The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** has extended the validity of the **Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme (CCFS)** from **15 July 2026 to 31 August 2026**.

Key Highlights:

- CCFS was introduced to provide companies with an opportunity to **complete pending statutory filings and achieve regulatory compliance**.
- The scheme was originally scheduled to end on **15 July 2026**.
- MCA has extended the deadline until **31 August 2026** due to **capacity enhancement and restoration activities at the MCA data centre**, undertaken following the **fire accident on 5 June 2026**.
- The extension gives companies additional time to regularize filing defaults and complete overdue compliances without losing the benefits available under the scheme.

Key Takeaway

Companies that have pending MCA filings now have an **extended window until 31 August 2026** to complete their statutory compliances under the CCFS. The extension aims to mitigate difficulties faced by stakeholders due to the data centre disruption and ensure smoother compliance filing processes.

Benefits Available Under the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme (CCFS-2026)

The **CCFS-2026** is a one-time MCA compliance relief scheme aimed at helping companies regularize pending ROC filings at significantly reduced costs.

1. Massive Relief in Additional Filing Fees

Companies can complete pending annual filings by paying:

- **Normal filing fees**, plus
- Only **10% of the additional fees** otherwise payable for delayed filings.

This effectively provides a **90% waiver of additional fees**, resulting in substantial savings for companies with long-standing filing defaults.

2. Reduced Cost for Obtaining Dormant Status

Inactive companies wishing to continue their legal existence can apply for **Dormant Company** status under Section 455 by filing Form MSC-1 and paying only **50% of the normal filing fee**.

Benefits of Dormant Status:

- Company remains legally registered.
- Minimal compliance requirements.
- Useful for promoters intending to revive the business in the future.

3. Reduced Fee for Strike-Off

Companies that are no longer operational can apply for voluntary closure through **Form STK-2** by paying only **25% of the prescribed filing fee**.

Benefits:

- Cost-effective exit route.
- Removal of inactive entities from MCA records.
- Avoidance of future compliance obligations.

4. Opportunity to Regularize Compliance

The scheme enables companies to:

- File overdue Annual Returns (MGT-7/MGT-7A).

- File overdue Financial Statements (AOC-4 and variants).
- Update MCA records.
- Restore compliance status with the Registrar of Companies (ROC).

5. Avoid Future Penal Proceedings

Companies that do not avail themselves of the scheme may face:

- Adjudication proceedings,
- Monetary penalties,
- Other enforcement actions under the Companies Act, 2013.

Key Takeaway

For defaulting companies, **CCFS-2026 provides a golden opportunity to become compliant at a fraction of the normal cost**, with:

- **90% reduction in additional filing fees**,
- **50% fee concession for dormant status**, and
- **75% concession for strike-off applications**.

Further, the MCA has now **extended the scheme up to 31 August 2026**, giving companies additional time to avail these benefits

Who is Eligible for CCFS-2026 Benefits?

The **Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026)** is available to companies that have pending statutory filings and wish to regularize their compliance status with the Registrar of Companies (ROC).

Eligible Companies

The following entities can avail the benefits of CCFS-2026:

- Companies having **pending Annual Returns** and/or **Financial Statements** yet to be filed with ROC.
- **Private Limited Companies**, **Public Limited Companies**, **One Person Companies (OPCs)**, **Small Companies**, **MSMEs**, and other companies registered under the Companies Act.
- **Inactive companies** that wish to obtain **Dormant Company** status under Section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Companies intending to apply for **voluntary strike-off** through Form STK-2.
- Companies with pending filings under both the **Companies Act, 2013** and certain specified forms under the **Companies Act, 1956**.

Companies Not Eligible

The scheme does **not** apply to:

- Companies that have already received a **final notice for strike-off under Section 248**.
- Companies that have already filed an application for **strike-off** before availing the scheme.
- Companies that have already applied for **Dormant Status** before the scheme period.
- **Amalgamated or dissolved companies**.
- **Vanishing companies** identified by regulatory authorities.

Practical View

A company that has not filed **AOC-4**, **MGT-7/MGT-7A**, **ADT-1**, or other covered annual compliance forms for one or more years can generally avail the scheme and obtain substantial fee concessions, provided it is not covered by the exclusion categories.

Important Deadline

The MCA has extended the validity of **CCFS-2026 up to 31 August 2026**, providing additional time for eligible companies to complete filings, apply for dormant status, or seek strike-off under the concessional framework.