

**CIRCULAR**

**ICAI/028/RBA/2020/RCB-Misc (COVID-19)**

**12th March, 2020**

This has reference to the Advisory to Regional Councils and Branches, issued on 11th March, 2020 regarding avoiding large gathering as precautionary measure to prevent any spread of COVID-19.

The Council at its Special Meeting held on 12th March, 2020 has reviewed the said Advisory in light of the ongoing spurt of the COVID-19 virus and in the interest of the well-being of Members and Students and other stakeholders, decided as a proactive measure to completely restrict conduction of any programme / class by any Regional Council/Branch/Central Level Committee, Students Association, Branches of Student Associations, CPE Study Circle of ICAI or any other Programme Organising Units (POUs), requiring physical presence of Members and Students with immediate effect, till 15th April, 2020 or any further direction in the matter.

Further, the Council has decided that 20 hours structured CPE learning which is mandated to be completed by Members below 60 years holding COP, in each calendar year, wherein 04 hours of structured learning could be through e-Learning Videos available on ICAI Digital Learning Hub, conducted and monitored by ICAI and its Central Committees (on MCQ and result basis), has been extended to 10 hours till 30th June, 2020. All the Central level Committee Secretaries are advised to further expand the repository of online subject modules for Continuing Professional Development of membership.

Accordingly, the Council decided to issue Direction to all concerned directing them not to conduct any programme(s) / Class(es) relating to Members and Students with immediate effect till 15th April, 2020 or any further direction in the matter. All the programme(s) / class(es) already announced and in progress shall also be cancelled/ postponed, till that date.

You are requested to kindly ensure compliance to the above directions of the Council.