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**To**

**Heads of Department of IA&AD offices**  
(As per standard e-mail list)

**Subject: Number of permissible chances to pass the SAS Examination**

Madam/ Sir,

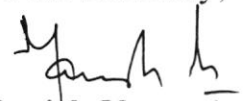
In supersession of Examination Wing Circular No. 08 of 2020 and other earlier circulars/orders regarding chances to pass the SAS Examination, the Competent Authority has increased the number of chances to pass the SAS Examination from 10 to 12. The details of the modified system are as under:

- a) Under the modified system, the total chances to pass the SAS Examination will be twelve (6 normal +6 additional)
- b) 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.
- c) The additional six chances may be admissible only to those candidates who have cleared five papers within first (normal) six attempts (6+6=12)
- d) 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**
- e) 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) .

- f) **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
- g) 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)
- h) In the modified system also, chance will be counted once a candidate registers for the SAS Examination
- i) **No** scope for withdrawal of candidature under the modified system
- j) 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
- k) This modified system including the counting of eight years of SAS Examination will be applicable from next SAS Examination-1 of 2021.

Yours faithfully,



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