



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद्
BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110002

BCI: D: 317/2018 (LE/Std. 18.02.2018)

10.04.2018

**The Registrar,
ICFAI University,
Grand Emerald Building,
Between Road No. 1 & 2,
Ashok Nagar, Ranchi - 834 002
Jharkhand**

Consent Letter

Ref. : Our earlier letter No. BCI:D:314/2018 (LE/Std. 18.02.2018) dated 02.04.2018.

Sub: Fresh recognition to ICFAI University, Jharkhand and fresh approval to its Faculty of Law, ICFAI University, Ranchi, Jharkhand for imparting three year LLB and five year BBA.LLB (Hons.) courses with intake of two sections of 60 students in each section in each course for the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Sir,

This is with reference to our earlier letter **No. BCI:D:314/2018 (LE/Std. 18.02.2018) dated 02.04.2018. In this context, it is to inform you that inadvertently, in the letter granting approval of affiliation to your university granted approval to five year BA LL.B course instead of five year BBA LL.B (Hons.) course. Inconvenience caused to you in this regard is regretted. Please find herewith an updated corrected version of the letter as following :-**

The Standing Committee (Sub-Committee) of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 18th February, 2018 considered the compliance report sent by the Faculty of Law, ICFAI University, Ranchi, Jharkhand University. After consideration, the Committee is of the view that as per affidavit, they have complied with all the shortcomings pointed out by the inspection team.

In view of the above, as per Section 7 (1) (i) of the Advocates Act, 1961, ICFAI University, Ranchi, Jharkhand be granted fresh recognition for the purpose of conferring the degrees of law in three year LLB and five year LL.B integrated courses and further fresh approval to its Faculty of Law, ICFAI University, Ranchi, Jharkhand be granted for imparting three year LLB and five year BBA.LLB(Hons.) courses with intake of two sections of 60 students in each section in each course for the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

However, the Committee finds that the University has not specified as to whether faculties appointed are being paid as UGC Scale as per Bar Council of India Rules or not.

On the issues on which compliance has been stated to be done done, the same shall be verified in due course

The University is directed to reply within six weeks by giving details of service conditions of the faculty members by way of a duly notarized

affidavit by a duly authorized person, explaining/stating with document/s as to how such authority is derived from/ has devolved upon such person.

The University/College is directed to also fulfill the following conditions, failure of which may lead to subsequent necessary and proper action being taken in this regard.

1. The Institution is directed to establish the Legal Aid Centre as per Clause-11, Schedule-III of Rule-11 of the Part-IV of the Legal Education Rules – 2008.
2. Institution should ensure the payment of salary to teachers as per Rules 22 schedule III, Part IV of BCI Rules.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. The institution is directed to make a minimum investment as provided below for upgrading it's library as per the following guideline :-

“Today with the increasing cost of journals, books, wi-fi, e-library and online facilities including I.T. facilities, the minimum investment by each university should be Rs. 10 lakhs for each year. However for any university/deemed university in rural area, the investment should be Rs. 5 Lakh and for all other affiliated colleges in the urban area it should be Rs. 2 lakhs and in rural area it should be Rs. 1 lakh.”

6. Teacher Student ratio shall be as per Schedule-III, Rule-11, Clause-17, Part-IV of Bar Council of India Rules.
7. Institution is directed to inform the timings of the classes.
8. A Centre of Legal Education must ensure that not less than three percent seats are reserved for persons with disabilities.

9. Centre of Legal Education shall equip itself to provide appropriate facilities in terms of the physical infrastructure, academic infrastructure and any other facilities required for the effective participation of disabled students, teachers and staff in their respective activities. For e.g. (a) ramps in public buildings and (b) Braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators or lifts.

The same shall be verified during the next inspection.

Further, the University/College must specify the timing of the college which has not been given. College should also maintain the timing which has to be minimum 5 ½ hours with half an hour break. **College is directed to file an affidavit to the Bar Council of India within six weeks mentioning the timing of the classes.** The relevant rules are quoted hereunder :-

Rule (xxiii), Chapter I

“(xxiii) “Regular Course of Study” means and includes a course which runs for at least five hours a day continuously with an additional half an hour recess every day and running not less than thirty hours of working schedule per week.”

Rule 5 of Schedule III

“Classes may be conducted between 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a Centre of Legal Education, which is not fully residential. However the Library may remain open till 10 p.m.”

Further, the institution should follow the attendance rule and file reply that they are following the aforesaid rule. The next inspection team must also see whether the said rule is being followed by the university or not. The relevant Rule 12 is given below :-

“12. End Semester Test: No student of any of the degree program shall be allowed to take the end semester test in a subject if the student concerned has not attended minimum of 70% of the classes held in the subject concerned as also the moot court room exercises, tutorials and practical training conducted in the subject taken together.

Provided that if a student for any exceptional reasons fail to attend 70% of the classes held in any subject, the Dean of the University or the Principal of the Centre of Legal Education, as the case may be, may allow the student to take the test if the student concerned attended at least 65% of the classes held in the subject concerned and attended 70% of classes in all the subjects taken together. The similar power shall rest with the Vice Chancellor or Director of a National Law University, or his authorized representative in the absence of the Dean of Law.

Provided further that a list of such students allowed to take the test with reasons recorded be forwarded to the Bar Council of India.”

University/College should also admit students as per the below mentioned Rule:

7. Minimum marks in qualifying examination for admission: Bar Council of India may from time to time, stipulate the minimum percentage of marks not below 45% of the total marks in case of general category applicants, 42% for OBC category and 40% of the

total marks in case of SC and ST applicants, to be obtained for the qualifying examination, such as +2 Examination in case of Integrated Five Years' course or Degree course in any discipline for Three years' LL.B. course, for the purpose of applying for and getting admitted into a Law Degree Program of any recognized University in either of the streams.

Provided that such a minimum qualifying marks shall not automatically entitle a person to get admission into an institution but only shall entitle the person concerned to fulfill other institutional criteria notified by the institution concerned or by the government concerned from time to time to apply for admission.

Institution should submit affidavit in compliance of the above conditions within six weeks.

The University/College shall also comply with the following Rule of the Bar Council of India (Clause (iii) and Explanation 2 of Schedule IV in Part IV of new rules of the Bar Council of India):-

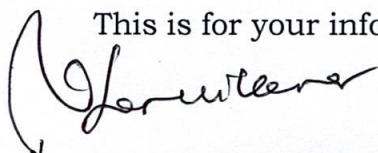
“Whenever approval of affiliation is granted to the Centres of Legal Education, it shall be necessary for the Centres of Legal Education to deposit Rupees Five Lakh in shape of guarantee to fulfill all the norms of the Bar Council of India. The same shall be liable to be forfeited if norms are not complied with and same shall carry no interest.”

The letter is subject to the payment of guarantee amount as mentioned in the above rule.

University/College authorities are also required to apply before the Bar Council of India for further extension of approval six months in advance before expiry of the period of approval of affiliation granted by the Bar Council of India. i.e. on or before 31st December, 2019.

This letter is subject to final approval/confirmation of the Legal Education Committee and General Council of the Bar Council of India.

This is for your information and necessary action.



**(N. Senthil Kumar)
Asstt. Secretary
Head of the Deptt.**

Yours Sincerely,


**(Srimanto Sen)
Secretary**

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