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New Service Tax Regime w.e.f. 1st July, 2012

New Service Tax Regime based on Negative List is made applicable w.e.f. $1^{\rm st}$ July, 2012. This system has replaced the existing system completely. The salient features of this new regime are as follows –

- Date of Introduction of New Regime is 1st July, 2012 (Ref Notification 19/2012 dt. 05.06.2012)
- Prior to this, only those services which were specifically covered were subjected to Service Tax. However with the introduction of Negative List, all the services other than those stated under Negative List or Exemption List shall be subjected to Service Tax.
- Thus, the scope of Service Tax has been increased tremendously.
- For the first time, the word "Service" has also been defined u/s 65B(44).
- According to new definition, the word Service to mean Any activity carried out by a person for another for consideration and includes a *declared service*.
- Declared Service includes
 - ✓ renting of immovable property,
 - ✓ Construction of complex, building, civil structure, incl. complex or building intended for sale to a buyer.
 - ✓ Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of any intellectual property right.
 - ✓ Development, design, programming, customisation, adaptation, upgradation, enhancement, implementation of information technology software.
 - ✓ Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act.
 - ✓ Transfer of goods by way of hiring, leasing, licensing or in any such manner without transfer of right to use such goods.
 - ✓ Activities in relation to delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by instalments.
 - ✓ Service portion in the execution of a "Works Contract"
 - ✓ Service portion in an activity wherein goods, being food or any other article of human consumption or any drink (whether or not intoxicating) is supplied in any manner as a part of the activity.
- ► However the word Service, does not include
 - ✓ any activity that constitutes merely a transfer in title of goods or immovable property by way of sale, gift or in any other manner; or
 - ✓ a transaction in money or actionable claim or
 - ✓ any service provided by an employee to an employer in the course of the employment or
 - ✓ fees payable to a Court or a tribunal established under any law for the time being in force



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We have summarised the provisions relating to Service Tax in the following manner –

Table No.	Description	Reference to the Provisions
A	Negative List of Services	Section 66D
В	Exemption from Service Tax List	Notification No. 25/2012
	(Mega Exemption Notification)	dt. 20.06.2012
С	Abatements under Service Tax Law	Notification No. 26/2012
		dt. 20.06.2012
D	Reverse Charge Mechanism List	Notification No. 30/2012
		dt. 20.06.2012

Table A – Negative List of Services (i.e. Services which are excluded from the scope of Service Tax completely)

- a) services by Government or a local authority excluding the following services to the extent they are not covered elsewhere-
 - (i) services by the Department of Posts by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance and agency services provided to a person other than Government;
 - (ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;
 - (iii) transport of goods or passengers; or
 - (iv) support services, other than services covered under clauses (i) to (iii) above, provided to business entities;
- (b) services by the Reserve Bank of India;
- (c) services by a foreign diplomatic mission located in India:
- (d) services relating to agriculture or agricultural produce by way of-
 - (i) agricultural operations directly related to production of any agricultural produce including cultivation, harvesting, threshing, plant protection or seed testing;
 - (ii) supply of farm labour;
 - (iii) processes carried out at an agricultural farm including tending, pruning, cutting, harvesting, drying, cleaning, trimming, sun drying, fumigating, curing, sorting, grading, cooling or bulk packaging and such like operations which do not alter the essential characteristics of agricultural produce but make it only marketable for the primary market:
 - (iv) renting or leasing of agro machinery or vacant land with or without a structure incidental to its use;
 - (v) loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of agricultural produce;
 - (vi) agricultural extension services;
 - (vii) services by any Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee or Board or services provided by a commission agent for sale or purchase of agricultural produce;

(e) trading of goods;

(f) any process amounting to manufacture or production of goods;



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- (g) selling of space or time slots for advertisements other than advertisements broadcast by radio or television;
- (h) service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of toll charges:
- (i) betting, gambling or lottery;
- (i) admission to entertainment events or access to amusement facilities:
- (k) transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility;
- (l) services by way of-
 - (i) pre-school education and education up to higher secondary school or equivalent;
 - (ii) education as a part of a curriculum for obtaining a qualification recognised by any law for the time being in force;
 - (iii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course;
- (m) services by way of renting of residential dwelling for use as residence:
- (n) services by way of-
 - (i) extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount;
 - (ii) inter se sale or purchase of foreign currency amongst banks or authorised dealers of foreign exchange or amongst banks and such dealers;
- (o) service of transportation of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by-
 - (i) a stage carriage;
 - (ii) railways in a class other than-
 - (A) first class; or
 - (B) an airconditioned coach;
 - (iii) metro, monorail or tramway;
 - (iv) inland waterways;
 - (v) public transport, other than predominantly for tourism purpose, in a vessel between places located in India; and
 - (vi) metered cabs, radio taxis or auto rickshaws;

(p) services by way of transportation of goods-

- (i) by road except the services of-
 - (A) a goods transportation agency; or
 - (B) a courier agency;
- (ii) by an aircraft or a vessel from a place outside India to the customs station of clearance in India; or
- (iii) by inland waterways;
- (q) funeral, burial, crematorium or mortuary services including transportation of the deceased.



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Table B – Exemption from Services Tax (i.e. Services which are currently exempted from the levy of Service Tax)

- 1. Services provided to the United Nations or a specified international organization;
- 2. Health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics;
- 3. Services by a veterinary clinic in relation to health care of animals or birds;
- 4. Services by an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) by way of charitable activities;
- 5. Services by a person by way of-
 - (a) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public; or
 - (b) conduct of any religious ceremony;
- 6. Services provided by -
 - (a) an arbitral tribunal to -
 - (i) any person other than a business entity; or
 - (ii) a business entity with a turnover up to rupees ten lakh in the preceding financial year;
 - (b) an individual as an advocate or a partnership firm of advocates by way of legal services to,-
 - (i) an advocate or partnership firm of advocates providing legal services;
 - (ii) any person other than a business entity; or
 - (iii) a business entity with a turnover up to rupees ten lakh in the preceding financial year; or
 - (c) a person represented on an arbitral tribunal to an arbitral tribunal;
- 7. Services by way of technical testing or analysis of newly developed drugs, including vaccines and herbal remedies, on human participants by a clinical research organisation approved to conduct clinical trials by the Drug Controller General of India;
- 8. Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to arts, culture or sports;
- 9. Services provided to or by an educational institution in respect of education exempted from service tax, by way of,-
 - (a) auxiliary educational services; or
 - (b) renting of immovable property;
- 10. Services provided to a recognised sports body by-
 - (a) an individual as a player, referee, umpire, coach or team manager for participation in a sporting event organized by a recognized sports body;
 - (b) another recognised sports body;
- 11. Services by way of sponsorship of sporting events organised,-
 - (a) by a national sports federation, or its affiliated federations, where the participating teams or individuals represent any district, state or zone;
 - (b) by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-University Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat;
 - (c) by Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board;
 - (d) as part of national games, by Indian Olympic Association; or
 - (e) under Panchayat Yuva Kreeda Aur Khel Abhiyaan (PYKKA) Scheme;
- 12. Services provided to the Government, a local authority or a governmental authority by way

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of construction, erection, commissioning, installation, completion, fitting out, repair, maintenance, renovation, or alteration of -

- (a) a civil structure or any other original works meant predominantly for use other than for commerce, industry, or any other business or profession;
- (b) a historical monument, archaeological site or remains of national importance, archaeological excavation, or antiquity specified under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (24 of 1958);
- (c) a structure meant predominantly for use as (i) an educational, (ii) a clinical, or (iii) an art or cultural establishment;
- (d) canal, dam or other irrigation works;
- (e) pipeline, conduit or plant for (i) water supply (ii) water treatment, or (iii) sewerage treatment or disposal; or
- (f) a residential complex predominantly meant for self-use or the use of their employees or other persons specified in the *Explanation* 1 to clause 44 of section 65 B of the said Act;
- 13. Services provided by way of construction, erection, commissioning, installation, completion, fitting out, repair, maintenance, renovation, or alteration of,-
 - (a) a road, bridge, tunnel, or terminal for road transportation for use by general public;
 - (b) a civil structure or any other original works pertaining to a scheme under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission or Rajiv Awaas Yojana;
 - (c) a building owned by an entity registered under section 12 AA of the Income tax Act, 1961(43 of 1961) and meant predominantly for religious use by general public;
 - (d) a pollution control or effluent treatment plant, except located as a part of a factory; or
 - (e) a structure meant for funeral, burial or cremation of deceased;
- 14. Services by way of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of original works pertaining to,-
 - (a) an airport, port or railways, including monorail or metro;
 - (b) a single residential unit otherwise than as a part of a residential complex;
 - (c) low- cost houses up to a carpet area of 60 square metres per house in a housing project approved by competent authority empowered under the 'Scheme of Affordable Housing in Partnership' framed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India;
 - (d) post- harvest storage infrastructure for agricultural produce including a cold storages for such purposes; or
 - (e) mechanised food grain handling system, machinery or equipment for units processing agricultural produce as food stuff excluding alcoholic beverages;
- 15. Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under clauses (a) or (b) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 (14 of 1957), relating to original literary, dramatic, musical, artistic works or cinematograph films:
- 16. Services by a performing artist in folk or classical art forms of (i) music, or (ii) dance, or (iii) theatre, excluding services provided by such artist as a brand ambassador;
- 17. Services by way of collecting or providing news by an independent journalist, Press Trust of India or United News of India;
- 18. Services by way of renting of a hotel, inn, guest house, club, campsite or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a unit of accommodation below rupees one thousand per day or equivalent;

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- 19. Services provided in relation to serving of food or beverages by a restaurant, eating joint or a mess, other than those having (i) the facility of air-conditioning or central air-heating in any part of the establishment, at any time during the year, and (ii) a licence to serve alcoholic beverages;
- 20. Services by way of transportation by rail or a vessel from one place in India to another of the following goods -
 - (a) petroleum and petroleum products falling under Chapter heading 2710 and 2711 of the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986);
 - (b) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;
 - (c) defence or military equipments;
 - (d) postal mail or mail bags;
 - (e) household effects;
 - (f) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;
 - (g) railway equipments or materials;
 - (h) agricultural produce;
 - (i) foodstuff including flours, tea, coffee, jaggery, sugar, milk products, salt and edible oil, excluding alcoholic beverages; or
 - (j) chemical fertilizer and oilcakes;
- 21. Services provided by a goods transport agency by way of transportation of -
 - (a) fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, food grains or pulses in a goods carriage;
 - (b) goods where gross amount charged for the transportation of goods on a consignment transported in a single goods carriage does not exceed one thousand five hundred rupees; or
 - (c) goods, where gross amount charged for transportation of all such goods for a single consignee in the goods carriage does not exceed rupees seven hundred fifty;
- 22. Services by way of giving on hire -
 - (a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers; or
 - (b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods;
- 23. Transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by -
 - (a) air, embarking from or terminating in an airport located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, or Tripura or at Bagdogra located in West Bengal;
 - (b) a contract carriage for the transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire; or
 - (c) ropeway, cable car or aerial tramway;
- 24. Services by way of vehicle parking to general public excluding leasing of space to an entity for providing such parking facility;
- 25. Services provided to Government, a local authority or a governmental authority by way of -
 - (a) carrying out any activity in relation to any function ordinarily entrusted to a municipality in relation to water supply, public health, sanitation conservancy, solid waste management or slum improvement and upgradation; or
 - (b) repair or maintenance of a vessel or an aircraft;
- 26. Services of general insurance business provided under following schemes -
 - (a) Hut Insurance Scheme:
 - (b) Cattle Insurance under Swarnajaynti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (earlier known as Integrated Rural Development Programme);
 - (c) Scheme for Insurance of Tribals;

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- (d) Janata Personal Accident Policy and Gramin Accident Policy;
- (e) Group Personal Accident Policy for Self-Employed Women;
- (f) Agricultural Pumpset and Failed Well Insurance;
- (g) premia collected on export credit insurance;
- (h) Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme or the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, approved by the Government of India and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (i) Jan Arogya Bima Policy;
- (j) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana);
- (k) Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance;
- (l) Central Sector Scheme on Cattle Insurance;
- (m) Universal Health Insurance Scheme;
- (n) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana; or
- (o) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme;
- 27. Services provided by an incubatee up to a total turnover of fifty lakh rupees in a financial year subject to the following conditions, namely:-
 - (a) the total turnover had not exceeded fifty lakh rupees during the preceding financial year; and
 - (b) a period of three years has not been elapsed from the date of entering into an agreement as an incubatee;
- 28. Service by an unincorporated body or a non- profit entity registered under any law for the time being in force, to its own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution -
 - (a) as a trade union;
 - (b) for the provision of carrying out any activity which is exempt from the levy of service tax; or
 - (c) up to an amount of five thousand rupees per month per member for sourcing of goods or services from a third person for the common use of its members in a housing society or a residential complex;
- 29. Services by the following persons in respective capacities -
 - (a) sub-broker or an authorised person to a stock broker;
 - (b) authorised person to a member of a commodity exchange;
 - (c) mutual fund agent to a mutual fund or asset management company;
 - (d) distributor to a mutual fund or asset management company;
 - (e) selling or marketing agent of lottery tickets to a distributer or a selling agent;
 - (f) selling agent or a distributer of SIM cards or recharge coupon vouchers;
 - (g) business facilitator or a business correspondent to a banking company or an insurance company, in a rural area; or
 - (h) sub-contractor providing services by way of works contract to another contractor providing works contract services which are exempt;
- 30. Carrying out an intermediate production process as job work in relation to -
 - (a) agriculture, printing or textile processing;
 - (b) cut and polished diamonds and gemstones; or plain and studded jewellery of gold and other precious metals, falling under Chapter 71 of the Central Excise Tariff Act ,1985 (5 of 1986);
 - (c) any goods on which appropriate duty is payable by the principal manufacturer; or
 - (d) processes of electroplating, zinc plating, anodizing, heat treatment, powder coating, painting including spray painting or auto black, during the course of manufacture of parts of cycles or sewing machines upto an aggregate value of

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taxable service of the specified processes of one hundred and fifty lakh rupees in a financial year subject to the condition that such aggregate value had not exceeded one hundred and fifty lakh rupees during the preceding financial year;

- 31. Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India;
- 32. Services by way of making telephone calls from -
 - (a) departmentally run public telephone;
 - (b) guaranteed public telephone operating only for local calls; or
 - (c) free telephone at airport and hospital where no bills are being issued;
- 33. Services by way of slaughtering of bovine animals;
- 34. Services received from a provider of service located in a non-taxable territory by -
 - (a) Government, a local authority, a governmental authority or an individual in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession;
 - (b) an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) for the purposes of providing charitable activities; or
 - (c) a person located in a non-taxable territory;
- 35. Services of public libraries by way of lending of books, publications or any other knowledge- enhancing content or material;
- 36. Services by Employees' State Insurance Corporation to persons governed under the Employees' Insurance Act, 1948 (34 of 1948);
- 37. Services by way of transfer of a going concern, as a whole or an independent part thereof;
- 38. Services by way of public conveniences such as provision of facilities of bathroom, washrooms, lavatories, urinal or toilets
- 39. Services by a governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a municipality under article 243 W of the Constitution.

Table C – Abatements under Services Tax (i.e. Partial Exemption from Service Tax)

Sl. No.	Description of taxable service	Taxable Percent- age	Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Services in relation to financial leasing including hire purchase	10	Nil.
2	Transport of goods by rail	30	Nil.
3	Transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings by rail	30	Nil.



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4	Bundled service by way of supply of food or any other article of human consumption or any drink, in a premises (including hotel, convention center, club, pandal, shamiana or any other place, specially arranged for organizing a function) together with renting of such premises	70	(i) CENVAT credit on any goods classifiable under Chapters 1 to 22 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986) used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004.
5	Transport of passengers by air, with or without accompanied belongings	40	CENVAT credit on inputs and capital goods, used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004.
6	Renting of hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes.	60	Same as above.
7	Services of goods transport agency in relation to transportation of goods.	25	CENVAT credit on inputs, capital goods and input services, used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004.
8	Services provided in relation to chit	70	Same as above.
9	Renting of any motor vehicle designed to carry passengers	40	Same as above.
10	Transport of goods in a vessel	50	Same as above.
11	Services by a tour operator in relation to,- (i) a package tour	25	(i) CENVAT credit on inputs, capital goods and input services, used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004. (ii) The bill issued for this purpose indicates that it is inclusive of charges for such a tour.
	(ii) a tour, if the tour operator is providing services solely of arranging or booking accommodation for any person in relation to a tour	10	(i) CENVAT credit on inputs, capital goods and input services, used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004.(ii) The invoice, bill or challan issued indicates that it is towards the charges for



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			such accommodation. (iii) This exemption shall not apply in such cases where the invoice, bill or challan issued by the tour operator, in relation to a tour, only includes the service charges for arranging or booking accommodation for any person and does not include the cost of such accommodation.
	(iii) any services other than specified at (i) and (ii) above.	40	(i) CENVAT credit on inputs, capital goods and input services, used for providing the taxable service, has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004. (ii) The bill issued indicates that the amount charged in the bill is the gross amount charged for such a tour.
12.	Construction of a complex, building, civil structure or a part thereof, intended for a sale to a buyer, wholly or partly except where entire consideration is received after issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority	25	(i) CENVAT credit on inputs used for providing the taxable service has not been taken under the provisions of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004. (ii)The value of land is included in the amount charged from the service receiver.

Table D – Reverse Charge Mechnism			
Sl.No.	Description of a service	Percentage of service tax payable by the person providing service	Percentage of service tax payable by the person receiving the service
1	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by an insurance agent to any person carrying on insurance business	Nil	100%
2	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by a goods transport agency in respect of transportation of goods by road	Nil	100%
3	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by way of sponsorship	Nil	100%
4	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by an arbitral tribunal	Nil	100%



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5	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by individual advocate or a firm of advocates by way of legal services	Nil	100%
6	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by Government or local authority by way of support services excluding,— (1) renting of immovable property, and (2) services specified in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of clause (a) of section 66D of the Finance Act,1994	Nil	100%
7	(a) in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by way of renting of a motor vehicle designed to carry passengers on abated value to any person who is not engaged in the similar line of business	Nil	100 %
	(b) in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by way of renting of a motor vehicle designed to carry passengers on non abated value to any person who is not engaged in the similar line of business	60%	40%
8.	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided by way of supply of manpower for any purpose	25%	75 %
9.	in respect of services provided or agreed to be provided in service portion in execution of works contract	50%	50%
10	in respect of any taxable services provided or agreed to be provided by any person who is located in a non-taxable territory and received by any person located in the taxable territory	Nil	100%