INCOME-TAX ACT (1961) Section 80E – Deduction in respect of interest on loan taken for higher education (1) In computing the total income of an assessee, being an individual, there shall be deducted, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this section, any amount paid by him, out of his income chargeable to tax, by way of interest on a loan taken from any financial institution or approved charitable institution for the purpose of pursuing his higher education or that of a relative. (2) The deduction shall be allowed in the initial assessment year and seven assessment years immediately succeeding it, or until the interest is paid in full, whichever is earlier.