TDS Compliance ,Filing and Latest issues – Section 194C, 194J and 194T

Who is a deductor in Section 194C and 194J

- The Central / State Government
- Local Authority
- Statutory Corporation
- Company
- Co-operative Society
- Statutory authority dealing with housing accommodation / planning, development or improvement of cities / towns / villages
- A registered society / trust
- University established under a Central, State or Provincial Act, or any university declared by the UGC
- A firm
- Government of a foreign state / foreign enterprise

Who is a deductor u/s 194C and 194J (contd.)

- An individual / HUF / AOP / BOI whose gross turnover from business / profession exceeds Rs 1 cr / Rs 50 lacs respectively during the immediately preceding financial year
- (a) Applicable for 194C and fee for professional / technical services.
- (b) Royalty and non compete fee are excluded from applicability.

Example:

If turnover from business crosses Rs 1 crore in FY 2024-25, the section would attract from 01.04.2025.

Threshold and Applicable Rates – 194C

- Contractor / Sub-Contractor in transport business who has furnished a PAN – Nil
- In other cases, if the amount paid / credited or likely to be paid / credited exceeds Rs 30,000 in a single payment or Rs 1,00,000 in aggregate during a financial year:
- (a) Individual Contractors 1%
- (b) Others 2%

"Work" for the purpose of Section 194C

Includes:

Advertising ; Broadcasting / Telecasting ; Carriage of goods / passengers (other than by rail) ; catering ; job-work

Exemption:

Payments to a transporter who owns 10 or less goods carriages at any time during the PY, who furnishes a declaration to this effect along with his PAN.

Payments covered u/s 194J

- Fee for professional services [notified professions u/s 44AA and various sports persons notified by CBDT]
- Fee for technical services Managerial / Technical / Consultancy Services
- Remuneration / fee / commission to a director of the company, other than payments covered u/s 192
- Royalty
- Non-compete fee

Threshold and Applicable Rates – 194J

- Fee for technical services / Royalty for sale or distribution of cinematographic film / payments to call centre- 2%
- All other covered payments 10%
- Remuneration to directors No threshold
- Other payments If the amount paid / credited or likely to be paid / credited exceeds Rs 50,000 in aggregate during a financial year (amended in Budget 2025)

Section 194T: TDS on Certain Payments Made to Partners by Firm

- A firm refers to a partnership firm or an LLP
- Payments which trigger 194T:
- a. Salary / Remuneration
- b. Commission
- c. Interest on capital / loan
- Payments scoped out from 194T:
- a. Repayment of loan to the partner
- b. Reimbursement of expenses
- c. Capital / Share of profit withdrawn by the partner.
- Threshold limit is Rs 20,000 in aggregate during a financial year.
- Rate of deduction is 10% of the aggregate payment

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS – 194C & 194J

- Ledger Scrutiny to identify payments which trigger Section 194C and 194J (eg – Legal Charges, Professional fee, Advertisement, Repairs & Maintenance)
- Option 1 Deduct the applicable rate of TDS and remit the same along with interest u/s 201 before the due date of filing the TDS return. File a correction return with TRACES to incorporate the additional challans.
- Option 2 Disallow 30% of the expenditure while computing the total income of the assessee.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS – SECTION 194T

- Apply for TAN of the partnership firm / LLP
- Make suitable changes to the partnership deed to incorporate the provisions of TDS on the remuneration
- Make sure the firm / LLP deducts and remits tax @ 10% on the amount of remuneration / interest paid to each partner.