

## ICAI Elections 2018- Manner of Recording of Votes



It is brought to the knowledge of all members eligible to vote that the Central Government has notified the amendments made in the Chartered Accountants (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 in the Gazette of India vide Notification No. GSR 796E dated 23rd August, 2018. One of the amendments so made provide for recording of preference on ballot paper only in Arabic numerical numbers, i.e. 1, 2 and so on. Other modes of recording preferences on ballot paper, such as in Roman numerals or in words (like I, II, III or ONE, TWO, THREE) have been discontinued. In view of the same, members eligible to vote are requested to please place on the ballot paper the number 1 (in Arabic numeral only) in the box opposite the name of the candidate for whom they desire to vote. Members may, in addition, place the number 2 or the numbers 2 and 3 or the numbers 2, 3 and 4 and so on (in Arabic numeral only), in the boxes opposite the names of other candidates in the order of their preference up to the maximum number of candidates standing for the election. However, a cross, i.e. 'X' mark may be put in the boxes opposite the name(s) of candidate(s) to whom they do not desire to vote. Some illustrations of invalid marking of preferences on ballot paper are given below for the information of the members so that marking of preference in any manner, other than permissible manner, is avoided.

### Illustrations

	Name and Membership No. of the Candidate on the ballot paper	Valid Marking	Invalid Marking	Reason
Illustration 1	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	I	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral.
Illustration 2	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	One	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral.
Illustration 3	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	(i)	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral.
Illustration 4	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1		1 <sup>st</sup> preference not marked at all
Illustration 5	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	1	Preference marked outside the box
Illustration 6	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1		1 Preference marked outside the box
Illustration 7	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	Kumar	Name written in the box instead of marking valid preference
Illustration 8	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	<i>Signature</i>	Signature used instead of marking valid preference.
Illustration 9	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	एक	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral.
Illustration 10	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	God is great	1 Writing anything other than valid preference makes it invalid
Illustration 11	X) ABC ----- (Candidate 1) M.No. -----	1	1	Marking same preference to more than one candidate, makes that preference and all the subsequent preferences invalid.
	Y) DEF ----- (Candidate 2) M.No. -----	2	1	
	Z) GHI ----- (Candidate 3) M.No. -----	3	2	
Illustration 12	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	✓	Tick symbol is used instead marking preference in Arabic Numeral.
Illustration 13	ABC ----- M.No. -----	1	X	1 <sup>st</sup> preference is not marked