Humble Justice Vijay Baga, Mumbai High Court, inaugurating the National Convention for CA Students at Nagpur by lighting the lamp. Also seen in picture CA Jaydeep Shah, Central Council Member, Dr. Vedprakash Malhotra, Dean, DMS, CA S. B. Zawarwala, Central Council Member, CA S. D. Laijan, Chairman, WIRC, CA Makrand Joshi, Vice Chairman, WIRC, CA Ketan Lyons, Chairperson, Nagpur Branch, other dignitaries and officebearers.

A Group Photo taken at the inaugural function of the National Convention for CA Students in Bangalore. Seen in picture CA Raghunath R. K. Central Council Member; CA T.V. Mohan Das Pai, Director, Infosys; CA Shambhu Sharma, H. Chairman, Bangalore Branch, other dignitaries and officebearers.

CA Vinod Jain, Chairman, Board of Studies addressing at the 10th All India Quiz and 18th All India Election Contests, 2010-11 at New Delhi on 12th January, 2011.
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President’s Communication

Dear Students,

I am feeling nostalgic while penning down this Farewell Message in the capacity of President of our Institute.

First of all, let me congratulate all the students who have achieved success in their November 2010 Examinations. Students are always on top of my priority list; hence, I put a lot of emphasis on the holistic development of our students. I am very happy that in the previous year, our Institute successfully organized International and National conferences for our students as to bring out the best from them. The All India elocution and quiz contest recently concluded was another event, which brought the best out of the students. I am very happy to note that students are taking part in large numbers in these contests and trying to whet their communication skills. These would enable you to enhance your presentation skills and overcome stage fright. Our Board of Studies launched Six Week Residential Programme on Professional Development Skills at the ICAI Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad. The new concept and format of this programme has proved highly beneficial for our students. We are in the process of revamping the Orientation, GMCS and ITT Programmes as well so as to keep pace with changing time and fulfill the requirement of the globalized professional world. I am sure that in a very short span of time all these alterations will yield rich dividends to our students.

In continuation with this, my dream project on Live Virtual Classes started on an enthusiastic note with a thumping success. Undoubtedly, it was a historic step to bring closer our students and provide them a unique facility for live interaction. It has been witnessed that over the years, the students are more interested in attending private coaching institutes and relying upon their tailor made notes. But I hope that novel and IT driven initiatives like this will narrow the gap between the students and the Institute and generate a sense of belongingness with their alma-matter. We introduced BoS Knowledge Portal as a single webpage access to all publications of Board of Studies. We successfully organized a mega Campus Selection for Articled Assistants and launched an Online Articles Placement Portal to facilitate placement of articles in firms on pan-India basis. I must congratulate our Board of Studies for making all the possible efforts to make these projects into realities.

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Message From The Chairman,  
Board of Studies  

Dear Students,

I am very glad to convey some of the important decisions taken by the Board of Studies in its last meeting.

- A Group has been set up to comprehensively review the syllabus of all the subjects of CA course. Suggestions on each paper can be sent to the undersigned.
- To launch ICAI course curriculum internationally in various parts of the world.
- To develop a Students’ Forum on the ICAI Students Portal.
- To prepare a scheme of concessional fee for poor and needy students.
- To significantly change the contents of Information Technology Training, including syllabus and delivery mechanism.
- To comprehensively change the contents of Orientation course.
- To divide General Management Communication Skill course in 2 separate courses of 15 days each. The idea is to provide professional orientation and advanced practical competence to the students in addition to soft skills of general management and communication. The optional 6 week course will continue.

I am also very glad to inform that revised study materials for CA Final (New) course have been published by the Board recently. This is within the existing syllabus but more comprehensive and up-dated.

I am also pleased to inform you that for the first time in the history of CA Institute, the suggested answers (for the November 2010 examinations) have been posted on the website of the Institute much before the declaration of results. This would have enabled you to determine your prospects of passing exams.

I am sure by the time this journal reaches you, all results will be out. We in the Board of Studies have made significant efforts to substantially improve the results by improving our quality of delivery of education. I congratulate the students who have passed the examination and wish good luck to the rest.

The live classes in 25 centres launched recently will be upgraded to 250 centres within a short span of time to enable us to reach out to each and every student and to provide oral classes from the best faculties available in the country at very low cost. I am sure all these efforts will enable us to march ahead to become worlds’ best Chartered Accountants. In terms of my vision at least 25% of the students will be providing services internationally or may be employed internationally or may be running their own businesses in the international atmosphere within a period of 5-7 years and I am very hopeful that all of you are going to support our endeavor with a long term vision, firm commitments, hard work and discipline.

We are also making comprehensive revision of the list of recommended books which will be put on the website shortly. I request students to comprehensively study, the study material and other publications of ICAI, text books of repute and stop relying on pocket books.

I look forward for confidentiality, creditability, competence, courage, conviction from each one of you to enable us to provide the professional services with excellence, independence and integrity.

Before I conclude I call upon each one of you to stand up against corruption so that our profession is seen as preventer of corruption, if we cannot eradicate fully, at least we can reduce its impact substantially by our sincere endeavor.

Government has to be governed with transparency and integrity.

With Best Wishes  
Yours sincerely,

CA. Vinod Jain  
Email : chairmanbos@icai.org
The Council reviewed the requirement for passing the Common Proficiency Test and decided that a candidate shall have to obtain at one sitting, a minimum of 30 per cent marks and a minimum of 50 per cent marks in the aggregate of all the Sections, subject to the principle of negative marking. The Council also realized the difficulties faced by students and decided that the students who have not passed 10+2 examination but have passed any other diploma course and later have pursued graduation are eligible for the CPT examination. The Council felt a need for revising the existing stipend paid to the articled assistants and decided to double it from its existing value. All these issues are being taken up with the Central Government for necessary approval.

I personally believe that nothing is more important than a sincere approach towards articleship. A rigorous articleship is the strong foundation of our enduring CA profession. It is very necessary to have a strong mechanism to monitor the articleship training. We will not tolerate insensitiveness of the articles towards the articleship training. We are unanimous in our concerns in this regard.

Our Council has brought significant modifications in Secondment Scheme and Transfer/Termination of Articleship. Further, I am pretty confident that the study materials and learning facilities of our Institute is at par with other world premiere institute of learning and knowledge. I am very pleased that the entire study material for the Final course has been revised/modified substantially. The process of revision/modification for the PCC level course is going to be completed soon. We also released Practice Manuals for our students so that they can prepare for their respective examinations in a well planned manner. To restore the spirits of transparency in true sense of words, we decided to host suggested answers well before the declaration of results. I worked in all-out to strengthen our Examination system as our Institute is well known for having set very high standards for the CA examination.

I am really satisfied that I have tried my level best to accomplish my envisaged plans. I hope that my successors will also keep continue to work for the betterment of our students and accounting profession. Now, when I am leaving my office, I feel pride to state that I received overwhelming affection, support and cooperation from our students and esteemed members to meet the dead line. I hope that in future too they would extend their cooperation in the same spirit and manner. I have complete faith in the abilities and skills of my students. The whole world has set its eyes upon you with lots of hopes and aspirations. Remember that it is only slow and steady wins the race so set your objective and strive hard to grab it.

I convey my best wishes to all our students to achieve success in their all personal and professional endeavours. Yours sincerely,

CA. Amarjit Chopra
President, ICAI, New Delhi

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The basics of Internal Rate of Returns and Net Present Values: You thought you knew

Vinod Kothari

Understanding of Net Present Value (NPV) and Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is very important for both students of finance as well as practitioners. This article is relevant for both practitioners and students.

Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

Let us begin by understanding what is IRR. The word internal or implicit is only to state that on the face of it, the rate is not explicit. For example, if I say that I invest ₹1000 in a transaction in year 0, and get back ₹300 every year over 5 years at the end of which my investment becomes zero, what is the rate of return? A lay person would count the total inflows (₹1500) and say that the rate of return is 10% \[
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\] – however, that is far from the truth. Every payment of ₹300 also serves to redeem a part of the investment – hence, the rate of return cannot be computed by mere observation. There is nothing imaginary or notional about this rate – this is the rate of return produced by the transaction in question. For instance, in the example stated here, the rate comes to 15.24%.

Here are some quick notable points about IRRs:

- Is IRR the same as rate of interest? IRR is actually a rate, and as the name implies, the rate of return inherent in a transaction. If the transaction in question is a loan, such rate is rate of interest. If the transaction in question is not a loan, for instance, investment in a property, it is not appropriate to use the word “rate of interest”. Hence, IRR is more generic.
- Does that mean, in loan transactions, there is no need to compute IRRs? If the rate of interest in a loan is explicit, and there are no other significant cash inflows or outflows than the payment of interest or principal, it may not be necessary to compute IRRs. However, there are several cases in which the effective interest rate or IRR is different from the contractual rate – for example, if the lender grants a moratorium, or there is a step-up rate of interest after a certain period, or there are some initial charges which have the effect of improving the IRR over the nominal interest rate.
- There is a common notion that the computation of IRR is based on an assumption that every cashflow is reinvested, and reinvested at the same rate as the IRR. Do you agree? Our short answer, at this stage, would be – there is no basis for this notion. This is indeed a misnomer, and we explain later what this actually means.

Net Present Value (NPV)

If we consider a series of cashflows, and compute present values of all the cashflows at a particular discounting rate, and then sum up the present values, the result is called net present value. The reason why we use the word net is that a series of cashflows would most likely have an outflow at the beginning, followed by several inflows, or vice versa. So, in effect, we are netting out the present values of the positive and the negative cashflows, and hence the term net present value.

How to compute NPV:

The simplest and universally applicable method of computing NPV is to take each cashflow, and discount it at the given discounting rate for the time period after which the cashflow occurs.

Example 1:

Let us suppose I give a loan of ₹1000, and recover the 36 monthly instalments of ₹34 each. Now, I want to compute the NPV of the series of cashflows at a discounting rate of 10% p.a.

We get a net present value of 53.702. The IRR of the transaction, annualized by simple multiplication, is 13.63%.

What does the NPV imply?

The computation in the Example above resulted into NPV of ₹53.702. First of all, let us understand that nothing fails like success because we don’t learn from it. We learn only from failure.

Of course there is no formula for success except, perhaps, an unconditional acceptance of life and what it brings.
while IRR was a rate, NPV is a number, or a sum. What does this sum imply? The implication of NPV will depend upon what was the discounting rate. In Example, the IRR is 13.63%. We discounted these cashflows at a discounting rate of 10%, and the NPV came to ₹ 53,702. If 10% represents the cost of capital or the cost of funds of the investor, then, the profit or margin inherent in the investment is 3.63%. Measured today, the value of this profit is ₹ 53,702. Hence, computation of NPV is computation of the value of the spread, that is, the difference between the inherent rate and the discounting rate. In many cases, a transaction may not have a rate of return – for example, computing the present value of a gratuity liability.

**Factors on which NPV would depend:**

- IRR inherent in the cashflows: This is almost too obvious. Usually, higher the IRR in a deal, higher is the NPV at a given discounting rate.
- Discounting rate: This is another obvious factor. Higher the discounting rate, lower would be the discounted value.
- Size of investment: As NPV is a quantity and not a rate, the size of the NPV will depend upon the ticket size, that is, the sum of money involved in the given transaction. For example, if all the numbers in Example above were multiplied by 1000, the resulting NPV will also 1000 times of what our computation showed.
- Tenure of investment: Not only will the value depend upon how much is the size of the transaction, but also over how long tenure is the investment recovered. If a sum of ₹ 1000 is invested at a certain spread for 5 years, obviously it would earn more profit than if the same amount is invested for the same spread for 3 years.
- Structure of repayment: The structure of repayment also has the impact of elongating or shortening the investment horizon. For instance, if cashflows are scanty in the beginning, and heavier towards the end, it would mean money remains locked for a longer term. This would have the impact of increasing the net present value.

We take an example of NPV computations to make these points obvious.

**Example 2**

Suppose I have ₹ 1000 to invest and I have two alternatives: (a) invest in a loan that pays ₹ 300 every year for 5 years, yearly in arrears; (b) invest in a loan that pays ₹ 270 every year for 5 years, yearly in advance. Suppose my cost of capital is 10%. Which of the two deals is preferable for me? Let us first compute the IRRs. We have used the Rate function to compute IRRs. Option (a) gives an IRR of 15.238% and option (b) gives an IRR of 17.740%. The NPV of option (a) comes to ₹ 137.24 and that of option (b) comes to ₹ 125.86. The dilemma is clear – going by IRR, option (b) is better, and in fact, substantially better with returns being higher by more than 250 basis points. Going by NPV, option (a) produces a better NPV. However, once we take a look at the cashflows of the two deals, the confusion may become clear. In option (a), I am investing ₹ 1000, and recovering it over 5 years. In view of the amounts received in advance, in option (b), I am investing ₹ 730, and recovering that over 4 years. As we have noted earlier, NPVs are affected by the size of investment as well as the investment horizon. While option (b) is surely more profitable, it gives lesser profit because there is lesser investment needed in it, and for a lesser time. Since ₹ 270 is received immediately, theoretically, I might invest that money also, and earn on it. Considering such reinvestment opportunities, the NPV on option (b) might also be higher. However, option (b) is surely more profitable than option (a).

**Example 3**

Let us suppose I have ₹ 1000 to invest and I have the following 3 optional cashflow structures:

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The 3 optional structures have been designed to be different. Option 1 is totally back-heavy – there are no cashflows over the term, and there is a bullet payment at the end. Option 2 pays equal instalments over the term. Option 3 is front heavy, with more cashflows in the beginning than towards the end.

NPVs of these 3 deals at three different discounting rates: 8%, 10% and 12% are shown below:

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We first observe that at 10% discounting rate, the NPVs of each of the 3 options is zero, (i.e. IRR of the 3 options is 10%). This means we should be indifferent between the 3 proposals.

At 8% discounting rate, Option 1 produces maximum NPV. If the IRR of the 3 deals is the same, their spread at an 8% discounting rate must also be the same, and yet the NPVs are lot different.

At 12% discounting rate there is a loss in either of the 3 options. But at that rate, the loss is the maximum for option 1, and the minimum for option 3. So, if loss minimization is the objective, option 3 must be selected.

So, we have pointers in three different directions – the IRR suggests that the 3 proposals are indifferent. At 8% discounting rate, we would love option 1 as it maximizes the profit. At 12% discounting rate, we will go for option 3, as it minimizes the loss.

To be able to make sense out of these 3 conflicting pointers, we need to understand what the NPV analysis is doing. As it is profitable to invest, the profits will be maximized if we invested for a longer term. In option 1, the entire amount of $1000 remains locked for 5 years, while the other two options are amortizing, with Option 3 being amortizing faster. Obviously, therefore, the NPV is maximum where the average term for which the money remains invested is the longest.

While discounting at 12%, it is loss to do either of the 3 deals and the loss is minimized by the proposal where the exit is the fastest – as is the case with option 3.

So ultimately, which deal do we choose? The rate of profit of each of the 3 deals is the same, as indicated by the IRR. They have different profits because one churns money out quickly (option 3), while another keeps money invested until maturity. Profits are a function of how much is invested, and for how long. The 3 deals will be indifferent if the rate of return that they produce is similar to the reinvestment rate, that is, rate of return produced by other opportunities. However, if the rate of return of the 3 options is higher than most other opportunities, that is, the reinvestment rate is lower than the IRR of the 3 options, then, obviously, option 1 is the best as I am locking my money for the longest duration.

Is NPV a tool of comparison?

The substance of the above discussion is that each of the factors that we had listed above have a bearing on NPV, and therefore, one cannot choose between projects having different ticket sizes, different tenure, different payback structure, etc by comparing the NPVs. Does that mean NPV has very limited value in choosing between mutually exclusive projects? Not really, but stand-alone NPV does not say much. NPV has to be used in conjunction with something like IRR or duration to make it analytically important.

Use of discounting rate in NPV computation:

The discounting rate is like the measuring yardstick – the analyst must ask – what do I compare these values with? A few bullets below seek to explain the appropriate rate to use for discounting of cashflows:

- Let us say I am analyzing the cashflow of Project A, I have the opportunity of investing in Project B that would give me a rate of return of 10%. In this case, 10% discounting rate used for Project A. The rate of return in Project B is an opportunity cost for Project A.
- In the same example as above, if we are analyzing the cashflows of both Project A and Project B, and the funding of these projects comes from a certain combination of debt and equity, then the weighted cost of capital of the sources of funding will form an appropriate discounting rate.
- If Project is funded from the internal resources of the company then weighted average cost of capital for the company will be an appropriate discounting rate.
- If the cashflows in question are the residual cashflow from a project, net of interest and financing costs, then the appropriate discounting rate is the return on equity or return on economic capital.
- If I am considering whether investing in a bond, I can use the risk-free discounting rate.
- A very important point to note is that if the cashflows being discounted are post-tax cashflows, then a post-tax discounting rate (for example, post-tax cost of capital) should be used. If the cashflows are pre-tax cashflows, then the discounting rate should also be a pre-tax discounting rate.
- The discounting rate is often also adjusted to take care of the riskiness of the cashflows. This is called risk-adjusted discounting rate. However, if the riskiness of the cashflows has already been captured by computing the expected value of the risk-less cashflows, then risk-free discounting rate should be used.
- Another very significant point is that the discounting rate does not have to be static – it may be a variable discounting rate, based on the yield curve. Hence, cashflows occurring at different points of time may be discounted at different discount rates.

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Indian Accounting Standards Converged with IFRS
An Overview & Presentation of Financial Statements

Krutika Fadnis

Introduction:
As the world becomes a global village, cross border movements of capital and other resources are becoming increasingly common. To ensure the trust and confidence of the investors chasing global opportunities, a sound financial reporting system, supported by strong governance, high quality standards and a firm regulatory framework are necessary. In this background, convergence of National Accounting Standards with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) have become necessary. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), as the Accounting Standards formulating body in the country, has always made efforts to formulate the high quality Accounting Standards.
The Council of the Institute finalized the Concept paper for the convergence with International Accounting Standards in July 2007. The Concept paper lays down the need and effectiveness for the Convergence with the IFRSs, the objective and meaning of the convergence and also the strategy and the Roadmap for the convergence.
The Ministry of Corporate Affairs issued a press release on 22nd January 2010, laying down the roadmap for the convergence by the Indian Corporates*. As per the roadmap, the specified class of companies will convert their opening balance sheet as on 01.04.2011 in compliance with notified Accounting Standards, which are convergent with IFRS.
IFRSs are designed to apply to the general purpose financial statements and other financial reporting of all profit oriented entities, which include commercial, industrial and financial sector, etc. Although, they are not designed to apply to not for profit activities in the private, public or government sector, the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSASB) prepared the accounting standards for government and other public sector entities.
The financial statements to which the IFRS apply, are directed towards the common information needs of a wide range of users like the shareholders, creditors, employees and the public at large.
The IFRSs comprises of
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)
- International Accounting Standards (IAS)
- Interpretations issued by International Financial Reporting interpretation Committee (IFRIC)
- Interpretations issued by Standing Interpretation Committee (SIC)

Enthusiasm is more important than any other commodity. It will find solutions when none are apparent, and it will achieve success where none is thought possible.

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Thus, there are 38 standards and 27 interpretations which comprise the total IFRS.

**Ind AS**

The Ind AS are the Indian Accounting Standards converged with IFRSs. These standards will be notified under section 211 of the Companies Act. AS of now 35 of these will be notified. The three standards which will not be notified are as follows:

1. IFRS 9- Financial Instruments
2. IAS 26- Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plan
3. IAS 41- Agriculture

The Indian Accounting Standards are generally the same as IFRSs. While formulating the Indian Accounting Standards, the aim of the ICAI has always been to comply with the IFRSs as far as possible. However, few modifications have been made; therefore these Indian Standards are not in toto the same as the IFRSs. The list of these standards has been given at the end of this article.

**Financial Statements:**

Under the new standards the complete set of financial statements comprises of the following:

1. Balance Sheet as at the end of the period (alongwith the Statement of Changes in Equity annexed thereto)
2. Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income)
3. Statement of Cash Flows for the period
4. Notes comprising the summary of significant accounting polices and other explanatory information.
5. Balance Sheet as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or makes a retrospective restatement of items in the financial statements or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements.

**Balance Sheet**

The Balance Sheet or the statement of financial position as it is called in the International Accounting Standards, is to be drawn as per Schedule VI of the Companies Act. The present Schedule VI is proposed to be amended to make it in line with IAS1. Each entity is required to present current and non-current assets, and current and non-current liabilities, as separate classifications in its balance sheet. As an exception to this general rule, an entity may provide the classification based on the liquidity if such information is reliable and more relevant.

The current and non current classification is aimed at providing useful information by distinguishing the net asset that are continuously circulating as Working Capital from those used in the entities long term operations. This classification highlights the assets that are expected to be recovered within the current operating cycle and liabilities that are due for settlement within the same period.

Thus the classification of liabilities will no longer be on the line of secured and unsecured. Similarly the assets will be classified as Non-Current and Current instead of the present classification as Fixed Assets and Current Assets. Presently long term loans and advances are also classified as Current Assets. In the proposed Schedule VI they will be classified as Non-Current Assets.

**Statement of Changes in Equity**

The statement of changes in Equity is similar to the existing schedule of Reserves and Surplus. Under the new statement, the entity shall present a statement of changes in equity showing the following information:

1. Total comprehensive income for the period showing separately the total amounts attributable to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests.
2. For each component of the equity, the effects of retrospective applications or retrospective re-statement recognized in accordance with the Ind AS 8.
3. For each component of the equity a reconciliation between the carrying amount at the beginning and at the end of the period separately disclosing the changes resulting from:-
   (a) Profit or loss
(b) Each item of other comprehensive income and
(c) Transactions with the owners in their capacity as the owners, showing separately the contribution by and the distributions to the owners and the changes in the ownership interest in the subsidiaries that do not result in loss of control.

**Statement of Cash Flows**

The Cash Flow statement provides information to assess the ability of entity to generate cash and cash equivalents and also the needs of the entity.

**Statements of Profit or Loss**

The statement requires an entity to present all items of income and expenses in a period in Profit or Loss unless other standards require /permit otherwise. All material items of income and expenses are required to be disclosed along with the nature and amount separately.

The IAS 1 permits presentation of expenses by using either their nature or their functions within the entity. The general method adopted in India is to present expenses on the basis of their nature. Accordingly Ind AS 1 requires the presentation only by the nature of expenses.

**Other Comprehensive income**

The IAS 1 permits presentation of Other Comprehensive Income either as a separate statement or as part of the statement of profit or loss. In India it is proposed to have the Statement of Comprehensive Income as a part of the Profit and Loss. Thus we will be following what is called the One Statement Method under IAS 1.

The Other Comprehensive Income comprises of items of income or expenses (including the reclassification adjustments) that are not recognized the profit or loss as required or permitted by other IFRSs. The components of the Other Comprehensive income includes:-

1. Changes in revaluation surplus (Ind AS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and Ind AS 38 Intangible Assets);
2. Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit plans recognised in accordance with paragraph 92 and 129A of Ind AS 19 Employee Benefits;
3. Gains and losses arising from translating the financial statements of a foreign operation (Ind

AS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates);
4. Gains and losses on remeasuring available -for-sale financial assets (see Ind AS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement);
5. The effective portion of gains and losses on hedging instruments in a cash flow hedge (Ind AS 39).

The reclassification adjustments are amounts reclassified to Profit or Loss in the current period that were recognized Other Comprehensive Income in the current / previous periods.

**Notes**

The Notes to account present information about the basis of preparation of the financial statement and the specific accounting policies. They disclose the information required by the standards that is not presented elsewhere in the financial statements. Such information is relevant to understand the financial statements. The notes should be presented in a systematic manner. There should be proper cross referencing of the items in the financial statements with that in the notes. Generally the order in which the notes are to be presented are as under:-

1. Statement of compliance with the Ind AS.
2. Summary of significant accounting policies applied.
3. Supporting information for items presented in the balance sheet and in the statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity and the of cash flow.
4. Disclosure of contingent liabilities and unrecognized contractual commitments, and
5. Non-financial disclosure e.g. financial risk management objectives and policies

It may be useful to note that the information required to be disclosed currently under Schedule VI such as quantitative details, CIF value of imports, FOB value of exports etc. will not be required to be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

**Conclusion**

There will be a significant change in the manner in which the financial statements will be prepared
and presented once the new Ind AS are applied. The Indian corporates are now entering into a new era of financial reporting. This opens up new challenges and also the opportunities for the profession.

Annexure

List of IND AS

1. IND AS 1 corresponding to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements
2. IND AS 2 corresponding to IAS 2, Inventories
3. IND AS 7 corresponding to IAS 7, Statement of Cash Flows
4. IND AS 8 corresponding to IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
5. IND AS 10 corresponding to IAS 10, Events after the Reporting Period
6. IND AS 11 corresponding to IAS 11, Construction Contracts
7. IND AS 12 corresponding to IAS 12, Income Taxes
8. IND AS 16 corresponding to IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment
9. IND AS 17 corresponding to IAS 17, Leases
10. IND AS 18 corresponding to IAS 18, Revenue
11. IND AS 19 corresponding to IAS 19, Employee Benefits
12. IND AS 20 corresponding to IAS 20, Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance
13. IND AS 21 corresponding to IAS 21, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
14. IND AS 23 corresponding to IAS 23, Borrowing Costs;
15. IND AS 24 corresponding to IAS 24, Related Party Disclosures
16. IND AS 26* corresponding to IAS 26, Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans
17. IND AS 27 corresponding to IAS 27, Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
18. IND AS 28 corresponding to IAS 28, Investment in Associates
19. IND AS 29 corresponding to IAS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies
20. IND AS 31 corresponding to IAS 31, Interest In Joint Ventures
21. IND AS 32 corresponding to IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation
22. IND AS 33 corresponding to IAS 33, Earnings per Share
23. IND AS 34 corresponding to IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting
24. IND AS 36 corresponding to IAS 36, Impairment of Assets
25. IND AS 37 corresponding to IAS 37, Provisions and Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
26. IND AS 38 corresponding to IAS 38, Intangible Assets
27. IND AS 39 corresponding to IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
28. IND AS 40 corresponding to IAS 40, Investment Property
29. IND AS 41** corresponding to IAS 41, Agriculture
30. IND AS 101 corresponding to IFRS 1, First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards
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33. IND AS 104 corresponding to IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts
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35. IND AS 106 corresponding to IFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources
36. IND AS 107 corresponding to IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures
37. IND AS 108 corresponding to IFRS 8, Operating Segments
38. IND AS 109*** corresponding to IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

- *Will not be notified by government as it is not relevant for the companies
- ** IND AS 41 is under formulation
- *** IND AS 109 will not be notified presently
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Regulatory Framework for Core Investment Companies (CICs)
The Bank had already issued the captioned guidelines DNBS(PD) CC.No. 197/03.10.001/2010-11 dated August 12, 2010 to all Core Investment Companies (CICs) in terms of which CICs were defined and systemically important CICs (CICs-ND-SI) are required to be registered with RBI. It was also advised therein that all CICs-ND-SI should apply to RBI for obtaining CoR within a period of six months from the date of the Notification. In continuation of these Guidelines, CICs are further advised as per the circular DNBS (PD) CC.No. 206 /03.10.001/2010-11 dated January 5, 2011 as follows.

The following definitions in the Guidelines have been modified as given below:

a) “Adjusted net worth” means the aggregate, as appearing in the last audited balance sheet as at the end of the financial year, of Owned Funds as defined in Non Banking Financial (Non Deposit Accepting or Holding) Companies Prudential Norms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2007;

i) as increased by:-
   A. 50% of the unrealized appreciation in the book value of quoted investments as at the date of the last audited balance sheet as at the end of the financial year (such appreciation being calculated, as the excess of the aggregate market value of such investments over the book value of such investments); and
   B. the increase if any, in the equity share capital since the date of the last audited balance sheet.

ii) as reduced by :-
   A. the amount of diminution in the aggregate book value of quoted investments (such diminution being calculated as the excess of the book value of such investments over the aggregate market value of such investments) and
   B. the reduction, if any, in the equity share capital since the date of the last audited balance sheet.

Explanation: Investments, shall include investment in shares, stock, bonds, debentures or securities issued by the Government or local authority or other marketable securities of a like nature.

b) Core Investment Company (CIC) means a non-banking financial company carrying on the business of acquisition of shares and securities and which satisfies the following conditions as on the date of the last audited balance sheet:-

i) it holds not less than 90% of its net assets in the form of investment in equity shares, preference shares, bonds, debentures, debt or loans in group companies;

ii) its investments in the equity shares (including instruments compulsorily convertible into equity shares within a period not exceeding 10 years from the date of issue) in group companies constitutes not less than 60% of its net assets Net assets, for the purpose of this proviso, would mean total assets excluding –

   (i) cash and bank balances;
   (ii) investment in money market instruments and money market mutual funds
   (iii) advance payments of taxes; and
   (iv) deferred tax payment.

(iii) it does not trade in its investments in shares, bonds, debentures, debt or loans in group companies except through block sale for the purpose of dilution or disinvestment;

(iv) it does not carry on any other financial activity referred to in Section 45 I (c) and 45 I (f) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 except:

a) investment in
   i. bank deposits,
   ii. money market instruments, including money market mutual funds,
   iii. government securities, and
   iv. bonds or debentures issued by group companies;

b) granting of loans to group companies; and

c) issuing guarantees on behalf of group companies.

Market value of quoted investments means the average of the weekly highs and lows of the closing price of the investments, on a recognized stock

This circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act 1992, read with Section 10 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market. It has now been decided to permit Stock Exchanges to introduce derivative contracts (Futures and Options) on foreign stock indices in the equity derivatives segment.

Guidelines regarding the Introduction of Derivative Contracts on Foreign Stock Indices

1. **Eligibility Criteria:** A stock exchange may introduce derivatives on a foreign stock index if:
   i. Derivatives on that Index is available on any of the stock exchanges listed at Annexure-A (refer to the original circular)
   ii. In terms of trading volumes (number of contracts), derivatives on that Index figure among the top 15 Index derivatives globally.

2. **Failure to meet Eligibility Criteria:** If the stock index fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria for three months consecutively, no fresh contract shall be introduced on that Index.

3. **Currency Denomination:** The absolute numerical value of the underlying foreign stock index shall be denominated in Indian Rupees (INR) and the derivatives contracts would be denominated, traded and settled in Indian rupees.

4. **Risk Management Framework:** The stock exchange shall submit the risk management framework along with its application.

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List of Institute’s Publications for May, 2011 Examination

The following List of Institute’s Publications is relevant for the forthcoming examination i.e. May, 2011. Students may kindly take it into consideration while preparing for the examination.

**Paper 1: Financial Reporting**

**Final Examination**

**I. Statements and Standards**

1. Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements
2. Accounting Standards (including limited revisions) – AS 1 to AS 32*.

**II. Guidance Notes on Accounting Aspects**

1. Guidance Note on Treatment of Reserves created on Revaluation of Fixed Assets.
2. Guidance Note on Accrual Basis of Accounting.
5. Guidance Note on Availability of Revaluation Reserve for Issue of Bonus Shares.
6. Guidance Note on Accounting Treatment for MODVAT/CENVAT.
7. Guidance Note on Accounting for Corporate Dividend Tax.
12. Guidance Note on Remuneration paid to key management personnel – whether a related party transaction.

*Note*

1. The Core Group was constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for convergence of Indian Accounting Standards with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). This Core Group decided that there will be two separate sets of Accounting Standards viz.

   (i) Indian Accounting Standards converged with the IFRS (Ind AS)

   These are the standards which are being converged by eliminating the differences of the Indian Accounting Standards vis-à-vis IFRS. These standards shall be applied for all companies falling under Phase I to Phase III as prescribed under the roadmap issued by the core group. At present, these Ind ASs are in the form of Exposure Drafts and not yet finalized and therefore, not applicable for the students appearing in May, 2011 Examination.

   (ii) Accounting Standards

   The companies not falling within the threshold limits prescribed for IFRS compliance in the respective phases shall continue to apply these standards in the preparation and presentation of financial statements.

2. Students are expected to have thorough knowledge of the Accounting Standards (AS 1 to AS 29) and Guidance Notes on various aspects issued by ICAI. As far as AS 30, 31 and 32 are concerned, in view of the complexities involved, the questions involving conceptual issues (not involving application issues) may be asked. Since a separate topic of ‘Financial Instruments’ is included in the curriculum, simple practical problems based on AS 30, 31 and 32 may be asked.
3. The Accounting Standard Interpretations (ASI) have been issued from time to time by the Council of the ICAI. These interpretations address questions that arise in course of application of a particular Accounting Standard. ASI 2 and ASI 11 have been withdrawn. ASI 12, 23, 27 and 29 have been withdrawn and issued as Guidance Notes. The remaining interpretations have been merged as explanations to the relevant paragraphs of the related Accounting Standards.


Paper 1: Advanced Accounting

**IPCC**

Accounting Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20 26, 29 are covered in the syllabus.

**Paper 1: Accounting**

**IPCC (Group I)**

Accounting Standards 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, are covered in the syllabus.

The study material revised in July, 2010 is relevant for May, 2011 examination.

**Paper 5: Advanced Accounting**

**IPCC (Group II)**

Accounting Standards 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20 26, 29 are covered in the syllabus.

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Text of All applicable Guidance Notes is available in Volume II of Auditing and Assurance Study Material. These can be accessed by following the path - [http://www.icai.org/new_post.html?post_id=6192](http://www.icai.org/new_post.html?post_id=6192).

### PAPER-4: CORPORATE AND ALLIED LAWS

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4. The significant amendments made by circulars/notifications issued between 1.5.2010 and 31.10.2010 would be hosted on the website of the Institute www.icai.org and would also be given in the Revision Test Paper (RTP) for May, 2011 examination.

Paper 8 : Indirect Tax Laws
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Paper 5: Taxation
Professional Competence Examination
1. Study Material for IPCC Paper 4: Taxation (as amended by the Finance Act, 2010). The relevant assessment year for Income-tax is A.Y. 2011-12. This study material has been updated with the amendments made by the Finance Act, 2010 as well as the significant amendments made by notifications/circulars/other legislations up to 30.4.2010. This study material is relevant for PCC students also, however, with the exception of the following chapters in Part II: Service tax and VAT -
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NOTIFICATION

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Overseas Centres: (1) ABU DHABI (2) DUBAI
(3) BAHRAIN (4) DOHA (5) KATHMANDU

The Council reserves the right to withdraw any centre at any stage without assigning any reason.

Applications for admission to Common Proficiency Test is required to be made in the relevant prescribed form as contained in the Information Brochure, which may be obtained from the Sr. Deputy Director (Examinations), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi - 110 002 on payment of ₹ 600/- (₹500/- towards examination fee and ₹ 100/- towards cost of application form and Information brochure) per application form. The fee for candidates opting for Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Doha and Bahrain centres will be US $160 (US $ 150 towards examination fee and US $ 10 towards cost of application form and Information brochure) or its equivalent Indian Currency. The fee for the candidates opting for Kathmandu centre are required to remit INR.950/- (INR 850/- towards examination fee and INR 100/- towards cost of application form and Information brochure) or its equivalent foreign Currency. Since the cost of Information brochure containing Common Proficiency Test application form includes the examination fee, no separate fee is required to be remitted at the time of submitting the filled in application form. The Information brochure containing Common Proficiency Test application form will also be available in the Regional and Branch Offices of the Institute and can be obtained there from on cash payment on or from 4th April, 2011.

Common Proficiency Test application forms duly filled in may be sent so as to reach the Sr. Deputy Director (Examinations) at New Delhi not later than 25th April, 2011. Applications received after 25th April, 2011 shall not be entertained under any circumstances. Applications duly filled in will be received by hand delivery at the offices of Institute at New Delhi and at the Centralised Offices of the Institute at Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Pune upto 25th April, 2011. Candidates residing in these cities are advised to take advantage of this facility. It may be noted that there is no provision for acceptance of application forms after 25th April, 2011 with late fee.

Alternatively the candidate may fill up the examination application form online at http://ica EXAM.ICAI.ORG from 4th April, 2011 (10:00 hrs) to 25th April, 2011 (17:30 hrs) and remit the fee online by using either VISA or Master Credit/Debit Card.

Common Proficiency Test (CPT) is open only to those students who are already registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for the said course on or before 1st April, 2011 and fulfill the requisite eligibility conditions.

**QUESTION PAPER BOOKLET LANGUAGE:**

Common Proficiency Test will be an objective type multiple choice questions based examination. Candidates will be allowed to opt for Hindi medium Question Paper Booklet for answering the questions. Detailed information will be found given in the Information brochure.

(Dr. T. PARAMASIVAN)
SR. DEPUTY DIRECTOR (EXAMS.)
The next Professional Competence Examination (PCE), Integrated Professional Competence Examination (IPCE) and Final Examinations of the Institute will be held from 2nd May 2011 to 16th May 2011. Notification and detailed announcement thereon have already been hosted on ICAI website www.icai.org.

Applications for admission to Professional Competence Examination (PCE), Integrated Professional Competence Examination (IPCE) and Final examination can be made either through the online mode at http://icaixexam.icai.org or through physical application forms, which are priced as follows:
PCE and IPCE examinations ₹ 100/- per form.
Final examination ₹ 500/- per form

In order to encourage the student community to take up on-line applications, it has been decided to waive off the cost of application form (i.e., ₹100/- or ₹500/- as the case may be) in respect of candidates who fill in their forms online at http://icaixexam.icai.org and remit the examination fees online by using either VISA or Master credit/debit card.

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Candidates for Final exam may note that the facility for submission of on-line applications for the Final exam will cease after 28th February 2011. After that date, Final candidates will be permitted to submit only physical applications upto 7th March 2011 along with late fees of ₹500/-.

Students are advised to take advantage of the facility of making on-line applications and save on the cost of the exam form.

( Dr T. Paramasivan)
Sr Deputy Director(Exams)

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No. 13-CA (EXAM)/M/2011: - In pursuance of Regulation 22 of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988, the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is pleased to notify that the Professional Competence Course (PCC), Integrated Professional Competence Course (IPCC) and Final examinations will be held on the dates given below at the following centres provided that sufficient number of candidates offer themselves to appear from each centre.

Similarly Post Qualification Course Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) examination will also be held on the dates given below at the following centres (centres in India only) in terms of provisions as contained in Schedule “G” of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988, provided that sufficient number of candidates offer themselves to appear from each centre.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COURSE EXAMINATION (PCC)
ANNOUNCEMENT

[As per syllabus contained in the scheme notified by the Council under Regulation 28 C (3) of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988]

Group-I: 3rd, 5th & 13th May-2011

Group-II: 7th, 9th & 15th May-2011

(Morning Session: 9.00 AM to 12.00 Noon) (IST)

INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COURSE EXAMINATION (IPCC)

[As per syllabus contained in the scheme notified by the Council under Regulation 28 E (3) of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988]

Group-I: 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th May-2011

Group-II: 11th, 13th & 15th May-2011

(Morning Session: 9.00 AM to 12.00 Noon) (IST)

FINAL EXAMINATION:

[As per syllabus contained in the scheme notified by the Council under Regulation 31 (ii) of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988.]

Group-I: 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th May-2011

Group-II: 10th, 12th, 14th & 16th May-2011

(Morning Session: 9.00 AM to 12.00 Noon) (IST)

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (IRM) COURSE EXAMINATION:

[As per provisions contained in “Schedule G” of Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988]

Modules I to IV 10th, 12th, 14th & 16th May-2011

(Morning Session: 9.00 AM to 12.00 Noon) (IST)

EXAMINATION CENTRES: (FOR ALL EXAMINATIONS)

CITIES IN INDIA:

1. AGRA
2. AHMEDABAD
3. AHMEDNAGAR
4. AJMER
5. AKOLA
6. ALAPPUZHA
7. ALIGARH
8. ALLAHABAD
9. ALWAR
10. AMBALA
11. AMRAVATI
12. AMRITSAR
13. ANAND
14. ASANSOL
15. AURANGABAD
16. BANGALORE
17. BAREILLY
18. BATHINDA
19. BEAWAR
20. BELGAUM
21. BELLARY
22. BERHAMPOR
23. BHARAUCh
24. BHAVNAGAR
25. BHILWARA
26. BHOPAL
27. BUBANESWAR
28. BHUJ
29. BIKANER
30. BILASPUR
31. CHANDIGARH
32. CHENNAI
33. COIMBATORE
34. CUTTACK
35. DEHRADUN
36. DELHI/NEW DELHI
37. DHANBAD
38. DURG
39. ERNAKULAM
40. ERODE
41. FARIDABAD
42. GANDHIDHAM
43. GHAZIABAD
44. GOA
45. GORAKHPUR
46. GUNTUR
47. GURGAON
48. GUWAHATI
49. GWALIOR
50. HISAR
51. HUBLI
52. HYDERABAD
53. INDORE
54. JABALPUR
55. JAIPUR
56. JALANDHAR
57. JALGAON
58. JAMMU
59. JAMNAGAR
60. JAMSHEDPUR
61. JODHPUR
62. KANPUR
63. KARNAL
64. KOLKAM
65. KOLHAPUR
66. KOLKATA
67. KOTA
68. KOTTAYAM
69. KOZHIKODE
70. KUMBAKONAM
71. LATUR
72. LUCKNOW
73. LUDHIANA
74. MADURAI
75. MANGALORE
76. MATHURA
77. MEERUT
78. MORADABAD
79. MUMBAI
80. MUZAFFARNAGAR
81. MYSORE
82. NAGPUR
83. NAND
84. NASHIK
85. NELLORE
86. NOIDA
87. PALGHAT
88. PALI MARWAR
89. PANIPAT
90. PANVEL
91. PATNA
Applications for admission to these examinations are required to be made either online at [http://icaiexam.icai.org](http://icaiexam.icai.org) free of cost (i.e., ₹100/- for PCC & IPCC candidates and ₹500/- for Final candidates for application form shall not be charged if applications are filled in online, in case of Final Examination online facility is available only upto 28th February, 2011) or in the relevant prescribed form, copies of which may be obtained from the Sr. Deputy Director (Examinations), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI BHAWAN, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002 on payment of ₹100/- per application form in respect of Professional Competence Course & Integrated Professional Competence Course candidates and ₹500/- per application form in respect of Final Examination candidates. The cost of Examination application forms for Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) examination is ₹ 100/- per application form. The forms shall also be made available in the Regional and Branch Offices of the Institute and can be obtained therefrom on cash payment on or from 7th February, 2011.

Applications together with the prescribed fee by Demand Draft of any Scheduled Bank may be sent so as to reach the Sr. Deputy Director (Examinations) at New Delhi not later than 28th February, 2011. However, applications will also be received direct by Delhi Office after 28th February, 2011 and upto 7th March, 2011 with late fee of ₹ 500/-. Applications received after 7th March, 2011 shall not be entertained under any circumstances. Applications for the students’ examinations only duly filled in will also be received by hand delivery at the office of Institute at New Delhi and at the Decentralised Offices of the Institute at Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Pune upto 7th March, 2011. Candidates residing in these cities are advised to take advantage of this facility. However, application forms duly completed for the Post Qualification Course examination Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) examinations will be received only at the New Delhi office of the Institute.

The candidates who fill up the examination application form online at [http://icaiexam.icai.org](http://icaiexam.icai.org) from 7th February, 2011 to 28th February, 2011 shall be entertained only in case of Final Examination online facility is available only upto 28th February, 2011. Applications for the students’ examinations only duly filled in will also be received by hand delivery at the office of Institute at New Delhi and at the Decentralised Offices of the Institute at Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Pune upto 7th March, 2011. Candidates residing in these cities are advised to take advantage of this facility. However, application forms duly completed for the Post Qualification Course examination Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) examinations will be received only at the New Delhi office of the Institute.

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The Institute is receiving number of representations from the articled assistants regarding non-adherence to working hours during their practical training period as prescribed in Regulation 60 of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 which reads as under:

“60. Working hours of an Articled Assistant

The minimum working hours of an articled assistant shall be 35 hours per week (excluding lunch break) which shall be regulated by the Principal from time to time, subject to such directions and guidelines, as may be issued by the Council.”

The Council on consideration of the matter viewed that the articled training is an important part of the CA curriculum and the same needs to be carried out in accordance with the scheme framed by the ICAI in this behalf. In view of the number of representations received from the student fraternity the decision of the Council is reproduced again for establishing cordial relationship between the Employer and the Articled Trainees.

Accordingly, to clarify the doubts being raised by various quarters about the working hours of the articled assistants and for pursuing

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February, 2011 and remit the fee online by using either VISA or MASTER Credit/Debit Card shall not be charged ₹.100/- in case of PCC & IPCC Examinations and ₹500/- in case of Final examination (i.e., cost of application form fee) in order to popularize filling-in of application form online. The candidates of PCC and IPCC can continue to fill in application forms online from 1st March, 2011 to 7th March, 2011 whereas the candidates of Final Examinations are necessarily required to fill in physical application forms from 1st March, 2011 to 7th March, 2011 in case they fail to fill in and submit their online application form by 28th February, 2011.

The fees payable for the various examinations are as under:

| PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COURSE and INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COURSE EXAMINATIONS |
| For Both the Groups / Unit - 9 | ₹ 1600/- |
| For one of the Groups / Unit 1 to 8 | ₹ 1000/- |
| FINAL EXAMINATION |
| For Both the Groups | ₹ 2250/- |
| For one of the Groups | ₹ 1250/- |
| INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT (IRM) EXAMINATION | ₹ 1000/- |

Candidates of Professional Competence Course Examination (PCC) / Integrated Professional Competence Course Examination (IPCC) and Final examination opting for Dubai/Abu Dhabi Centre are required to remit US$ 350 and US$ 400 respectively or its equivalent Indian Currency irrespective of whether the candidates appear in a group or in both the groups or in a unit.

Candidates of Professional Competence Course Examination (PCC) / Integrated Professional Competence Course Examination (IPCC) and Final Examinations opting for Kathmandu centre are required to remit Indian ₹ 2250/- and Indian ₹ 3000/- respectively or its equivalent relevant foreign currency irrespective of whether the candidates appear in a group or in both the groups or in a unit.

OPTION TO ANSWER PAPERS IN HINDI:

Candidates of Professional Competence Course Examination (PCC) / Integrated Professional Competence Course Examination (IPCC) and Final Examinations will be allowed to opt for Hindi medium for answering papers. Detailed information will be found printed in the Information sheets attached to the relevant application form. However the medium of Examinations will be only English in respect of Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) Examination.

(Dr. T. Paramasivan)
Sr. Deputy Director (Exams)
graduation/other course, the Council decided to issue the following directions:-

1. The articled assistants should undergo practical training in accordance with the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 as explained hereinafter.
   - The working hours for the articled assistants shall be 35 hours in a week excluding the lunch break.
   - The office hours of the Principal for providing article training to the articled assistants shall not be generally before 9.00 A.M. or after 7.00 P.M.
   - The normal working hours for the articled assistants shall not start after 11.00 A.M. or end before 5.00 P.M.
   - The working hours for the articled assistants should not exceed 35 hours in a week excluding the lunch break and normally an articled assistant be required to work during the normal working hours fixed for articled assistants.
   - In case of the exigencies of work with the Principal, an articled assistant may be required to work beyond his/her normal working hours. However, under such circumstances, the aggregate number of working hours shall not exceed 45 hours per week. The requirement to work beyond 35 hours in a week should not be a practice but only in exceptional circumstances. Further, where the articled assistant is required to work beyond normal working hours, and aggregate of such hours exceed 35 hours per week, he/she shall be entitled to compensatory leave calculated with reference to number of completed working hours, over and above, 35 hours per week.
   - The facility of allowing flexible office hours stands withdrawn.

2. During the working hours, the articled assistant is not permitted to attend college/other institutions for pursuing any course including graduation. Accordingly, college timings of such course should not be such (after taking into account the time required to commute) which clashes with the normal working hours of the article training.

All concerned are advised to adhere to the provisions of Regulation 60, as well as the direction of the Council, mentioned above.

Director
Board of Studies

New Study Materials for Final Course

Students of Final Course may note that the Study Materials, including Practice Manuals, for all the subjects of the Final Course have been modified/revised/updated and the new materials would be available at all the regional offices and branches of the Institute.

As you are all well aware, revision/updation of Study Materials is a continuous process and it is very essential that you remain updated with the developments in all the subjects of your curriculum. Therefore, it is desirable that you read the latest Study Materials.

The Study Materials on Direct Tax Laws and Indirect Tax Laws have been updated based on the law as amended by the Finance Act, 2010. Practice Manuals have also been prepared for the first time in these two subjects based on the law as amended by the Finance Act, 2010 and practical problems have been worked out based on the provisions relevant for A.Y.2011-12 (in case of Direct Tax Laws). Therefore, these study materials, in particular, are relevant for May 2011 and November 2011 examination. Students appearing in May 2011 and November 2011 examination are, therefore, advised to buy the latest Study Materials in these two subjects.
COE... Centre of Excellence is what it stands for. But for the second batch of Six Weeks Residential Programme on “Professional Skills Development” (Dec 10, 2010 – Jan 11, 2011), the three letters meant much more than this. Centre of Excitement & Exuberance, Centre of Euphoria & Enigma, Centre of Ethics & Etiquettes, Centre of Ecstasy & Eccentricity & finally the Centre of Evolution for the fifty three students who love to call themselves “UDAAAN”. UDAAAN represents FREEDOM - Freedom to choose happiness, freedom to share happiness, freedom to bring smiles selflessly.

As we look back now, the journey has indeed been an exhilarating one. With the state of the art infrastructure at COE the vast facilities available to the inmates include the residential block with an exclusive lounge at every floor, a gymnasium, swimming pool, a well equipped IT lab, yoga room, conference rooms, an amphitheatre, a cafeteria, an auditorium, a recreation room with table tennis board and carom boards …time never used to come to a still. The campus was always lively and beaming with fresh ideas, thoughts and opinions of the young and dynamic batch of 53 students from all across India.

COE was the best example of how well people can work in teams and get along irrespective of their languages, cultures and regions. The sessions that ranged from time management to The Big fight and Devil’s advocate, leadership to office etiquettes, from IFRS to The Art of Negotiation, from Techno-economic feasibility report to Industrial visits, MS Power Point to Filing of an Appeal, the students got a superlative and the most diverse experience in a span of just six weeks. From teachers who made us dance and those who used to reward us for coming up with the best business ideas, the students enjoyed it all.

The lessons never used to end in the classroom. Post sessions, the students used to bond over Extempore in the amphitheatre, Debates in the lounge, making presentations just in time for the next day’s session, mock interviews going on well past mid-nights. But it wasn't all about work and assignments. The students have had their share of fun with surprise birthday celebrations at midnight, movies, mouth-watering maggi, celebrating Christmas and a cultural evening by all the students on the New Year's Eve that displayed their hidden talent. To extend the learning beyond classroom, students also initiated a daily morning news bulletin before the sessions to keep themselves updated.

The stay was made all the more memorable by providing the best meals at cafeteria, the warm and welcoming housekeeping staff, extremely hospitable people at the administration block and the security guards who always ensured that the students sleep well and sleep early. To bring this beautiful journey to its remarkable end, the Chairman and the Director of Board of Studies also graced the place with their presence. COE – The Mecca for professional networking has not only blessed the students with knowledge, lifelong friendships but also served as a platform to shed their inhibitions. The six weeks residential programme has molded the professionals for the future with a focused vision and ambition, which will ensure that these individuals will excel in their endeavors.

Contributed by Priyanka Rai (NRO-0196294) & Ankit G. Kataria (SRO-0138728)
Lighting the lamp ceremony at the inaugural function of the International Conference of CA Students organized by NIRC of ICAI in Delhi. Seen in picture, CA. Amarjit Chopra, President, ICAI, CA. Vinod Jain, Chairman, Board of Studies, CA. Atul Kumar Gupta, Chairman, NIRC, Shri Vijay Kapur, Director, Board of Studies and other eminent personalities.

CA. Atul Kumar Gupta, Chairman, NIRC presenting memento to Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi University in the presence of CA. Amarjit Chopra, President, ICAI, CA. Vinod Jain, Chairman, Board of Studies and Shri Vijay Kapur, Director, Board of Studies.

CA. G. Ramaswamy, Vice President, ICAI lighting the lamp at the inaugural ceremony of the National Convention for CA Students at Coimbatore. Also seen in picture, CA. Rajendra Kumar, C.C.M, CA. S.I.Vijayasundhar, Chairman, Coimbatore Branch and other office bearers.

CA. G. Ramaswamy, Vice President, ICAI addressing the National Convention for CA Students at Coimbatore. CA. Rajendra Kumar, Central Council Member, CA. Abhijit Bandhopadhyaya, Central Council Member and CA. K. Shanmugha Sundaram, Vice Chairman, SIRC of ICAI also seen in picture.
Hon'ble Justice Vijay Daga, Mumbai High Court, inaugurating the National Convention for CA Students at Nagpur by lighting the lamp. Also seen in picture CA Jaydeep Shah, Central Council Member, Dr. Vedprakash Mishra, Dean, DMIMS, CA S. B. Zaware, Central Council Member, CA S. D. Lalan, Chairman, WIRC, CA Makrand Joshi, Vice Chairman, WIRC, CA Kevita Luzya, Chairperson, Nagpur Branch, other dignitaries and office bearers.

A Group Photo taken at the inaugural function of the National Convention for CA Students in Bangalore. Seen in picture CA. Raghu K, Central Council Member, CA T.V. Mohan Das Pai, Director, Infosys, CA Shambhu Sharma, H, Chairman, Bangalore Branch, other dignitaries and office bearers.

Participants of 15th All India quiz and 16th All India Election contests with Shri. Vijay Kapoor, Director, Board of Studies and other faculty members and officials.

CA. Vinod Jain, Chairman, Board of Studies addressing at the 15th All India Quiz and 16th All India Election Contests, 10th-11th at New Delhi on 12th January, 2011.