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Chief Executive Officer
Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS)
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Dear CS Nyaega

MAJOR REVIEW OF SYLLABUSES

Kasneb is a body corporate established and mandated by the Accountants Act, No.15 of 2008, the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya Act, Cap.534 of 1988 and the Investment and Financial Analysts Act, No.13 of 2015 to administer examinations in accountancy, finance, credit, governance and management, information technology and related disciplines, among other things.

Kasneb regularly reviews the examination syllabuses in line with the changing market environment at national, regional and global arenas. In this connection, kasneb undertakes a mid-term review of the syllabuses after two and a half years and a major review after five years. The last review of the syllabuses, which was mid-term, was completed in June 2018. However, recent market developments have necessitated the need for a major review earlier than scheduled. Some of these factors include the following:

- (a) Development of the Kenya National Qualifications Framework (KNQF) and supporting regulations among other education reforms.
- (b) Impact of global mega-trends and the need to incorporate the competence requirements of future professionals.

These trends include but are not limited to the following areas:

- (i) Data Analytics.
 - (ii) Information Communication Technology (ICT).
 - (iii) Public sector financial management.
 - (iv) Professional skepticism.
 - (v) Ethics, attitudes, values, communication and other soft skills.
- (c) Feedback received from various stakeholders including training institutions, trainers and students.
 - (d) Changes in the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards, International Public Sector Accounting Standards, International Standards on Auditing, International Education Standards and other generally accepted International Standards especially with regard to the examination content in accounting related papers.
 - (e) Recent changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

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- (f) Expanded market for the qualifications of Kasneb regionally and globally.
- (g) Feedback received from employers in diverse sectors.

kasneb has identified you as one of the key stakeholders whose views would provide critical guidance to the syllabuses review process. We therefore wish to seek your views on the syllabuses which should address the following areas, among others:

- (a) The title and structure of the examinations.
- (b) The validity of each of the papers (subjects) in the syllabuses in meeting market needs.
- (c) A clear description of the objectives of each paper (subject) in the syllabuses.
- (d) The content which should be included in the current syllabuses to make them more relevant.
- (e) The content which should be removed if considered inappropriate having regard to the current and future market environment.
- (f) The logical flow of the content across the papers (subjects) paying particular attention to avoid overlaps and ambiguities.
- (g) The optimal number of papers (subjects) in each syllabus.
- (h) The examination rules and regulations.
- (i) Any other matters that may improve the examination syllabuses.

The detailed syllabuses are available on the kasneb website www.kasneb.or.ke for your review.

I would appreciate if you would submit your views on or before **Tuesday, 30 April 2019**. The written memoranda on the review of the syllabuses should be submitted to the Acting Chief Executive Officer through one or more of the following modes:

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- (c) Delivered to kasneb Towers, off Hospital Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



I. M. Njuguna
Acting Chief Executive Officer