

TDS Return Agent

User Manual — Version 2.0

26Q Non-Salary TDS Return Filing · IT Act 2025 · FVU v9.4

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IT Act 2025 Ready

FVU 9.4 Compatible

Multi-Quarter Filing

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What's New in Version 2.0

Multi-Year / Multi-Quarter Filing

File any quarter from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27. Use the FY and Quarter selector in the top header bar — changing it instantly refreshes all screens.

RPU-Format .txt Generation

Output now matches Protean RPU 5.7 format with ^ delimiters — directly accepted by NSDL FVU 9.4 without any manual editing.

Download .txt Button

After generating, download the .txt file for use with any third-party utility or manual FVU validation.

Challan Linking in Transactions

Each transaction row now has a challan dropdown — link transactions to the correct challan before generating.

Previous Quarter Ack. Number

Setup now includes a field for the previous quarter acknowledgement number — required for successful portal upload.

Responsible Person Details

Setup now captures name, designation, mobile, email, STD code and phone — all required fields in the BH line of the return.

Clear File Buttons

Both import drop zones now have a Clear button — upload a different file without restarting the app.

AI Agent Fix

Anthropic API key can now be saved directly in Setup — no .env file editing required.

1. Getting Started

System Requirements

OS	Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit)
Java	Java 8 or later (OpenJDK or Oracle JDK)
RAM	4 GB minimum, 8 GB recommended
Disk	500 MB free space
Internet	Required for AI classification and license activation

Installation

1. Download **TDS Return Agent Setup 2.0.0.exe** from rmaaca.in/tds-agent.html
2. Double-click the installer and follow the on-screen prompts.
3. Launch **TDS Return Agent** from the desktop shortcut.
4. Enter your license key when prompted (30-day trial is available without a key).

First Launch Checklist

- Go to Setup → fill in all company details including mobile, email and responsible person
- Enter the previous quarter acknowledgement number in Setup
- Save your Anthropic API key in Setup (for AI classification)
- Select the correct FY and Quarter from the header bar

2. Setup — Company Details

Go to **Setup** → **Company**. All fields marked * are mandatory for FVU validation.

Field	Description	Example
TAN *	Tax Deduction Account Number	ABCDE1234F
PAN *	Company PAN	AAAAA1234A
Business Name *	Registered company name	Your Company Name Pvt Ltd
Address	Registered address (comma-separated)	123, Main Road, City - 600001
Deductor Type	Company/LLP, Government, or Other	Company / LLP
Prev. Quarter Ack. No. *	Acknowledgement number from previous quarter filing	770000XXXXXXXXXX
STD Code	Office STD/ISD code	044
Phone	Office phone number	43531166
Mobile *	10-digit mobile number of responsible person	98XXXXXXXXXX
Email	Official email address	yourname@company.com
Responsible Person *	Name of person responsible for TDS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON NAME
Designation *	Designation of responsible person	DIRECTOR / PARTNER / PROPRIETOR
Anthropic API Key	For AI classification (optional)	sk-ant-api03-xxxxxxxxxxxx

3. Filing Workflow

Step 1 — Select Filing Period

Use the **FY** and **Quarter** dropdowns in the top header bar to select the filing period. All screens (Dashboard, Challans, Transactions, Generate) will update automatically.

Step 2 — Add Challans

Option A — CSI Import (Recommended): Download the CSI file from OLTAS → tin.tin.nsdli.com → TAN Based View. Upload it in the Challans screen. All challans fill automatically.

Option B — Manual Entry: Click **+ Add manually** and enter:

BSR Code	7-digit bank branch code from your challan receipt
Serial No.	5-digit challan serial number from your receipt
Deposit Date	Date of TDS payment DD/MM/YYYY
Amount	TDS amount deposited (in rupees)

Step 3 — Import Transactions

Option A — Smart Import: Upload any CSV/Excel export from Tally, Busy, Marg, Zoho or your bank. The AI maps columns automatically.

Option B — Template Import: Download the blank template, fill it in Excel, and upload.

Template columns: Vendor Name, PAN, Amount, Payment Date (YYYY-MM-DD), Narration, Invoice Reference

Step 4 — Link Challans to Transactions

Go to **Transactions**. Each row has a **challan dropdown** — select the challan that covers each transaction. This is required for correct FVU generation.

Step 5 — Run AI Agent (Optional)

Go to **Agent** and click **Re-run**. The AI classifies each transaction with the correct IT Act 2025 section code and TDS rate. Review any flagged items and submit.

Step 6 — Generate .txt File

Go to **Generate**. Review the return summary, then click **Generate .txt**. After generation, **Download .txt** and **Launch FVU** buttons appear.

Step 7 — Validate with FVU Utility

1	Click Download .txt and save the file
	Download CSI file from tin.tin.nsdli.com → TAN Based View → Download Challan File
3	Click Launch FVU to open the FVU utility
	TDS/TCS Input File — browse to the downloaded .txt file
5	Challan Input File — browse to the downloaded .csi file
	Error/Upload Report — browse to any folder, type a filename e.g. err.txt
7	Consolidate File — browse to any folder, type a filename e.g. out.fvu

8	Click Validate — .fvu and Form 27A PDF are saved to your chosen folder
	Click ■ Open output folder in TDS Agent to locate the .fvu file

■ CSI file from OLTAS is required for FVU challan validation. If CSI shows no challans, wait 3-5 working days after TDS payment for OLTAS to update, then re-download.

Step 8 — Upload to Income Tax Portal

1. Go to eportal.incometax.gov.in → log in with company credentials.
2. Navigate to **e-File** → **e-TDS/TCS** → **Upload TDS**.
3. Select Form **26Q**, correct FY and Quarter.
4. Upload the **.fvu file** (e.g. out.fvu) and **Form 27A PDF** — both generated by FVU.
5. Submit and note the **RRR / acknowledgement number** from the confirmation receipt.
6. Update the acknowledgement number in **Setup** → **Filing details** → **Previous Quarter Ack. No.** before filing the next quarter.

4. IT Act 2025 Section Codes

The AI Agent automatically assigns section codes. For manual override, use the codes below:

IT Act 2025 Code	Description	Rate	Old Section
1012	Contractor / Works Contract / Manpower / Catering	1% / 2%	194C
1024	Rent — Land / Building / Furniture	10%	194I(b)
1022	Rent — Machinery / Equipment / Plant	2%	194I(a)
1036a	Technical / Professional Services (Technical)	2%	194J(b)
1036b	Professional Services (Professional)	10%	194J(a)
1048	Commission / Brokerage	5%	194H
1018	Interest (other than securities)	10%	194A
1030	Transport / Freight (with PAN)	0%	194C

5. Troubleshooting

Issue: CSI file shows no challans

Fix: OLTAS may not have updated yet (takes 3-5 working days). Use + Add manually with BSR code and serial from your bank receipt.


Issue: AI Agent error: API key not set

Fix: Go to Setup and enter your Anthropic API key in the field provided. Click Save key.

Issue: FVU produced no output

Fix: Click Download .txt, then Launch FVU. Browse to the .txt file and CSI file. Set any folder for Error/Upload Report and Consolidate File outputs. Click Validate.

Issue: Cannot find .fvu after validation

Fix: Click  Open output folder in the Generate screen to open the folder where FVU saved the .fvu and Form 27A PDF.

Issue: T-FV-2032/2033: Invalid FY/AY

Fix: Ensure the FY selector shows the correct year (e.g. FY 25-26 for Q3 Oct-Dec 2025).

Issue: T-FV-3021: Invalid Challan Serial

Fix: The serial number must be 5 digits. Check your bank receipt for the correct serial.

Issue: T-FV-6381: No deductee records

Fix: Transactions are not linked to a challan. Go to Transactions and select the challan from the dropdown on each row.

Issue: Portal rejects — missing prev ack

Fix: Enter the previous quarter acknowledgement number in Setup before generating.

Issue: App shows Q1 TY 2026-27 after start

Fix: Use the FY/Quarter dropdowns in the header to change to the correct period.

6. Support & Contact

For support, feature requests or license queries:

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