Fee concessions to differently abled students
Differently abled students who are suffering from permanent disability of 40% or above are eligible for following facilities and fee exemptions while pursing CA course.

1. Exemption from payment of registration fees at the time of submission of application form for following courses:
   i. Registration fee in respect of Intermediate and Final Courses.
   ii. Article registration fee.
   iii. ICITSS (IT & OC).
   iv. Advanced ICITSS (Advanced IT & MCS)

Along with the application form, such students shall be required to enclose the copy (ies) of the certificate(s) issued by the Govt. Hospital duly attested by any of the following authorized persons:

i. DCOs Heads/Regional Heads/Officer-in-charge of the Branch.
ii. Principal under whom such student is registered for Articleship.
iii. Central Council Member / Regional Council Member / Managing Committee Member of the Branch.

Further, while scrutinizing the application form(s), if it was found that he was not eligible for exemption of registration fee, such student shall be required to pay the requisite registration fee(s) within one month of the date of communication to be sent to him and that their date of registration in the course/programme shall be considered only from the date of receipt of the requisite fee(s) in the Institute.

1. Exemption from payment of fees for ICITSS (IT). Such students are required to undertake self-study from the Study Materials and qualify two test papers for IT.

2. Exemption from payment of fees for undergoing ICITSS (OC). Such students can either opt to (i) attend all the classes or (ii) appear in two test papers of 3 hours each after a study period of 15 days from the date of registration and after thoroughly studying the Background Material.

3. Exemption from payment of fees for Advanced ICITSS (Advanced IT). Such students are required to undertake self-study from the Study Material and pass the requisite exam.

4. Exemption from payment of fees for undergoing Advanced ICITSS (MCS). Such students can either opt to (i) attend all the classes or (ii) appear in two test papers of 3 hours each after a study period of 15 days from the date of registration and after thoroughly studying the Back ground Material.
For availing the above facilities and fee exemptions, differently abled student is defined as under:

1. **Physical Disability**
   
   A. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including...
      
      a. "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from...
         
         i. loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;
         
         ii. manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
         
         iii. extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;

   b. "cerebral palsy" means a group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;

   c. "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;

   d. "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscular disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;

   e. "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. **Visual impairment**
   
   a. "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction...
      
      i. total absence of sight; or
      
      ii. visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
1. Physical Disability

For availing the above facilities and fee exemptions, differently abled student is defined as under:

4. Exemption from payment of fees for undergoing Advanced ICITSS (MCS). Such students can either opt to (i) attend all the classes or (ii) appear in two test papers of 3 hours each after a study period of 15 days from the date of registration and after thoroughly studying the Background Material.

2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including -

a. "specific learning disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;

b. "autism spectrum disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

3. Mental behaviour

"mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by sub normality of intelligence.

4. Disability caused due to -

a. chronic neurological conditions, such as...
   i. "multiple sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;
   ii. "parkinson's disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

b. Blood disorder
   i. "haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor
would may result in fatal bleeding;
ii. "thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.
iii. "sickle cell disease" means a haemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anaemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "haemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of haemoglobin.

5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government.