

Documents Needed to File Your Income Tax Return — FY 2025-26 Checklist

Most delays in filing come from one missing statement. Use this list before you send us your papers; items marked if applicable depend on your income.

Identity and basics

- ☐ PAN and Aadhaar (linked)
- ☐ Bank account details for the refund — account number and IFSC, pre-validated on the portal
- ☐ Last year's return and computation, if we did not file it
- ☐ Income-tax portal login (or we file as your e-return intermediary)

Salary

- ☐ Form 16 (Parts A and B) from every employer in the year
- ☐ Salary slips for March and any month with arrears or bonus
- ☐ Form 12BA for perquisites; ESOP/RSU statements
- ☐ Rent receipts and the landlord's PAN for HRA (rent above ₹1 lakh a year)
- ☐ Regime choice — new is the default; tell us if you want the old regime

Interest, dividends and other income

- ☐ Interest certificates from every bank and post office (savings, FDs, RDs)
- ☐ Dividend statements from the demat account or mutual fund
- ☐ Form 26AS and the Annual Information Statement (AIS) from the portal — we reconcile every entry
- ☐ Rental agreements, rent received, municipal tax paid and the home-loan interest certificate

Capital gains (if applicable)

- ☐ Capital gains statement from each broker and mutual fund house (CAMS/KFintech consolidated statement)
- ☐ Property sale deed, purchase deed, improvement bills and the buyer's Form 16B for TDS
- ☐ Cost as on 31 January 2018 for shares bought before then (grandfathering)
- ☐ Crypto exchange trade reports and TDS certificates (Form 16A under section 194S)

Deductions (old regime only)

- ☐ PPF, ELSS, life insurance, tuition fee and home-loan principal receipts (80C)
- ☐ Health insurance premium receipts, preventive check-up bills (80D)
- ☐ NPS contribution statement (80CCD(1B))
- ☐ Donation receipts with the donee's PAN and Form 10BE (80G)
- ☐ Education-loan interest certificate (80E)

Foreign assets and income (if applicable)

- ☐ Foreign bank statements, foreign shares and ESOPs, overseas property — for Schedule FA (mandatory for residents)
- ☐ Foreign tax paid — for Form 67 and foreign tax credit
- ☐ Days abroad in the year, with passport stamps, if your residential status is close to the line

Before you send

- Download AIS from the portal before sending anything — it often shows interest and sale transactions people have forgotten.
- Send statements as PDFs, not screenshots; every page of a Form 16 matters.
- The due date is 31 July for ITR-1/ITR-2 and 31 August for business or professional returns without tax audit; a belated return after that costs up to ₹5,000 and loses loss carry-forward.