

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is the difference between 'Form 16A' (Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) certificate) and 'Interest and TDS statement'?**
 - 'Form 16A' is a certificate which can be downloaded from the Centralised Processing Cell (CPC) of Income Tax Department Network (website) after the bank updates all details on the e-filing website. This certificate is required by your Chartered Accountant (CA)/ Income Tax (IT) consultant for filing your IT return
 - 'Interest and TDS statement' is a statement generated by ICICI Bank, containing details of your branch, deposit account number, interest paid and TDS deducted (other banks may not do this) to help you understand the Form 16A.
2. **Why are multiple Interest and TDS statements attached?**
 - If you hold deposit accounts with different Customer IDs, separate Interest and TDS statements will be provided for separate Customer IDs.
3. **Is this my annual certificate?**
 - No, it is a quarterly certificate. As per IT guidelines, TDS certificate has to be issued on a quarterly basis.
4. **Why is the address not matching in Interest and TDS statement and Form 16A?**
 - The Interest and TDS statement is generated by the bank. It contains the updated communication address as per the bank's records
 - Form 16A is generated by CPC of Income Tax Department Network (website) and contains the address that has been provided by you updated in the IT records
 - Please ensure that you update your current address in the IT records to get the correct address on Form 16A (TDS certificate).

If you are a Resident Indian: As per Section 194A of the IT Act, 1961, TDS is not applicable on interest if the total interest earned is Rs 10,000 or less in the financial year. However, as per Budget 2018, the limit has been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000 for senior citizens.

If you are a Non-Resident Indian (NRI): As per Section 195 of the IT Act, 1961, TDS is applicable on any amount of interest paid or credited to an NRI. In this respect, tax will be applicable on interest paid on NRO Accounts. However, interest in respect of Foreign Currency Non-Repatriable (FCNR) and NRE Accounts are exempt from TDS.

As per Budget 2018, education cess and secondary education cess have been abolished and replaced with the health and education cess at 4% of income tax. Hence, the TDS rate has been revised to 31.20% from 30.90% with effect from April 01, 2018.

Further, surcharge is applicable if the total interest income exceeds Rs 50,00,000 as per prevailing guidelines.

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