



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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BCI: 78 /2024 (LE/App/Afflin)

Dated 13.01.2024

To,

1	The Registrar, The Neotia University Campus, Jhinga, Sirsha, D.H. Road, 24, Parganas (S), West Bengal – 743368
2	The Principal/ Head of the Deptt., The Neotia University Campus, Jhinga, Sirsha, D.H. Road, 24, Parganas (S), West Bengal – 743368

Sub: Extension of provisional temporary approval of affiliation to The Neotia University, Kolkata, West Bengal for five year BA LL.B (H) as well as five year BBA LL.B (H) law courses for the academic year 2023-2024 with the prevalent/existing sections (earlier specifically approved in writing by BCI) with intake of not more than 60 students in one section.

Sir,

This is with reference to above mentioned subject regarding extension of provisional approval of affiliation to **The Neotia University, Kolkata, West Bengal** which has already applied for extension of approval of affiliation for the academic year 2023-2024.

This is to bring to your kind knowledge that the following resolution was passed on 09th June, 2023 by the General Council of the Bar Council of India with respect to grant of provisional approval of affiliation for academic year 2023-2024 for those centers of Legal Education which have applied for approval of affiliation for the academic year 2023-2024.

“RESOLVED that with respect to existing Centers of Legal Education/colleges, whose inspection fee has been deposited, application for extension of approval of affiliation is pending, no inspection could be done or the inspection has been done, but inspection report could not be placed before the Legal Education Committee or the Standing Committee for its consideration, such Centers of Legal Education/colleges may continue to admit students only for the academic year 2023-2024. This will apply only in case where affiliation has been granted by the University. Such provisional approval shall be subject to any decision taken after the inspection of the CLE is done by the Bar Council of India subsequently

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It shall further be conditional and is subject to compliance as per circular dated 05.02.2020 bearing No.BCI:D:158 (LE:Circulation No.01/2020), issued to all Centers of Legal education, as per the extended time of such compliance, whereby every center of Legal Education/college is required to submit a certified authenticated bank statement bearing bank stamp, date and signature, mandatorily with respect to the salary/ies being disbursed to all the teachers/faculties every three months with effect from March, 2022 on a regular basis, unless specifically sought at other intervals, and also furnish list of teachers with qualifications as per BCI and UGC Rules, and further furnish proof/receipts of fulfillment of minimum library requirements, as enumerated under Schedule-III, Rule-15, Minimum Library requirements of Legal Education Rules-which is the sine qua non of a Center of Legal Education. Certain show cause notices and compliance letters had also been issued specifically to certain Centers of Legal Education/Colleges, with conditions mentioned therein, which have to be complied too as per the time stipulations therein, and if they have not been complied with they must be complied with immediately.

An affidavit/undertaking to comply with the conditions mentioned in the above referred circular and of all the rules of Legal Education, shall be required to be submitted by way of duly notarized affidavit within 15 days of receipt of this letter by way of hardcopy and also by way of scanned copy at complianceaffiliationle2@gmail.com with heading-COMPLIANCE TO PROVISIONAL APPROVAL-REQUIREMENTS

It is made clear that if any Center of Legal Education, fails to submit all the required documents as sought by way of the afore referred circular and the show cause notices (where applicable), and the compliance letters, already issued, then their application for extension of approval for 2023-2024 shall not be considered and, if, approval is granted for the academic session 2023-2024, it may be withdrawn.

You may kindly bear in mind that the Bar Council of India is the sole and supreme sanctioning authority for seats and as a general rule it does not allow any supernumerary quota of seats for law degree courses, over and above the sanctioned strength of seats and whatever reservation of seats is to be done by the University as a general rule has to be done within sanctioned strength of seats.

The Center/s of Legal Education/College may take a note of the above mentioned facts and furnish compliance of the same and of the other rules and regulations of Legal Education, including the stipulations specified in the abovesaid referred circular/s, show cause notices and compliance letters, and in ANNEXURE-A, attached to this provisional approval of affiliation letter, which is required to be complied with adequate documentary proof and by way of a notarized affidavit, immediately if the same has not already been complied with, failing which, their application for extension of approval for 2023-24 shall not be considered and if approval, is granted for the academic session 2023-2024, the same may be withdrawn too."

The last date for compliance of the above referred circular has expired on 31st August 2022, as it was extended from time to time due to the pandemic. Therefore ensure to comply with the same, otherwise the provisional approval of affiliation being issued herewith may be withdrawn.

You are allowed to admit students in **five year BA LL.B (H) as well as five year BBA LL.B (H) law courses** with the prevalent/ existing (earlier approved by BCI) sections, for the academic year 2023-2024 **subject to the condition that you will complete one time online registration link send on your official email address and upload the registered documents and photographs within a period of two months.**

The compliances and pending fee/ any other fee which may be payable in future may be kindly ensured to be complied with as and when intimated in the future.

This is for your information and necessary compliance and action.


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Joint Secretary
Bar Council of India
Legal Education Department



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Joint Secretary
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Legal Education Department


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Secretary
Bar Council of India

Note – Kindly ensure to submit English translation of all documents being furnished by you in Hindi or in any other regional language to BCI.

Note- In accordance with the Council resolution passed on February 20, 2022, the refundable guarantee amount per course, is set at Rs. 5 lakhs. Additionally, (C.L.E.s) who had previously deposited a guarantee fee of Rs. 2 lakhs are now required to pay the remaining Rs. 3 lakhs to meet the total guarantee fee of Rs. 5 lakhs for a single course. For each additional course, the guarantee fee stands at Rs. 5 lakhs per course.

Very important: - Please, henceforth ensure to send any compliance affidavit/reply and affiliation orders separately to complianceaffiliationle2@gmail.com, apart from copying it to dlebci@gmail.com please do not send any email/s to proledepartment@gmail.com.

For any other query/ies you may send e-mail/s to dlebci@gmail.com

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