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To

1. All Heads of Department in the IA&AD.
2. Director General (Commercial)
3. Director General (Exam).
4. Director (P)

Subject: Revised eligibility criteria for Assistant Accounts Officers/Assistant Audit Officers (AAOs) and Divisional Accounts Officers Grade-I (DAO Grade-I) for appearing in Continuous Professional Development Test-I.

Sir/Madam,

The Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Scheme consisting of three tests was introduced in Indian Audit & Accounts Department in the year 2013 to keep the SAS passed Gazetted Gr. B officers abreast with the latest developments in the field of auditing on a continuous basis and to test them periodically on basics as well as advanced topics in auditing. The detailed instructions have been circulated vide this office Circulars No. 32/Staff (App1)-2012 dated 06.09.2012 and 10-Staff (App-1)/2013 dated 01.05.2013 respectively.

2. It was decided by the Competent Authority to extend the CPD Scheme to DAOs Grade-I and Senior Divisional Accounts Officers. The detailed instructions of the Scheme have been circulated vide this office Circular No.34- Staff (App 1)/2015 issued under letter No.847- Staff (App 1)/20-2013 dated 09.10.2015.

3. As per the CPD Scheme, all AAOs, including AAOs (Regular Temporary) and DAO Grade-I are eligible to take the CPD-I test only after completion of five years of regular service in the grade as on the 1st of the month in which the examination is held.

4. It has now been decided by the Competent Authority to reduce the time gap for appearing in CPD-I test from existing 5 years to 4 years. Therefore, all AAOs, including AAOs (RT) and DAO Grade-I shall be eligible to take the CPD-I test only after completion of four years of regular service in the grade as on the 1st of the month in which the examination is held. However, the time gap of 4 years for appearing in CPD-II test and 3 years for appearing in CPD-III test will remain the same.

5. In respect of computation of regular service for direct recruited AAOs, it is stated that 4 years regular service would be counted from the date of their confirmation. However, in accordance with revised Para 5.6.6 (iii) of the C&AG's MSO (Admn.) Vol-I, which has been circulated vide Circular No. 44 -Staff Wing/2016 issued under No. 1316-Staff (Appt.)/361-2015 dated 21.11.2016, 4 years regular service in respect of direct recruited AAO appointed on or after 21.11.2016 would be counted from the date following the date of last paper of SAS Examination, in which s/he has been declared successful.

6. The revised eligibility criteria shall be effective from CPD-I (Main) Examination Scheduled to be held in August 2017 and onwards.

7. The receipt of this circular may be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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