

Sl. No.	Issue	Clarification
3.	Is the RWA entitled to take input tax credit of GST paid on input and services used by it for making supplies to its members and use such ITC for discharge of GST liability on such supplies where the amount charged for such supplies is more than ₹ 7,500/- per month per member?	RWAs are entitled to take ITC of GST paid by them on capital goods (generators, water pumps, lawn furniture etc.), goods (taps, pipes, other sanitary/hardware fillings etc.) and input services such as repair and maintenance services.
4.	Where a person owns two or more flats in the housing society or residential complex, whether the ceiling of ₹ 7500/- per month per member on the maintenance for the exemption to be available shall be applied per residential apartment or per person?	As per general business sense, a person who owns two or more residential apartments in a housing society or a residential complex shall normally be a member of the RWA for each residential apartment owned by him separately. The ceiling of ₹ 7500/- per month per member shall be applied separately for each residential apartment owned by him. For example, if a person owns two residential apartments in a residential complex and pays ₹ 15000/- per month as maintenance charges towards maintenance of each apartment to the RWA (₹ 7500/- per month in respect of each residential apartment), the exemption from GST shall be available to each apartment.
5.	How should the RWA calculate GST payable where the maintenance charges exceed ₹ 7500/- per month per member? Is the GST payable only on the amount exceeding ₹ 7500/- or on the entire amount of maintenance charges?	The exemption from GST on maintenance charges charged by a RWA from residents is available only if such charges do not exceed ₹ 7500/- per month per member. In case the charges exceed ₹ 7500/- per month per member, the entire amount is taxable. For example, if the maintenance charges are ₹ 9000/- per month per member, GST @18% shall be payable on the entire amount of ₹ 9000/- and not on [₹ 9000 - ₹ 7500] = ₹ 1500/-.

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Eligibility to file a refund application in FORM GST RFD-01 for a period and category under which a NIL refund application has already been filed

Circular No. 110/29/2019 - GST

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Several registered persons have inadvertently filed a NIL refund claim for a certain period under a particular category on the common portal in **FORM GST RFD-01A/RFD-01** in spite of the fact that they had a genuine claim for refund for that period under the said category.

Once a NIL refund claim is filed, the common portal does not allow the registered person to re-file the refund claim for that period under the said category. Representations have been received requesting that registered persons may be allowed to re-file the refund claim for the period and the category under which the NIL claim has inadvertently been filed. The matter has been examined and in order to clarify this issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues raised as below:

2. Whenever a registered person proceeds to claim refund in **FORM GST RFD-01A/RFD-01** under a category for a particular period on the common portal, the system pops up a message box asking whether he wants to apply for 'NIL' refund for the selected period. This is to ensure that all refund applications under a particular category are filed chronologically. However, certain registered persons may have inadvertently opted for filing of 'NIL' refund. Once a 'NIL' refund claim has been filed for a period under a particular category, the common portal does not allow the registered person to re-file the refund claim for that period under the said category.

3. It is now **clarified** that a registered person who has filed a NIL refund claim in **FORM GST RFD-01A/RFD-01** for a given period under a particular category, may again apply for refund for the said period under the same category only if he satisfies the following two conditions:

- a. The registered person must have filed a NIL refund claim in **FORM GST RFD-01A/RFD-01** for a certain period under a particular category; and
- b. No refund claims in **FORM GST RFD-01A/RFD-01** must have been filed by the registered person under the same category for any subsequent period.

It may be noted that condition (b) shall apply only for refund claims falling under the following categories:

- i. Refund of unutilized input tax credit (ITC) on account of exports without payment of tax;
- ii. Refund of unutilized ITC on account of supplies made to SEZ Unit/SEZ Developer without payment of tax;
- iii. Refund of unutilized ITC on account of accumulation due to inverted tax structure;

In all other cases, registered persons shall be allowed to re-apply even if the condition (b) is not satisfied

4. Registered persons satisfying the above conditions may file the refund claim under "Any Other" category instead of the category under which the NIL refund claim has already been filed. However, the refund claim should pertain to the same period for which the NIL application was filed. The application under the "Any Other" category shall also be accompanied by all the supporting documents which would be required to be otherwise submitted with the refund claim.

5. On receipt of the claim, the proper officer shall calculate the admissible refund amount as per the applicable rules and in the manner detailed in para 3 of Circular No.59/33/2018- GST dated 04.09.2018, wherever applicable. Further, upon scrutiny of the application for completeness and eligibility, if the proper officer is satisfied that the whole or any part of the amount claimed is payable as refund, he shall request the taxpayer in writing, if required, to debit the said amount from his electronic credit ledger through **FORM GST DRC-03**. Once

the proof of such debit is received by the proper officer, he shall proceed to issue the refund order in FORM GST RFD-06 and the payment order in FORM GST RFD-05.

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Procedure to claim refund in FORM GST RFD-01 subsequent to favourable order in appeal or any other forum - GST

Circular No. 111/30/2019 - GST

3rd October, 2019

Doubts have been raised on the procedure to be followed by a registered person to claim refund subsequent to a favourable order in appeal or any other forum against rejection of a refund claim in FORM GST RFD-06. The matter has been examined and in order to clarify this issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues raised as below:

2. Appeals against rejection of refund claims are being disposed offline as the electronic module for the same is yet to be made operational. As per rule 93 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Rules"), where an appeal is filed against the rejection of a refund claim, re-crediting of the amount debited from the electronic credit ledger, if any, is not done till the appeal is finally rejected. Therefore, such rejected amount remains debited in respect of the particular refund claim filed in **FORM GST RFD-01**.

3. In case a favourable order is received by a registered person in appeal or in any other forum in respect of a refund claim rejected through issuance of an order in FORM GST RFD-06, the registered person would file a fresh refund application under the category "Refund on account of assessment/provisional assessment/appeal/any other order" claiming refund of the amount allowed in appeal or any other forum. Since the amount debited, if any, at the time of filing of the refund application was not re-credited, the registered person shall not be required to debit the said amount again from his electronic credit ledger at the time of filing of the fresh refund application under the category "Refund on account of assessment/provisional assessment/appeal/any other order". The registered person shall be required to give details of the type of the Order (appeal/any other order), Order No., Order date and the Order Issuing Authority. The registered person would also be required to upload a copy of the order of the Appellate or other authority, copy of the refund rejection order in FORM GST RFD 06 issued by the proper officer or such other order against which appeal has been preferred and other related documents.

4. Upon receipt of the application for refund under the category "Refund on account of assessment/provisional assessment/appeal/any other order" the proper officer would sanction the amount of refund as allowed in appeal or in subsequent forum which was originally rejected and shall make an order in FORM GST RFD 06 and issue payment order in FORM GST RFD 05 accordingly. The proper officer disposing the application for refund under the category "Refund on account of assessment/provisional assessment/appeal/any other order" shall also ensure re-credit of any amount which remains rejected in the order