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To

**Heads of Department of IA&AD offices**  
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**Subject:** Number of chances to pass the SAS Examination

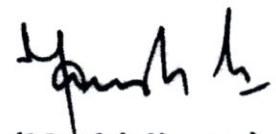
Madam/ Sir,

Under the existing system, the normal number of chances to pass the Subordinate Audit/Accounts (SAS) Examination is six. However, candidates who qualify minimum five papers in their six attempts are given four additional consecutive attempts to pass the remaining papers of SAS examination. Therefore, at present the permissible number of chances to pass the SAS examination is ten (6+4).

2. Number of permissible chances to pass the SAS examination was reviewed. It was observed that there needs to be a balance between number of chances and quality of the officials clearing the SAS examination. It was also recognised that officials need to be encouraged to continuously take the SAS examination which will enhance their knowledge.

3. Accordingly, the Competent Authority has decided that **the eligible officials may be allowed to appear afresh in the SAS Examination after exhausting their permissible 10 (ten) chances (6+4), without any carry forward of exempted papers of SAS Examination.** However, 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. This is applicable with effect from the next SAS Main Examination.

Yours faithfully,



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