

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DECISIONS

Gist of some important decisions taken by the Council are given hereunder for the information and guidance of members

On Merger, seniority is not affected even if the merged firm adopts a new name

The Council at its 250th meeting held from 19th to 22nd April 2005 has *inter alia* decided that complete flexibility be given to the merged/merging firms of Chartered Accountants so as to permit any new name subject to compliance with the condition(s) prescribed under Regulation 190(2). For Example B & Co merged with A & Co and the new firm name is AB & Co. or B & Co. or any other name permissible under regulation. The position of both firms prior and after merger and the date of establishment/joining shall be as follows:-

Prior to Merger		After Merger	
Name of the firm: A & Co		Name of the firm:AB & Co/ B & Co or any other name permissible under regulation	
Year of Establishment : 1966		Year of Establishment : 1966	
Partners	Date of Joining	Partners	Date of Joining
A1	1.1.1966	A1	1.1.1966
A2	1.4.1970	A2	1.4.1970
A3	1.4.1978	A3	1.4.1978
A4	1.4.1983	A4	1.4.1983
Name of the firm : B & Co		B1	1.4.1980
Year of Establishment – 1980		B2	1.4.1981
Partners	Date of joining	B3	1.4.1982
B1	1.4.1980		
B2	1.4.1981		
B3	1.4.1982		
<u>Note: Date of joining of B1, B2 and B3 is the deemed date of joining in AB & Co</u>			

While, in the constitution certificate, the actual date(s) of joining (of partner(s), the merging firm(s) would continue to be the respective date(s) of joining the merged firm. However, against each such entry the clarificatory words "deemed date of joining" should be mentioned without fail.

Members in part-time practice cannot do attest function

The Council at its 241st meeting decided that

effective from 1st April 2005 any member in part-time practice (namely, holding certificate of practice and also engaging himself in any other business and/or occupation) is not entitled to perform attest function.

The Council at its 242nd meeting passed the following resolution:

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the general and specific permission granted by the Council is subject to the condition that –

- i) any member engaged in any other business or occupation, in terms of general or specific permission granted as per Appendix No. (9)

shall not be entitled to perform any attest function except in the following cases:

- a. Authorship of books and articles
- b. Holding of Life Assurance Agency Licence for the limited purpose of getting renewal commission.
- c. Attending classes and appearing for any examination.
- d. Holding of public elective offices such as MP, MLA & MLC.

- e. Honorary office-bearership of charitable, educational or other non-commercial organisations.
 - f. Acting as Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Special Executive Magistrate and the like.
 - g. Part-time tutorship under the Coaching Organisation of the Institute.
 - h. Valuation of papers, acting as paper-setter, head-examiner or a moderator for an examination.
 - i. Editorship of professional journals – (not in employment)
 - j. Acting as Surveyor and Loss Assessor under the Insurance Act, 1938 (not in employment)
 - k. Acting as Recovery consultant in the Banking Sector (not in employment)
 - l. Any coaching assignment organised by the Institute, its Regional Councils and Branches of Regional Councils.
 - m. Engagement as Lecturer in a university, affiliated college, educational institution, coaching organisation, private tutorship,
- provided the direct teaching hours devoted to such activities taken together do not exceed 25 hours a week.
- n. Engagement in any other business or occupation permitted by the Executive Committee from time to time.
 - ii) A member who is not entitled to perform attest function shall not be entitled to train articled clerks.
 - iii) The decision (of the Council) taken at its 223rd meeting held on February, 2002 prescribing the criteria for individual cases of articleship shall continue to be in operation, mutatis mutandis.

The Council in this connection also clarified that the Attest function for the purpose of this Resolution would cover services pertaining to audit, review, certification, agreed upon procedures, and compilation, as defined in the Framework of Statements on Standard Auditing Practices and Guidance Notes on Related Services published in the July, 2001 issue of the Institute's journal.

NEW PUBLICATION

Compendium of Guidance Notes – Accounting (As on July 1, 2006) with CD

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has in recent years issued several Guidance Notes on accounting aspects thereby promptly responding to the need for accounting guidance on contemporary issues, which arise due to amendments in laws and other developments related to economic reforms in the country. The developments in areas of equity index and equity stock futures and options, employee share based payments (popularly known as ESOPs), Value Added Tax (VAT), Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT), Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT) and real-estate, paved the way for seven new Guidance Notes on the respective issues/areas.

With a view to facilitate reference to all the

Guidance Notes at one place, the Institute from time to time brings out a Compendium of Guidance Notes on accounting aspects. This updated edition of the 'Compendium of Guidance Notes – Accounting' contains all the guidance notes on accounting aspects issued till July 1, 2006 and in force as on that date, including two Guidance Notes that are under revision but are relevant in the light of the basic principles governing the accounting treatment of specific aspects. Thus, on the whole the updated edition of the Compendium contains twenty-five Guidance Notes on accounting aspects. The Compendium is accompanied by a CD containing its electronic copy. The CD has been prepared in a user-friendly module with search-function for easy referencing.

Price	Rs. 350/- (CD included)
Postal Charges	Rs. 35/- (plus Rs. 17/-, if required by registered parcel)
Available at	Sale counters of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Kanpur

AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS & STUDENTS

HELP US TO RESPOND TO YOU FAST

The Institute has been constantly endeavouring to provide better and better services to the members and students. As part of continuing

low for information of members and students so that these could be reduced to the minimum possible: -

Members and Firms Related Activities	Articles Related Activities	Registration to PE I/PE II Course (BOS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submission of forms with incomplete details – 14% ● Short remittance of fees – 4% ● Non-submission of required forms – 1% ● Articles period not completed - 3% ● GMCS proof not submitted - 4% ● Absence of prior permission for pursuing additional course - 10% ● Employment / other engagement details not given – 4% ● Clarification on change in name – 20% ● Not eligible for Associate/Fellow Member – 3% ● Requiring condonation of delay – 12% ● Others want of service certificates, Balance Sheet, signature differs etc – 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submission of form with incomplete details – 16% ● Ineligibility of member or student – 3% ● No vacancy with the principal – 8% ● Non-completion of CCT course – 11% ● Non-submission of form no. 109/108 – 9% ● Signature of member/student not affixed or not tallying – 4% ● Leave not mentioned in form no. 109/108 – 3% ● Stipend details not given – 2% ● Training report not signed or not given – 1% ● Second installment of fees not paid – 3% ● Requiring condonation of delay – 28% ● Previous articles not terminated – 3% ● Proof of passing/discontinuance of previous course not given – 4% ● Others (details/data to be called for, employers recommendation not given etc) – 5% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form with incomplete details – 4% ● Non-submission of mark-sheets/clarification – 49% ● Short remittance of fees – 25% ● Clarification on subject studied – 10% ● Recognition of University – 1% ● Not eligible – 4% ● Candidates applying for registration to other regions – 7%

exercise, a study was undertaken to look into the response time and the reasons for the delay in disposal of some cases.

It was observed that 41% of the pendency in the case of members and 81% of the pendency related to articles are due to discrepancy emanating as a consequence of non-compliance or incomplete fulfilment of the requirements by the members and students concerned. The nature of discrepancies as observed are given be-

Sparing a few minutes at the level of members and students to ensure compliance of requirements would help us greatly in responding fast. All the forms contain the regulatory requirements to be complied with. Suggestions for rationalization and simplification of forms and procedures are welcome.

If you do not receive response within 15 days on any of member/student related activities, please write to the Institute at seshadri@icai.org

CAMPUS PLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY QUALIFIED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2006

The Committee for Members in Industry of the Institute organises Campus Placement Programme for newly qualified Chartered Accountants at certain select centres all over India. The scheme has been evolved to provide an opportunity both to the employing organisation as well as the young professional aspirants to meet and explore the possibility of taking up positions in the Industry. In the last interviews conducted in February – March 2006 at various centres, more than 221 recruiting teams of leading organisations of the country reviewed the bio-data of more than 1158 young Chartered Accountants and interviewed those shortlisted by them in the premises of the institute.

INVITATION TO CANDIDATES QUALIFIED IN CA FINAL MAY 2006 EXAMINATIONS

It has been decided to organise a Campus Placement Programme at 14 centres viz., Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Baroda, Bhilai, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, and Pune in August – September 2006. As earlier, a large number of leading organisations are expected to participate.

The schedule of the Campus Placement Programme is as follows:

Centre	Dates*
Baroda, Bhilai, Coimbatore, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur and Pune	17th August to 19th August 2006
Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Hyderabad	21st August to 25th August 2006
Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi	28th August to 4th September, 2006

* Excluding Sunday

The candidates who have qualified in CA Final Examination held in May 2006 and are

interested to appear in these interviews may access the Institute's Online Placement Portal at www.placements-icai.org and fill up the application form online.

INVITATION TO EMPLOYERS

The Committee for Members in Industry of the Institute provides an opportunity to the employers to interact with newly qualified Chartered Accountants and make all arrangements at its centres, thereby providing a cost effective mode of recruiting young Chartered Accountants.

Organisations intending to recruit newly qualified Chartered Accountants through the scheme of Campus Placement Programme are invited to get in touch with Shri Surinder Pal, Secretary, CMII, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India 'ICAI BHAWAN', Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110002, Tel - +91(11) 30110450 / 30110442, Email: placements@icai.org, spal@icai.org.

An organisation can participate in one or more centres, as per its requirements. Firms of Chartered Accountants are also welcome to join. For further details please log on to www.placements-icai.org for the details of the scheme.

Chairman
Committee for Members in Industry

Revision of recommended Scale of Fee Chargeable for the Work Done by the Members of the Institute.

The Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India recommends from time to time scale of fees chargeable for the work done by the members of the Institute. Such scale of fees were last revised effective from April 1,

2000. Keeping in view the overall increase in the cost of living since then, the Council at its meeting held in January 2006, has revised the existing recommended fees as under (effective from 12th May 2006):

		Existing		Revised with effect from (12 th May 2006)	
		Between (Rs.)	And (Rs.)	Between (Rs.)	And (Rs.)
1.	For giving expert evidence in courts of law in the Union of India according to professional standing of the witness.	5,000 10,000 [For each day or part thereof, spent in attendance and/or travelling]		7,500 15,000 [For each day or part thereof, spent in attendance and/or travelling]	
2.	Other work:				
	(a) Statutory Audit, Tax Audit, Internal Audit, Accountancy and Secretarial Work: Principal Qualified Assistants Semi Qualified/Other Assistants	600 300 100	1,200 600 200	900 450 150	1,800 900 300
		[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]
	(b) Taxation Work: Principal Qualified Assistants Semi-Qualified/Other Assistants	1,000 500 200	2,000 1,000 400	1,500 750 300	3,000 1,500 600
		[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]
	(c) Investigation, Management Services or Special Assignments: Principal Qualified Assistants Semi-Qualified/Other Assistants	1,500 750 250	3,000 1,500 500	2,250 1,125 375	4,500 2,250 750
		[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]	[Per Hour]

Note:

1. Office time spent in travelling would be chargeable. In case of outstation work, travelling and out-of-pocket expenses would also be chargeable.
2. The Council issues for general information the above revised recommended scale of fees which it considers reasonable under present conditions. It will be appreciated that the actual fees charged in individual cases will be a matter of agreement between member and the client.

Announcement

Election 2006 - Option for Polling Booths in Delhi/New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata

New Delhi, 22nd June, 2006

The next elections to the Council and the Regional Councils of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India are proposed to be held on 15th and 16th December, 2006 in cities having more than 2500 members and on 16th December, 2006 at all other places in terms of the provisions of the relevant existing Regulations (which are subject to modification by the Rules to be framed by the Central Government, arising out of the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Act, 2006). According to the provisions of existing regulation 86, an opportunity shall be given to the voters in cities having more than one polling booth located at different addresses to exercise their option to vote at a particular polling booth.

It may be clarified for general information of members that the list of voters as on 1st April, 2006 is drawn, on the basis of professional addresses given by the members, and such address is taken into consideration for the purpose of allotment of voters to different polling booths in a city.

It has been our "endeavour" to allot the polling booth near to the professional addresses as given by the voters. It is possible that a voter might prefer to exercise his franchise at a polling booth within the same city but located near his residence/ office which is not as per the Institute's record his professional address. This announcement helps such voters to indicate their option for a polling booth located at a place not near his professional address. For instance, based on the professional address of a voter, he would be, in the normal course, allotted a polling booth situated at 'B' place. Suppose, he prefers to exercise his franchise at 'F' place which is near his residence or office (but not his professional address), as the case may be, he is required to indicate his option for the polling booth at 'F' place in response to this announcement. Otherwise, he would be required to vote at the polling booth situated at 'B' place only. It may be noted that the option is restricted to the polling booths located in the same city only.

For the forthcoming elections to the Council and Regional Councils, it is proposed to set up more than one polling booth at different locations in Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi/New Delhi. The

addresses of the proposed polling booths in these cities are published below.

It is notified for the general information of members that any member in such a place, wishing to vote at a particular polling booth, may send his written request to the Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI Bhawan, Post Box No. 7100, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002, so as to reach him latest by **7th August, 2006**. Request received after **7th August, 2006**, shall not be entertained.

ADDRESSES OF THE PROPOSED POLLING BOOTHS:

Mumbai:

1. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India,
ICAI Bhawan,
27, Cuffe Parade, Colaba,
Mumbai – 400 005.
2. Rammiranjan Jhunjhunwala College,
Opp. Railway Station,
Ghatkopar Station, Mumbai – 400 086.
3. The Silk Merchant's Association,
Dahanukar Building,
480, Kalbadevi Road, Mumbai – 400 002.
4. Sheth L. U. Jhaveri College of Arts and
Sir M. V. College of Science & Commerce,
Dr. S. Radhakrishna Marg,
Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400 069
5. Kirti M. Doongursee Mahavidyalaya,
Kashinath Dhuru Road,
Off. Veer Savarkar Marg,
Near Aagar Bazar,
Dadar (West), Mumbai – 400 028
6. Shri M. D. Shah Mahila College of Arts &
Commerce,
B. J. Patel Road, Malad (West),
Mumbai – 400 064
7. Academy of Management and Professional
Studies,

- C/o. M.L. Dahanukar College of Commerce
Dixit Road, Vile Parle (East), Mumbai – 400 057
8. Mulund College of Commerce,
Sarojini Naidu Road,
Mulund (W), Mumbai – 400 080
9. S.S. & L.S. Patkar College of Arts & Science and
V.P. Varde College of Commerce & Economics,
S.V. Road, Goregaon (West), Mumbai - 400 062
10. Thakur Degree College of Science &
Commerce;
Shyamnarayan Thakur Marg,
Thakur Village, Kandivli (East),
Mumbai – 400 101
11. Anandibai Damodar Kale Degree College of
Arts & Commerce,
Saibaba Nagar, Borivali (West),
Mumbai – 400 092
12. S.I.E.S. College of Arts, Science and Commerce,
Sion (West), Mumbai – 400 022
13. Sidharth College of Arts, Science & Commerce,
Buddha Bhavan, P.T. Marg, Fort,
Mumbai – 400 001.
14. Lalji Naranji Memorial Indian Merchants'
Chamber Building Trust,
IMC Building, IMC Marg, Churchgate,
Mumbai – 400 020.
15. Sardar Patel College of Engineering
Munshi Nagar, Andheri (West),
Mumbai – 400 058
16. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's,
Hazarimal Somani College & J.P. College of
Commerce,
Kulapatay K.M. Munshi Marg,
Chowpatty, Mumbai – 400 007
17. N.G. Acharya & D.K. Marathe College of Arts,
Science & Commerce,
Near Subhash Nagar, N.G. Acharya Marg,
Chembur, Mumbai – 400 071
18. N.M. Institute of Management Studies,
Juhu Development Scheme,
Vile-Parle (West), Mumbai – 400 057
19. Rizvi Law College
New Rizvi Educational Complex,
Off: Carter Road, Bandra (West),
Mumbai - 400 050

Kolkata:

1. Income-tax Office,
Aayakar Bhawan,
P-7, Chowringhee Square, Kolkata – 700 069
2. Office of the Eastern India Regional Council,
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India,
ICAI Bhawan,
7, Anandilal Poddar Sarani, (Russell Street),
Kolkata – 700 071

Delhi/New Delhi:

1. Arwachin Bharti Bhawan Senior Secondary
School, (Tentative)
'C' Block, Vivek Vihar, Delhi – 110 095
2. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of
India,
ICAI Bhawan,
52, 53 & 54, Industrial Area,
Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara,
Near Karkardooma Court, Delhi – 110 032
3. Rukmini Devi Institute of Advanced Studies,
2A & 2B, Madhuban Chowk, Rohini,
Delhi – 110 085
4. Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School
C-3, Janakpuri,
New Delhi – 110 058
5. Andhra Education Society
Senior Secondary School,
1, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg,
New Delhi – 110 002
6. Income-tax Office (I.T.O.),
Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002

It may be mentioned that as far as Delhi/New Delhi and Mumbai are concerned, the general allocation of polling booth to voters would be done on the basis of pin-code numbers. In other words, the pin-code number corresponding to the professional address given by a member would be the basis for allocation of particular booth. The details of pin-codes proposed to be attached with each location will be hosted on the Institute's WEBSITE www.icai.org latest by **15th July, 2006***.

Sd/-
(Dr. Ashok Haldia)
Secretary

* Already hosted on the ICAI's website

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA

New Delhi, dated 6th June, 2006

NOTIFICATION

No.1-CA(7)/84/2005.— Whereas certain draft amendments further to amend the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988, were published by the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, as required by sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (38 of 1949) in the Gazette of India, Part III, section 4, dated the 11th June, 2005 under the notification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India No.1-CA(7)/84/2005 dated 1st June, 2005, at pages 1661 – 1663;

And whereas objections and suggestions were invited before the expiry of a period of forty-five days from the date on which the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public;

And whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on 28th June, 2005;

And whereas the objection and suggestion received from the public on the said draft

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988,-

in regulation 48, for sub-regulation (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1)(a) Every principal engaging an articled clerk, who has passed the Professional Education (Examination – II) and has also successfully completed computer training programme as specified under sub-clause (iii) of clause (b) of regulation 45, shall pay to such clerk every month a minimum monthly stipend at the rates specified in the Table I below depending on where the normal place of service of the articled clerk is situated :-

Table - I

Classification of the normal place of service of the articled clerk (1)		During the first year of training (2)	During the second year of training (3)	During the remaining period of training (4)
(i)	Cities/towns having a population of twenty lakhs and above.	Rs.1000/-	Rs.1250/-	Rs.1500/-
(ii)	Cities/towns having a population of four lakhs and above but less than twenty lakhs.	Rs.750/-	Rs.1000/-	Rs.1250/-
(iii)	Cities/towns having a population of less than four lakhs.	Rs.500/-	Rs.750/-	Rs.1000/-

amendment has been considered by the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and approved by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 30 of the said Act, the Council, with the approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following amendments in the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988, namely:-

(b) Every principal engaging an articled clerk, who has passed the Foundation examination or Graduation examination, as the case may be, and has also been registered as an articled clerk upto 30th June, 2004 or 30th September, 2001 respectively, shall pay to such clerk every month a minimum monthly stipend at the rates specified in the Table II below depending on where the normal place of service of the articled clerk is situated :-

Table - II

Classification of the normal place of service of the articled clerk (1)		During the first year of training (2)	During the second year of training (3)	During the remaining period of training (4)
(i)	Cities/towns having a population of twenty lakhs and above.	Rs.450/-	Rs.600/-	Rs.800/-
(ii)	Cities/towns having a population of three lakhs and above but less than twenty lakhs.	Rs.300/-	Rs.450/-	Rs.600/-
(iii)	Cities/towns having a population of less than three lakhs.	Rs.200/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.450/-

Provided that an additional stipend of Rs.300/- per month shall be paid to an articled clerk on his passing the Intermediate examination, from the first day of the month following the date of declaration of the result of the said examination held under these regulations, irrespective of above classification of rates of stipend with reference to cities/towns.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (a) or (b), an articled clerk on his passing the Professional Education (Examination – II) under these regulations, shall be eligible for a minimum monthly stipend at the rates specified in the Table I under clause (a), from the first day of the month following the date of declaration of the result of the said examination, depending on where the normal place of service of the articled clerk is situated.

Explanation 1.- For the purposes of this regulation, no stipend shall be payable for any excess leave taken.

Explanation 2.- For the purposes of determining the rates at which stipend is payable under this regulation, the period of articled training of the student under any previous principal or principals (not being any such period prior to 1st July, 1973) shall also be taken into account.

Explanation 3.- For the purposes of this regulation, the figures of population shall be taken as per the last published Census Report of India".

Sd/-

**Dr. Ashok Haldia,
Secretary.**

ICAI E-INITIATIVES

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Virtual Institute Project (VIP)

Unified Centralised System under Virtual Institute Project (VIP) was productionised after legacy data migration & testing in all regional offices from 1 April 2005. The centralised system provides instantaneous consolidation of members & students records. Further Internet Modules were made operational in August 2005, facilitating members and students to submit regulatory forms online, view their profiles and pay fees.

Benefits of VIP

'Virtual Institute' project brought a paradigm shift in the functioning of the Institute taking the Institute to a qualitatively new way of

working. The project creates a single integrated system for catering to the entire community of chartered accountants, irrespective of their geographical locations, through the virtual medium of Internet. Listed below are some direct and indirect benefits derived from the implementation of the project:

Direct Benefits:

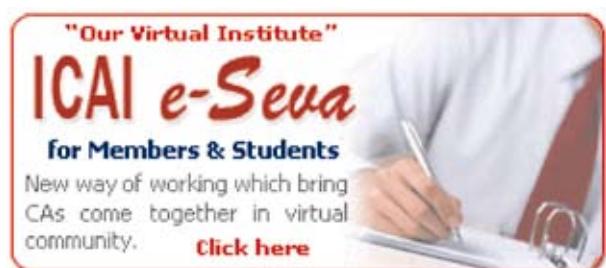
- All India database of members and students
- Instantaneous consolidation of members & students records
- Dynamic MIS
 - Members counts
 - ✓ Segregated into Associates, Fellowship and Region-wise

- ✓ Women members data segregated into Associates, Fellowship and Region-wise
 - ✓ Statistics based on qualifications of members
 - ✓ CoP, Fellowship related statistics
 - Student Counts
 - ✓ Segregated into PE-I, PE-II and Final students
 - ✓ Segregated into male and female
 - Online multipurpose empanelment
 - Instantaneous generation of list of members, firms & voters
 - Online member & student services
 - Online fee payment of fees for members & students
 - Preparation of panels for professional development committee
 - Inter-regional transfers of members and students is online and instantaneous
 - Efficient and timely delivery of:
 - ✓ Centralised Journal mailing labels increasing efficiency of Journal delivery
 - ✓ Centralised firm name approval
 - ✓ Centralised script certificates
 - ✓ Mass e-mailing
- The IT infrastructure created under Virtual Institute is a step towards e-learning implementation
- The Primary Delivery Centre (PDC) is a high-end establishment with Oracle 9i database server with Real Application Cluster (RAC) running under Sun Cluster, Citrix application-server farm and a web-server farm. The Disaster Recovery (DR) site hosts a scaled down setup. In the event of a disaster at the PDC, the data is secured and critical operations can be resuscitated by connecting to the DR site.

Virtual Institute & e-Initiatives

Members & Students can avail online services of the Institute by visiting ICAI e-Seva link on the Institute website www.icai.org

The fee collections are tied up with the payment gateway facilitating online payments.



Indirect Benefits:

- In-house primary delivery centre with disaster recovery site facilitating 24x7 operations of the Institute
- Broadband Internet Access to every official of the Institute
- Corporate e-mail account to every official of the Institute, council members, regional council members, branches and partnership firms
- Server farms hosting the Institute website and mail server—huge saving on server hosting
- Corporate network facilitating inter-office connectivity
- Free inter office voice calls using VoIP on the corporate network

Students

Students can now avail PE1/PE2/CCT Registrations, Articles Registration/Re-Registration, Deed of Articles, Final Registration, and Articles Vacancy Availability online, in addition to viewing their profile, test results and exam results.

Student Test Results Online

Students who have submitted postal test papers and want to know their results can now see them online on the Internet from the Institute website. An announcement to this effect was hosted on the Institute website and was published in the students newsletter as well. Similarly, it is possible for students to find out the status of their Eligibility Certificates.

Members

Members earlier had to take time out from their busy schedule to come to the Institute for simple issues such as payment of fees, firm name approval. These details are now available to them at the click of a button. Members are able to make request for CoP registration, Fellowship registration online. They can now download their profile online.

CoP Registration Online

Form 6—FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE

ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE—is now available for online filing. The relevant details of members will get automatically populated. On submission of the form, members are given an option to edit the details for correction if any, or proceed with submission of form. A click on proceed opens-up payment gateway interface facilitating the members to pay CoP fee online. After the payment of fees, members will be in a position to print forms, sign and post them to the Institute. The Institute authorises the transactions and allots CoPs after receipt of the signed hardcopies from the members.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

BANK BRANCH AUDITORS' PANEL 2006-07: Information to be sent to the Institute

The Institute had received several complaints from Members to the effect that in the interval between sending the application for bank empanelment and allotment of bank audits, they have accepted concurrent audit and similar assignments in various banks, and thereafter, have found that they have been allotted audits in those banks where they are already engaged in such assignments. This has caused hardship to them. Similar problems are faced by those who have accepted the directorship, have availed of loans from Public Sector Banks (including outstandings in respect of credit cards), given a guarantee in respect of a loan, etc.

In view of the situation, the matter was taken up with the RBI, and the RBI have agreed that assignments on concurrent audit etc./association

as director or indebtedness/guarantee given by members in the period from the date of application to the 1st of October of that year, will be considered by them before allotting audits.

Firms/members who apply for bank empanelment, and subsequently accept other assignments from banks, get associated as directors, or are indebted or give guarantee should therefore inform the Institute in the following form, the details of such engagements. It should be noted that assignments accepted which are not informed to the Institute **by the 1st of October every year**, will not be forwarded by the Institute to the RBI, and in such cases the RBI may allot audits in the same banks where they are otherwise engaged.

FORM FOR INTIMATING THE ICAI ABOUT ENGAGEMENTS ACCEPTED

Name of the Firm:

Place of Head Office:

Firm Registration. No.:

Unique Code No.:

MEF Application No.:

1. Association of the concern/any partner/proprietor with Public Sector Banks as concurrent/internal/income and expenditure or revenue auditor/stock auditor/auditor of borrowers accounts etc. (**other than as Statutory Bank Branch Auditors and Central Statutory Auditors**).

Name of the Bank	Name of the Branch	Name of the partner/ proprietor	Nature of assignment	Term of engagement	Date on which accepted

2. Details of loan availed (for amounts exceeding Rs. 1,000) from Public Sector Banks (including outstandings in respect of credit cards)/any guarantee given in respect of any loan, etc.

Name of the Bank	Name of the Branch	Name of the partner/ proprietor	*Amount of loan/ outstanding/ guarantee	Term of loan availed/ outstanding/ guarantee

*Please fill-up the amount of loan/outstanding against credit card/guarantee given as on the date of furnishing this information. **No further information is required** on account of any change in this amount at a later date. However, details of further loan/outstanding against credit card/guarantee given should be sent to the Institute, if any.

3. Details of acceptance of position as Director on the Board of Public Sector Banks.

Name of the Bank	Name of the partner/ proprietor	Date of Appointment	Term of Appointment	Date on which appointment accepted

The above details should be provided **for the period 1st April, 2006 to 1st October, 2006** immediately as and when such work is assigned and accepted/association as Director/ Indebtedness/Guarantee given by Chartered Accountants/Firms upto 1st October, 2006.

The above information should be sent by e-mail at pdcpn@icai.org with a copy by Speed Post /Courier at the below mentioned address:

**The Secretary,
Professional Development Committee
ICAI Bhawan, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
PO Box 7100
Indraprastha Marg
New Delhi- 110002.
(Details should be given separately for each bank.)**

Practical Workshops on Computer Assisted Auditing Techniques/ IS Audit/ IS Audit of Banks

Considering requests from members for provision of practical training on the said topics, the Committee on Information Technology has started organising these workshops at the Regional/Branch offices. Members interested in participating in these workshops may contact their Regional/Branch offices.

ICAI AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Invitation to Participate in the Competition for the year 2005-06

Last date for receipt of entries: 30th September, 2006

Objective

To recognise and encourage excellence in the preparation and presentation of financial information with a view to promote greater accountability and well-informed decision-making.

Categories of the Awards

Category I Manufacturing and Trading enterprises (including processing, mining, plantations, oil and gas enterprises)

Category II Finance sector (including NBFCs, mutual funds, investment bankers, HFCs, etc.)

Category III Service sector (including hotels, consultancy, transport, stock exchanges, R&D, private hospitals)

Category IV Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions

Category V Information Technology, Communication and Entertainment enterprises

Category VI Infrastructure & Construction sector (including power generation and supply, port trusts, roads)

Category VII Others (Section 25 companies, educational institutions, NGOs, charitable hospitals and other organisations)

In a case, where an organisation is engaged in more than one business, the dominant source of revenue will determine the category to which the organisation belongs.

Awards to be distributed

One Gold Shield and one Silver Shield will be awarded in each category for the best entry and the next best entry, respectively.

Conditions for Entry

I The Annual Report for entry to the 2005-06 Competition should relate to the financial year ending on any day between 1st April, 2005 and 31st March, 2006 (both days inclusive).

II Ten copies of the following documents should be sent:

(a) Annual Report

(b) Quarterly/Half-yearly Financial Results published during the year (specifically mentioning their date of publication) alongwith the Limited Review/Audit Report, where applicable.

III The following documents (or such other similar documents as are prepared by the organisation concerned) should form part of the Annual Report:

(a) Balance Sheet

(b) Profit and Loss Account

(c) Directors' Report

(d) Chairman's statement or speech at the Annual General Meeting. If a copy of the statement or speech of the Chairman was circulated to the shareholders along with the Annual Accounts, specific mention of this fact may be made.

IV The entry to the Competition should be accompanied by a declaration that the Annual Reports submitted are the same that have been circulated to the common shareholders.

V No fee is payable.

VI Cyclostyled copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will not be accepted. This condition, however, does not apply to entities covered by Category VII.

VII In all matters concerning the Competition, the decision of the panel of judges appointed by the Institute will be final.

Entries to the Competition for the year 2005-2006 should be submitted in the duly filled entry form (available on the Institute's Website www.icai.org under the link '<http://www.icai.org/icairoot/announcements/announ640.pdf>' or can be obtained from the Institute's Office at New Delhi) with relevant enclosures and sent to:

Secretary, Research Committee, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI Bhawan, Post Box No. 7100, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002; E-mail: research@icai.org, tdte@icai.org.

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