

## Certificate Courses Offered by ICAI

In order to empower our members and facilitate them with contemporary advanced and professional knowledge and skills, we have started many certificate courses towards the post-qualification skill development of our members. Following are the certificate courses that have been launched by different Committees of the Institute for our members to enable them to keep up with the constantly emerging demands of the globalised market and to enhance their knowledge as well as competency:

### Certificate Course on Arbitration

The Committee on Economic, Commercial Laws & WTO of the Institute offers a six-day Certificate Course on Arbitration to familiarise the members with the relevant laws which impact the arbitration process and the practical procedural aspects to position them as multidisciplinary consultants in the global service market. The members who undergo the course successfully and pass the evaluation test are awarded the Certificate of Participation, 20 CPE Credit hours and their names are included in the ICAI Panel of Arbitrators hosted at the [www.icai.org](http://www.icai.org). The course is of 40 hours spread over six days.

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### Certificate Course on Derivatives

The Committee on Financial Markets and Investors' Protection offers an eight-day Certificate Course on Derivatives. The course covers financial derivatives such as forward contracts, futures contracts, options, swaps and other recently introduced derivatives. The course objective is to enable candidates to have a detailed understanding of derivatives and their relationships with the underlying assets, to enable them to use these instruments in a wide range of hedging, trading and arbitrage purposes; etc. It follows pragmatic approach and discusses both the derivative markets and the derivative products and their use. The emphasis is on the successful execution of financial strategies using derivatives as product. The Course is spread over eight days (40 to 50 hrs). Classes will be on weekends.

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### Certificate Course on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

The Internal Audit Standards Board of the Institute offers a five-week Certificate Course on Enterprise Risk Management to facilitate the members with the contemporary, advanced and professional level knowledge regarding enterprise risk management systems. The Board decided to start the new batches of the Certificate Course on Enterprise Risk Management at

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad (Residential Course at Centre of Excellence). The course is of 200 hours spread over a five week/six class room, divided as: self-study: 100 hours, classroom teaching: 50 hours, e-learning: 20 hours, and case-study preparation and presentation: 30 hours.

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### Certificate Course on Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection using IT and CAATs

The Committee on Information Technology of the Institute offers a 100-hour Certificate Course on Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection, using IT and CAATs, which is in increasing demand considering rising incidents of cyber crimes and frauds. It is about a practice of utilising accounting, auditing, CAATs/data-mining tools, and investigative skills to detect fraud/ mistakes. Learning outcomes are assessment of the damages, fact finding to see whether fraud/embezzlement has taken place, collection of evidences, and investigating and analysing financial evidences. The Course duration is 100 hours spread over six weekends. The CPE credit of 20 hours will be given to the member-participants.

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### Certificate Course on Forex and Treasury Management

The Committee on Financial Markets and Investors' Protection offers a four-month Certificate Course on Forex and Treasury Management which covers foreign exchange market, money market, bond market operations and related financial products. It therefore analyses the international finance environment within which banks, other intermediaries and companies operate and how it affects their operations in treasury. The course examines alternative strategies and techniques that can be employed to manage the risks associated with international business transactions and other treasury operations. It also provides an overview of the structure and key functions of the treasury to enable in developing skill sets which would be required for making sound financial decisions

in an international context. Next batches of the course are starting at Delhi and Mumbai from 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2011 respectively

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#### Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes

Appreciating the increasing complexities and the changing facade of the indirect taxes, a Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes is being launched by the Indirect Taxes Committee for the members, which would facilitate them in the industry as well in practice to acquire specialised knowledge and keep themselves updated. Indirect Taxes constitute more than 60 per cent of the government revenue. Typically, each type of indirect tax is governed by its own Statutes, Rules and Procedures. Each one of these has its own peculiarities, complexities and disputes. Additionally, there are several instances of overlaps between the central and state taxes of service tax and VAT. Regular changes in these laws have rendered it necessary for members to continuously update themselves. The first batch of the course will be organised at Bangalore from 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

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#### Certificate Course on Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Standards Board of the Institute has proposed to launch the Certificate Course on Internal Audit. Internal Audit has been a core competence area of chartered accountants. Chartered Accountants have created a niche of their own in multi disciplinary internal audit teams. To maintain that niche, it would be necessary for them to periodically assess their knowledge, skill up gradation requirements and undertaking such upgradation at the earliest. This course not only aimed disseminating the technical developments among the members, but also at providing practical implementation guidance to them. The modalities of the course are being worked out and the dates and location of the course, as and when finalised, would be hosted on the Institute's website very soon.

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#### Certificate Course on International Taxation

The Committee on International Taxation of the Institute offers a Certificate Course on International Taxation which is designed to provide a visible means of having acquired specialised knowledge in all aspects of the international taxation. As far as possible the emphasis is on a problem-solving approach to assist management decision-making and managing the practice of international taxation. The course aims at enhancing the knowledge as well as competency level of the members of the Institute to enable them to compete in the global market. It also

recognises the need of practical exposure along with theoretical knowledge and provides workshop sessions of 100 hours.

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#### Certificate Course on Master in Business Finance

The Committee on Management Accounting conducts a one-year Certificate Course on Master in Business Finance which aims at providing advanced knowledge and skills on different specialised areas of Business Finance like Capital Market, Investment Banking, Fund Raising and Fund Management, Corporate Valuation, Merger & Acquisition, Banking, Forex Market, Treasury Management, Risk Management, etc. The course duration is approximately one year. Classes will be held in Delhi and Mumbai on second and fourth Saturdays (2 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and Sundays (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.). Further, there will be two week long residential programmes at the Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad, and the classes are likely to commence in the second week of July 2011.

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#### Certificate Course on Valuation

The Corporate Laws and Corporate Governance Committee of the Institute offers a seven-day Certificate Course on Valuation to enable our members to gain acumen, expertise and in-depth knowledge on various methods of valuation, empower them with the technical skills as well as analytical and decision-making discretion in the valuation job, to provide thorough knowledge of the global best practices as well as procedural and documentation aspects of the valuation job and to provide expertise on the legal and regulatory framework of the valuation job in the cross-border transactions. The Course currently organised at four major metros is being extended to tier-II cities. The role of valuers is to provide fair value of assets/liabilities to enable the client to make appropriate decisions in a compatible fashion. Its relevance is universal in both developed and emerging economies. Details regarding the commencement of fresh batches will be hosted at the Institute's website. The course is spread over seven full-day held on fortnight basis on Saturdays and Sundays between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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For other details including aims, objectives and detailed course structure on any of the Certificate Courses offered by the Institute, please visit the website: [http://www.icai.org/new\\_post.html?post\\_id=3581](http://www.icai.org/new_post.html?post_id=3581)