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## Key Amendments to Form 3CD under the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2025

Effective from April 1, 2025 • Applicable for Financial Year 2024-25 / Assessment Year 2025-26. This document presents a clause-wise comparative analysis of the recent amendments to Form 3CD introduced via the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2025. These changes are aimed at streamlining reporting processes, enhancing regulatory transparency, and aligning tax audit requirements with evolving legislative and compliance frameworks.

Clause No.	Earlier Requirement	Amendment for FY 2024-25 / AY 2025-26	Impact / Purpose
12 – Presumptive Taxation	Report presumptive income under Sections 44AD, 44ADA, 44AE, 44B, 44BBA, 44BBB, etc.	Added Section 44BBC for non-resident cruise ship operations – deems 20% of specified receipts as taxable income.	Simplifies compliance for non-resident cruise operators; avoids detailed expense/depreciation reporting.
19 – Deductions	Included deductions under Sections 35AC, 35AD, 35CCB (now obsolete).	Omitted these sections from reporting.	Removes expired provisions; reduces audit clutter.
21 – Legal Settlement Expenditure	No specific reporting for certain regulatory contravention settlements.	New reporting for expenses to settle proceedings under SEBI Act, Securities Contracts Regulation Act, Depositories Act, Competition Act – such expenses are non-deductible u/s 37(1).	Enhances transparency; aligns with judicial precedents.
22 – MSME Payments	Report inadmissible interest u/s 23 of MSMED Act.	Expanded to include total dues to MSMEs, classification of payments within/beyond due dates (15/45 days), aligning with Section 43B(h).	Strengthens monitoring of MSME payment timelines; enforces timely settlement.

26 – Section 43B	Used term 'allowed' for liabilities deductible on payment basis.	Changed to 'allowable'.	Clarifies that deduction is eligible only on actual payment, avoiding misinterpretation.
28 – Share Receipt (Sec 56(2)(viia))	Report receipt of shares (closely held) without or for inadequate consideration.	Omitted.	Aligns with repeal of Section 56(2)(viia); reduces compliance burden.
29 – Share Issue Premium (Sec 56(2)(viib))	Report issue of shares above FMV.	Omitted.	Reduces burden on startups/investment transactions; aligns with Angel Tax restructuring.
31 – Loans & Deposits	General disclosure of loan/deposit transactions.	Introduced 12-category coding (A–L) for cash, cheque, transfer, conversion, journal, other modes – with payment/receipt and asset/liability bifurcation.	Enables advanced analytics; improves audit trail.
36B – Buyback Transactions	No specific clause for buybacks under Sec 2(22)(f).	New disclosure for share buyback amounts & cost of acquisition; aligns with Sec 115QA buyback tax compliance.	Prevents disguised dividends; improves monitoring of corporate restructuring.