

Income Tax Return Filing

Assessment Year 2026–27 | Financial Year 2025–26

31 AUGUST 2026

Key Deadline

For eligible non-audit taxpayers, the due date for filing the Income Tax Return for AY 2026–27 is **31 August 2026**. The Income Tax Department specifically confirms this due date for ITR-4 for AY 2026–27.

Who Should Take Action?

Category	Action
Individuals / HUFs / Firms covered by the applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act	File the applicable ITR by 31 August 2026.
Taxpayers with business or professional income	Confirm the applicable ITR form and filing requirements before submission.
Anyone who has not yet filed	Do not wait until the last day; review income, deductions, TDS/AIS and other details in a

Before Filing

- Check Form 26AS / AIS and reconcile income and tax credits.
- Keep supporting documents for income, deductions and investments ready.
- Select the correct assessment year: **AY 2026–27** for income earned during FY 2025–26.
- Complete e-verification after filing. The Income Tax Department states that the current time limit for e-verification or submission of ITR-V is 30 days from filing.

If the due date is missed

A return may still be filed as a belated return, subject to the applicable provisions, late-filing fee and interest. For AY 2026–27, the Income Tax Department states that a belated return may be furnished on or before 31 December 2026 or before completion of assessment, whichever is earlier.

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