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AIBE Announcements

Next All India Bar Examination

The next All India Bar Examination ("AIBE") will be held on January 8, 2012. The AIBE can be taken by (i) all candidates who failed to clear the earlier AIBE (ii) new candidates who wish to take the AIBE. In addition the AIBE will also be conducted in Tamil Nadu on the same date for all candidates who were registered to take the AIBE on March 6, 2011 and July 24, 2011.

Registration for the AIBE will open on October 7, 2011 and close on December 7, 2011. Candidates who wish to take the AIBE on January 8, 2012 can apply for the same by picking up application forms from a State Bar Council ("SBC") from October 8, 2011 onwards, or by registering online (full details of the same will be available on the BCI website from October 7, 2011 onwards).

Keeping in mind the fact that newly registered lawyers would like to begin their practice quickly, the Bar Council of India has decided that for the purposes of the AIBE to be held on January 8, 2012 alone, newly enrolled advocates will be permitted to conditionally practice law in India subject to clearing the AIBE in January, 2012 and furnishing an undertaking to the concerned SBC.

State Bar Councils ("SBCs") across India are being informed of this decision and the SBCs will also be kept completely updated on the final number of advocates undertaking the AIBE on January 8, 2012 as well as the results of the same, so that they can serve as points for dissemination of information to newly enrolled advocates.

This relaxation of the eligibility to the right to practice law will only be available for enrolled advocates who are appearing for the AIBE on January 8, 2012.

Note: Candidates who failed to clear the AIBE held previously will only have to pay Rs. 700/- (Rupees Seven Hundred Only) to undertake the AIBE on January 8, 2012 (fresh preparatory materials will not be provided to these candidates). The application form for the next AIBE is a consolidated form and candidates who failed to clear the AIBE previously will have to indicate that they have undertaken the AIBE earlier and enter their prior details, for ease of reference.

Certificates of Practice

Certificates of Practice for all candidates who successfully cleared the AIBE held on July 24, 2011 are currently being printed etc. and will be available for collection from the concerned SBCs from October 10, 2011 onwards. Candidates are advised to contact their concerned SBC where they have enrolled and collect their Certificates of Practice from October 10, 2011 onwards.



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Note: Certificates of Practice will not be provided for any candidates who have not provided the BCI with proof of their enrolment with an SBC as well as candidates who had provided incorrect DDs etc.– any candidates that have not yet done so are requested to send across the same to the BCI urgently. Candidates are also requested to look at the list of application discrepancies and data mismatches that have been put up on the BCI website.

Schedule for All India Bar Examination Moving Forward

The BCI is aware that the process of enrolment with SBCs, graduation from law schools etc. is currently in the process of being streamlined around the AIBE and a correct schedule needs to be put in place with respect to the AIBE so that law students are able to enroll, clear the AIBE and start practicing within a short span of time. From the next academic year onwards the AIBE will be held in **September/October** and thereafter **March/April** of every year. The BCI is taking steps to put the systems in place for the same and discussions will be had with SBCs/law schools in this regard.

Candidates are also requested to routinely check the BCI website for updates and news on the AIBE, and to approach the BCI (through email or over the AIBE helpline) with any queries or clarifications required.

Yours Sincerely,

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