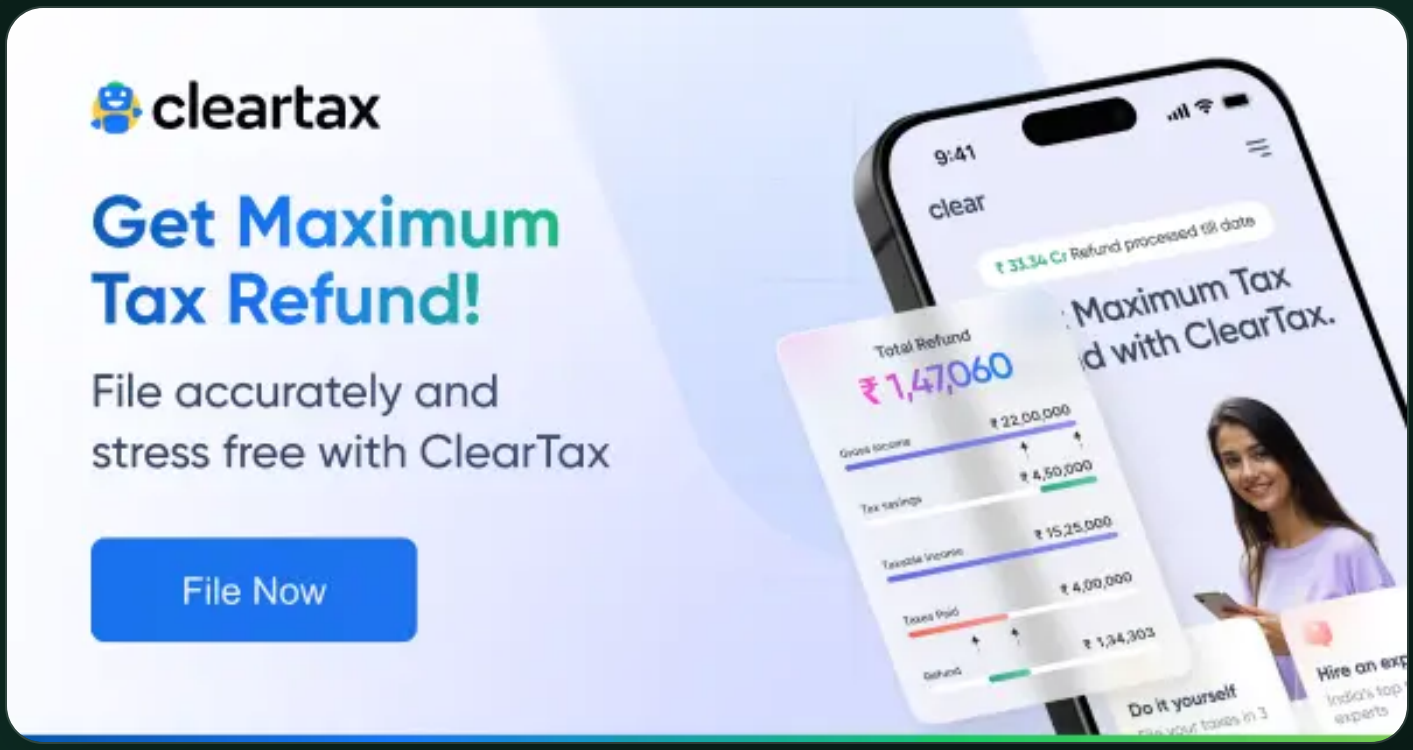
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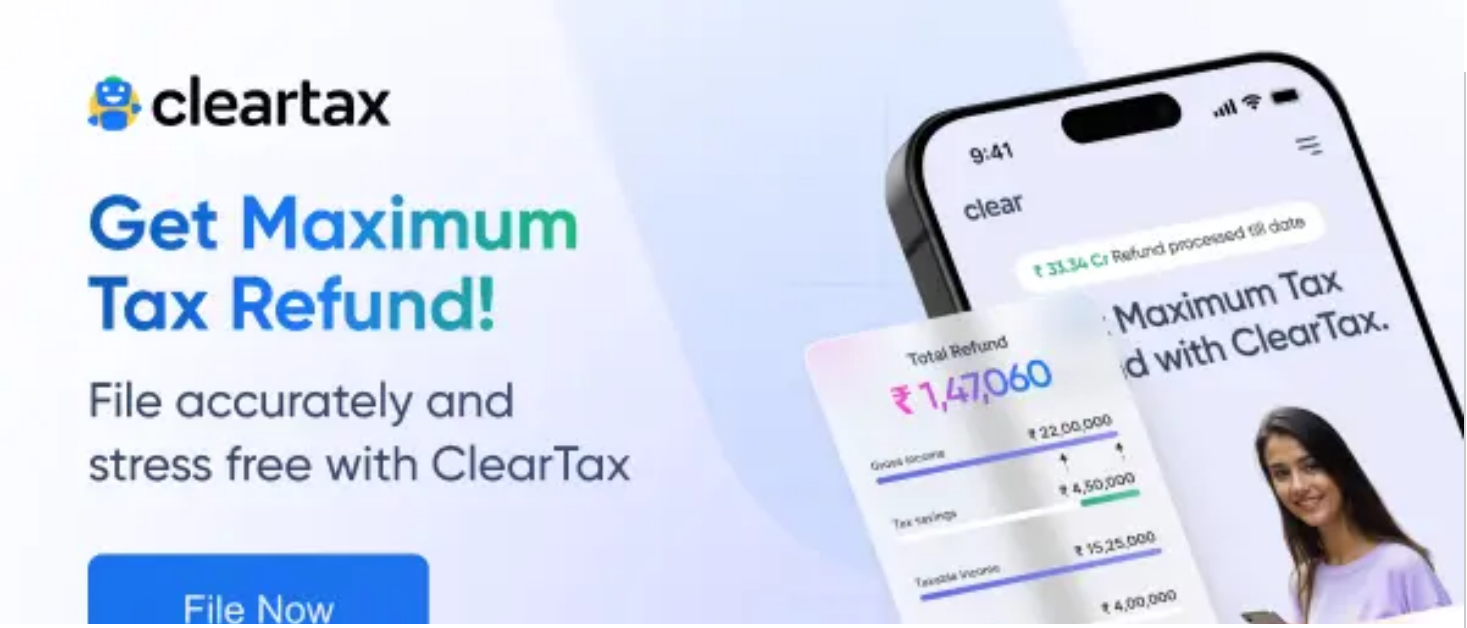
Indian income tax filing, with self-filing and CA-assisted plans



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from ClearTax's own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from ClearTax's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on ClearTax's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 2 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

ClearTax is an Indian tax platform for individuals, built around income tax return filing. Taxpayers can file themselves from documents such as Form 16, or hire a chartered accountant to file for them. The same company also sells GST, e-invoicing and TDS software to businesses under the Clear name.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about ClearTax**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Which plan you need depends on what kinds of income you have.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for filing Indian income tax returns with a CA's help**

Each plan's price shows only inside checkout, nothing free is listed, and it isn't bookkeeping software.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at ₹1,299 and up for CA-assisted filing of salary income.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Self ITR filing**

Upload Form 16 or other documents and the return is pre-filled, with old and new tax regimes compared.

5 **CA-assisted filing**

A tax expert files the return for salaried people, investors, traders, freelancers, NRIs and people with RSUs or ESOPs.

6 **Capital gains import**

Imports capital gains from more than 80 brokers, according to the homepage, for investors and traders.

7 **A 1.6 GPA, above 2 of 127**

That is against the other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace ClearTax you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

ClearTax at a glance

PRICING Paid, from ₹1,299 and up for CA-assisted filing of salary income	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Defmacro Software Pvt. Ltd. (Clear)	CATEGORY Accounting & Invoicing
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for filing Indian income tax returns with a CA's help

ClearTax files Indian income tax returns, by yourself or with a chartered accountant, from ₹1,299 a return for salary income and ₹3,999 for capital gains or self-employed work. Each plan's price shows only inside checkout, nothing free is listed, and it isn't bookkeeping software.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | **ClearTax** | Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	₹1,299 a return and up for CA-assisted salary filing, ₹3,999 for capital gains or self-employed work. A per-return service doesn't compare cleanly with monthly plans, so this is the middle grade.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial on record, and each plan's price shows only inside the checkout flow.
Features	C	Self-filing, CA-assisted filing, capital gains import and year-round support. It files tax and does nothing else: no invoices, no ledger.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Which plan you need depends on what kinds of income you have.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, and Indian tax rules only. No integrations are listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who ClearTax is for

- ✓ Fits if you're an Indian taxpayer with salary or capital gains income who wants a CA to file
- ✓ Works for self-employed people in India who want expert-assisted returns

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you're outside India, as it's rupees and Indian tax rules only
- ✗ Skip it if you need bookkeeping or invoicing, because it's a tax-filing product
- ✗ Watch out: plan prices show only inside checkout, so the figures above are the FAQ's starting prices
- ✗ Watch out: audit fees, where an audit is needed, are paid to the auditor and aren't in the plan price

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Salaried people in India filing an income tax return
- ✓ Investors and traders who need capital gains handled
- ✓ People with complex income who want a chartered accountant to file

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It serves Indian taxpayers and Indian tax rules only, and prices are in rupees.
- ⓘ The price of each plan is shown only inside the checkout flow; the pricing page's FAQ gives starting prices.
- ⓘ Audit fees, where an audit is required, are not part of the plan price and are paid to the auditor separately.
- ⓘ It is a tax-filing product, not general bookkeeping or accounting software.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

₹1,299

To start

ClearTax is a paid product, starting at ₹1,299 and up for CA-assisted filing of salary income.

> **A per-return service doesn't compare cleanly with monthly plans, so this is the middle grade.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

CA-ASSISTED: SALARY AND HOUSE RENT

₹1,299

per return and up

Expert-assisted filing for salary and house rent income; the pricing FAQ says plans start from this figure.

CA-ASSISTED: CRYPTO TRADERS

₹2,999

per return and up

Expert-assisted plan for people with cryptocurrency income.

CA-ASSISTED: CAPITAL GAINS

₹3,999

per return and up

Expert-assisted plan for people with capital gains income.

Read from cleartax.in on Nov 12, 2026.

CA-ASSISTED: SELF-EMPLOYED

₹3,999

per return and up

Expert-assisted plan for self-employed people and professionals.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Indian income tax filing, with self-filing and CA-assisted plans. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, workflow automation, reports.

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Self-filing, CA-assisted filing, capital gains import and year-round support.

From our grade for features

Self ITR filing

Upload Form 16 or other documents and the return is pre-filled, with old and new tax regimes compared.

CA-assisted filing

A tax expert files the return for salaried people, investors, traders, freelancers, NRIs and people with RSUs or ESOPs.

Capital gains import

Imports capital gains from more than 80 brokers, according to the homepage, for investors and traders.

Year-round tax support

An annual subscription to a personal tax expert is sold for people who want help beyond the filing.

Business tax products

Separate Clear products cover GST, e-invoicing, TDS compliance, vendor management and input tax credit for companies.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

ClearTax is made by Defmacro Software Pvt. Ltd. (Clear).

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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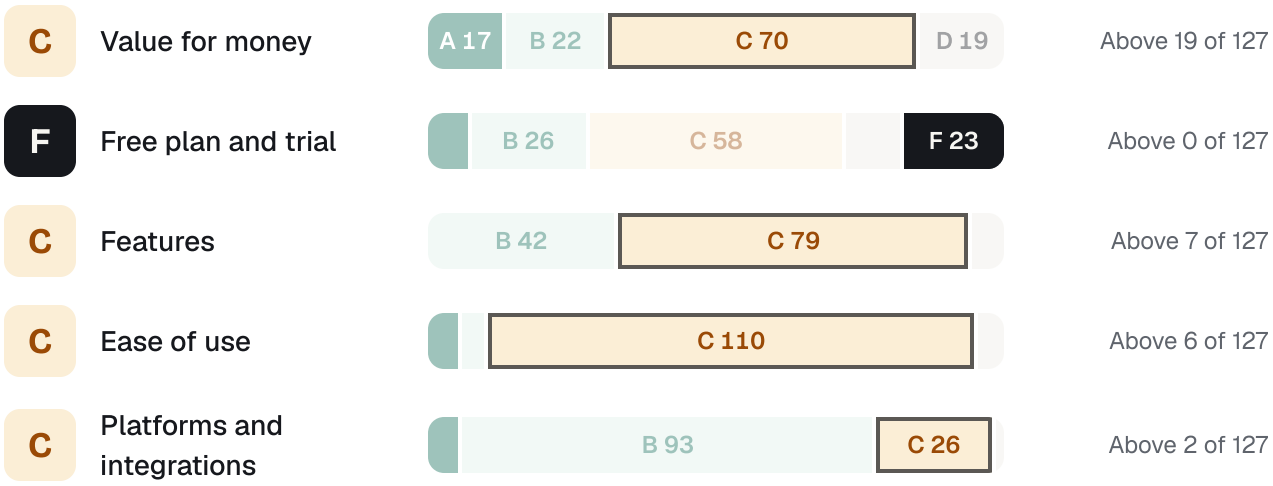
Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

ClearTax's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 2 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 9.

It stands best on value for money (C, above 19 of 127) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. ClearTax's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace ClearTax you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 116 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

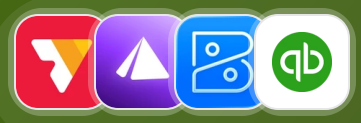
What you could not

- Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. ClearTax's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Vyapar, Refrens, Zoho Books and QuickBooks Online

The 4 tools ClearTax is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Vyapar

Free trial · from $89.99/yr

GST billing and inventory software for Indian small businesses.

- Only ClearTax lists a web app.
- Only Vyapar lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- ClearTax also covers workflow automation.

ClearTax and Vyapar compared in full

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Refrens

Free plan · from ₹8,900/yr

GST invoicing, accounting and lead tracking for Indian firms.

- Refrens has a free plan. ClearTax does not.
- Only Refrens lists iOS and Android apps.
- ClearTax also covers workflow automation and reports.

ClearTax and Refrens compared in full



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Zoho Books

Free plan · from $15/mo

Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers.

- Zoho Books has a free plan. ClearTax does not.
- Only Zoho Books lists Windows, iOS and Android apps.
- ClearTax also covers workflow automation.

ClearTax and Zoho Books compared in full



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QuickBooks Online

Free plan · from $38/mo

Cloud accounting from Intuit, from a free plan to 25-user Advanced.

- QuickBooks Online has a free plan. ClearTax does not.
- Only QuickBooks Online lists iOS and Android apps.
- ClearTax also covers workflow automation.

ClearTax and QuickBooks Online compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is ClearTax free?

No. ClearTax is a paid product, starting at ₹1,299 and up for CA-assisted filing of salary income.

How much does ClearTax cost?

ClearTax lists 4 plans. CA-assisted: salary and house rent: ₹1,299 per return and up.

What platforms does ClearTax work on?

ClearTax is available on Web.

Does ClearTax have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. ClearTax is listed for Web.

Does ClearTax have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. ClearTax is listed for Web.

Is ClearTax open source?

ClearTax is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Who makes ClearTax?

ClearTax is made by Defmacro Software Pvt. Ltd. (Clear).

What are the alternatives to ClearTax?

The closest alternatives to ClearTax in our directory are Vyapar, Refrens, Zoho Books and QuickBooks Online.

How does ClearTax compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

ClearTax's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 2 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 9.

Could I make my own version of ClearTax?

To replace ClearTax you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from ClearTax's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from ClearTax's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Defmacro Software Pvt. Ltd. (Clear). Prices change, so check cleartax.in before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

ClearTax, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/cleartax

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Accounting & Invoicing Insider's Guide

Every one of the 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Cash App Taxes Insider's Guide

Free federal and state tax filing inside Cash App

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