

Transition provisions for existing students of Professional Competence Course for conversion to Integrated Professional Competence Course

Q.1 Whether a student of Professional competence Course can apply for conversion to Integrated Professional Competence Course?

Ans. Yes. A student of PCC can apply for conversion to IPCC in the prescribed form [can be downloaded from www.icaai.org] alongwith prescribed fee [both groups Rs. 6000/- and group I Rs. 5000/-]. Students can obtain the prospectus of IPCC for Rs. 100/- from any nearest Branch office of the Institute.

For example, a student of PCC for being eligible to appear in IPCC in November, 2009, the conversion application form needs to be submitted / received in the office of the Institute on or before 31st January, 2009. Similarly for the May, 2010 examination, the conversion form should be received in the Institute on or before 31st July, 2009.

Q. 2 Whether a student of PCC will have to undergo nine months of study course on conversion to IPCC?

Ans. Yes. Irrespective of the period served as articled assistant under PCC scheme of education, a student will have to undergo a study course for a period not less than nine months and complete ITT course and study course within the nine months period in order to be eligible to appear in either group or both groups of IPCC.

It is stated that nine months period will be counted w.e.f. date of conversion / registration to IPCC. It is clarified that any period served

under PCC will not be counted for the purpose of nine months study course of IPCC.

Q. 3 When will the Articleship commence under new scheme of IPCC Education, training and examination?

Ans. The student will be eligible for registration for articleship after passing Group I of IPCC and the period of Articleship will be three years for fresh students registered under IPCC effective from 03rd December, 2008 while the period of Articleship will continue to be 3 ½ years for students converted from PCC to IPCC.

Q. 4 Whether any period of Articleship completed by a student under PCC scheme of education, training and examination will be counted under new scheme of IPCC?

Ans. Yes. The period of Articleship will remain 3 ½ years and the period so served as an articled assistant under PCC scheme of education, examination and training, will be reckoned for the purpose of completing 3 ½ years of Articleship under IPCC.

Q. 5 Whether the articled assistant needs to take termination before joining IPCC?

Ans. No. An articled assistant will have the option to either continue with the article training as per articled deed already executed or take termination at the time of joining IPCC.

Q. 6 Whether the period of Articleship will be reduced from 3½ years under PCC to 3 years under IPCC upon conversion?

Ans. No. The period of Articleship shall remain 3 ½ years even after conversion from PCC to IPCC.

Q. 7 When will the attempt become due for appearing in Final examination under IPCC scheme of education after conversion from PCC?

Ans. A student of final examination through PCE route can appear in the final examination only after completion of 3 ½ years of Articleship. Whereas a student of PCE converting to IPCC will be eligible to appear in final examination during the last six months of training and will be required to be in service as on the first day of the month of examination.

Q. 8 What is the difference between PCC and IPCC?

Ans. The following table will clarify the difference between the existing Professional Competence Course and the newly launched Integrated Professional Competence Course

PCC and Articleship on or before 31 st January, 2009/Get registered for IPCC without Articleship	PCC	IPCC
PCC/IPCC – Exam Due	November 2010	November 2009
Result of PCC/IPCC Exam	January 2011	January 2010
Registration of Articleship under IPCC	NA	January 2010
Completion of Articleship under PCC/IPCC	June 2012	January 2013
Final Exam Due	November 2012	November 2012
Result of Final Exam	January 2013	January 2013