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## PGD-GST

**Post Graduate Diploma in Goods  
and Services Taxation  
(Recognised by Govt of Kerala)**

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# Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation

Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), formerly Centre for Taxation Studies (CTS) established in 1992, is an autonomous institution of Government of Kerala. In 2009, with the financial support from Government of India, Government of Kerala upgraded and renamed CTS as GIFT in memory of the renowned economist late Professor I.S. Gulati, who was closely associated with the Government of Kerala notably as Vice-chairman, Kerala State Planning Board.

The Chairperson of the Institute's Governing Body is the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Kerala and its members include senior administrators from the State and Central Government, eminent economists, noted legal and management experts.

Affiliated to the Cochin University of Science and Technology for its PhD Program, GIFT is engaged in teaching, training, consultancy and research on issues related to Public Finance, Taxation, Law, Accounting, Management and Governance. While its empirically based and theoretically informed research serves an input for policy making at the regional and national level, its consultancy services are availed by various government departments, public enterprises and corporates.

GIFT influences policy formulation, apart from its research, by serving as a platform for deliberating on issues of contemporary relevance at the national and regional level by bringing together different stakeholders. The institute brings out its research output in the form of discussion papers/working papers, monographs and research reports. The monthly law journal - Kerala Tax Reporter (KTR) published since the inception of the institute (1992) is a much-acclaimed journal by jurists, tax practitioners and legal experts. GIFT is also bringing out a Quarterly Journal 'Kerala Economy' from September 2020. It focuses on the analytical research of current data and information of the various facets/sectors of the economy and public finance of Kerala.

The institute has been offering a diploma program, Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation (PGDT), since 1993 which enabled the diploma holders to enrol as Sales Tax/Value Added Tax Practitioners in Kerala. In 2004 another program, Diploma in Sales Taxation (DST), was launched to equip small traders, entrepreneurs and accountants with practical knowledge in the areas of Sales Tax/VAT & Accounting.



# Post Graduate Diploma in Goods and Services Taxation

## 2.1 Introduction

With the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India, finance and taxation are two domains that offer immense career opportunities both in public and private sector in the areas of law, accounting and management. Taking this in view, GIFT launched the Post Graduate Diploma in Goods and Services Taxation (PGD-GST) in 2018. The program is designed to cater to the ever-growing demand from trade and industry for competent and skilled GST professionals like tax practitioners, accountants, and legal consultants. Unlike conventional academic courses offered by Universities, PGD-GST focuses on imparting practical skills through training the learners on all aspects of GST laws, procedures & accounting. This course enables the participants to acquire professional skills in GST which have high demand in trade and industry.

## 2.2 Course Vision

The PGD-GST program envisages to help transforming GST into 'Good and Simple Tax' for all concerned as articulated by the Government of India and State Governments by creating a highly accomplished and accountable tax professionals who help industry and business to complying with the tax system while ensuring the timely collection of the tax by the government.

## 2.3 Duration

The Course PGD-GST is of one-year duration and will be imparted through training programme of 180 hours (for details refer 2.4) covering theoretical and practical aspects of GST. The curriculum of the course consists of five papers (for syllabus refer 4). The study materials will be provided. The medium of instruction and examination will be English.

## 2.4 180-Hours Training Programme

The 180-hour training programmes will be conducted through hybrid mode. The classes are structured to accommodate the convenience of students pursuing other courses and professionals from diverse backgrounds across the State. Most sessions will be conducted online, while select lectures will be offered in a hybrid format to facilitate both virtual and in-person participation. Soft copies of the study materials will be made available to the students.

The training will consist of theoretical and practical sessions with the aid of simulated software to equip the students to understand and comply with various provisions in the CGST/SGST/IGST Acts, Rules & Forms and Accounting. A minimum attendance of 75 per cent is mandatory to complete the training programme. Training Certificate will be issued to students only on the completion of the Assignments provided through the Software.

## 2.5 Hands on Training through Simulated Platform

For an effective bridging between theory and practice, the training programme also offers the students to practice statutory filings in a realistic, simulated environment. Through the simulated website, the programme will provide a platform for the effective learning of the important GST Filings such as TRN generation in GST, GST Registration, E-filing of GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, CMP-08, E-Way Bill generation, Nil Return.

## 2.6 Minimum Qualification

Graduate – General (B. Com, BBA, BSc, BA or equivalent) OR

Graduate - Law (LLB, BL or equivalent) OR

CA/CMA/CS (Intermediate/Final) OR

Post- Graduate – (M. Com, MBA, MSc, MA or equivalent) OR

Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation (PGDT) of CTS/GIFT

There is no age limit for joining this course. Students pursuing final year degree or expecting their results for degree examination can also join PGD-GST. Such students will be permitted to write the examination only after submitting their provisional degree certificate.

*Note: Graduates or postgraduates having degree in Commerce, Law, Banking including Higher Auditing, or Business Administration or Business Management from any Indian University or Foreign University recognized by any Indian University or passed in final examination of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Cost Accountant of India or Institute of Company Secretaries of India are eligible for enrolment as goods and service tax practitioner as per the Central GST Rules 2017/ Kerala GST Rules 2017 [ Rule 83(1) (o) (i) & (iv).*



### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Hands on Training through Simulated Platform
- Convenient Class Timings for Employees/Students
- Attractive Fee Concession for Various Categories

## 2.7 Fee Structure

**(i) If paid in lump sum** (only available for persons who are not eligible for fee concession under 2.8)

Fees	26000
Less - Discount for lumpsum payment	1000
Net Amount	25,000
Add 9% CGST & 9% SGST *	4500
<b>TOTAL (To be paid along with the application form)</b>	<b>29,500</b>

**(ii) If paid in three installments**

Fee (First Installment)	10000
Add 9% CGST & 9% SGST *	1800
<b>TOTAL (To be paid at the time of submitting the application form)</b>	<b>11800</b>

Fee (Second Installment)	9500
Add 9% CGST & 9% SGST *	1710
<b>TOTAL (To be paid three months after admission)</b>	<b>11210</b>

Fee (Third Installment)	6500
Add 9% CGST & 9% SGST *	1170
<b>TOTAL (To be paid six months after admission)</b>	<b>7670</b>

# For Fees Concession Refer 2.8

\*CGST: Central GST; SGST: State GST

**Fees once paid will not be refunded**

**2.8 Fees Concession**

The following category of applicants having required minimum qualification as per Para 2.5 can avail a fee concession of Rs. 7670 (Third Instalment).

Sl. No.	Category	Documents to be submitted
1.	Officials of Central/State Governments, Public sector undertakings, Autonomous bodies, Institutions etc.	Letter from the office concerned and Department Identity Card
2.	Students who have passed the PGDT Course of CTS/GIFT. They can also avail the exemptions of two subjects: Papers IV & V.	PGDT Diploma Certificate
3.	Students who have completed the PGDT Course of CTS/GIFT and have course completion certificate.	PGDT Course Completion Certificate
4.	Sales Tax Practitioner (STPs) who have undergone training at GIFT as per the G.O.(MS)No.209/2015/TD dated 27-11-2015 of Govt. of Kerala and obtained Photo- Identity card.	STPs – Photo ID Card
5.	Multi-level Marketing (MLM) Direct Sellers who have undergone training at GIFT as per the Clause 3 (VI) of circular 1871/C2/2014/TD dated 14-9-2015 of Government of Kerala.	MLM Training Certificate of GIFT
6.	All students studying in Colleges/Universities/Institutions.	Letter from the Head of the Institution/Principal
7.	Indians who worked at least 2 years in a foreign country and return after relinquishing their job	Passport, Visa/Job evidence
8.	Retired/VRS opted employees of central/state governments, public sector undertakings, semi-government, autonomous bodies	Proof of retirement/VRS
9.	Senior Citizens (Age 60 and above)	Proof of age
10.	Practicing Advocates	Enrollment details
11.	Audit/Account clerks and Interns who are practicing with CA, CS, Cost Accountants and Tax Practitioners	Letter from the respective firm with list of applicants
12.	Students recommended by Trade Associations, Tax Practitioners Associations and Tax Consultant   Associations	Letter from the respective Associations with list of students
13.	Those who have enrolled as GST Practitioners in the GST website	Proof of GST Practitioners Certificate obtained from GST department
14.	Unemployed/Job Seekers	Self- declaration

## 2.9 Submission of Application Form

Students with required minimum qualification should submit their application and remit the prescribed fees ONLINE only. For online application form follow PGD-GST link in GIFT website, [www.gift.res.in](http://www.gift.res.in)

## 2.10 Payment of Fee

All fees should be paid through NEFT, RTGS, Debit/ Credit Cards or NET Banking only. No fees will be collected in cash, by cheque or by demand draft.

## 2.11 Refund of Fee

Fees once paid will not be refunded. However, if the application is rejected by the Institute, the fees remitted will be refunded after deducting administrative charges as decided by the Institute.

## 2.12 Communication to Students

All communications to the students such as admission, dates & centres of training programmes and examinations will be communicated through SMS to their registered mobile number and email. All such information will be available in GIFT website and Google class room.

## 2.13 Registration Validity

Registration is valid for three academic years from the date of joining the course within which period the candidate should complete the course. Original Certificate(s) for eligibility should be produced for verification as and when called for.

**\* Do not send original certificates to GIFT**



# Examination

## 3.1 Schedule

The PGD-GST examination will be conducted during April/May every year. The examination centres are at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode.

## 3.2 Eligibility

Students pursuing the PGD-GST course are eligible to appear for the examination once they have obtained the Training Certificate. For obtaining the Training Certificate, the students have to complete their training programmes by fulfilling minimum attendance requirements (for details refer 2.4). Only those who have obtained Training Certificates are eligible to apply & appear for the examination.

## 3.3 Application

Application for examination must be made in the prescribed form along with the examination fee. The application, complete in every respect, should be submitted online. The details of the examination will be published in GIFT website and will be informed to students through their registered email and mobile number.

## 3.4 Fees

The examination fee is Rs. 1200 (inclusive of all taxes) irrespective of the number of papers the candidate wishes to appear for. The details regarding online application forms, payment procedures etc. will be informed to the students through our web site, and by SMS and email.

## 3.5 Qualifying Marks

A candidate shall be declared to have passed the PGD-GST examination only if she/he obtains 40% marks in each paper with aggregate 50% marks.

## 3.6 Results

Examination results will be published in GIFT website, Kerala Tax Reporter [KTR], Google classroom and major newspapers.

## 3.7 Revaluation

Revaluation of the examination papers is allowed. Application for Revaluation of answer sheets along with the required fees of Rs.500 (inclusive of all taxes) per paper should be submitted.

## 3.8 Issue of Certificates

Candidates who have passed the PGD-GST examination will be awarded Post Graduate Diploma Certificate in Goods and Services Taxation by GIFT.

# Syllabus

Paper No.	Paper (Subject)	Exam Duration (hours)	Total Marks
I	Goods and Services Tax :Law & Practice – 1 (Sections 1 to 21)	3	100
II	Goods and Services Tax :Law & Practice – II (Sections 22 to 174)	3	100
III	Integrated Goods and Services Tax : Law & Practice	3	100
IV	Economics of Taxation &General Laws of Taxation	3	100
V	Accounting & Management for GST	3	100

## Paper 1 Goods and Services Tax: Law & Practice – I

Central Goods and Services Tax, [CGST], State Goods and Services Tax [SGST] : Brief History - Constitutional Provisions - CGST & SGST : Definitions - Concept & Definition of Supply - Levy and Collection of Tax - Reverse Charge - Compounding Scheme - Exemption - Time of Supply - Value of Taxable Supply - Input Tax Credit - Schedules I, II & III

## Paper 2 Goods and Services Tax - Law & Practice - II

Registration - Tax Invoice - Credit and Debit Notes - Accounts and Records - Filing of Returns - Payment of Tax - Tax Deduction at Source - Tax Collection at Source - Refund Mechanism - Assessment - Audit - Anti-Evasion Measures - Demands and Recovery - Advance Ruling - Appeals and Revisions - Offences and Penalties - Miscellaneous Provisions

## Paper 3 Integrated Goods and Services Tax - Law & Practice

Background and Constitutional provisions - Definitions - Levy and collection of tax - Power to grant exemption - Determination of nature of supply - Place of supply of goods - Place of supply of services, where location of supplier and recipient is in India - Place of supply of services, where location of supplier or location of recipient is outside India - Special provision for payment of tax by supplier of online - information and Data base access or retrieval services - Zero rated Supply and Refund of IGST to International Tourists - Apportionment of tax and settlement of funds & wrongful collection and payment of tax - Application of provisions of CGST Act & Miscellaneous provisions

## Paper 4 Economics of Taxation and General Laws of Taxation

### Part- A: Economics of Taxation

Principles of Taxation - Tax Structure - Kinds of Taxes - Indian Tax Structure - Union and State - Theory of Tax Incidence/ Shifting - Goods and Services Taxation(GST) - Union and State Budgets- Public Expenditure & Debt - Centre-State Financial Relations & Finance Commissions

### Part-B:General Laws of Taxation

Constitutional Provisions - Interpretation of Statutes - General Clauses Act - Law Relating to Sale of Goods - Law of Contracts - Contract of Agency - The Constitution 101 Amendment Act, 2016

## Paper 5 Accounting and Management for GST

### Part-A: Accounting and Management

Business Transactions - Invoice & Vouchers - Double Entry Principle : Debit & Credit - Sub divisions of Journal – Books ofAccounts - Ledger – Bank Reconciliation Statement Accounting Errors & Rectifications - Trial Balance - Final Accounts – Manufacturing Account - Trading Account - Profit & Loss Account – Profit & LossAppropriation Account - Balance Sheet - Capital & Revenue – Accounts of Non-trading: concerns - Consignment Account - Computerized Accounting - Accounting under GST - Books & Registers under GST-Practical Problems-Management— Definitions - Function of Management- Decision Making - Leadership - Communication -Office Management - Role of Tax Practitioners

### Part-B: Statutory Forms

Statutory Forms – Registration – Tax Invoices - Registers etc. - Returns

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