

Council Decisions

Following are the extracts taken from the Summary of Decisions taken by the Council at its 246th meeting held from 21st to 23rd November, 2004:



Item No. 11: Revision of the Statement on Continuing Professional Education - Recommendation of the Continuing Professional Education Committee.

1. The Council authorised the Chairman, CPEC to finalise the Statement on Continuing Professional Education, in the light of the views expressed by the members of the Council.
2. The finalised Statement on Continuing Professional Education has to be sent to the Central Council Members for their comments. The comments by the members of the Council on the same should be sent directly to President's Secretariat within a time frame of one week.
3. Regarding the penal action against the members who are not complying with the Statement on Continuing Professional Education¹, the following provisions have been included in the proposed Statement on Continuing Professional Education:
 - i) Any shortfall in the CPE Credit for the calendar year 2003 (i.e. 6 hours) and for the calendar year 2004 (i.e. 15 hours) should be met before 31st December 2005. However, the members have to accumulate twice the quantum of CPE Credit, which fell short of the requirement for the year 2003 and 2004. For instance, if the member had earned only 4 hours of CPE Credit for the year 2003 (against the requirement of 6 hours), they have to accumulate 4 (i.e., $(6-4)*2$) hours of CPE Credit before 31st December 2005 (in addition to the requirements for the calendar year 2005). The analogy should be followed for the shortfall of the calendar year 2004 also.
 - ii) Publication of names of those who are not complying with the CPE requirements for two calendar years.
 - iii) Restriction of certain members rights like empanelment who are not complying with the requirements for three calendar years.
 - iv) Any other action in accordance with the provi-

sions of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 and Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 and modifications made there under from time to time. However any such penal action will be announced in advance for the information of the members who are covered by the provisions of the Statement.

Item No. 12 : Norms for the Formation and Functioning of CPE Study Circles for members in industry ? Recommendation of the Continuing Professional Education Committee.

The Council authorized the Chairman of the CPE Committee to finalise the Norms for the Formation and Functioning of CPE Study Circles for Members in Industry taking into consideration the views of the Chairman, Committee for Members in Industry. Such finalised Norms have to be incorporated in the existing Norms for the Formation and Functioning of CPE Study Circles, and be sent to Executive Committee for consideration.

Item No. 44 : Setting up of ICAI University at Jaipur - Recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The President, at the outset, while apprising the Council of the background and the reasons for initiating the proposal on ICAI University highlighted the following:-

- It was felt that greater thrust on the research initiatives needs to be given by involving the best research faculty available as well as the best of the talent from the student side.
- Many of our CAs who intend to do research in Ph.D. programme have to join the Universities where proper guidance, library and other facilities are not available to the standard required by them for the purpose of research. It was thought appropriate that such persons may be able to take up the research work within ICAI University framework as well.

¹ In para 8.0 of the revised Statement on Continuing Professional Education

- Ability of managing human resource and understanding organizational behaviour are two important aspects in addition to specialized accountant and finance knowledge for growing within an organization. Many chartered accountants by virtue of their merit and experience rose to the higher ladder of various organizations. With a view to achieve better success, there is a need for a specialized HR course, which will be part of any general management programme. In addition, there are specialized HR programmes, like XLRI and MDI, which help to shape the career of chartered accountants. The ICAI University will be instrumental in delivering similar global standard HR programme to the senior chartered accountants.
- Many chartered accountants both in practice and service demand quality MBA Programmes in Distance Learning mode as well. Effort will be made at ICAI University to bridge the demand and supply gap by setting standards for distance learning MBA in the Country.
- This University will also provide input regarding the users' response on ICAI's standards, statements and other publications.
- ICAI, being a statutory body, the introduction of frequent certification/post qualification courses need to be approved by Government by way of amendment in the Regulations which consume precious time and delays useful courses. Such courses can be implemented by ICAI University.
- The Institute has been receiving requests from many Government and private executives that they should also get the benefit of post qualification courses of the Institute, although they are not CAs. As per the scheme of post qualification courses of ICAI, only the members can be enrolled for the same. The ICAI University will help in disseminating knowledge to all concerned.
- The capacity building in the accounting and financial work of private and public bodies by way of Management Development Programme (MDP) can be taken up regularly.
- After implementation of WTO and GATS, there will be tremendous demand of accounting and commerce services in India as well as abroad. This demand will be for qualified as well as unqualified sector for which we must offer specified courses through ICAI University.
- ICAI receives lot of invitation from developing countries such as the Gulf countries, Afghanistan, South African countries, where the education in

accounting and commerce is not developed properly. They want the help of the Institute for the same. These matters may also be appropriately taken up at ICAI University.

- ICAI University will not charge hefty fees, but will be offering best of education, at very economical charges so as to make education within the reach of the common man.

The Council thereafter considered the following recommendations of the Executive Committee and approved the same :

- (a) The prescribed application form alongwith application fee and broad preliminary Project Report be forwarded to the Government of Rajasthan in the first instance;
- (b) Notwithstanding the above, the application already submitted to the Government of Rajasthan for allotment of 100 acres of land, free of cost be further followed up;

As regards setting up of proposed University through ICAI-ARF or alternatively through a new Trust, Society or Company u/s 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 and all other matters that may be required to be complied with in accordance with the Rajasthan Self-Financed Private Universities Ordinance, 2004 and Rules framed thereunder including the name of the University, the President was authorised to take appropriate decision(s) in the matter. In this regard, the Council felt that the ICAI's stand on the name of the University should be in favour of " ICAI University".

Item No. 45 : Benefit of Flexible Working Hours to Articled/Audit Clerks.

The Council considered the matter of relaxation of office-timings to articled/audit clerks for pursuing their graduation/post-graduation course.

On consideration of the same, the Council came to a consensus that the relaxation of Office-timings to articled/audit clerks for pursuing graduation/post-graduation course should not exceed beyond 1 ½ years from the date of registration to the articled/audit training.

Thereafter, the Council decided that the existing guidelines on working hours for pursuing other courses as contained at Appendix V of Training Guide (Page No. 73 & 74) be suitably modified in the light of the suggestions/views made/expressed at the meeting. For the purpose, the Council authorised the Chairman, Board of Studies to finalise the same, in the light of views expressed at the meeting and those that might be received from others, if any. ■