



CA FINAL

MONETARY LIMITS

UNDER GST & CUSTOMS

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S.No.	CONCEPT	MONETARY LIMIT
Registration, Composition & Returns		
1	Threshold limit for registration [Sec. 22]	Business in single State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMTN (Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland): ₹10 lakh; USTAMP (Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Puducherry): ₹20 lakh; Other States: ₹40 lakh if exclusively engaged in supply of goods (otherwise ₹20 lakh) Business in multiple States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxable supply made from a MMTN State: ₹10 lakh; None of the States in MMTN / USTAMP and exclusively engaged in supply of goods: ₹40 lakh; Other cases: ₹20 lakh
2	Optional simplified registration [Rule 14A] [NEW]	Output tax liability (Usually, Gross Liability) on supplies to registered persons (B2B) ≤ ₹2.5 lakh per month (CGST + SGST/UTGST + IGST + Cess); registration within 3 working days
3	Composition scheme u/s 10(1) – eligibility	Special category States (MMTN U SAM – Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya): AATO in PY ≤ ₹75 lakh Other states: AATO in PY ≤ ₹1.5 crore
4	Composition scheme u/s 10(2A) – eligibility	AATO in PY ≤ ₹50 lakh (any State)
5	Composition scheme u/s 10(1) – rates	Manufacturer: 1% of turnover in State; Trader (incl. services up to 10% limit): 1% of turnover of taxable supplies of goods & services in State; Restaurant service: 5% of turnover in State
6	Composition scheme u/s 10(2A) – rate	6% of turnover in State
7	QRMP scheme eligibility	AATO in PY ≤ ₹5 crore
8	IFF – limit of B2B invoices	Invoices of value up to ₹50 lakh per month
9	Invoice-wise details of B2C supplies in GSTR-1	Inter-State supply where invoice value > ₹1,00,000 (For issuance of revised tax invoice it is ₹2,50,000)
10	Annual return / reconciliation statement	GSTR-9: mandatory where AATO in the FY > ₹2 crore GSTR-9C: mandatory where AATO in the FY > ₹5 crore
Invoice, E-invoice & E-way Bill		
11	E-invoice applicability	AATO in any PY (from 2017-18) > ₹5 crore
12	Dynamic QR code on B2C invoices	AATO in any PY > ₹500 crore
13	HSN code on invoice	AATO in PY ≤ ₹5 crore: 4 digits (mandatory for B2B) AATO in PY > ₹5 crore: 6 digits (B2B and B2C)

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14	Invoice not required for B2C supply (consolidated invoice allowed)	Value of supply < ₹200
15	Recipient's name & address mandatory in B2C invoice	Value of invoice ≥ ₹50,000
16	Option to treat date of invoice as time of supply	Excess amount received up to ₹1,000 over invoice value
17	Applicability of e-way bill	Value of consignment > ₹50,000. Threshold does not apply to inter-State movement for job work and handicraft goods (by persons exempt from registration) – EWB required irrespective of value
ITC, Payment, TDS / TCS & Refunds		
18	Gift by employer to employee not treated as supply	Value of gifts ≤ ₹50,000 per employee per FY
19	Applicability of Rule 86B (max. 99% of output tax from ECL)	Taxable supply (other than exempt & zero-rated) in a month > ₹50 lakh
20	Over-the-counter (OTC) deposit in electronic cash ledger	Up to ₹10,000 per challan per tax period
21	Threshold limit for TDS [Sec. 51]	Total value of supply under a contract > ₹2,50,000
22	TDS & TCS rates	TDS: 2% (1% CGST + 1% SGST, or 2% IGST) of payment TCS: 0.5% (0.25% CGST + 0.25% SGST, or 0.5% IGST) of net value of taxable supplies
23	CA / CMA certification	FORM GST ITC-01: claim of ITC > ₹2,00,000 FORM GST RFD-01: refund claim > ₹2,00,000 (unjust enrichment)
24	Minimum amount of refund [Sec. 54(14)]	Refund ≥ ₹1,000
25	Provisional refund – zero-rated supplies	90% of the refund claim
26	Grant of provisional refund – eligibility	Applicant not prosecuted for any offence involving tax > ₹2.5 crore during the preceding 5 years
27	Refund to UIN holders	Not allowed where value of invoice (incl. tax) < ₹5,000
28	Interest rates	Payable to Government: 18% p.a. [Sec. 50] Receivable from Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> refund arising from order of adjudicating / appellate authority / Tribunal / Court: 9% p.a.; refund of pre-deposit: 9% p.a.; other cases: 6% p.a.
Exemptions & Valuation		
29	Services by old age home	Residents aged ≥ 60 years; consideration ≤ ₹25,000 per month per member
30	Services by Government – general exemption	Value of service ≤ ₹5,000 (continuous supply: ≤ ₹5,000 per FY)
31	Services by RWA to its members	Up to ₹7,500 per month per member

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32	Services by association (other than trade union / RWA) to members	Up to ₹1,000 per member per year
33	Services by acquiring bank (card transactions)	Single transaction ≤ ₹2,000
34	Micro-insurance (life)	Sum assured ≤ ₹2,00,000
35	Services by incubatee	Turnover ≤ ₹50 lakh in a FY (for 3 years from agreement date)
36	Services by folk / classical performing artist	Consideration ≤ ₹1,50,000 per performance
37	Hostel / residential accommodation	Value ≤ ₹20,000 per person per month; minimum continuous period of 90 days
38	Renting of precincts of religious place (by registered trust)	Rooms: charge < ₹1,000 per day; community halls / open areas: < ₹10,000 per day; shops: < ₹10,000 per month
39	GTA – rates	Forward charge: 18% (with ITC) or 5% (without ITC) Reverse charge: 5%
40	Valuation – life insurance business (non-exempt policies)	Policies other than pure risk cover and where investment portion is not intimated: first year premium – 25%; subsequent years – 12.5% Single premium annuity (investment portion not intimated): 10% of single premium
41	Valuation – air travel agent	Domestic bookings: 5% of basic fare; International bookings: 10% of basic fare
42	Valuation – money changing (Option under Rule 32(2)(b))	Gross amount up to ₹1,00,000: 1% of gross amount, minimum ₹250 > ₹1,00,000 up to ₹10,00,000: ₹1,000 + 0.5% of amount exceeding ₹1,00,000 > ₹10,00,000: ₹5,500 + 0.1% of amount exceeding ₹10,00,000, maximum ₹60,000
Demand, Penalty & Officers		
43	Officers empowered to issue notice / pass order [Sec. 73 / 74 / 74A & 122 – Circulars 31/2018 & 254/2025]	Superintendent: up to ₹10 lakh (IGST / combined: up to ₹20 lakh) Deputy / Assistant Commissioner: > ₹10 lakh up to ₹1 crore (IGST / combined: > ₹20 lakh up to ₹2 crore) Additional / Joint Commissioner: > ₹1 crore (IGST / combined: > ₹2 crore)
44	Minor breach – no penalty [Sec. 126]	Tax involved < ₹5,000

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45	Penalties (CGST Act)	<p>Sec. 122(1) – BIO DISCREDITS TFT: ₹10,000 or tax evaded / ITC / refund, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 122(1A) – person retaining benefit / at whose instance invoice, ITC or ISD offence is committed: amount equal to tax evaded or ITC availed / passed on: ₹10,000 or tax evaded / ITC involved, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 122(1B) – ECO non-compliance: ₹10,000 or tax involved, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 122(2)(a) – other than fraud: ₹10,000 or 10% of tax due, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 122(2)(b) – fraud / wilful misstatement / suppression: ₹10,000 or 100% of tax due, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 122(3) – aiding offence / not appearing on summons etc.: up to ₹25,000</p> <p>Sec. 122A – failure to register special machines: ₹1,00,000 per machine</p> <p>Sec. 122B – failure to comply with track & trace mechanism: ₹1,00,000 or 10% of tax payable on such goods, whichever is HIGHER</p> <p>Sec. 123 – failure to furnish information return u/s 150: ₹100 per day, maximum ₹5,000</p> <p>Sec. 124 – failure to furnish statistics u/s 151: up to ₹10,000 + up to ₹100 per day for continuing offence, maximum ₹25,000</p> <p>Sec. 125 – general penalty: up to ₹25,000</p>
46	Penalty for release of goods / conveyance [Sec. 129]	<p>Owner comes forward: taxable goods – 200% of tax; exempt goods – 2% of value or ₹25,000, whichever is LOWER</p> <p>Owner does not come forward: taxable goods – 50% of value or 200% of tax, whichever is HIGHER; exempt goods – 5% of value or ₹25,000, whichever is LOWER</p> <p>Release of conveyance: penalty as above or ₹1,00,000, whichever is LOWER</p>
47	Compounding fee [Sec. 138 & Rule 162]	<p>General: 25% to 100% of tax involved</p> <p>Specific (ICEI): tax / ITC / refund > ₹5 crore: 50% to 75%; ≤ ₹5 crore: 40% to 60%</p> <p>B, D or attempt to commit: 25%</p> <p>[I = invoice default (other than invoice without supply); C = collected an amount as tax but not paid beyond 3 months; E = erroneous refund; I = ITC default; B = books of account default; D = dealing in goods liable to confiscation]</p>
Offences, Arrest & Prosecution		
48	Arrest [Sec. 69]	Offences IIC (invoice default – all; ITC default; collected an amount as tax but not paid beyond 3 months) where total tax involved > ₹2 crore
49	Cognizable & non-bailable offences [Sec. 132(5)]	Offences IIC where total tax involved > ₹5 crore
50	First-time imprisonment [Sec. 132(1)]	<p>Books of Accounts default: Upto 6 months or fine or both</p> <p>Invoice without supply: tax > ₹1 crore and ≤ ₹2 crore – up to 1 year + fine (Min. 6 months)</p> <p>Offences (ICEBID-B) incl. invoice without supply: Tax/ITC/Refund > ₹2 crore and ≤ ₹5 crore – up to 3 years + fine (Min. 6 months); Tax/ITC/Refund > ₹5 crore – up to 5 years + fine (Min. 6 months)</p>
51	Officer / GSTN agent wilfully disclosing information [Sec. 133]	Imprisonment up to 6 months or fine up to ₹25,000 or both

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Appeals		
52	Appeal fee to GSTAT (CGST + SGST) [Rule 110(5)]	₹1,000 for every ₹1,00,000 (or part) of amount in dispute, maximum ₹25,000; minimum ₹5,000
53	Pre-deposit [Sec. 107(6) & 112(8)]	Appellate Authority: 100% of admitted amount + 10% of disputed tax, maximum ₹20 crore (CGST) GSTAT: 100% of admitted amount + further 10% of remaining disputed tax, maximum ₹20 crore (CGST) Penalty-only appeals (incl. Sec. 129): 10% of penalty
54	Monetary limits for appeals	Taxpayer: GSTAT may refuse to admit appeal where amount in dispute ≤ ₹50,000 Department: GSTAT > ₹20 lakh; High Court > ₹1 crore; Supreme Court > ₹2 crore
55	Appeal heard by single-member bench of GSTAT	No question of law involved and amount in dispute ≤ ₹50 lakh

MONETARY LIMITS UNDER CUSTOMS

S.No.	CONCEPT	DETAILS	RATE / LIMIT
Valuation & Duty			
1	No refund / duty not collected	Customs duty	< ₹100
2	Social welfare surcharge	On BCD	10%
3	Insurance not ascertainable	Of FOB value	1.125%
4	Freight not ascertainable	Of FOB value	20%
5	Air freight	Actual or 20% of FOB, whichever is LOWER	
6	Depreciation on used capital goods	For every quarter or part in 1st year	4%
		For every quarter or part in 2nd & 3rd year	3%
		For every quarter or part in 4th & 5th year	2.5%
		For every quarter or part in 6th year onwards	2%
7	Exemption to rakhi (not of precious metal)	If duty leviable	≤ ₹100
8	Interest rate	Payable to Government	15% p.a.
		Receivable from Government (delayed refund)	6% p.a.
9	OTC deposit in electronic cash ledger	Per day	Up to ₹10,000
10	Mandatory e-payment	Duty per bill of entry	≥ ₹10,000
Baggage [Baggage Rules, 2026 – w.e.f. 02.02.2026]			
11	General free allowance [Rule 5] [REVISED]	Resident / tourist of Indian origin / foreigner with valid visa other than tourist visa – arriving other than by land	Up to ₹75,000
		Tourist of foreign origin – arriving other than by land	Up to ₹25,000
		Passenger arriving by land (any country)	Only used personal effects (no GFA)
		One new laptop / notepad – passenger aged 18 or above (other than crew) [NEW]	Free of duty
12	Jewellery allowance [Rule 6] [REVISED]	Resident / tourist of Indian origin residing abroad > 1 year – female passenger	Up to 40 grams (no value cap)
		Resident / tourist of Indian origin residing abroad > 1 year – other passenger	Up to 20 grams (no value cap)
13	Transfer of residence [Rule 7 – Appendix I] [REVISED]	Stay abroad of 3 months up to 12 months	Up to ₹1,50,000

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		Minimum stay of 1 year during the preceding 2 years (concession not availed in preceding 3 years)	Up to ₹3,00,000
		Minimum stay of 2 years or more (short visits to India ≤ 6 months in preceding 2 years; not availed in preceding 3 years)	Up to ₹7,50,000
14	Allowance to crew member [Rule 11(2)] [REVISED]	Chocolates, cheese, cosmetics, gift articles for personal / family use	Up to ₹2,500
15	Baggage rate of duty	Firearms, cartridges of firearms > 50	70%
		Cigarettes > 100 sticks / cigars > 25 / tobacco > 125 g	Rates as applicable (given in question)
		Other cases	35%
16	Late fee for delay in filing BOE	Dutiable goods	₹5,000 per day up to 3 days and ₹10,000 per day beyond 3 days, max. 100% of customs duty
		Exempted goods	₹5,000 per day up to 3 days and ₹10,000 per day beyond 3 days, max. ₹50,000
Foreign Trade Policy			
17	Status holder (export performance)	1 Star / 2 Star / 3 Star	US\$ 3 mn / 15 mn / 50 mn
		4 Star / 5 Star	US\$ 200 mn / 800 mn
18	Export of gifts	Value	Up to ₹5,00,000
19	Minimum investment in plant & machinery for EOU		₹1 crore
20	Advance authorisation for annual requirement	Entitlement	300% of FOB value of physical exports in preceding FY or ₹1 crore, whichever is HIGHER
21	Advance authorisation – value addition	FOB value of exports > 115% of CIF value of imports	15%
22	DFIA – value addition	FOB value of exports > 120% of CIF value of imports	20%
23	EPCG – export obligation	Capital goods imported	6 × duty saved
		Capital goods procured indigenously	4.5 × taxes saved (75% of 6 ×)
24	Duty-free import of samples by all exporters	CIF value	Up to ₹3,00,000
Penalty			
25	Penalty for contravention of regulations [Sec. 158(2)]	Maximum	Up to ₹50,000