



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi - 110002

BCI: 2503/2024 (LE/App/Afflin)

Dated 12.12.2024

To,

1.	The Registrar, Gauhati University, Gauhati - 781014 Assam
2.	The Principal, Ajmal Law College, Main Road, Hojai, Assam - 782435

Sub: Extension of provisional approval to Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam for imparting three year LL.B course and five year BA LL.B course with intake of one section of 60 students in each course for a period of one year i.e. for the academic year 2022-2023 and regularization of admission made during the academic period/ year 2021-2022.

Sir/Ma'am,

This is with reference to above mentioned subject regarding extension of provisional approval to **Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam** which has already applied for extension of approval for the academic year 2022-2023.

This is to bring to your kind knowledge that the following resolution was passed on 8th June, 2022 by the General Council of the Bar Council of India with respect to grant of provisional approval of affiliation, to existing Centres of Legal Education/Colleges, whose approval cum regular inspection fee has been deposited, application of extension of approval of affiliation is pending, but 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 the academic year 2022-2023.

“RESOLVED that with respect to existing Centres 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 Centres of Legal Education/Colleges may continue to admit students only for the academic year 2022-2023. 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.

Extension of provisional approval of affiliation is being granted to Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam for imparting three year LL.B course and five year BA LL.B course with intake of one section of 60 students in each course for a period of one year i.e. for the academic year 2022-2023.

The earlier period from 2021-2022 is also regularized since the College had deposited the approval fee.

AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE CENTRE OF LEGAL EDUCATION IS COMPLYING WITH THE BELOW STIPULATED NORMS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND MANDATORY GUIDELINES OF BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA AS WELL AS WITH ALL THE ENUMERATIONS STIPULATED IN THE ATTACHED CIRCULARS(WITH THIS LETTER) BEARING NOS. BCI: D: 465/2024 DATED 24.01.2024(ANNEXURE-B), BCI: D: 468/2024/CIR-006/2024(LE) DATED 20.05.2024(ANNEXURE-C), BCI: D: 469/2024(LE/CIR.007) DATED 21.05.2024 (ANNEXURE-D)AND BCI:D:525/2024 (LE CIRCULAR NO. 008/2024) DATED 30.05.2024(ANNEXURE-E) AND SHOW CAUSE NOTICES AND COMPLIANCE LETTER REFERRED TO IN ANNEXURE-A, ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER FAILING WHICH, THEIR APPLICATION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF APPROVAL OF AFFILIATION SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND IF APPROVAL, IS GRANTED FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-2025, THE SAME MAY BE WITHDRAWN TOO.

The provisional approval of affiliation shall 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 Centre 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 Centre 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.

The last date for compliance of the above referred circular has expired on 31st August, 2022. It was extended from time to time due to the pandemic. As a last opportunity, ensure to comply with the same, otherwise the provisional approval of affiliation being issued herewith 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 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 under whichever quota as a rule has to be done within sanctioned strength of seats. The only supernumerary quota, as of now permitted by the Bar Council of India, is 10 percent seats in EWS quota over and above the sanctioned

strength of seats allotted/approved by BCI and that too, is subject to adequate infrastructure and qualified faculty to accommodate the supernumerary seats. The same is required to be adhered to. If there is any default on such part and the same is discovered subsequently, action shall ensue which includes revocation of approval granted.

✓ **The CLE is advised to declare the same voluntarily for consideration of the same in a manner which will not be detrimental to interests of the students admitted, if any, over and above the sanctioned seats as a one time opportunity. The same shall not be construed to be applied prospectively.**

➤ **It is pertinent to point that no University in India can offer a 4 year LL.B or integrated LL.B, followed by a 1 year LL.M in tie up with a foreign University under the present BCI regulations. Such a Law degree, nor the post qualification after it, is recognised by Bar Council of India. The BCI only recognizes the pattern of a 12th class +3 (graduation in any stream+3 (year Law degree) and/or a 12 + 5 year integrated law degree.**

➤ **While exchange programs of teachers and students have been undertaken by Centers of Legal Education including, Law Universities in India, Dual Degrees or joint Degrees with Foreign Universities have not been permitted or recognized by BCI. It is essential to emphasize that any foreign collaboration involving legal education institutions, must strictly adhere to the regulatory framework established by the Bar Council of India. It cannot compromise on the quality of legal education mandated by the BCI. It's worth noting that unless a degree is recognized by the BCI in India, it holds no validity within the country. Therefore, a degree obtained from an Indian University, being recognized solely in a foreign jurisdiction, without recognition in India, would be of no consequence to the university or its students.**

➤ **Recognition and approval of law degrees are exclusively within the purview of the Bar Council of India. Consequently, if, upon thorough evaluation it is determined Law degrees are being issued by Universities against the rules and norms of Bar Council of India, recognition of such degree/s shall be withdrawn and such degree holders shall not be entitled to be enrolled in any State Bar Council in India.**

➤ **BCI and it's Legal Education Committee have time and again reiterated, stated and clarified, that it does not recognise LL.B and/or LL.M or any Law degree course through online mode, correspondence, open and/or distance learning mode.**

➤ **Some Universities, including some reputed Universities are running such programs in flagrant violation of clear directives and guidelines as stipulated above and without even having made a request or application to BCI in this regard. It is categorically made clear, such programs have no recognition and/or approval from BCI.**

➤ **CLE's must ensure to comply with these directives, failing which necessary action will ensue.**

An affidavit/undertaking to comply with the conditions mentioned above 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 Centre of Legal Education, does not comply to above then their application for further extension of approval shall not be considered and, if, approval is granted for the academic session 2024-2025, it may be withdrawn.

Please be aware that compliance with all conditions and the Rules of Legal Education is mandatory. Any discovered shortcomings or deficiencies, including those detected from portal registrations and forms, may lead to the withdrawal of approval granted to the CLE. Such deficiencies will also render the CLE ineligible to admit students in the next academic session.

Additionally, the CLE may receive further compliance directives and may be subject to both surprise and scheduled inspections. To maintain your approval and affiliation, ensure full adherence to all Rules and Regulations of Legal Education

➤ **Universities who have not yet completed one time online registration on the basis of the link/s sent on their official email id's are required to fill the registration form, & upload registered documents and photographs within a period of 21 days, failing which appropriate action will ensue.**

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.

➤ **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 lakh. 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 dlebc@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

NOTE

Public Meeting for Legal Education related Matters will be held from Monday to Thursday every week between 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. only at BCI office at 21 Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, New Delhi 110002 (2nd floor, Conference room) with Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Director, Dean, Principal, Academician/Permanent Faculty of Law, Head of Department, /Member of Society/or Trust which has established the CLE, administrative personnel, attached to(permanently working with Center of Legal Education) and/ Society Registration documents and/or with owners whose name should be documented in Trust Deed. All should carry CLE photo id cards as well as Aadhar/PAN/Passport for identity along with authority letter from authorised personnel like VC, Registrar, Dean, Principal or owner whose Identity should be clear from documents like Trust Deed, Society Registration papers, Photo Ids referred to above.

Authority letter has to bear original signature as on Govt. id like PAN Card/Passport, FULL NAME, DESIGNATION, MOBILE NUMBER AND EMAIL ID of person issuing authority letter as well as of person who is being issued authority letter.

No agents/touts or unauthorised personnel shall be entertained at any cost.

All visitors will have to fill the following form with attachments before the meeting.



On behalf of BCI, the meeting will be attended by Secretary Mr. Srimanto Sen and/or Mr. Nalin Raj Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary and/or in absence of one/both of them by Mr. Awanish Kumar Pandey, Joint Secretary.

No other BCI employee is authorised to discuss Legal Education Related Matters.

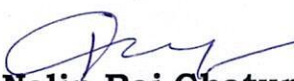
To ensure the integrity and quality of legal education, it is essential to prevent unauthorized personnel, agents and touts from interfering in academic and administrative matters. Unauthorized interference often leads to misinformation and compromises the standards of legal education. Therefore, ONLY SENIOR AND AUTHORISED PERSONNEL AS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

Your cooperation is required to maintain transparency and uphold the highest standards in legal education. This measure is in the best interest of all stakeholders and aims to promote an environment conducive to the betterment of legal education.

Detailed letter incorporating conditions shall be sent in due course of time.

This is for your information, necessary compliance and action.

Yours sincerely,


Nalin Raj Chaturvedi
Additional Charge
Legal Education Department
Joint Secretary


Srimanto Sen
Secretary