



About CLAT – 2016

Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) is a non-statutory body created under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the convenience of the students seeking admission to various National Law Universities in the country. An entrance test is conducted to provide a list of candidates on the basis of 'merit-cum-preference' to each University for admission to their UG/PG programmes, as per the eligibility, reservation and other criteria laid down under the respective statutes of the participating Universities.

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT), is an all India entrance examination, conducted on rotation by 17 National Law Universities (NLUs) for admissions to their Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate degree programmes. The 17 participating NLUs in the order of their year of establishment are:

1. National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU)
2. National Academy of Legal Study and Research University of Law, Hyderabad (NALSAR)
3. The National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU)
4. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (WBNUJS)
5. National Law University, Jodhpur (NLUJ)
6. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (HNLU)
7. Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (GNLU)
8. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow (RMLNLU)
9. Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL)
10. Chanakya National Law University, Patna (CNLU)
11. The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi (NUALS)
12. National Law University Odisha, Cuttack (NLUO)
13. National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi (NUSRL)
14. National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA)
15. Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam (DSNLU)
16. Tamil Nadu National Law School, Tiruchirappalli (TNNLS)
17. Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (MNLU)

The first CLAT Core Committee consisting of Vice-Chancellors of seven participating NLUs decided that a common entrance test shall be conducted by all the participating Universities on rotational basis in the order of their year of establishment. Accordingly, the first Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) was conducted in the year 2008. Presently there are 17 NLUs participating in CLAT and following the policy of rotation, the ninth Common Law Admission Test (CLAT 2016) shall be conducted by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.



Under-Graduate Programme offered by the National Law Universities

The seventeen NLUs offer five-year integrated Under-Graduate law courses leading to the award of a degree in Law as per their respective nomenclature.

Eligibility Criteria for Appearing in CLAT-2016

1. Passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with the minimum of:-
 - (a) Forty-five percent (45%) marks in case of candidates belonging to Unreserved/OBC/SAP (Specially Abled Persons) Categories and
 - (b) Forty percent (40%) marks in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST Category.
2. Candidates who are appearing in the qualifying examination in April/May 2016 are also eligible for appearing in CLAT-2016 examination. However, they shall be required to produce an evidence of their passing the qualifying examination at the time of admission, failing which they shall lose their right to be considered for admission.
3. No upper age limit is prescribed for appearing in CLAT-2016:-

Pattern of Question Paper and Syllabus for CLAT- 2016

- Maximum Marks : 200
- Duration of CLAT-2016 Examination : 02:00 Hours
- Total Number of Questions : 200 questions of one mark each

Sr. No.	Subjects	Marks
1	English including Comprehension	40 Marks
2	General Knowledge and Current Affairs	50 Marks
3	Elementary Mathematics (Numerical Ability)	20 Marks
4	Legal Aptitude	50 Marks
5	Logical Reasoning	40 Marks

Note: 0.25 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer

English including Comprehension

The English section will test the candidates proficiency in English based on comprehension passages and

grammar in the comprehension section. Candidates will be questioned on their understanding of the passage and its central theme, meanings of words used therein etc. The grammar section requires correction of incorrect grammatical sentences, filling up of blanks in sentences with appropriate words, etc.

General Knowledge and Currents Affairs

The General Knowledge of the candidates will be tested on the general awareness including static general knowledge. Questions on current affairs will test candidates on their knowledge of national and international current affairs.

Mathematics

This section will test candidate's knowledge on elementary mathematics, i.e. math's taught up to 10th Standard.

Legal Aptitude

This section will test the candidate's interest towards study of law, research aptitude and problem solving ability. Questions in this segment may include legal propositions (described in the paper), and a set of facts to which the said proposition has to be applied. Some propositions may not be "true" in the real sense, candidates will have to assume the "truth" of these propositions and answer the questions accordingly.

Logical Reasoning

The purpose of the logical reasoning section is to test the candidate's ability to identify patterns, logical links and rectify illogical arguments. It may include a variety of logical reasoning questions such as syllogisms, logical sequences, analogies, etc. However, visual reasoning will not be tested.

Tie-Breaking

In case of equal marks, the breaking of tie shall be by the following procedure and order:

- (i) Higher marks in the section of legal aptitude in CLAT-2016;
- (ii) Higher age;
- (iii) Computerized draw of lots



Post-Graduate Programme offered by the National Law Universities

The information pertaining to the LL.M. degree course offered at various NLUs along with the course duration and the specializations offered has been provided in detail under the respective sections of each University's website and information brochure. The candidates are advised to check the websites of the respective Universities from time to time to keep themselves updated with any change in the course structure or other details.

Eligibility Criteria for appearing in CLAT-2016 for PG Programme

1. LL.B. or equivalent degree in law examination with a minimum of 55% marks in case of Unreserved/OBC/SAP (Specially Abled Persons) categories and 50% marks in case of SC/ST category
2. Candidates who are appearing in the qualifying examination in March/April 2016 are also eligible for appearing in CLAT-2016 examination. However they shall be required to produce evidence of their passing the qualifying examination in the respective National Law Universities at the time of admission failing which they shall lose their right to be considered for admission.
3. No upper age limit is prescribed for appearing in CLAT-2016

Pattern of Question Paper and Syllabus for CLAT-2016

The pattern of the question paper for admission to Post-Graduate Course proposed for CLAT-2016 is as under:

- Maximum Marks : 150
- Duration of CLAT-2016 : 02:00 Hours
- Multiple-Choice Questions : 150 questions of one mark each

Sr. No.	Subjects	Marks
1	Constitutional Law	50 Marks
2	Jurisprudence	50 Marks
3	Other Subjects such as Contract, Torts, Criminal Law, International Law, IPR etc.	50 Marks

Note: 0.25 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer

Tie-Breaking

In case of equal marks, the breaking of tie shall be by procedure and order as under:

- (i) Higher age;
- (ii) Computerized draw of lots.

Procedure for filling up the Application Form for CLAT-2016

- Application form for CLAT-2016 shall be filled online. There is only one mode of applying for CLAT-2016 i.e. online mode.
- The online application form has to be accessed from the CLAT-2016 website (www.clat.ac.in). The candidates are first required to register themselves at the CLAT-2016 website (www.clat.ac.in) by creating a LOGIN account using an email ID. The details of the login ID and password shall be then sent to the registered email of the candidate.
- The application form shall be available from **01st January 2016 to 31st March 2016 (11.59 pm)**. The candidate can fill up the required details in the form and save the same before finally submitting it.
- The candidates must submit his application form only after he/she is sure of the information he/she has provided in the form. However, no form submitted after 31st March shall be considered for application.
- The candidate is also required to fill his preference order for all seventeen NLUs at the time of application only. No change shall be allowed in the preference order after the form is submitted by the candidate.
- For any information related to the seventeen NLUs, the candidate can refer to the e-brochure of the respective institutions which shall be available at the CLAT-2016 website.
- The candidates must upload the self attested scanned copies of the relevant certificates at the suitable places in the online application form. **Any hard copies of the filled in Online Application form or other supporting documents being submitted by the candidate need not be sent to the CLAT office.**



- Admit Card/Hall ticket will have to be downloaded by the candidate by logging into his/her LOGIN account after 15th April 2016. The candidates will be required to take a print out of Admit Card/Hall Ticket and carry the same to Examination Hall. The candidates are advised to read the instructions on the Admit Card carefully and carry the requisite documents only to the Examination Hall.
- Candidates are advised to visit CLAT website regularly for updates.
- The application form, complete in all respects must be submitted on or before 31st March 2016 (11.59 pm). Incomplete application forms shall not be considered. The candidates are advised to fill and submit the application form well in time to avoid last minute hassles. CLAT office or the organizing University shall in no case be responsible for any loss of information or inconvenience faced by the candidate.
- For NRI/NRI Sponsored candidates, the applicants are advised to refer to the brochures of the various NLUs for more details. All NRI/NRI Sponsored Category candidates have to appear for the CLAT-2016 examination. However, the Foreign Nationals are not allowed to appear in the CLAT-2016 examination. They may directly apply to the concerned universities.

Application fee

Fee for CLAT-2016 shall be as under:

- For General / OBC / SAP (Specially Abled Persons) and other category candidates: ₹ 4000/-
- For SC/ST category candidates: ₹ 3500/-
- The candidates will have to bear the bank transaction charges for remitting the fee online/offline.
- The cost of previous years' question papers is ₹ 250/- (not included in the CLAT Fee of ₹ 4000/-).

Mode of Payment of Application Fee

For payment of application fee, candidates are

required to login to the CLAT-2016 website. Application fee can be paid online through net-banking, debit card, credit card etc. The candidates will have to bear additional bank transaction charges in case they opt for remitting fee through net-banking payment gateways.

Candidates can also pay application fee offline through CLAT-2016 website. The candidates opting for payment of the fee through the offline mode will be required to download the copy of the Bank Challan from the CLAT-2016 website after filling the requisite information. The candidate can deposit the fee in any of the designated banks. After depositing the fee in a designated bank, the candidate will be required to fill in the details of the Bank **Challan** in the requisite column of the online application form. The detailed procedure for payment of fee is also available at the CLAT-2016 website.

Documents to be Uploaded with Online Application

The original certificates/documents issued by the competent authority as specified in the CLAT-2016 Information Brochure are to be submitted to the allotted University only at the time of admission. The relevant photocopies of the certificates/documents are required to be self attested. Photograph and signatures of the candidate need not be attested while submitting the Online Application Form.

i. The scanned photocopies of the documents to be uploaded in the PDF/JPG format by all the candidates are:

- (a) Birth Certificate (In case of non-availability of the Birth Certificate, the candidate may upload the copy of the certificate of matriculation issued by a recognized board, containing his/her Date of Birth or the copy of his/her Passport).
- (b) Front facing Passport size photograph with clear lenses (30 mm x 45 mm) [JPG Format, size 100 kb].
- (c) Signature of candidate [JPG Format, size 100 kb].

ii. The scanned photocopies of the documents to be uploaded in the PDF format by a candidate depending on the applicability are:



- (a) Latest Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC).
- (b) Certificate of impairment for Specially Abled Persons (SAP) and Declaration by the Scribe in the prescribed format.
- (c) Category certificate like E.B.C., B.C., W.B.C., D.F.F., S.E.B.C., Ancestral residents of village Sidhuwal, District Patiala; Son/Daughter of Defense Personnel Deployed in U.P. or Defense Personnel of U.P. either retired or killed/disabled in action; Dependants of Freedom Fighter of U.P. and Kashmiri Migrant etc.
- (d) Certificates in support of Candidate's claim for NRI/NRI sponsored Candidate.
- (e) Domicile Certificate in support of Candidate's claim for consideration under State Quota.

The certificates/documents listed above are essential requirements for admission to the UG and PG course. In addition to the above, the candidates may be required to submit such other certificates/documents as may be specified by various Universities in their respective websites and also in the Instructions for Admission to Candidates from time to time. Further, the candidates will also be required to submit Photocopies of the relevant certificates/documents as may be specified/required by the concerned universities.

Declaration of Result

CLAT-2016 result will be published on 23rd May 2016 on the CLAT Website (www.clat.ac.in) with an overall merit list of candidates prepared according to their CLAT score alongwith their categories. In addition, state specific and all India merit lists will be prepared for various categories of candidates like- Unreserved/SC/ST/OBC/Women/SAP etc. The Candidates will be able to access the results through their LOGIN Account.

Admission Procedure

The admission to UG and PG programme in participating universities under CLAT-2016 shall be done through centralised counselling conducted by CLAT office.

The basis of allotment of seats shall be 'merit-cum-preference'. That is, CLAT score and order of preference given by the candidate in the CLAT application form. Online counselling shall start after the declaration of CLAT-2016 results. The entire procedure shall be completed as per the CLAT calendar which is available on CLAT website.

The stepwise procedure for admission which shall be adopted by CLAT office after declaration of result for admission is as follows:

STEP 1

Publication of first indicative list based on merit cum preference

The university-wise first indicative list based on merit-cum-preference will be published on CLAT website.

STEP 2

Payment of counselling fee and exercising of option by provisionally selected candidates

1. A specified number of candidates from various categories will be allowed to participate in the counselling process against actual number of seats available with participating NLUs.
2. The provisionally selected candidates must deposit the requisite counselling fee of ₹ 50,000/-.
3. The adjustable counselling fee of ₹ 50,000/- deposited with the CLAT office will be transferred to the respective participating NLUs where the candidate has finally taken admission after the completion of the entire admission process.
4. The candidates failing to deposit the requisite counselling fee through the CLAT website by the specified date will lose their right to be considered for admission under CLAT-2016 and their names will be dropped from the CLAT-2016 merit list.
5. The candidates have to reserve their seats after paying the counselling fee by following the procedure prescribed in counselling guidelines given on the CLAT-2016 website.



STEP 3

Publication of second list having the names of finalized candidates after payment of counselling fee and additional waitlisted candidates

1. The CLAT office shall publish a second list of candidates who have paid their counselling fee and reserved their seat in the participating NLUs.
2. A list of waitlisted candidates will also be released in the second list who are provisionally selected against dropped out candidates, if any.
3. The additional candidates are also required to pay the requisite counselling fee of ₹ 50,000/- and reserve their seat within the prescribed time period as per the CLAT calendar.
4. The provisionally selected candidates can withdraw from the admission process within stipulated time as per the CLAT calendar. A nominal fee of ₹ 10,000/- will be deducted from the deposited counselling fee
5. Any withdrawal after the stipulated period will result in forfeiture of entire amount of counselling fee.

STEP 4

Publication of third list allotting seats to candidates

1. The CLAT office shall publish a comprehensive third allotment list of candidates who have paid their counselling fee and reserved their seat in the participating NLUs.
2. The comprehensive list shall include the name of candidates who have paid the counselling fee against the first and second indicative list.
3. A list of waitlisted candidates will also be released along with the third allotment list who are provisionally selected against dropped out candidates.
4. These candidates are also required to pay the requisite counselling fee and reserve their seat within the prescribed time period as per the CLAT calendar.

STEP 5

Completion of admission formalities at the allotted NLUs

1. After the candidates are finally allotted seats in participating NLUs, they will be required to approach the allotted NLU with the balance amount towards the admission and other fees.
2. The candidates will also have to carry relevant certificates/documents in original issued by the competent authority in support of the various claims made by the candidates, during the scheduled periods given in CLAT-2016 calendar and complete their admission formalities.
3. The certificates in original will be checked by the respective universities at the time of their admission. (For detailed information/updates about the scheduled dates, the candidates must refer to CLAT-2016 calendar as updated from time to time).
4. The candidates not possessing the required certificates/documents in original or failing to meet the eligibility requirements will not be allowed to seek admission in participating NLUs.
5. The candidates seeking admission under various categories specially those belonging to the reserved categories such as SC/ST/OBC/SAP (Specially Abled Persons) /DFF/NRI and the unreserved category candidates seeking admission under state domicile category, will be required to obtain the relevant and authentic certificates/documents from the competent authorities and produce the same at the time of admission in the concerned NLU.
6. Those candidates who fail to report at the allotted NLU after the publication of CLAT merit list and fail to complete the admission formalities as per CLAT-2016 calendar will automatically lose their claim for admission and their entire amount of the counselling fee of ₹ 50,000/- will be forfeited.



Important Instructions for the Candidates

1. Information regarding the details of intake, reservation policies and the courses offered along with the fee structure of various participating National Law Universities is available in the CLAT-2016 Information Brochure which can be accessed from the official website of CLAT and also from the websites of the participating NLUs. The candidates are, therefore, advised to thoroughly go through the rules and fee structures of the participating NLUs before filling in the application form for UG as well as PG courses, and also for the NRI/NRI Sponsored and Foreign National seats.

2. Information has also been provided in the e-Brochure regarding the intake, reservation policy, courses offered and the subjects taught at various levels including the areas of specialization, etc. has been specified very briefly. For detailed information regarding the same, the candidates may refer to the information available at the websites of the participating NLUs.

3. Definition of disability for the purpose of admission under Specially Abled Persons (SAP) category shall be in accordance with Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. Disability in the Act is defined to include: Blindness, low vision, leprosy cured, hearing impairment, loco-motor disability, mental retardation or illness. A candidate will have to produce a Disability Certificate from the 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.

4. Specially Abled Persons (SAP) appearing in the Common Law Admission Test shall be entitled to an additional time of 40 minutes.

5. Candidates having impairment and those who require a scribe to appear for the test must specify the same in the

relevant column of the Online Application Form, citing suitable justification for the purpose and also by uploading the photocopies of the supporting documents (duly attested by a Gazetted Officer). The relevant documents must include;

- (a) A certificate of impairment from a competent authority
- (b) A statement indicating whether the scribe will be brought by the candidate or needs to be arranged by the CLAT authorities.
- (c) A declaration from the scribe (if brought by the candidate) that the scribe complies with the preconditions and he/she will not in any way help the candidate answer any question in the paper, apart from his/her regular duty of reading out the questions and marking/clicking the correct answers.

6. With regards to the admission of NRI/NRI sponsored candidates and the number of seats available for them at different NLUs, the detailed information may be obtained from the e-Brochure of CLAT-2016 and from the websites of the respective participating Universities. For availing a seat against the NRI status, an appropriate certificate shall have to be submitted by the candidate at the time of admission in the concerned participating university in the format as prescribed by the university.

7. Only Indian Nationals/NRIs are allowed to appear in the CLAT-2016 Examination. Foreign nationals are not permitted to appear in CLAT-2016. However, the foreign nationals desirous of seeking admission to any of the UG/PG courses in any of the participating NLUs may directly contact the concerned Universities having seats for foreign nationals.

8. In the event of insufficient or extra number of candidates opting to appear from a particular Test Center, the Convenor, CLAT-2016, reserves the right to cancel such a center and shift the applicants to another nearby center or to a center according to the candidate's second or third preference.



9. **No alteration / editing of the online application form can be done after submission of the form.** The information once furnished by the candidate with regard to the category to which the candidate belongs, the preference order for the center of the Entrance Test and the preference order for seeking admission to various participating universities submitted by the candidates through Online Application Mode shall be deemed to be final and no change whatsoever, shall be allowed thereafter.

10. The candidates are required to read the instructions carefully and furnish correct and authentic information. In case the information furnished at any stage of admission process is found to be false or incorrect or if there is found any discrepancy or mismatch between the information furnished by the candidate at the relevant section and the certificates/documents produced at the time of admission, the provisional admission offered to the candidate shall stand cancelled as per the declaration given in the Online Application Form and at other relevant places without assigning any further reason.

11. The basic principle of admission through CLAT-2016 is merit-cum-preference. However, if a candidate, at any stage of the allotment/admission process, wants to forego his claim for another preference specified by him/her and wants to seek admission in an allotted University, or wants to quit from the admission process, he/she will be given the option to do so. To exercise this option, the candidate will have to mention the same within the prescribed time limit. However, this option once exercised by the candidate will be treated as final and irrevocable, and the candidate will be deemed to have been admitted in the University opted by him/her or to have quitted out of the admission process, as the case may be.

12. All offers of admission under CLAT-2016 shall be provisional and shall not create any right of admission in favor of a candidate.

13. The organizing university will not be in any way,

responsible for any inconvenience caused or expenditure incurred by the candidate on travel, stay, etc. while seeking admission in a particular participating University.

14. In order to claim the benefit of reservation under state quota (based on one's domicile), the candidate must produce at the time of admission, the original certificates (i.e. SC/ST/OBC/EBC/BC/SAP (Specially Abled Persons)/Dependants of Freedom Fighters/Dependants of Defense Personnel etc. and Domicile Certificate) issued by competent authority as required under the rules of the concerned State Government. The scanned copy of the same is also to be uploaded alongwith the online application form.

15. In order to claim the benefit of reservation under All India OBC/SC/ST/SAP (Specially Abled Persons) Category the candidate must produce the relevant certificates as prescribed by the Government of India at the time of admission. The scanned copy of the same must also be uploaded along-with the online application form.

16. As per the Ministry of Home Affairs (Government of India) Guidelines, Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) Card holders are entitled to the benefit of "Parity with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in respect of economic, financial and educational fields except in relation to acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties. No parity shall be allowed in the sphere of political rights." Accordingly, the PIO and OCI Card holders will be eligible for admission under the NRI seats available in some of the member National Law Universities. Such candidates can, in the relevant section of the application form, upload the scanned copy of the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) document issued to them by the Competent Authority.

17. The CLAT-2016 application fee is non refundable and non adjustable.

18. Participating National Law Universities reserve the right to change the total number of seats and break-up of seats as per their policy before final allotment.