

Advisory for Renewal of Certificate of Practice For 2016-17

The members of the Institute holding Certificate of Practice having validity up to 31st March, 2016 are requested to comply with the following guidelines for renewal of their Certificate of Practice:

1. The following changes consequent to amendment of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 vide Notification dated 4th February, 2011 published in the Gazette of India may be noted:
 - a. The validity of a Certificate of Practice (COP) is for the period 1st April to 31st March every year unless it is cancelled under the provisions of the Cost and Works Accountants Act and Regulations, 1959 as amended.
 - b. The Certificate of Practice issued shall automatically be renewed subject to submission of prescribed Form M-3 and payment of renewal fee and annual membership fee.
 - c. From the year 2011-12 onwards, letter for renewal Certificate of Practice is not being issued.
 - d. However, the members concerned may download the renewal status from the Institute's website www.icmai.in.
2. It may please be noted that under Section 6 of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959, both the **Annual Membership Fee** and **Fee for Renewal of Certificate of Practice** falls due on 1st April each year.
3. Special attention is invited to the fact that the validity of a Certificate of Practice expires on **31st March** each year unless it is renewed on or before the date of expiry in terms of the amended Regulation 10 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959. Hence, a member shall be required to renew his certificate within **31st March** every year.
4. **If the Certificate of Practice of a member is not renewed within 31st March, 2016, his/her status of COP from 1st April 2016 till the date of renewal would be "Not Active".**
5. Subject to what has been mentioned in Sl. No. 4 above, a member can get his/her Certificate of Practice for 2016-17 renewed within **30th June, 2016**. If application for renewal of Certificate of Practice is made after 30th June 2016, the member's Certificate of Practice for 2016-17 will not be renewed but will be considered as a case of fresh issuance with effective date being the date of the application or receipt of the prescribed fee for Certificate of Practice, whichever is later.

6. It may please be noted that mere payment of fees alone will not be sufficient for renewal of Certificate of Practice. Application in prescribed Form M-3 is to be used for Renewal of Certificate of Practice duly filled in and signed is **mandatory**. The soft copy of prescribed Form M-3 for Renewal of Certificate of Practice can be downloaded from Institute's website www.icmai.in.
7. The Institute has introduced a scheme of Continuing Education Programme (CEP) and the same is mandatory in accordance with proviso to sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 10 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959, as amended, whereby no Certificate of Practice and renewal thereof shall be issued unless a member has undergone minimum number of hours of such training.
- a. The detailed guidelines in this connection are available on Institute's website www.icmai.in.
- b. The requirement specified above does not apply to a member in practice who has attained the age of 65 years as on 1st April 2016.***
8. **Other relevant issues for Renewal of Certificate of Practice are as follows:**
- a. Application for renewal of Certificate of Practice upto **31st March 2017** has to be made in prescribed **Form M-3** which may be filed online or through hard copy of form duly filled in and signed on both sides together with Renewal Certificate of Practice fee of Rs.2,000/- and all other dues to the Institute on account of annual membership fees and entrance fees.
- b. The annual membership fee for Associate and Fellow members are Rs.1,000/- and Rs.1,500/- respectively. The entrance fee for Associate and Fellow members is Rs. 1,000/- each payable at a time at the time of application for admission to Associateship or advancement to Fellowship, as the case may be.
- c. The fees may be paid online or by Demand Draft/Pay Order/at par cheque payable at Kolkata if remitted by post to the Headquarters of the Institute. The fees may also be paid directly by cash at the Headquarters, Kolkata or by Cash/Demand Draft/pay Order/Cheque at the Regional Councils or Chapters of the Institute.
- d. Members should note that the **renewal of Certificate of Practice can be effected only after receipt of the prescribed fees along with duly filled in form at the Headquarters of the Institute and on meeting the stipulated CEP credit hours.** Mere submission of the same at the Regional Councils or Chapters will not be sufficient. Members are advised to make payment directly to the Headquarters or use the online facility of submission of application and payment to avoid any delay.

All practicing members are advised to send their application for renewal of Certificate of Practice for the year 2016-17 along with other requirements as indicated above immediately so as to reach the Institute's Office at Kolkata by 28th March 2016 to enable the Institute to issue the renewal certificate by 31st March, 2016.

Renewal of Part-time Certificate of Practice

1. For renewal of part-time Certificate of Practice, it is also essential to furnish a certificate from the employer in the following form or in a form as near thereto as possible if the practising member has undertaken any employment or there has been a change in employment:

“Shri/Smt Is employed as (designation) and (name of Organisation) he is permitted, notwithstanding anything contained in the terms of his employment, to engage himself in the practice of profession of Cost Accountancy in his spare time in addition to his regular salaried employment with us.

Signature of Employers with seal of Organisation”

2. It may be noted that members holding Part-time Certificate of Practice (COP) are not eligible to undertake statutory assignments like Cost Audit, Central Excise Audit, Certification of Compliance Reports etc.
