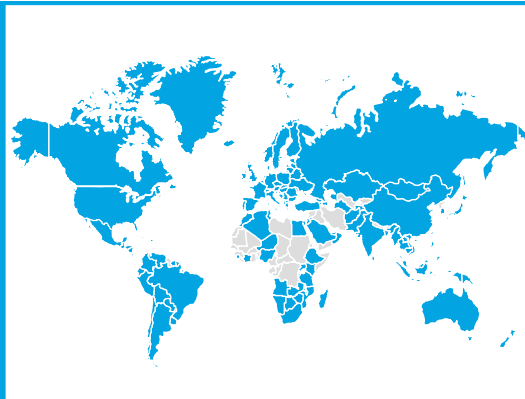


EXPATRIATES

India

Tax facts for international assignees



INCOME TAX: WHO IS LIABLE/RESIDENCY

Residential Status

In India, the tax year i.e. the Financial Year (FY) runs from April 1st to March 31st. The income for a particular FY is assessed in the subsequent tax year referred as Assessment Year (AY); for instance, AY 2021-2022 for FY 2020-21. The liability to tax depends on residential status of an assignee during a tax year.

The residential status is divided into three categories - namely Resident and Ordinarily Resident (ROR), Resident but Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) and Non-resident (NR).

The residential status is determined each year based on physical stay of assignee in India during a FY.

BASIC CONDITIONS:

Conditions	Cumulative days of stay in India
Indian citizen leaving India during tax year: • as a crew member of Indian ship; or • for employment purposes	182 in current FY
Indian citizen or PIO being outside India comes on a visit to India, having total income (other than foreign sourced income) more than INR 15,00,000 during the FY	120 in current FY and 365 in preceding 4 FYs
Indian citizen having income (other than foreign sourced income) more than INR 15,00,000 during the FY and not 'liable to tax' in another country/jurisdiction	182 in current FY and 365 in preceding 4 FYs
Other cases (including Indian citizen and 'liable to tax' in another country/jurisdiction)	182 in current FY OR 60 in current FY and 365 in preceding 4 FYs
Foreign citizen	182 in current FY OR 60 in current FY and 365 in preceding 4 FYs

In case an individual fulfils any of the said conditions, the individual shall qualify as a 'Resident'. Otherwise, the individual shall qualify as a NR.

An individual is considered as **RNOR** if any of the below additional conditions are fulfilled:

- The individual qualified as a NR in India in 7 out of 10 previous FYs preceding current FY.
- The cumulative days of stay in India of the individual is 729 days or less during 7 FYs preceding current FY.
- Indian citizen or PIO being outside India who comes on a visit to India, having total income (other than foreign sourced income) more than INR 15,00,000 during the FY and qualifying as a 'Resident' in India.
- Indian citizen having income (other than foreign sourced income) more than INR 15,00,000 during the FY and not 'liable to tax' in another country/jurisdiction and thereby qualifying as a 'Resident' in India.

If any of the aforesaid conditions is not fulfilled, then the individual shall qualify as a ROR.

Scope of Taxable Income

Depending upon the residential status as determined above, the taxation of income for an assignee would be as follows:

- ROR: Global income taxable in India
- NOR and NR: Income accrued / deemed to accrued in India (i.e. India-sourced income) or income received / deemed to be received in India.

BREAKING RESIDENCY - EXIT PROCEDURES

An outbound assignee, being a person domiciled in India is required to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Indian income-tax authorities before leaving India. At the time of departure from India, assignee may be required to produce/furnish NOC to the immigration authorities.

INCOME TAX RATES 2020-21

Existing tax regime and new tax regime would run in parallel. Individuals to elect the regime each FY. The new regime includes six different tax slabs and rates for the individual taxpayers who forgo certain deductions and exemptions which were available in the existing tax regime. Further, the individual taxpayer is given the option to either participate in the new tax regime (lower tax rates without deductions/exemptions) or continue in the existing tax regime (current tax rates with all applicable deductions/exemptions).

Taxable income (INR) for individual below 60 years	Tax Rates	
	Current regime	New tax regime
Up to 250,000	Nil	Nil
250,001 - 500,000	5%	5%
500,001 - 750,000	20%	10%
750,001 - 1,000,000	20%	15%
1,000,001 - 1,250,000	30%	20%
1,250,001 - 1,500,000	30%	25%
Above 15,00,000	30%	30%

Taxable Income (INR)	INR 5,000,000 - INR 10,000,000	INR 10,000,001 - INR 20,000,000	INR 20,000,001 - INR 50,000,000	Exceeding INR 50,000,000
Surcharge rate	10%	15%	25%	37%

Health and Education Cess @ 4% is levied on Tax and surcharge.

SOCIAL TAX RATES 2020-21

An assignee, holding a foreign country passport and coming to India to work for an Indian establishment (to which Provident Fund Act applies), is required to contribute to Social Security Scheme (Employee Provident Fund and Pension Scheme) in India. The contribution is @ 12% of basic pay and certain other allowances. The employer shall make a matching contribution to the scheme. Owing to COVID-19, it has been notified that organizations may opt to reduce the Provident Fund contribution rate for employer/employee/both from 12% to 10% for salary months of May, June and July 2020.

Exclusion has been provided to assignee coming from a country with which India has an effective Social Security Agreement and is contributing to the home country social security scheme. For availing such exclusion, assignee has to obtain a Certificate of Coverage from home country.

Owing to COVID-19 there may be certain measures that may be introduced in future; thereby this document may undergo change.

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