

REGULATORY UPDATE

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FY-2025-26



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INTRODUCTION:

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its General Circular No. 05/2026 dated 24th October 2026, has granted a relaxation of additional fees and extension of time for filing of:

- financial statements [AOC-4, AOC-4 (CFS), AOC-4 (XBRL), AOC-4 NBFC (Ind AS), AOC-4 CFS NBFC (Ind AS)] for the FY 2025-26 uptill **31st December, 2026** and
- Annual return [MGT-7 and MGT-7A] for the FY 2025-26 uptill **31st January, 2026**.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS:

- This relaxation is **limited to** the filing of **Financial Statements and Annual Returns only**.
- It does **not extend the statutory timeline for holding the AGM**.
- Any **filings made after the extended due dates** shall attract **applicable filing fees, including additional fees**, in accordance with the Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014.

Such fees shall be **calculated strictly from the original due date** of the respective filing under the Companies Act, 2013.

- **No relaxation** has been provided for other statutory filings, including but not limited to:
 - **Form ADT-1 – Auditor Appointment**

- **MSME Form** – Half-yearly return for payments due to MSMEs
- **LLP Form 8** – Statement of Account and Solvency for LLPs
- **Form DIR-12** – Appointment / Regularization of Directors
- **Form MGT-14** – Filing of Board / Shareholder Resolutions or General meeting conducted through Video-conferencing (VC)
- **Form CRA-2** – Appointment of Cost Auditor
- **Form CRA-4** – Filing of Cost Auditor Report
- any other e-form apart from the financial statements and annual return filings.

For more details, refer to the MCA Notification dated 24th October, 2026:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=5vSiNq59rdjIZwZqMbElgQ%253D%253D&type=open>

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