

Annual Information Statement Revamped Form 26AS

Form 26AS is an **Annual Consolidated Tax Credit Statement** issued under Section 203AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961. It was **introduced** with effect from **AY 2009-10** to enhance ease of tax return filing by providing details of tax deducted by the assessee's employer, TDS by bank on deposit interest, TDS on various other payments (Contract / Professional Income, Rent, etc.), TDS by property buyer, along with details of TCS, advance tax paid, refunds received during the year.

Annual Information Statement (AIS):

Budget 2020 has enhanced the utility of Form 26 AS, by maximizing its scope through inclusion of **various other details** relating to the assessee's. The new form 26AS, which has been named as Form 26AS - AIS, which can be accessed from **June 1st, 2020**.

“As per Finance Act, 2020, Section 203AA has been replaced by Section 285BB, which will facilitate AIS. Also, Rule 31AB will be omitted due to insertion of Rule 114-I, with effect from June 1st 2020.”

In this regard, CBDT has introduced new Rule 114-I of Income-tax Rules, 1962 on May 28, 2020. With the advancement in technology and enhancement in the capacity of system, multiple information are being captured or proposed to be captured.

We herewith provide a broad overview of the Form 26AS under old and new formats in the below paras for better understanding:

A Comparison:

This table provides a comparison of the particulars under the old and new form:

S. No	Old Form 26 AS	New Form 26AS - AIS
1	Info on tax deducted on the assessee's income by deductors	Information relating to tax deducted or collected at source
2	Details of tax collected by collectors	
3	Advance tax paid by the taxpayer	Information relating to payment of taxes
4	Self-assessment tax payments	
5	Regular assessment tax deposited	

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S. No	Old Form 26 AS	New Form 26AS - AIS
6	Details of refund received during the financial year (Refund received and Interest thereon)	Information relating to demand and refund
7	Details of the High-value Transactions in respect of shares, mutual funds, immovable properties, etc	Information relating to Specified Financial Transaction (SFT)
8	-----	Information relating to pending & completed income-tax assessment proceedings.

Other additional info:

- This form also has a new provision of **mobile number, email id, and Aadhaar no.** of the taxpayer, which can help direct connectivity of the tax department with the taxpayer.
- It will also provide information received from any other country under exchange of information about **income or assets outside India.**
- This Form will provide an information received from any other officer, an authority under any law **to know any adverse action initiated or taken under any other law such as Custom, GST, Benami Law,** etc.
- It will also enable to provide **details of specified financial transactions** which includes:
 - i) transaction of purchase, sale or exchange of goods or property or right or interest in a property; or
 - ii) transaction for rendering any service; or
 - iii) transaction under a works contract; or
 - iv) transaction by way of an investment made or an expenditure incurred; or
 - v) transaction for taking or accepting any loan or deposit, or
 - vi) share trading details, donations eligible u/s 80G etc.
- The tax department will be **updating** all tax-related information of each taxpayer regularly **within 3 months** from the end of the month in which such information is received.

Another important benefit of the new form 26AS is that it will be a ready-reckoner of an assessee's tax profile **for banks, financial institutions,** or any other body while carrying out **due diligence** of the person/ corporate concerned, as this form will now make it difficult for the taxpayer to hide information from any bank/financial institution about any proceedings against him/it.

