5), may electronically furnish at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, a statement in FORM GST ITC-01 containing details of the stock of inputs and inputs contained in semi-finished or

finished goods held in stock by him on the date on which the option is withdrawn or denied, within a period of thirty days from the date from which the option is withdrawn or from the date of the order passed in FORM GST CMP-07, as the case may be.

(7) Any intimation or application for withdrawal under sub-rule (2) or (3) or denial of the option to pay tax under section 10 in accordance with sub-rule (5) in respect of any place of business in any State or Union territory, shall be deemed to be an intimation in respect of all other places of business registered on the same Permanent Account Number.

7. Rate of tax of the composition levy.- The category of registered persons, eligible for composition levy under section 10 and the provisions of this Chapter, specified in column (2) of the Table below shall pay tax under section 10 at the rate specified in column (3) of the said Table:-

Sl. No. (1)	Category of registered persons (2)	Rate of tax (3)
1	Manufacturers, other than manufacturers of such goods as may be notified by the Government	one per cent.
2	Suppliers making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II	two and a half per cent
3	Any other supplier eligible for composition levy under section 10 and the provisions of this Chapter	half per cent.

Various Form used in Composition levy

Form No.	Purpose	Used by
Form GST CMP -01 [See rule 3(1)]	Intimation to pay tax under section 10 (composition levy)	(Only for persons registered under the existing law migrating on the appointed day)
Form GST CMP -02 [See rule 3(2)]	Intimation to pay tax under section 10 (composition levy)	(For persons registered under the Act)
Form GST –CMP-02 Rule 3(4)	Intimation of details of stock on date of opting for composition levy	(Only for persons registered under the existing law migrating on the appointed day)
Form GST – CMP-04 [See rule 6(2)]	Intimation/Application for Withdrawal from Composition Levy *	Authorised signatory of concerned Persons
Form GST CMP- 05 [See rule 6(4)]	Notice for denial of option to pay tax under section 10	Proper officer
Form GST CMP - 06 [See rule 6(5)]	Reply to the notice to show cause	Authorised signatory of concerned Persons
Form GST CMP-07 [See rule 6(5)]	Order for acceptance / rejection of reply to show cause notice	Proper officer

Note: * Stock statement may be furnished separately for availing input tax credit on the stock available on the date preceding the date from which composition option is withdrawn in FORM GST ITC -01.

Who can opt for Composition Scheme?

Businesses dealing only in goods can only opt for composition scheme. Services providers have been kept outside the scope of this scheme. However, [restaurant](#)

[sector taxpayers](#) may also opt for the scheme. This holds true if your annual turnover is below Rs 1 crore*.

What is the tax rate applicable on a Composition Dealer?

Please use the chart below to understand the tax rate applicable:

Composition Scheme – Applicable GST Rate			
Type of Business	CGST	SGST	Total GST
Manufacture	1%	1%	2%
Traders (Goods)	0.5%	0.5%	1%
Supplier of food or drinks for human consumption (without alcohol)	2.5%	2.5%	5%
Service Providers	Cannot opt for Composition Scheme		

Must a Composition Dealer maintain detailed records?

No, a dealer registered under composition scheme is not required to maintain detailed records as in the case of a normal taxpayer.

Do Composition Dealers have the option to avail Input Tax Credit?

No, a Composition Dealer is not allowed to avail input tax credit of GST paid to their supplier.

Can a Composition Dealer issue Tax Invoices?

No. Since a Composition Dealer is not allowed to avail input tax credit, such a dealer cannot issue a tax invoice as well. A buyer from composition dealer will not be able to claim input tax on such goods.

Which returns are required to be filed by a taxable person registered under Composition Scheme?

The taxable person is required to furnish only one return i.e. GSTR-4 on a quarterly basis and an annual return in FORM GSTR-9A.

Is liability to pay taxes under Reverse Charge Mechanism covered under the Composition Scheme?

A Composition Dealer has to pay tax under Reverse Charge Mechanism wherever applicable. There is no exemption to a composition dealer here.

Can a Composition Dealer collect composition tax separately?

No, a Composition Dealer is not allowed to collect composition tax from the buyer.

What is the threshold limit to be eligible for Composition Scheme?

Any dealer whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed Rs. 1 crore* can opt for composition scheme

Can a dealer involved in interstate supplies opt for Composition Scheme?

No, Composition Scheme is available only for **intra-state supplies**. If a dealer is involved in inter-State supplies, then he cannot opt for the scheme.

What are the penalties applicable on Composition Dealer in case of any default in tax payment?

If the tax administration has reason to believe that a composition dealer has wrongly availed the benefit under the composition scheme, then such a person shall be liable to pay all the taxes which he would have paid under the normal scheme. Also, he will be liable to pay a penalty equivalent to an amount of tax payable. This penalty will not be levied without giving a show cause notice to the dealer.

What are the transition provisions if a business transits from Composition Scheme under current regime to Regular Taxation under GST?

Taxpayers registered under composition scheme under the current regime will be allowed to take credit of input held in stock, or in semi-finished goods or in finished goods on the day immediately preceding the date from which they opt to be taxed as a regular taxpayer.

What are the conditions for availing input credit on stock lying at the time of transition?

Following are the conditions which must be addressed by the taxpayer to avail credit on input at the time of transition from composition scheme to the normal scheme:

1. Such inputs or goods are intended to be used for making taxable supplies under GST law.
2. Taxpayer was eligible for CENVAT Credit on such goods under the previous regime, however, couldn't claim it being under composition scheme.
3. Such goods are eligible for input tax credit under GST regime.
4. The taxpayer has legal evidence of input tax paid on such goods.
5. Such invoices were issued within a period of 12 months from GST applicable date.

What is the treatment for input credit availed when transitioning from normal scheme to Composition Scheme?

When switching from normal scheme to composition scheme, the taxpayer shall be liable to pay an amount equal to the credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock on the day immediately preceding the date of such switchover. The balance of input tax credit after payment of such amount, if any lying in the credit ledger shall lapse.

Can I opt for Composition Scheme in one year and regular in another?

Yes, this is possible. You can opt to switch between the Composition Scheme and the normal scheme based on your turnover. However, you will have to keep in mind that this will affect the way you issue invoices and file your returns.

The declaration of change can be done using Form GST-CMP 02. For the current financial year, the window for change has been extended until March 31st, 2018. Let's assume a taxpayer who was registered under the normal scheme from July onwards decides to opt for the Composition Scheme from November. For the period of July-October 2017, the taxpayer will have to file returns as per the rules for normal taxpayers. In this example composition Scheme will apply from November 1st; and the taxpayer will have to follow all the rules of the Composition Scheme like issuing a Bill of Supply instead of a normal invoice, putting up a sign outside their premises saying that they are part of the Composition Scheme and are not eligible for charging GST on sales etc.

Can I break up my businesses and opt for Composition Scheme for all of them separately?

Under GST, each business is given a specific identification number called the GSTIN. The GSTIN is associated with the PAN of the business or the business owner. As long as all your businesses are associated with a single PAN, you can choose only one of the schemes for all your businesses – regular or composition scheme. However, if you have businesses with different PANs, then you can opt for different schemes for all of them depending on the turnover of each business.

Is it true that Composition Dealers can offer the same product at a lower price?

Yes, since composition dealers cannot charge GST on their sales, so the end consumer pays less money than usual. Composition dealers can also buy from unregistered dealers in order to keep their costs low.
