HOT NEW OPTIONS

DISCOVER A RANGE OF NEW COURSES IN ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS LEADERSHIP, DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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1 CERTIFICATE IN ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

Qualification: Class XIIth

Duration: One year

Cost of course: Rs 8,600

Starting salary: Approximately Rs 3.7 lakh per annum

Institute: Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (www.icwai.org)

Swift economic growth has generated an urgent demand of skilled accounting technicians to take up the task of basic standardized accounting for various sectors, such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs), Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPOs), Retails, Malls, Panchayats, etc. There is an anticipated demand of approximately one million accountants at junior level in the next three years and this demand will increase year after year in view of robust economic growth being witnessed in our country, despite the economic slow-down. As per the 11th 5-year Plan, the financial sector as a whole is estimated to employ between 3.5 million to 4 million people, including direct employees and agency forces. The penetration of the financial sector in India remains relatively low compared to many markets. The financial sector also has substantial potential for employment creation. In response to this need of the nation, ICWAI has launched a Certificate in Accounting Technicians course. The curriculum has been designed to impart sound knowledge in accounting and regulatory matters. This course will help students from tier II & tier III cities to actively seek jobs as accountants in the areas of SME's, BPOs, KPOs, Retail and other accounts related fields, customs, export-import documentation to name a few. The one year programme includes 60 hours of computer training, 6-months practical training and 15 days of orientation training.

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