

Goods and Service Tax (GST) Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1. What is GST?

Ans. GST is a destination based tax on consumption of goods and services. Only value addition will be taxed and burden of tax is to be borne by the final consumer.

Q 2. Which of the existing taxes are proposed to be subsumed under GST?

Ans. The GST would replace the following taxes:

Central Taxes	State Taxes
• Central Excise duty	• State VAT / Sales Tax
• Additional duties of excise	• Central Sales Tax
• Excise duty	• Purchase Tax
• Additional duties of customs (CVD & SAD)	• Entertainment Tax (other than those levied by local bodies)
• Service Tax	• Luxury Tax
• Surcharges & Cesses	• Entry Tax (All forms)
• Central Excise duty	• Taxes on lottery, betting & gambling

Q 3. What type of GST is proposed to be implemented?

Ans. It would be a dual GST with the Centre and States simultaneously levying it on a common tax base. The GST to be levied by the Centre on intra-State supply of goods and / or services would be called the Central GST (CGST) and that to be levied by the States/ Union territory would be called the State GST (SGST)/ UTGST. Similarly, Integrated GST (IGST) will be levied and administered by Centre on every inter-state supply of goods and services.

Q 4. What is the taxable event under GST?

Ans. Taxable event under GST is supply of goods or services or both. CGST and SGST/ UTGST will be levied on intra-State supplies. IGST will be levied on inter-State supplies.

Q 5. If a person is operating in different states, with the same PAN number, can they operate with a single Registration?

Ans. No. Every person who is liable to take a Registration will have to get registered separately for each of the States where they have a business operation and is liable to pay GST.

Q 6. Can a person having multiple business verticals in a state obtain different registrations?

Ans. Yes. A person having multiple business verticals in a State may obtain a separate registration for each business vertical, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

Q 7. Is there an option for a centralized registration for services under GST Law?

Ans. No, the tax payer has to take separate registration in every state from where he makes taxable supplies.

Q 8. What is GST Identification Number (GSTIN)?

Ans. All the business entities registering under GST will be provided a unique identification number known as GSTIN or GST Identification Number.

Q 9. What would be the structure of GSTIN?

Ans. GSTIN number would be 15 digit long,

- The first two digits of GSTIN will represent the state code
- The next ten digits of GSTIN will be the PAN number of the taxpayer.
- 13th digit indicates the number of registrations an entity has within a state for the same PAN.
- The fourteenth digit currently has no use and therefore will be “Z” by default.
- The last digit will be a check code which will be used for detection of errors.

Q.10 How do I provide my GSTIN ?

Ans. You can SMS your 8 digit MID number followed by your 15 digit GST number to us (we will shortly provide the number) or you can email the same to Merchantcare@icicims.com

Q11. I have multiple MIDs in multiple states; do I have to provide the GSTIN for each MID?

Ans. Yes, we require the GSTIN for each of your MIDs for respective states.

Q.12 I currently do not have a GSTIN. How will this impact me?

Ans. Without a GSTIN you will be unable to claim any GST tax input credit. Please note, that this credit cannot be claimed retrospectively as well.

Q13. How do I get a GSTIN for my business?

Ans. Please visit www.cbec.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/index to gain further insight into GST

Q14. How will GST be levied on my MID?

Ans. GST will be levied on your state provisional ID number (GSTIN) linked to your respective MID

Q.15 How can I get a list of all my MIDs?

Ans. Please speak with your relationship manager who can help you with obtaining the same or speak with our contact centre team