

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Sub: Notification II for Departmental Examinations – 2023 for Income Tax Officers (ITOs) and Income Tax Inspectors (ITIs) – Reg.

Ref: ADG(Exam), New Delhi letter in F.No.DE/Notification/ITO/ITI/MS/2023/ADG/124, dated 18.07.2023

The Notification II for Departmental Examinations, 2023 for Income Tax Officers and Income Tax Inspectors issued by ADG(EXAM), HRD, CBDT, New Delhi vide letter in F.No.DE/Notification/ITO/ITI/MS/2023/ADG/124, dated 18.07.2023 along with its enclosures are forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

The applications should be filled online correctly as per instructions given by ADG (EXAM), New Delhi (copy enclosed). The candidates would be enabled to fill the online application form on the website www.incometaxindia.gov.in from 20.07.2023 (10:00 AM) onwards. The last date of filling the online application form and the submission of printout by the candidates to the undersigned to 11.08.2023 (8:00 PM). No application form will be accepted after this date.

ITO/ITI Examination - 2023

- The Departmental Examination – 2023 for the ITOs and ITI's shall be held in **ONLINE Mode** in accordance with the amended Departmental Examination Rules 2009 for ITO's and ITI's respectively.
- The schedule of the examination has been enclosed as **Annexure- I**.
- Syllabus would be same as was applicable for 2022 Examinations.
- In Online mode of examinations question papers will be displayed on screen and answers will be captured by click of button for objective papers, however for subjective papers (ITO- Paper – IV) and (ITI – Paper-V i.e., Hindi & Paper –VI i.e., Examination of accounts, for partially qualified and betterment candidates of OLD pattern only) and ITO - Paper-V i.e. Office procedure for partially qualified and betterment candidates of Old Pattern only) & Paper –VI Examination of Accounts and Language Test for partially qualified and betterment candidates of Old Pattern only), the answers will be recorded in paper format on answer booklet provided by the department.

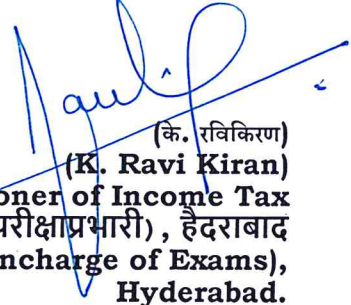
Guidelines to the Candidates:

The applications should be filled online correctly as per instructions given by ADG (HRD) EXAM, New Delhi (copy enclosed).

Note-1: The Application Form printout/hardcopy that is to be submitted to this office should be signed by the Authorized Officer under whom the candidate is working, should be handled carefully and **SHOULD NOT BE FOLDED/PUNCHED OR CRUSHED.** Candidates who do not submit a printout of the application form for verification will not be permitted to appear in the examination merely on the basis of online submission of the application.

Note-2: As per Rule V(A)(o) of Amended Departmental Examination rules for Income Tax Inspectors 2000, any request for exemption in Hindi paper, **a copy of attested certificates who have qualified in Hindi either at the matriculation/ higher level or in the Departmental Examination for Ministerial Staff** may be enclosed.

Note-3: It is further added that the candidates who have already qualified a paper/Examination are not eligible for re-appearing in that Paper/Examination, except for betterment candidates who are allowed to appear in examination for bettering their scores once they have qualified the entire examination as a reserved candidate.


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Encl: As above.

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F.No. DE/Notification/ITO/ITI/MS/2023/ADG/12.4 Dated :18.07.2023

To,

1. **All Pr. Chief Commissioners of Income Tax,;**
2. **All CCsIT/Pr. CsIT/CsIT(In-charge of Examination).**

Subject :- Notification - II for Departmental Examinations - 2023 for Income Tax Officers (ITOs) & Income Tax Inspectors (ITIs) -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) decision in file of even number dated 17.07.2023 on the above subject and to communicate the following: -

ITO/ITI Examination - 2023

- (a) The Departmental Examinations - 2023 for ITOs and ITIs posts shall be held **in Online Mode**, in accordance with the Amended Departmental Examination Rules, 2009, for ITOs and ITIs respectively.
- (b) The schedule of the Examination has been enclosed as Annex-I.
- (c) Syllabus would be the same as was applicable for 2022 Examination.
- (d) In Online Mode of Departmental Examination, question papers will be displayed on screen and answers will be captured by click of button for objective papers. However, for Subjective Paper (ITO Paper-IV), the Competent Authority has accorded approval to conduct this exam in offline mode. As such, for Paper IV of the ITO

Exam, question papers will be in physical form only, and answers by the candidates will be recorded in Paper format on answer booklet provided by the Department.

- (e) All In-charge of Examinations are required to make necessary arrangements for providing answer sheets for subjective paper only (i.e. Paper-IV Income Tax & Accountancy of DE, 2023 for ITOs).
 - (f) All In-charge of Examinations are required to make necessary arrangements for conduct of exam including sitting arrangements, provision of answer sheets, invigilation etc. for Subjective Paper (ITI-Paper-V i.e. Hindi & Paper-VI i.e. Examination of accounts for partially qualified and betterment candidates of Old Pattern only and ITO-Paper-V i.e. Office Procedure for partially qualified and betterment candidates of Old pattern only) & Paper-VI Examination of Accounts & Language test for partially qualified and betterment candidates of Old pattern only).
 - (g) As regards eligibility, the Departmental Examination –2023 for ITOs/ITIs shall be held on the basis of the eligibility criteria as circulated vide Directorate's Instruction F. No. EG (20)(8) Restructuring / 2001/DIT/Pt. File dated 30.03.2007 (copy enclosed as Annex-II). The eligibility criteria of Steno Grade II for ITO Exam would be the same as modified by CBDT in F.No.DE2012/Notification/DIT (Exam)/2251 dated 11.07.2012. Accordingly, only that Stenographers Grade-II are eligible to appear in ITO Examination who have completed 5 years of regular service after induction and have passed the ITI Exam (copy enclosed as Annex-III).
 - (h) The effective date of passing the Examination shall be governed by this Directorate's Instruction F. No. DE / Delhi / Effective Date / DIT / 2011 / 3886 dated 22.12.2011 (copy enclosed as Annex-IV).
 - (i) The Amended Department Examination Rules 2009 do not place any age bar for taking ITO and ITI Examination for the new pattern candidates. As per letter No. 1203 to 1221 dated 01.07.2016, no age
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bar exists for partially qualified candidates of old examination. The number chances for all categories of candidates, including SC/ST candidates availing betterment chance, is limited to ten.

2. The candidates shall fill the application form online on the website: www.incometaxindia.gov.in. The candidates would be able to fill the online applications from **20.07.2023 (10 a.m.) onwards**. The last date for filing the online application form and the submission of print out by the candidates to respective Pr. CCsIT / CCsIT / Pr. CsIT / CsIT (Incharge of Examination) concerned shall be **11.08.2023 (8:00 p.m.)**. **No application form will be accepted after this.** The Pr. CCsIT / CCsIT / Pr. CsIT / CsIT (Incharge of Examination) will be given a link for online verification/certification of the application of the candidates. After verification the Pr. CCsIT / CCsIT / Pr. CsIT / CsIT (Incharge of Examination) concerned shall scan all the application forms so received in their respective regions. The roll number wise scanned forms shall be sent to this Directorate in CDs. The physical forms (print-outs after attestation and certification) shall also be sent to this Directorate as in the past.

3. Following points may be kept in mind by candidates while filling the application forms-

- (a) The candidates should carefully fill the application form after reading the instructions printed above the form.
- (b) Only one application form has to be filled by a candidate.
- (c) The previous records of the candidates will be reflected against his/her roll number in the application form and he/she will be given an option to raise a query, if any data is incorrect. However, his/her claim would be accepted only after verification. The candidates who are appearing for the first time would fill the information as available with them which will be accepted only after verification by the Pr. CCsIT/CCsIT/Pr. CsIT/CsIT

(Incharge of Examination) and this Directorate. Such first timers will be allotted new roll numbers.

- (d) The candidates who are changing their category from 'PQ to Normal' or 'Normal to Betterment' will be able to do so only after approval of this Directorate after verification by the Pr. CCsIT/CCsIT/Pr. CsIT/CsIT (Incharge of Examination) concerned.
- (e) The candidate is required to upload a scanned passport size photograph and his/her scanned signature in jpg format in the online application form.
- (f) A copy of the printout of the application form may be retained as acknowledgement.
- (g) The application printout that is to be submitted should be handled carefully and SHOULD NOT BE FOLDED / PUNCHED OR CRUSHED.
- (h) **Candidates who do not submit a printout of the application form to Pr. CCsIT/CCsIT/Pr. CsIT/CsIT (Incharge of Examination) concerned for verification will not be permitted to appear in the examination merely on the basis of online submission of the application.**
- (i) The facility of 'reprint' of submitted application form has been provided to the candidates.
- (j) If any modification is required to be made to the uploaded photograph or signature, a candidate will have to report it to the Pr. CCsIT/CCsIT/Pr. CsIT/CsIT (Incharge of Examination) concerned.

4. It may kindly be ensured that the application forms are correctly filled by the candidates and duly forwarded from respective Incharge of Examination office, for which there is a designated space in the application form itself. **The number of chances availed by candidates must be verified with due care.**

5. It is further added that the candidates who have already qualified a paper/examination are **not eligible for re-appearing in that paper/examination**, except for betterment candidates who are allowed to appear in examination for bettering their scores once they have qualified the entire examination as a reserved candidate.

Encl. : As above.

Yours sincerely,


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Time Table for Departmental Examination 2023 for ITO/ITI

S. No.	DAY/DATE	SUBJECT & TIME	
		1 st Session (ITO Exam.)	2 nd Session (ITI Exam.)
1.	Monday 11.09.2023	Paper-1 Income Tax Law and Computation (Without books) (Objective Type) 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Paper-1 Income Tax Law and Computation (Without books) (Objective Type) 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM
2.	Tuesday 12.09.2023	Paper-2 Advanced Accountancy (Without books) (Objective Type) 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Paper-2 Book Keeping (Without books) (Objective Type) 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
3.	Wednesday 13.09.2023	Paper-3 Allied Laws (Without books) (Objective Type) 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Paper-3 Allied Laws (Without books) (Objective Type) 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
4.	Thursday 14.09.2023	Paper-4 Income Tax & Accountancy (Combined Practical) (With I.T Act & Rules) (Subjective Type) 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Paper -4 Office Procedure (Without books) (Objective Type) 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
5.	Friday 15.09.2023	Paper -5 Office Procedure (For Partially Qualified and Betterment	Paper-5 Hindi (Subjective Type) 2:30 Pm to 3:30 Pm &

		candidates of Old Pattern only) (Without books) (Objective Type) 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Paper-6 Examination of Accounts (For Partially Qualified and Betterment candidates of Old Pattern only) 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
6.	Saturday 16.09.2023	Paper-6 Examination of Accounts & Language Test (For Partially Qualified and Betterment candidates of Old Pattern only) 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM & Language Test (Hindi Translation) 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM Part -II Language Test (Oral Test) 3:30 PM onwards	



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Dated 30-03-2007

Sub: Eligibility norms for Departmental Examinations 2006 -

(i) Ministerial Staff (ii) ITIs & (iii) ITOs -
Instruction Regarding -

The Departmental Examination 2006 for Ministerial Staff, Inspectors of Income Tax and Income Tax Officers was held as a last chance for employees to clear their papers under the Examination Rules 1998 after a gap of about 3 years in October, 2006. The eligibility for such exams was to be determined on the basis of Eligibility Rules 1998.

The eligible cadres as per Examination Rules 1998 underwent a change after restructuring in 2001 due to change in the designations. This created some confusion as to the eligibility of post restructuring designations for various levels of examinations i.e. Ministerial Staff, ITIs and ITO's Examinations leading to representations from employees and clarifications being sought from Commissioners in charge of exams in various Cadre controlling CCs IT charges.

On the above subject a Board meeting was held on 22-03-07 wherein the following decisions were taken by the Board for compliance:

The post restructuring cadres which would now be eligible for Departmental Examinations 2006 for (i) Ministerial Staff (ii) ITIs & (iii) ITOs shall be as follows:

Ministerial Staff Examination

1. T.A (having passed Computer Test)
2. Steno Grade I, II, III
3. LDC Including Hindi Typist
4. Sr. T.A

Income Tax Inspectors Examination

Post restructuring designations which are eligible are :-

1. All ITIs (for confirmation)
2. Office Superintendents
3. T.As (those having already passed Ministerial Staff Exam.)
4. Sr. T.As (those having already passed Ministerial Staff Exam.)
5. Steno Gr. III, II, I (those having already passed Ministerial Staff Exam.)

Income Tax Officers Examination

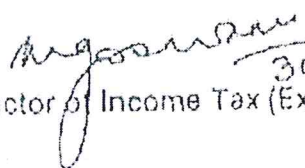
Post restructuring designations which are eligible are :-

1. ITI
2. Office Superintendent, if already passed ITI Exam.
3. Sr. T.A, if already passed ITI Exam.
4. T.A, if already passed ITI Exam.
5. Steno Gr. II & I, if already passed ITI Exam.

This notification shall not apply to adhoc employees even in eligible cadres. The above eligibility criteria is drawn from the Examination Rule 1998 by parity of designations and shall apply only to Departmental Examination 2008.

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F.No. DE-2012/Notification/DIT(Exam)/ 2251

Dated : 11.07.2012

To

All Chief Commissioners of Income Tax (Cadre controlling),
All CIT (Incharge of Examination)

Madam/Sir,

**Subject : Eligibility of Stenographers for appearing in ITO
Examinations 2012 -- reg.**

As per De 2012/Notification/DIT(Exam)/1607 dated 04.06.2012, the eligibility criteria for Stenographers appearing in ITO Examination is *Stenographer Grade I and II (if already passed ITI Exam) in [PB2 Rs. 9300-34800 + Rs 4200 (GP)]*.

The Directorate received a number of representations from erstwhile Stenographer Grade III, now rechristened Stenographer Grade II, seeking permission to appear in ITO Examination 2012.

The matter was considered by Board. Accordingly, in partial modification of Notification dated 04.06.2012, the eligibility of stenographers for appearing in the Departmental Examination 2012 for ITO is as under :-

Erstwhile stenographer Grade III and now redesignated as stenographer Grade-II in terms of CBDT notification dated 30.09.2010 who have completed five years regular service after induction and passed ITI Exam.

Stenographer Grade- I, if already passed ITI Exam

Yours sincerely,

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Directorate of Income-tax (IT)
Central Board of Direct Taxes
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F.No. DE/Delhi/Effective Date/DIT/2011/3587

Date: 22.12.2011

To

All Cadre Controlling Chief Commissioners of Income Tax,
All CIT (In-charge of Examn.) (By name)

Madam/Sir,

Sub:- Effective date of passing of Examinations - Instruction reg.

The CBDT Instruction F. No. A-32013/3/2000-Ad. VI dated 13.07.2000, wherein the date of passing the Examination was reckoned from the last date of the Examination, was modified by Instruction F.No. OA 542/1995/CAT Cuttack/2002/DIT/697 dated 22.05.2009.

2. The modification was necessitated in the light of the decision of the Hon'ble Orissa High Court in W.P. (C) No. 224 of 2003 dated 31.10.2008 in the case of Union of India & Ors. Vs. Kishore Chandra Mohanty & Ors. In the said judgement Hon'ble Orissa High Court has also referred to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in UPSC Vs. Ajaya Kumar Das & Others [Civil Appeal No. 6295 of 2001 dated 10.09.2001]

3. As per the modified Instruction dated 22.5.2009 it was decided that, henceforth, the effective date of passing of Examination shall be the date of declaration of result by the Directorate of Income Tax (IT) in the case of ITOs/ITIs Examination and by the CCIT/CIT (Incharge of Examination) in the case of MS Examination.

4. However para 4 of the Instruction dated 22.5.2009 stated that in a case where the Examination is held in a particular calendar year and the result thereof is declared in any subsequent calendar year, the effective date of passing the Examination shall be deemed to be the 1st of January of the calendar year in which the result has been declared.

5. The matter has been reconsidered in the Board Meeting held on 24th November 2011 and it has been decided to modify Instruction F. No. OA--542/1995/CAT Cuttack/2002/DIT/697 dated 22.05.2009 by deleting para 4 from it, prospectively i.e. with effect from Departmental Examination - 2011 onwards.

Yours Faithfully,



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**AMENDED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION RULES FOR
INCOME TAX OFFICERS - 2009
(Effective from 2023 Examination onwards)**

Short Title and Commencement

These Rules may be called the Amended Departmental Examination Rules for **INCOME TAX OFFICERS, 2009**. These Rules will be applicable for the Departmental Examination from the calendar year **2023 and onwards**.

RULE - I Definitions :

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires

- a) **Authority** for Departmental Examination for Income Tax Officers means Director of Income Tax (Exams) New Delhi on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, New Delhi
- b) **Betterment Chance** means further chance(s) allowed to SC/ST candidates under these Rules for attaining the pass marks prescribed under these Rules for the General candidates for passing the individual papers and qualifying the examination on own merit.
- c) **New Pattern Examination** means the examination held under Departmental Examination Rules for Income Tax Officers-2009 as amended from time to time
- d) **Old Pattern Examination means** the examinations held under the Departmental Examination Rules for Income Tax Officers 1998 as amended from time to time.
- e) **Partially qualified candidate** means the candidate who is yet to qualify two or less papers of the Old Pattern of examination.
Explanation: For the purposes of Clause (c), Income Tax Law Part-I & Income Tax Law Part-II of the Old Pattern examination shall be considered as one paper
- f) **Periodicity of the examination means** once a year, preferably in the first half of the calendar year. This is, however, subject to change at the discretion of the Director of Income Tax (Exams). The Director of Income Tax (Exams) will notify the exact dates of examination and fix the time table, well in advance of the examination.
- g) **Reviewing Authority means** Director General of Income Tax (HRD), New Delhi

RULE - II : Chief Commissioner of Income Tax/Commissioner of Income Tax - In-charge Of Examination

A Chief Commissioner of Income Tax / Commissioner of Income Tax nominated by the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Cadre Controlling) shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the Departmental Examination for Income Tax Officers in that Region/Charge. The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax shall authorise the Chief Commissioner / Commissioner of Income Tax so nominated:

- (a) to receive applications from the candidates appearing in the examination in the prescribed proforma, and forward the same within the notified time after certifying the correctness of the particulars as provided in Rule-XI of these Rules;
- (b) to intimate to the Director of Income Tax (Exams) the requirement of question papers;
- (c) to furnish all statements that have a bearing on the conduct of the examination in the form as prescribed by DIT(Exams) from time to time;
- (d) to make all arrangements for the proper conduct of the examination and declaration of results thereof, distribution of question papers, prescribing the procedure in the Examination Hall etc.
- (e) to perform such other essential functions not covered by Sub-Rules II(a) to II(d) as may be deemed necessary by the DIT (Exams).

RULE - III : ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of the candidates to appear in the Departmental Examination for Income Tax Officers shall be as under:

1. Income Tax Inspectors who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
2. Office Superintendent, who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
3. Senior T.A., who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
4. T.A., who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
5. Steno Gr. II & I, who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
6. Steno Gr. III and now re-designated as Stenographer Grade-II who have completed **five years** regular service after induction and passed ITI Exam.

Provided that the partially qualified candidates of the Old Pattern Examination shall also be eligible to appear, for the unqualified papers/paper only, in the New Pattern examination 2010 and subsequent years as per paper matching schedule given in Rule V(B) below subject to the age limit and ceiling of number of chances stipulated in Rule IV(ii) below.

This eligibility is for the limited purpose of allowing the Old Pattern candidates, the concession of passing the unqualified paper(s) of the Old Pattern and shall lapse as soon as they reach the age limit/ chance ceiling stipulated below in Rule IV (ii)

Provided that the SC/ST candidates, who have fully qualified the old pattern or new pattern examination in the past with relaxed standards, shall also be eligible to take the examination for betterment of their results subject to the ceiling of number of chances stipulated in Rule IV (A) below.

RULE - IV : CHANCES PERMISSIBLE AND AGE LIMIT

i) For New Pattern candidates

- (a) A maximum of 10 number of chances may be availed of by a candidate;
- (b) There shall be no bar on age limit for appearing in the Departmental Examination

EXPLANATION(s) : In calculation of maximum number of ten chances, the chances, availed by the candidates prior to the 2009 Examination shall not be taken into account. In the calculation of maximum number of chances actually availed by the candidate, the chances for which he is allowed to appear in the Examination shall be taken into account irrespective of the fact whether the candidate takes the examination or not. Once a candidate has been permitted to appear in the examination, withdrawal of candidature shall not be allowed.

- (c) The candidates who have already qualified a paper/examination are **not eligible for re-appearing in that paper/examination**, except for betterment candidates who are allowed to appear in examination for bettering their scores once they have qualified the entire examination as reserved candidate.

ii) For Old Pattern candidates

- (a) The age and number of chances for these candidates shall be same as laid down by Rule IV of erstwhile Departmental Examination Rules for ITOs – 1998 i.e. the age of the candidate on 1st April of the year of Examination should not exceed 55 years (in the case of SC/ST candidates there shall be no age limit) and the maximum number of chances a candidate can avail is ten.

EXPLANATION: For the purpose of counting the number of chances available to a candidate for availing the concession mentioned in 1st Proviso to Rule III above, the number of chances already availed by the candidate under the Old Pattern of examination shall be taken into account. In the calculation of maximum number of chances actually availed by the candidate, the chances for which he is allowed to appear in the Examination shall be taken into account irrespective of the fact whether the candidate takes the examination or not. Once a candidate has been permitted to appear in the examination, withdrawal of candidature shall not be allowed.

- (b) The candidates who have already qualified a paper/examination are **not eligible for re-appearing in that paper/examination**, except for betterment candidates who are allowed to appear in examination for bettering their scores once they have qualified the entire examination as reserved candidate.

Rule - IV (A) :- Betterment chance for SC/ST candidates

(a) The SC/ST candidates, who have fully qualified the Departmental Examination either under the Old Pattern or under the New Pattern with relaxed standards, shall be allowed further chance(s) to take examination for improvement/betterment of the result in the respective paper(s) subject to the overall ceiling of ten chances stipulated in Rule IV. For this purpose, the number of chances already availed by the candidate in qualifying the examination under the respective pattern shall be taken into account. The candidates who have not fully qualified the examination are not eligible to avail betterment chance for improvement of the result in the respective paper(s).

(b) The SC/ST candidates, who have qualified with relaxed standards in the Old Pattern, shall be permitted to take the corresponding matching paper(s) only as per matching schedule given below in Rule V(B)

(c) The SC/ST candidates, who have qualified with relaxed standards in the New Pattern, shall be permitted to improve their results by appearing in the paper(s) given below in Rule V(A).

RULE - V : SUBJECTS OF THE EXAMINATION

(A) For New Pattern candidates (including for New Pattern SC/ST candidates availing betterment chance)

Sl. No	SUBJECT	Type	Maximum Marks
1.	Paper-1 Income Tax Law and Computation (Without books)	Objective	100
2.	Paper-2 Advanced Accountancy (Without books)	Objective	100
3.	Paper-3 Allied Laws (Without books)	Objective	100
4.	Paper-4 Income-tax & Accountancy (Combined Practical) (With I.T Act & Rules)	Subjective	100

(a) Each of the 3 objective type papers (Paper 1 to 3) shall consist of 100 questions to be attempted in 2 hrs. Thus each question shall carry 1 mark.

(b) 1/8th mark shall be deducted for every incorrect answer for the objective type papers.

(c) The subjective paper (paper 4) shall be of 3 hours and shall be a test of candidates' application skills in 'Income-tax law and computation' & 'Advanced' with each of these subjects represented in the proportion of 50:50.

(d) For the purposes of paper 4, only Bare Act/ Rules or basic ready reckoner containing tax tables, depreciation rates, capital gains index shall be allowed to be carried into the examination hall.

(e) No scientific calculator, mobile phone or any other electronic gadget is permitted to be taken into the examination hall, however the arithmetic calculator is permitted.

(B) For partially qualified Old Pattern candidates/ Betterment chance candidates of old pattern

The paper matching schedule shall be as under:

S. No.	Unqualified Paper of Old Pattern	Matching Paper(s) to be taken by the candidates in the New Pattern	Paper(s) to be specifically set for partially qualified Old Pattern candidates only	Type	Maximum Marks
1.	IT Law-I & II	Paper-1 :- Income Tax Law and Computation (Without Books) and		Objective	100
		Paper-4 :- (IT & Accountancy) Combined Practical (With I.T Act & Rules)		Subjective	100
2.	Book Keeping	Paper-2:- Advanced Accountancy (Without Books)		Objective	100
3.	Other Taxes	Paper-3:- Allied Laws (Without Books)		Objective	100
4.	Office Procedure	-----	Paper-5 as per Old Syllabus (Without Books)	Objective	100
5.	Examination of Accounts & language Test	-----	Paper-6 To be conducted by the concerned CCIT/CIT (Examination) as per past practice	Subjective	150

- (a) Each of the four objective type papers (Paper 1, 2, 3 & 5) shall consist of 100 questions to be attempted in 2 hours Thus each question shall carry 1 mark.
- (b) 1/8th mark shall be deducted for every incorrect answer for the objective type papers.
- (c) The subjective papers (Paper 4) shall be of 3 hours and shall be a test of candidates' application skills in 'Income-tax Law and computation' & 'Advanced Accountancy' with each of these subjects represented in the proportion of 50:50.

- (d) The Examination of Accounts & Language Test shall be of three hours & forty five minutes and have the same format as in the Old Pattern
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Eligibility of the candidates to appear in the Departmental Examination for Income Tax Officers shall be as under:

1. Income Tax Inspectors who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
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3. Senior T.A., who have passed the Departmental Examination for Inspectors.
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Provided that the SC/ST candidates, who have fully qualified the old pattern or new pattern examination in the past with relaxed standards, shall also be eligible to take the examination for betterment of their results subject to the ceiling of number of chances stipulated in Rule IV (A) below.

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