

Common Law Admission Test, CLAT- 2010

The concept of National Law Universities to act as a pace-setter and testing ground for bold experiments in legal education came up because the pattern of legal education at traditional Universities was not found to be satisfactory. In course of time, fourteen National Law Universities were established to achieve excellence in legal education. These Universities are national in the sense that substantial number of seats in all these Universities are filled-up by students from all over India and the academic staff are also recruited on all India basis. Till 2007 each National Law University conducted tests separately in different Centres spread all over the country and thousand of students after their 10+2 examinations took those multiple admission tests at considerable expense and with lots of inconvenience. In order to avoid the hardship faced by the candidates in appearing in a number of tests for admission to different individual Universities initiative was taken for conducting a Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) for admission to different National Law Universities. However, only eleven out of the fourteen National Law Universities are part of CLAT.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by seven National Law Universities. The experience in CLAT-2008 has been that larger catchment area provides better quality of students. Therefore, in addition to the CLAT founder seven National Law Universities, the four other National Law Universities joined CLAT in the year 2009. It was agreed by the Committee consisting of all the Vice-Chancellors that the test would be conducted by the National Law Universities by rotation. Accordingly, (CLAT)-2008 and CLAT- 2009 were conducted by National Law School of India University, (NLSIU), Bangalore and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad respectively. At present following 11 National Law Universities are member of CLAT-2010 which are as follows:

- * National Law School of India University, Bangalore.
- * NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- * National Law Institute University, Bhopal.
- * West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.
- * National Law University, Jodhpur.
- * Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur.
- * Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.
- * Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.
- * Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala.
- * Chanakya National Law University, Patna.
- * National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi.

The CLAT-2010 is being conducted by National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2010 will be conducted for admission to the undergraduate programme for eleven National Law Universities and also for the post-graduate programme (LL.M) for admission to NLSIU, NALSAR, NLIU, WBNUJS, HNLU, GNLU, RMLNLU, CNLU and RGNUL. The details of intake, reservation, courses offered along with the fee structure and further details can be had from the website of concerned University.

UNDER-GRADUATE PROGRAMME

Eligibility:

To be eligible for taking CLAT-2010, a candidate should have passed Higher Secondary School/Intermediate Examination (10+2) or its equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in aggregate (45% in case of SC/ST/OBC* and persons with Disability*). Age of candidate should not be more than 20 years in case of General/OBC candidates and 22 years in case of SC/ST* and persons with Disability* on 1st July, 2010.

**Subject to state reservation at the University concerned.*

Candidates appearing in the qualifying examination are eligible to apply for the Test. But candidate must have passed the qualifying examination at the time of his/her admission.

Pattern of the Test Paper for Undergraduate Programme:

Total Marks	:	200
Total number of questions	:	200
Duration of examinations	:	Two Hours

Subject areas with weightage:

English including Comprehension	:	40 Marks
General Knowledge/ Current Affairs	:	50 Marks
Elementary Mathematics (Numerical ability)	:	20 Marks
Legal Aptitude/Legal Awareness	:	45 Marks
Logical Reasoning	:	45 Marks

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME

The CLAT-2010 for the post-graduate programme (LL.M) will be applicable for admission to NLSIU, NALSAR, NLIU, WBNUJS, HNLU, GNLU, RMLNLU and RGNUL only. For NLU, Jodhpur and Cochin candidates are required to apply separately to that University.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for appearing in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) to the two year LL.M. Degree Course, a candidate should have passed the LL.B/B.L. Degree or an equivalent degree from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks in aggregate (50% in case of SC/ST/OBC* and persons with Disability*).

**Subject to state reservation at the University concerned.*

Candidates appearing in the qualifying examination are eligible to apply for the Test. But candidate must have passed the qualifying examination at the time of his/her admission.

Pattern of the Test Paper for Postgraduate Programme:

Total Marks	:	200
Duration of examination	:	Two Hours
Subject areas	:	Law of Contracts, Law of Torts, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Legal Theory

Total number of questions:

- i) Objective Type : 50 questions of one mark each
- ii) Short answers : 10 questions of five marks each
- iii) Essay : Two questions of 50 marks each

POINTS TO BE NOTED BY THE CANDIDATES

1. CLAT result will be published through merit lists prepared on the basis of overall merit, preference-wise, gender-wise, state-wise and reservation-wise. (SC/ST/OBC/PWD). A candidate whose name figures in more than one list will be given a choice after the declaration of the CLAT-2010 result to unconditionally and irrevocably choose from any of the lists through which they want to seek admission within a stipulated time.

2. For details relating to the definitions of NRI/NRI sponsored and number of seats available for them, kindly see the information provided by different participating National Law Universities.

Some of the Universities will admit the NRI candidate directly whereas others will do so through CLAT. Please read the information provided by the participating Universities in this regards.

In case the NRI admission is through CLAT, the candidates who opt for NRI category shall not be considered for admission through any other category and vice-versa.

3. Duly filled application forms should be submitted to The Registrar, the National Law Institute University, Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal- 462 044 (M.P), either in person or through registered post and the Registrar must receive it latest by April 2, 2010. The candidates who have downloaded the application form from the CLAT-2010 website must manually fill-in the application form and submit the same in hard copy only. The candidate must attach with the application form the cash receipt of Rs.2500/- or Rs. 2000/- as the case may be which he/she has paid to the bank or the institution from where he/she has purchased the form. Those candidates who submit the application form downloaded from CLAT-2010 website must attach with the application form a demand draft of Rs. 2000/- or Rs. 2500/- as the case may be, drawn in favour of The Convenor, CLAT-2010, payable at Bhopal.
4. Any candidate who need a scribe to write his exam must inform the Convenor, CLAT-2010/Centre Superintendent within a reasonable time, before the CLAT-2010 entrance examination citing reasonable cause and attaching relevant supporting documents.
5. The basic principle of admission through CLAT-2010 is merit- cum- preference.
6. All offer of admission by the CLAT-2010 shall be provisional and shall not create any right to admission in favour of candidate. CLAT-2010 will not be responsible for any expenditure made by the candidate on travel etc.
7. When a candidate's name appears in the merit list he/she will have to deposit a sum of Rs. 25000/-, non-refundable but adjustable in the fee to be payable at the time of admission, to confirm his/her intention/ seriousness to take the admission. Failure to deposit the above mentioned amount by the given date shall be treated as that the candidate is not interested in the admission and his/her claim to admission shall automatically cease to exist.

The name of the bank, the account number and the date by which it is to be deposited will be displayed at the CLAT website.

8. There shall be a centralised admission process at CLAT-2010 office at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

All admissions shall be centrally done at National Law Institute University, Bhopal. The information relating to date of admission shall be placed on CLAT website from time to time.

9. If there is a tie between two or more candidates in the CLAT examination result the same shall be resolved in the following manner in the order provided (1) Higher marks in section on Legal Aptitude/Awareness of the CLAT examination. (2) Elder will be preferred (3) Draw of lots.

10. CLAT admission form for LL.B programme is of Pink colour, and of LL.M. programme is of Orange colour.

11. Preferences given by the candidates in the application shall be final and cannot be changed later.

It is mandatory for all candidates to fill in all eleven choices for UG and all nine choices for PG of the Law Universities in order of preference. Failure to do so would result in rejection of the application form. Choices once made cannot be changed later.

12. After admissions are closed by the CLAT Admission Committee, no one shall be admitted even if a seat remained vacant.

13. A candidate would not be allowed to go for a lower preference if a seat is vacant in the higher preference based on the principle of merit-cum preference.

No candidate shall be allowed to be admitted to a University of his/her lower choice if a seat, on the basis of his/her merit and preference is available at a University of his/her higher choice.

But the CLAT admission committee, before his/her admission, may upgrade a candidate to the University of his/her higher choice on the availability of the seat.

14. Under no circumstances the change of University would be allowed after a candidate is admitted to a University.

15. The candidates are advised to carefully go through the rules and fee schedules of participating Universities before filling the admission form for LL.B, LL.M. course or for NRI seats.
16. Foreign nationals desirous of taking admission to any course may directly contact the concerned University having seats for foreign nationals.
17. Definition of disability for the purpose of admission shall be in accordance with Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. A candidate will have to produce disability certificate from competent authority in accordance with the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 at the time of admission.
18. A candidate, who purchases an application form meant for SC&ST category sold at a concessional price, cannot use it for applying under any other category. If he/she does so, the application form shall be rejected. For concessional rate application form applicant shall submit an attested photo copy of reservation certificate at the time of its purchase.

The important dates for CLAT-2010:

1. Publication of advertisement in leading English/Hindi national daily Newspapers
 - a. **1st week of January, 2010**
 - b. **Last week of February, 2010**
2. Issue of application forms from all CLAT-2010 members universities and specified branches of State Bank of India (to be notified later)
From 11th January , 2010 (Monday)
3. Last date for submission of filled-in entrance examination application forms
02nd April, 2010 (Friday)
4. Issue of Hall Tickets to the candidates
From **12 April, 2010**
5. Date of admission test for UG/PG
09th May, 2010 (Sunday)
From 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
6. Publication of result
29th May, 2010 (Saturday)
7. Last date of acceptance and confirmation of interest in admission by depositing money in SBI specified branches (to be notified later)

- 15th June, 2010 (Tuesday)**
8. Completion of admission process
28th June, 2010 (Monday)
9. Commencement of classes
01st July, 2010 (Thursday)

Please note that above dates are tentative and the Convenor, CLAT has reserved all the rights to change above dates as per contingencies and requirements.

For any further clarification and information regarding CLAT- 2010 please contact at the following address:

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