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#### Sub: Clarification for December 2015 term of Examination

This is to bring to the notice for further clarification to all concerned that the followings shall be applicable for December 2015 term of Examination.

		(A) Acad	demic Issues	1
SI.No.	Issue	Applicable for	Reference to Papers	Facilities provided
1	Companies (Cost Records & Audit) Rules, 2014	CMA Intermediate	Paper 10 - Cost & Management Accountancy - Section B (Group II)	<ul> <li>Soft copy available in website</li> <li>Printed Hard copies</li> </ul>
	<u>Note:</u> (This is already applicable since June-2015 Exam)	CMA Final	Paper 19 - Cost & Management Audit ( Group IV)	served to all students
2	Companies Act,2013 Note: There are some sections of Companies Act 2013 which is not yet enforced. Hence, for those, corresponding sections of Companies Act,1956, as applicable for Examinations of the Institute is to be referred.	CMA Intermediate and Final	Paper 6 - Laws, Ethics & Governance (Group I) Paper 12 - Company Accounts & Audit (Group II) Paper 13 - Corporate Laws & Compliance (Group III) Paper 18 - Corporate Financial Reporting (Group IV) Paper 19 - Cost and Management Audit (Group IV)	<ul> <li>List of notified sections applicable for December 2015 term is enclosed (Annexure 1)</li> </ul>
3	CARO, 2015 - Companies(Auditor's Report) Order, 2015	CMA Intermediate and Final	P12 - Company Accounts & Audit P13 - Corporate Laws & Compliance	<ul> <li>Supplementary reading material attached (Annexure 2)</li> </ul>
4	Finance Act,2014 Assessment Year 2015-16	CMA Intermediate	P7 - Direct Taxation (Wealth Tax Act,1957 since repealed as per Finance Act,2015, hence, excluded from December 2015 term) P11 - Indirect Taxation	Wealth Tax is excluded.Revised weightage:<
		CMA Final	P16 - Tax Management and Practice	<ul> <li>Wealth Tax is excluded</li> </ul>

Note:

(1)Foreign Trade Policy,2015 is not made applicable for December 2015 term of Examination. However, it shall be made applicable from June 2016 term of Examination

(2)Amendments made through Finance Act,2015 - for Indirect Taxation is not made applicable for December,2015 term of Examination. Hence, as per the prevailing procedure, the amendments prescribed vide Finance Act, 2015 shall be made applicable for June 2016 and December 2016 terms of Examination.

(3)Wealth Tax Act,1957, since repealed vide Finance Act,2015 - is excluded from December 2015 term of Examination.

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		(b) Autimistrative Issues	
SI.No.	Issue	Applicable for	Earlier Notification
1	Completion of "On-line Assessment Test" after completion of 100-hours Compulsory Training	CMA Intermediate students <u>registered on or</u> <u>after 1st February,2015</u> , having completed their 100-hours Compulsory Computer Training and recommended to the Directorate of Studies	Ref. No.: DOS/08/05-02/2015-16, Kolkata, May 8, 2015
		<u>Dates for "On-line Assessment Test" :</u> September,2015 - 14th to 18th ( 8am to 10pm) October,2015 -14th to 18th (8am to 10pm) November,2015 - 16th to 20th (8am to 10pm)	
2	Completion of Self- Assessment Test for Postal students	CMA Intermediate students having registered to the Course w.e.f. 01.01.2015	Ref. No.: DoS/12-03/2014-15, Kolkata, December 19, 2014
3	For DENOVO registration	CMA Intermediate and Final Students - only for those whose registration validity period of 7- years expired from the date of registration/de-novo registration	As per regulation
4	For Qualification based subject exemption	CMA Intermediate and Final Students- for those who are eligible based on qualification	Laid down procedure
5	For exemption from undergoing Computer Training	CMA Intermediate and Final students- for those who are eligible to claim, shall be granted the exemption, subject to successful completion of "On-line Assessment Test"	Laid down procedure [Refer Test dates mentioned in (1)above]
6	For Revalidation of Coaching	CMA Intermediate and Final Students - only for those coaching completion validity has expired. CMA Intermediate and Final - apply online CMA Intermediate - "Take-a-test" (24x7) for submission of assignment. CMA Final - submit hardcopy of assignment.	Laid down procedure (+) Ref. No.: DoS/12-03/2014-15 Kolkata,December19,2014
7	For exemption from undergoing CSS Training	CMA Intermediate students - only for those who possess requisite experience and satisfies the laid down conditions for being eligible to avail the same	Laid down procedure

(B) Administrative Issues

All concerned are requested to make appropriate advisory and facilitate students.

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# A TABLE SHOWING ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 FROM DIFFERENT DATES

Sections of Companies Act, 2013 notified till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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2	Definitions		
2(1)	"abridged prospectus"	12-9-2013	
2(2)	"accounting standards"	1-4-2014	
2(3)	"alter" or "alteration"	12-9-2013	
2(4)	"Appellate Tribunal"	12-9-2013	
2(5)	"articles"	12-9-2013	
2(6)	"associate company"	12-9-2013	
2(7)	"auditing standards"	1-4-2014	
2(8)	"authorised capital" or "nominal capital"	12-9-2013	
2(9)	"banking company"	12-9-2013	
2(10)	"Board of Directors" or "Board"	12-9-2013	
2(11)	"body corporate" or "corporation"	12-9-2013	
2(12)	"book and paper" and "book or paper"	12-9-2013	
2(13)	"books of account"	1-4-2014	
2(14)	"branch office"	12-9-2013	
2(15)	"called-up capital"	12-9-2013	
2(16)	"charge"	12-9-2013	
2(17)	"chartered accountant"	12-9-2013	
2(18)	"Chief Executive Officer"	12-9-2013	
2(19)	"Chief Financial Officer"	12-9-2013	
2(20)	"company"	12-9-2013	
2(21)	"company limited by guarantee"	12-9-2013	
2(22)	"company limited by shares"	12-9-2013	
2(23)	Company Liquidator	Not yet enforced	-
2(24)	"company secretary" or "secretary"	12-9-2013	
2(25)	"company secretary in practice"	12-9-2013	
2(26)	"contributory"	12-9-2013	
2(27)	"control"	12-9-2013	
2(28)	"cost accountant"	12-9-2013	

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2(29) [except sub-clause (iv)]	"court"	12-9-2013
2(30)	"debenture"	12-9-2013
2(31)	"deposit"	1-4-2014
2(32)	"depository"	12-9-2013
2(33)	"derivative"	12-9-2013
2(34)	"director"	12-9-2013
2(35)	"dividend"	12-9-2013
2(36)	"document"	12-9-2013
2(37)	"employees' stock option"	12-9-2013
2(38)	"expert"	12-9-2013
2(39)	"financial institution"	12-9-2013
2(40)	"financial statement"	12-9-2013
2(41)	"financial year"	1-4-2014
2(42)	"foreign company"	1-4-2014
2(43)	"free reserves"	12-9-2013
2(44)	"Global Depository Receipt"	12-9-2013
2(45)	"Government company"	12-9-2013
2(46)	"holding company"	12-9-2013
2(47)	"independent director"	1-4-2014
2(48)	"Indian Depository Receipt"	1-4-2014
2(49)	"interested director"	12-9-2013
2(50)	"issued capital"	12-9-2013
2(51)	"key managerial personnel"	12-9-2013
2(52)	"listed company"	12-9-2013
2(53)	"manager"	12-9-2013
2(54)	"managing director"	12-9-2013
2(55)	"member"	12-9-2013
2(56)	"memorandum"	12-9-2013
2(57)	"net worth"	12-9-2013
2(58)	"notification"	12-9-2013
2(59)	"officer"	12-9-2013
2(60)	"officer who is in default"	12-9-2013
2(61)	"Official Liquidator"	12-9-2013
2(62)	"One Person Company"	1-4-2014
2(63)	"ordinary or special resolution"	12-9-2013
2(64)	"paid-up share capital" or "share capital paid-up"	12-9-2013
2(65)	"postal ballot"	12-9-2013
2(66)	"prescribed"	12-9-2013

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2(67)[except	"previous company law"	12-9-2013
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2(72)	"public financial institution"	12-9-2013
2(73)	"recognised stock exchange"	12-9-2013
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2(78)	"remuneration"	12-9-2013
2(79)	"Schedule"	12-9-2013
2(80)	"scheduled bank"	12-9-2013
2(81)	"securities"	12-9-2013
2(82)	"Securities and Exchange Board"	12-9-2013
2(83)	"Serious Fraud Investigation Office"	1-4-2014
2(84)	"share"	12-9-2013
2(85)	"small company"	1-4-2014
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6	Act to override memorandum, articles, etc.	1-4-2014

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10	Effect of memorandum and articles	1-4-2014	
11	Commencement of business, etc (Omitted w.e.f. 29.5.2015)	29.5.2015	
12	Registered office of company	1-4-2014	
13	Alteration of memorandum	1-4-2014	
14 [except second proviso to sub-section (1) and subsection (2)]		1-4-2014	
15	Alteration of memorandum or articles to be noted in every copy	1-4-2014	
16	Rectification of name of company	1-4-2014	
17	Copies of memorandum, articles, etc., to be given to members	1-4-2014	
18	Conversion of companies already registered	1-4-2014	
19	Subsidiary company not to hold shares in its holding company	12-9-2013	
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31	Shelf prospectus	12-9-2013	
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33 [except sub- section (3)]	Issue of application forms for securities	12-9-2013	
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34	Criminal liability for mis-statements in prospectus	12-9-2013	
35 [except clause (e) of sub-section (1)]	Civil liability for mis-statements in prospectus	12-9-2013	
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39 [except sub- section (4)]	Allotment of securities by company	12-9-2013	
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### Reporting under Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2015

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, notified the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2015 (CARO, 2015).

(i) Commencement: Financial Year start on or after 01/04/2014

#### (ii) Companies Exempted from the Applicability of CARO

CARO is not applicable to the following companies:

- 1. Banking Company,
- 2. Insurance Company,
- 3. Section 8 (formerly Section 25) Company,
- 4. Small Company within the meaning of Sec 2(85) of the Companies Act, 2013,
- 5. One Person Company and
- 6. Select class of Private Company.

#### (iii) Select class of Private Companies to which CARO is not Applicable

CARO is not applicable to private limited companies which fulfils all the following conditions throughout the reporting period covered by the audit report :

- (i) its paid-up capital and reserves are ₹ 50 lacs or less;
- (ii) its outstanding loan from any bank or financial institution are ₹ 25 lacs or less; and
- (iii) its turnover does not exceed ₹ 5 crores

A private limited company, in order to be exempt from the applicability of CARO, must satisfy all the conditions mentioned above cumulatively. In other words, even if one of the conditions is not satisfied, a private limited company's auditor has to report on the matters specified in the Order.

#### (iv) Small Company under the Companies Act, 2013

Sec 2(85) of the Companies Act, 2013 defines a small company. As present, It is a private company whose paid-up share capital does not exceed ₹ 50 lacs and turnover as per its last profit and loss account does not exceed ₹ 2 crores

Provided that nothing aforesaid shall apply to (A) a holding company or a subsidiary company; (B) a company registered under section 8; or (C) a company or body corporate governed by any special Act.

#### (v) "Paid up Capital" under Companies Act, 2013

Sec 2(64) of the Companies Act, 2013 defines the expression paid-up share capital or share capital paid-up to mean such aggregate amount of money credited as paid-up as is equivalent to the amount received as paid up in respect of shares issued and also includes any amount credited as paid-up in respect of shares of the company, but does not include any other amount received in respect of such shares, by whatever name called;

Paid-up share capital would include both equity share capital as well as the preference share capital. While calculating the paid-up capital, amount of calls unpaid should be deducted from and the amount originally paid-up on forfeited shares should be added to the figure of paid-up capital. Share application money received should not be considered as part of the paid-up capital.

#### (vi) "Reserves" under Companies Act, 2013

The term "reserves" has not been defined under the Companies Act, 2013. However, the Guidance Note on Terms Used in Financial Statements issued by ICAI defines the term "reserve" as, "The portion of earnings, receipts or other surplus of an enterprise (whether capital or revenue) appropriated by management for a general or specific purpose other than provision for depreciation or diminution in the value of assets or for a known liability. The reserves are primarily of two types: capital reserves and revenue reserves". One may also refer Para 18 of the Statement on CARO 2003 for further clarification.

#### (vii) "Turnover" under Companies Act, 2013

The term "turnover" has been defined in Section 2(91) of the Companies Act, 2013 to mean the aggregate value of the realisation of amount made from the sale, supply or distribution of goods or on account of services rendered, or both, by the company during a financial year.

SI.	Example	Applicability	Comments
No.			
1	Public company (irrespective of size of its	Yes	Applicable to all Public
	paid up capital, reserves & turnover)		Cos except certain

(viii) Applicability of CARO 2015 be illustrated through some examples

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			categories exempted
2	Private company having paid up capital	No	General exemption to
	of ₹25 lacs, Reserves of ₹50 lacs and		Small Company
	Turnover of ₹1 Crores		
3	Private company having paid up capital	Yes	
	of ₹51 lacs with no Reserves and Turnover		
4	Private Company (a subsidiary of public	Yes	Deemed to be a Public
	company) having paid up capital of ₹25		Company. Is not a
	lacs with no Reserves and Turnover		Small Company too.
5	Private Company (an associate of public	No	General exemption to
	company) having Paid up Capital of ₹25		Small Company
	lacs with Reserves of ₹1 Crores and		
	Turnover of ₹2 Crores		
6	Private Company having Paid up Capital	Yes	
	of ₹25 lacs with Reserves of ₹26 lacs and		
	Turnover of ₹3 Crores		
7	Private Company which is a holding	Yes	Not a Small Company
	company having paid up capital of ₹25		u/s 2(85
	lacs, Reserves of ₹26 lacs and turnover of		
	not more than ₹2 crores		
8	Private Company which is a subsidiary	Yes	Not a Small Company
	company having paid up capital &		∪/s 2(85)
	reserves of ₹20 lacs each and turnover of		
	₹50 lacs, outstanding loan of ₹26 lacs from		
	a bank		

Detailed order of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 relating to CARO is reproduced below.

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#### MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### ORDER

#### New Delhi, the 10th April, 2015

S.O. 990(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) and in supersession of the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2003, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 480 (E), dated the 12th June, 2003, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government, after consultation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, constituted under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (38 of 1949), hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

#### 1. Short title, application and commencement. -

- (1) This order may be called the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2015.
- (2) It shall apply to every company including a foreign company as defined in clause (42) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) [hereinafter referred to as the Companies Act], except
  - a banking company as defined in clause (c) of section 5 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949);
  - (ii) an insurance company as defined under the Insurance Act, 1938 (4 of 1938);
  - (iii) a company licensed to operate under section 8 of the Companies Act;
  - (iv) a One Person Company as defined under clause (62) of section 2 of the Companies Act and a small company as defined under clause (85) of section 2 of the Companies Act; and
  - (v) a private limited company with a paid up capital and reserves not more than rupees fifty lakh and which does not have loan outstanding exceeding rupees twenty five lakh from any bank or financial institution and does not have a turnover exceeding rupees five crore at any point of time during the financial year.
- (3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**2.** Auditor's report to contain matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4. - Every report made by the auditor under section 143 of the Companies Act, on the accounts of every company examined by him to which this Order applies for the financial year commencing on or after 1st April, 2014, shall contain the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4.

**3. Matters to be included in the auditor's report.** - The auditor's report on the account of a company to which this Order applies shall include a statement on the following matters, namely:—

#### **Fixed Assets**

- (i) (a) whether the company is maintaining proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of fixed assets;
  - (b) whether these fixed assets have been physically verified by the management at reasonable intervals; whether any material discrepancies were noticed on such verification and if so, whether the same have been properly dealt with in the books of account;

#### Inventory

- (ii) (a) whether physical verification of inventory has been conducted at reasonable intervals by the management;
  - (b) are the procedures of physical verification of inventory followed by the management reasonable and adequate in relation to the size of the company and the nature of its business. If not, the inadequacies in such procedures should be reported; (c) whether the company is maintaining proper records of inventory and whether any material discrepancies were noticed on physical verification and if so, whether the same have been properly dealt with in the books of account;

#### Loans and Advances

- (iii) whether the company has granted any loans, secured or unsecured to companies, firms or other parties covered in the register maintained under section 189 of the Companies Act. If so,
  - (a) whether receipt of the principal amount and interest are also regular; and
  - (b) if overdue amount is more than rupees one lakh, whether reasonable steps have been taken by the company for recovery of the principal and interest;

#### Internal Control

(iv) is there an adequate internal control system commensurate with the size of the company and the nature of its business, for the purchase of inventory and fixed assets and for the sale of goods and services. Whether there is a continuing failure to correct major weaknesses in internal control system.

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#### Deposits

(v) in case the company has accepted deposits, whether the directives issued by the Reserve Bank of India and the provisions of sections 73 to 76 or any other relevant provisions of the Companies Act and the rules framed thereunder, where applicable, have been complied with? If not, the nature of contraventions should be stated; If an order has been passed by Company Law Board or National Company Law Tribunal or Reserve Bank of India or any court or any other tribunal, whether the same has been complied with or not?

#### **Cost Accounting Records**

(vi) where maintenance of cost records has been specified by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 148 of the Companies Act, whether such accounts and records have been made and maintained;

#### **Statutory Dues**

- (vii) (a) is the company regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues including provident fund, employees' state insurance, income-tax, sales-tax, wealth tax, service tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax, cess and any other statutory dues with the appropriate authorities and if not, the extent of the arrears of outstanding statutory dues as at the last day of the financial year concerned for a period of more than six months from the date they became payable, shall be indicated by the auditor.
  - (b) in case dues of income tax or sales tax or wealth tax or service tax or duty of customs or duty of excise or value added tax or cess have not been deposited on account of any dispute, then the amounts involved and the forum where dispute is pending shall be mentioned. (A mere representation to the concerned Department shall not constitute a dispute).
  - (c) whether the amount required to be transferred to investor education and protection fund in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) and rules made thereunder has been transferred to such fund within time.

#### Extent of Accumulated Losses

(viii) whether in case of a company which has been registered for a period not less than five years, its accumulated losses at the end of the financial year are not less than fifty per cent of its net worth and whether it has incurred cash losses in such financial year and in the immediately preceding financial year;

#### **Repayment of Dues**

(ix) whether the company has defaulted in repayment of dues to a financial institution or bank or debenture holders? If yes, the period and amount of default to be reported;

#### Guarantee by the Company

(x) whether the company has given any guarantee for loans taken by others from bank or financial institutions, the terms and conditions whereof are prejudicial to the interest of the company;

#### **Use of Funds**

(xi) whether term loans were applied for the purpose for which the loans were obtained;

#### Fraud

(xii) whether any fraud on or by the company has been noticed or reported during the year; If yes, the nature and the amount involved is to be indicated.

#### 4. Reasons to be stated for unfavourable or qualified answers.-

- (1) Where, in the auditor's report, the answer to any of the questions referred to in paragraph 3 is unfavourable or qualified, the auditor's report shall also state the reasons for such unfavourable or qualified answer, as the case may be.
- (2) Where the auditor is unable to express any opinion in answer to a particular question, his report shall indicate such fact together with the reasons why it is not possible for him to give an answer to such question.