# प्रधान महालेखाकार (ले.प.I) का कार्यालय, केरल,तिरचनंतपुरम OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT I), KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

No. Au/Admn.II/12-2/SAS/RA/CPD-I,II&III/

Dated: 25.05.2021

## <u>परिपत्र सं.09</u> <u>CIRCULAR No.09</u>

HQ office vide Examination Wing Circular dated 01.04.2021 had intimated that the SAS/RA/CPD Examination-I is scheduled to be held from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The dates of the examination may change due to factors beyond control or administrative exigencies. The number of chances for passing SAS/RA/CPD examination has been amended as circulated earlier. The cut off date for determining the eligibility for SAS/RA/CPD Examination-I is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The eligibility criteria for the above examinations are as shown below.

#### SAS (Civil & Commercial)

- 1. Two years continuous service in Group B or C post in this office who have passed SAS (Prelims) exam and has completed their probation period on or before 01.03.2021.
- 2. Under the modified system, the total chances to pass the SAS Examination will be twelve (6 normal + 6 additional).
- 3. The time limit for passing the SAS Examination will be eight years considering two Examinations in a year (8 years for 12 chances). The six additional chances are not consecutive as earlier.
- 4. The additional six chances will be admissible only to those candidates who have cleared five papers within first (normal) six attempts (6+6=12)
- 5. The eligible officials will be allowed to appear afresh in the SAS Examination after exhausting either twelve chances or eight years whichever is earlier from the first registration of CBT without any carry forward of exempted papers.
- 6. The eligible officials who could not pass five papers within the first (normal) six chances will also be allowed to appear afresh in the SAS Examination without any carry forward of exempted papers (no need to wait for completion of eight years)
- 7. Afresh means that the candidates are required to be screened through the Preliminary test, Mandatory training etc. as applicable to candidates appearing for the first time.

- 8. Those who have already exhausted ten chances will be allowed two more chances from next SAS Examination-1 and has to avail these two chances within two years i.e., four Examinations (counting from Examination-1 of 2021).
- 9. In the modified system also, chance will be counted once a candidate registers for the SAS Examination.
- 10. No scope for withdrawal of candidature under the modified system.
- 11. In respect of direct recruit AAOs, they have to qualify the SAS Examination in respective branches during the period of probation for confirmation and regular appointment as AAO.

#### **Revenue Audit Examination**

- 1. Sr.AOs/AAOs having one year of continuous service in the Revenue Audit Branch as AAO/Sr.AO or after having prescribed training in Revenue Audit
- 2. Confirmed directly recruited AAOs are eligible to appear in Revenue Audit Examination after completion of one year of regular service in Revenue Audit Branch as a regular AAO or have the prescribed training in Revenue Audit after completion of one year of regular service after confirmation as AAO.
- 3. Competent Authority has permitted to avail two additional chances as a one-time opportunity to existing candidates of RA examination who have exhausted all permissible six chances but could not clear the examination. These two additional chances should be availed in four Examinations w.e.f. Examination-I of 2021 during two years (2021 & 2022).

#### **Continuous Professional Development Examination (CPD)**

- 1. Sr.AOs/AAOs who have completed four years continuous service in the grade are eligible to appear for CPD-I test.
- 2. Sr.AOs/AAOs are eligible to appear for CPD-II test after elapse of four years from qualifying their first CPD test.
- 3. Sr.AOs/AAOs are eligible to appear for CPD-III test after elapse of three years from qualifying their second CPD test
- 4. Competent Authority has permitted to avail two additional chances as a one-time opportunity to existing candidates of CPD-I&II examinations who have exhausted all permissible six chances but could not clear the examination. These two additional chances should be availed in four Examinations w.e.f. Examination-I of 2021 during two years (2021 & 2022).

Eligible candidates who intend to appear for the SAS/RA/CPD-I,II&III Examination I of 2021 may submit their application (in enclosed format) by e mail (admn.ker1.au@cag.gov.in) positively by 31.05.2021.

### (Vide orders dated 25.05.2021 of Principal Accountant General)

#### Sd/-SENIOR AUDIT OFFICER/ADMN.

То

- 1. Notice Board / Circular Book
- 2. All Branch Offices / Sections/RA Sections
- 3. C. Cell/Training Cell/Hindi Cell.