

To,

1. **The Vice-Chancellors of all the,
Universities imparting Legal Education,**
2. **The Registrars of all the,
Universities imparting Legal Education**
3. **The Principals/The Deans of all the
Centre of Legal Education/Law Institutions**

Sub. : Circular for compliance of all the Rules of Legal Education 2008 by all Centres of Legal Education (Universities, Law Colleges etc.) failing which approval of affiliation and/or recognition shall not be renewed/granted from the academic year 2020-2021 onwards.

Sir/Ma'am,

This is to bring to your kind knowledge that the following resolution was passed on 24th June, 2020 with respect to grant of provisional approval of affiliation for academic year 2020-2021 for those centers of Legal Education which have applied for approval of affiliation for the academic year 2020-2021.

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 2020-2021. This will apply only in case where affiliation has been granted by the University, which of course, shall be subject to the inspection to be made by the Bar Council of India subsequently"

As per the circular dated 05.02.2020 bearing No.BCI:D:158 (LE:Circulation No.01/2020), issued to all Centers of Legal education, every center of Legal Education /college shall be 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 from date of receipt of communication 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 had also been issued specifically to certain Centers of Legal Education/Colleges, with conditions mentioned therein to be complied with. The time for compliance of the circular and the show causes stands extended till 31st October, 2020.

It is made clear that if any Center of Legal Education, fails to submit all the required documents as sought by way of the referred circular and the show cause notices(where applicable),already issued, and the subsequent circular to be issued in this regard, on or before 31st October, 2020, including certified authenticated bank statements, library receipts and faculty list with qualifications then their application for extension of approval for 2021-22 shall not be considered and/or approval already granted 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 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, and in Annexure A, attached to this provisional approval of affiliation letter, which is required be complied with by/on/before 31.10.2020 with adequate documentary proof and by way of a notarized affidavit, failing which as stated above their application for extension of approval for 2021-22 shall not be considered and/or approval already granted may be withdrawn.

ANNEXURE-‘A’

The University/college must send a duly notarized affidavit stating the details of faculty members including the Principal/ Head of Institution, and Head of Department specifying and certifying their qualifications and the subjects being taught by them and further stating the salary being paid to the faculty members by RTGS/NEFT/Cheque which must be as per UGC scale under Bankers Book of Evidence Act. Authenticated, signed and certified Bank Statements, have to be necessarily furnished to the Bar Council of India every three months.

For the present moment authenticated signed and certified Bank Statements bearing bank stamp/seal and signature of the bank manager for a period of three months with effect from the date of receipt of this letter for the preceding period of three months must be furnished immediately.

This must be continued to be submitted every three months without fail.

Furthermore, the library should be furnished as per Clause 15 of Schedule III of Legal Education Rules-2008 given below:-

“Minimum Library requirement: To start with, a Law Library shall have a set of AIR manual, Combo offer of CD of AIR Pvt. Ltd. (containing electronic version of AIR Supreme Court and High Court Data bases Research 1950-2015 (four connections each) Cr. L.J. Data Base 1950-2015 (four connections) AIR Privy Council Data Base 1900-1950 (four connections) AIR Mannual latest 6th Edition (1-45 Vols.) AIR Journal 2015, Cr. L.J. 2015, L.I.C. 2015, AIR Civil Cases 2015, AIR Law Lines 2015, AIR Cheque Dishonour Reports 2015, AIR Accident Claims and compensation 2015, Institution shall get electronic versions updated every year by AIR Pvt. Ltd. Central Acts and Local Acts, Criminal law journal, SCC, Company cases, Indian Bar Review, selected Judgements on Professional Ethics and Journals with the back volumes for at least ten years and also such number of text books in each subjects taught during the period according to the minimum standard ratio of ten books for each registered students. For running integrated program, text books of such other subjects are also to be kept in the similar minimum ratio. The institution should keep in mind that minimum 10 sets of Indian Bar Review, selected judgments and professional Ethics published by Bar Council of India Trust and the AIR volumes/set must be promptly ordered for the library if not already ordered, as it is an essential requirement to run a law college which is stipulated by Bar Council of India, Legal Education Rules 2008 framed under a Parliament Act.”

Further the College/University should ensure to follow Rule-10 of Legal Education Rules 2008 which is quoted hereunder.

10. Semester system

The course leading to either degree in law, unitary or on integrated double degree, shall be conducted in semester system in not less than 15 weeks for unitary degree course or not less than 18 weeks in double degree integrated course with not less than 30 class-

hours per week including tutorials, moot court room exercise and seminars provided there shall be at least 24 lecture hours per week.

Provided further that in case of specialized and/or honours law courses there shall be not less than 36 class-hours per week including seminar, moot court and tutorial classes and 30 minimum lecture hours per week.

Provided further that Universities are free to adopt trimester system with appropriate division of courses per trimester with each of the trimester not less than 12 weeks.

Furthermore, a compliance affidavit in this regard too should be furnished.

A Compliance affidavit shall also be required to be furnished with respect to the follows: -

Rule -18 Minimum weekly class program per subject (paper):

There shall be for each paper (with 4 credit) Four class-hours for one hour duration each and one hour of tutorial/moot court/project work per week.

The College/University has also ensure to furnish compliance affidavit with regard to following Clause-24, Schedule-II of Legal Education Rule-2008 which lays down Moot Court exercises and Internship; rules Clause-25, Schedule-III lays down Minimum period of Internship which is quoted hereunder.

24. Moot court exercise and Internship:

This paper may have three components of 30 marks each and a viva for 10 marks.

(a) Moot Court (30 Marks). Every student may be required to do at least three moot courts in a year with 10 marks for each. The moot court work will be on assigned problem and it will be evaluated for 5 marks for written submissions and 5 marks for oral advocacy.

(b) Observance of Trial in two cases, one Civil and one Criminal (30 marks):

Students may be required to attend two trials in the course of the last two or three years of LL.B. studies. They will maintain a record and enter the various steps observed during their attendance on different days in the court assignment. This scheme will carry 30 marks.

(c) Interviewing techniques and Pre-trial preparations and Internship diary (30 marks):

Each student will observe two interviewing sessions of clients at the Lawyer's Office/Legal Aid Office and record the proceedings in a diary, which will carry 15 marks. Each student will further observe

the preparation of documents and court papers by the Advocate and the procedure for the filing of the suit/petition. This will be recorded in the diary, which will carry 15 marks.

(d)The fourth component of this paper will be Viva Voce examination on all the above three aspects. This will carry 10 marks.

25. Minimum Period of Internship:

(a) Each registered student shall have completed minimum of twelve weeks internship for Three Year Course stream and twenty weeks in case of Five Year Course stream during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, Other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies, Local Self Government and other such bodies as the University shall stipulate, where law is practiced either in action or in dispute resolution or in management.

Provided that internship in any year cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and all students shall at least gone through once in the entire academic period with Trial and Appellate Advocates.

(b) Each student shall keep Internship diary in such form as may be stipulated by the University concerned and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core Faculty member of the staff each time. The total mark shall be assessed in the Final Semester of the course in the 4th Clinical course as stipulated under the Rules in Schedule II.

Kindly ensure to comply with all the above stipulated and all other requisite Rules of Legal Education 2008 by way of compliance by way of duly notarized affidavit by attaching adequate documentation proof with the same with a period of 6 weeks for being eligible to be issued further Approval for further subsequent academic years.

It is suggested that all information should be provided to Bar Council of India both in hard and soft copy/pen-drive and by email at complianceaffiliationle@gmail.com.