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Your Money & COVID-19

A Ready Reckoner

From making tax investments to paying insurance premiums, keep this handy guide with you to navigate your finances



Taxation

Make tax-saving investments for 2019-20 up to June 30 now

- You have time till June 30 to link your Aadhaar with PAN
- Forms 15G/H now valid till June 30



Loans

Borrowers are permitted to defer their March, April and May EMI payments. Retail loans and credit card payments are also covered.



National Pension System (NPS)

Partial withdrawal allowed for COVID treatment

Now withdraw from the NPS for COVID-19 treatment of self, children, spouse and dependent parents. Up to 25 % of your contribution can be withdrawn, provided your account is at least three years old.

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Small-saving schemes

Extension of investment deadline

- Make investments in small-saving schemes such as the public provident fund and Sukanya Samridhi for 2019-20, up to June 30.
- No revival fee/penalty to be levied until then.

Investments

SEBI extends time limit for <u>resolving investor</u> requests by 39 days

- Invest in liquid and overnight funds by 12:30 pm now, to get the same day's NAV.
 For redemptions, the cut-off time is now 1 pm.
- For all other schemes, invest before 1 pm for the same day's NAV. Redemption cut-off is now 1 pm.
- As per communication from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), the revised cutoff timings will be applicable till 30 April, 2020.



Employees' Provident Fund (EPF)

Partial withdrawal from the EPF now allowed; up to 75% of EPF balanced or three months' basic wages permitted, whichever is less

Insurance

Life insurance: Additional 30-day grace period made available for policy renewals due in March and April.

- Is your ULIP maturing before May 31,2020? You can take your maturity proceeds in a staggered way.
- Motor insurance: Pay insurance premiums for third-party liability policies till May 15, towards renewals due between March 25 and May 3.
 Own damage covers not eligible for extension.
- Health insurance: For policies that are up for renewals between March 25 and May 3, you can pay your premiums up to May 15.
- Insurers to <u>ensure pre-authorisation</u> issuance for COVID-19 claims in 24 hours.
- Decision on cashless treatment authorisation to be conveyed to hospitals within two hours of receiving the request
- Decision on final discharge to be communicated within two hours of final bill receipt.

