

NDA Update on archival of GST Returns Data

GSTN has issued an advisory on 24.09. 2024 stating that **data in GST portal will only be retained for 7 years**. Thereafter archival of the data will be done by the department and the data of returns etc will no longer be available at the GST portal.

Accordingly, archival of returns has already begun with data of July 2017 being archived on 01-08-2024 and so on. The data for September 2017 shall be archived on 01-10-2024.

Since these data are very important and may be required for future reference during any assessment or other proceedings, we suggest that data of returns should be downloaded for future reference before it is archived.

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Archival of GST Returns data on GST portal

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1. Section 39 (11) of the CGST Act, 2017 , implemented w.e.f 01-10-2023 vide Notification No. 28/2023 – Central Tax dated 31th July, 2023, provides that the taxpayers shall not be allowed file their GST returns after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return.
2. Further, as per GST portal data policy, data for view of taxpayer to be retained for seven years only. Therefore, the same data policy is being implemented on the GST portal. Thus, return data will not be available to view beyond 7 years for taxpayers.
3. Accordingly, on 01st August 2024 return filed for July 2017 has been archived and on 01st September 2024, data for August 2017 has been archived. Further, this data archival is going to be a monthly activity hence on 01st October, 2024 data of September 2017 shall be taken down from the GST portal and so on so forth.
4. Hence, hereby the taxpayers are advised to download their relevant data from the GST portal for any future reference, if required.

Thanks,
Team GSTN

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