

EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME

CAPITAL MARKET & SECURITIES LAWS

The securities markets are vital to the growth, development and strength of market economies and the maturity of an economy are decided based on the robustness of securities market of an economy. Considering that the Securities market is the core area of practice for the Company Secretaries, it becomes very important for the professionals to be fully aware of various laws and regulations, both for practice and guiding the Board of Directors on securities laws related matters. The securities market is governed by various regulations enacted in the course of time by the competent legislative body and regulating bodies.

This study is divided into two Parts, Part I deals with Capital Market and Part II deals with Securities Laws.

Part I of the study deals with the basic concepts of Capital Markets and enable the students to develop the understanding about the primary and secondary market which is the bridge between the investors and the corporates. It discusses the important provisions covered under the Securities Contract (Regulations) Act, 1956, Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 and Depositories Act, 1992 to govern the Indian securities markets. There are several intermediaries and institutions involved in dealing with the capital market. SEBI has also jurisdiction over all such intermediaries and persons associated with the securities market, which have also been discussed in this part.

Part II of the Study provides an in depth analysis of the legal principles applicable to listed companies in addition to the Companies Act, 2013. The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended its jurisdiction over corporates in the issuance of capital and transfer of securities, during the course of time has come out with several regulations for smooth functioning of the market, thereby also giving paramount importance to the stakeholders. Therefore, this study discusses various legislative and regulatory guidance such as the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, SEBI (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021 etc. and role of Company Secretary thereof.

In the era of plethora of legislations, rules, and regulations, a Company Secretary professional is expected to be well aware of these rules and principles, as these compliances make the functioning of the markets smooth while violations leads to severe penalties.

This study material is published to aid the students in preparing the paper on Capital Market and Securities Laws for Executive Programme. It is part of the educational kit and takes the students step by step through each phase of preparation emphasizing key concepts, principles, legal fundamentals and procedures. Company Secretaryship being a professional course, the examination standards are set very high, with focus on knowledge of concepts, their application, procedures and case laws, for which sole reliance on the contents of this study material may not be enough. This study material may, therefore, be regarded as the basic material and must be read along with the Bare Acts, Rules, Regulations, Case Laws.

The legislative changes made upto November, 2025 have been incorporated in the study material. The students are advised to refer to the updations at the Regulator’s website, Supplements relevant for the subject issued by ICSI and Chartered Secretary Journal and other publications. Specifically, students are advised to read “**Student Company Secretary**” e-Journal which covers regulatory and other relevant developments relating to the subject. In the event of any doubt, students may contact the Directorate of Academics at academics@icsi.edu.

The amendments to law made upto 31st May of the Calendar Year for December Examinations and upto 30th November of the previous Calendar Year for June Examinations shall be applicable.

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The new criminal laws i.e. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam 2023 have repealed Indian Penal Code 1860, Criminal Procedure Code 1973 and Indian Evidence Act 1872 (old criminal laws) respectively.

Therefore, by virtue of Section 8 of General Clauses Act 1897, the references to the old criminal laws, unless a different intention appears, be construed as references to the provision of new criminal laws.