

Advisory for Renewal of Certificate of Practice For 2026-27

The members of the Institute holding Certificate of Practice (CoP) having validity up to 31st March, 2026 are requested to comply with the following guidelines for renewal of their Certificate of Practice:

1. The following changes consequent to amendment of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 vide Notification dated 4th February, 2011 published in the Gazette of India may be noted:
 - a. The validity of a Certificate of Practice (CoP) is for the period 1st April to 31st March every year unless it is cancelled under the provisions of the Cost Accountants Act and Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 as amended.
 - b. The Certificate of Practice issued shall automatically be renewed subject to submission of prescribed Form M-3 (duly filled in) and payment of renewal fee* and annual membership fee*.
 - c. From the year 2011-12 onwards, letter for renewal Certificate of Practice is not being issued. However, the members concerned may download the renewal status from the Institute's website www.icmai.in.
Link: <https://eicmai.in/MMS/Login.aspx?mode=EU>
2. It may please be noted that under Section 6 of the Cost Accountants Act, 1959, **both the Annual Membership Fee* and Fee for Renewal of Certificate of Practice*** falls due on 1st April each year.
3. Special attention is invited to the fact that the validity of a Certificate of Practice expires on **31st March** each year unless it is renewed on or before the date of expiry in terms of the amended Regulation 10 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959. Hence, a member shall be required to renew the certificate of Practice within **31st March** every year.
4. **If the Certificate of Practice of a member is not renewed within 31st March, 2026, his/her status of CoP from 1st April 2026 till the date of renewal would be "Not Active".**
5. Subject to what has been mentioned in Sl. No. 3 & 4 above, a member can get his/her Certificate of Practice for 2026-27 renewed within **30th June, 2026**. If application for renewal of Certificate of Practice is made after 30th June, 2026, the

*GST is applicable against payment

member's Certificate of Practice for 2026-27 will not be renewed but will be considered as a case of restoration of Certificate of Practice till 31/03/2027. This restoration is applicable only to the CoP holders whose CoP is valid till 31/03/2026. For restoration of Certificate of Practice, he/she has to pay ₹500/-* as restoration fee in addition to the **prescribed fees * along with duly filled in form 'M-3'**.

6. It may please be noted that mere payment of fees * alone will not be sufficient for renewal of Certificate of Practice. Application in prescribed Form M-3 is to be used for Renewal of Certificate of Practice duly filled in and signed is **mandatory**. The soft copy of prescribed Form M-3 for Renewal of Certificate of Practice can be downloaded from Institute's website www.icmai.in.
Link: <https://eicmai.in/external/PublicPages/WebsiteDisplay/PractitionersForms.aspx>

7. The Institute has introduced a scheme of Continuous Professional Education (CPE) and the same is mandatory in accordance with provision to sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 10 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959, as amended, whereby no Certificate of Practice and renewal thereof shall be issued unless a member has undergone minimum number of hours of such training. The detailed guidelines in this connection are available on Institute's website www.icmai.in. Link: https://icmai.in/upload/Institute/Updates/CPE_March_24_Rev.pdf

8. For renewal and application of new CoP issued on and from 1st February, 2019, please refer to Notification **F. No. CWA/21/2019 dated 1st February, 2019 and subsequent corrigendum dated 8th March, 2019**.
Link: <https://icmai.in/icmai/news/5435.php>. Accordingly new CoP holders on and from 1st February, 2019 are required to comply with Mandatory Capacity Building Training (MCBT) requirement for renewal of CoP for the FY 2026-27.

9. Other relevant issues for Renewal of Certificate of Practice are as follows:

- a. Application for renewal of Certificate of Practice upto 31st March, 2027 has to be made in prescribed Form M-3 which may be filled online or through hard Copy of form duly filled in and signed on both sides together with Renewal Certificate of Practice fee of ₹2,000/-* and all other dues to the Institute on account of annual membership fees * and entrance fees *.
- b. The annual membership fee for Associate and Fellow members are ₹1,000/-* and ₹1,500/-* respectively. The entrance fee * for Associate

and Fellow members is ₹1,000/-* each payable at a time at the time of application for admission to Associateship or advancement to Fellowship, as the case may be.

- c. The fees * may be paid online or by Demand Draft/at par cheque payable at Kolkata if remitted by post to the Institute's office at Kolkata.
- d. Members should note that the **renewal of Certificate of Practice can be effected only after receipt of the prescribed fees * along with duly filled in form at the Membership Department of the Institute at Kolkata and on meeting the stipulated CEP credit hours.** Mere submission of the same at the Regional Councils or Chapters will not be sufficient. Members are advised to make payment directly to the Membership Department or use the online facility of submission of application and payment to avoid any delay.

All practising members are advised to send their application for renewal of Certificate of Practice for the year 2026-27 along with other requirements as indicated above immediately so as to reach the Institute's Office at Kolkata well in advance to enable the Institute to issue the renewal of Certificate by 31st March, 2026.

Renewal of Part-time Certificate of Practice

1. For renewal of part-time Certificate of Practice, it is also essential to furnish a certificate from the employer in the following form or in a form as near thereto as possible if the practising member has undertaken any employment or there has been a change in employment:

“Shri/Smt is employed as designation)..... and (name of Organisation).....
he/she is permitted, notwithstanding anything contained in the terms of his/her employment, to engage himself/herself in the practice of profession of Cost Accountancy in his/her spare time in addition to his/her regular salaried employment with us.

Signature of Employers with seal of Organisation”

2. It may be noted that members holding Part-time Certificate of Practice (CoP) are not eligible to undertake statutory assignments like Cost Audit, Central Excise Audit, etc.