

Value Added Tax Act, 2003

Section 31 - Accounts

(1) Every registered dealer and every dealer liable to pay tax under this Act shall keep and maintain a true and correct account, in Kannada or English or Hindi or in such other language as the Government may, by notification, specify, of all his purchases, receipts, sales, other disposals, production, manufacture and stock showing the values of goods subject to each rate of tax under this Act including input tax paid and output tax payable.

(2) If the Commissioner or prescribed authority is of the opinion that the accounts kept and maintained by any dealer or any class of dealers do not sufficiently enable him or it to verify the returns required under this Act or to make any assessment under it, he or it may, by order, require any dealer or class of dealers, to keep such accounts and records including tax invoices of manufacture, sales, purchases, disposals or transfers of stock other than by way of sales in such form and in such manner as he or it may direct.

(3) If the Commissioner considers that any class of dealers is not in a position to keep and maintain accounts in accordance with the provisions of this Section, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, permit such class of dealers to maintain accounts in the prescribed manner.

(4) Every dealer whose taxable turnover in a year exceeds twenty five lakh rupees shall have his accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant or a Tax Practitioner subject to such conditions and such limits as may be prescribed and shall submit to the prescribed authority a copy of the audited statement of accounts and prescribed documents in the prescribed manner.
