

CLAT 2013-Information

Common Law Admission Test - 2013

Organising University : Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) is an all India entrance examination conducted on rotation by 14 National Law Universities (NLUs) for admissions to their under-graduate and post-graduate degree programmes (LL.B & LL.M). The 14 participating NLUs in the order of their establishment are:

1. National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU)
2. National Academy of Legal Study & Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Hyderabad
3. National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU)
4. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (WBJUJS)
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. National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi (NUALS)
12. National Law University, Odisha (NLUO)
13. National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi (NUSRL)
14. National Law University & Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJA)

The first CLAT Core Committee consisting of Vice-Chancellors of the seven participating NLUs at that time decided that the test should be conducted by rotation in the order of their establishment. Accordingly, the first Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) was conducted in the year 2008 by the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore.

Subsequently, CLAT-2009, CLAT-2010, CLAT-2011 and CLAT-2012 have been conducted by NALSAR-Hyderabad, NLIU-Bhopal, WBJUJS-Kolkata and NLU-Jodhpur, respectively. The CLAT-2013 is being conducted by Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED BY THE CANDIDATES

1. Information regarding details of intake, reservation and the courses offered along with the fee structure is available in the CLAT-2013 Information Brochure and on the CLAT-2013 website and the websites of the concerned NLUs. The candidates are therefore advised to carefully go through the rules and fee structures of participating NLUs before filling the application form for UG as well as PG courses, and for the NRI/NRI Sponsored and Foreign National seats.
2. Because of space constraint, it is not possible to provide detailed information in the Information Brochure regarding intake, reservation, courses offered and the subjects taught at various levels including the areas of specialization, etc. For detailed information, the candidates are required to take a look at the information

- provided in the websites of the member universities of CLAT-2013.
3. Definition of disability for the purpose of admission 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 disability or illness. A candidate will have to produce disability certificate from 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. For details relating to the definition of NRI/NRI sponsored candidates and the number of seats available for them, please see the information provided by the participating NLUs in the CLAT-2013 Information Brochure and and their respective websites.
 5. Some of the Universities (e.g. NUALS, Kochi) will admit the NRI candidates directly whereas others will do it through CLAT-2013. Please carefully read the information provided by the participating NLUs on the subject in the CLAT-2013 Information Brochure and on the CLAT-2013 website (www.clat.ac.in).
 6. Only Indian nationals/NRIs are allowed to appear in the CLAT - 2013. Foreign nationals are not permitted to appear in CLAT- 2013. The foreign nationals desirous of taking admission to any course in any of the participating Law Universities may directly contact the concerned University having seats for foreign nationals.
 7. Candidates with disabilities appearing in the Common Law Admission Test shall be entitled to an additional time of 40 minutes.
 8. The candidates having impairment and those who require a scribe to write the test should intimate in writing to the Convener, CLAT-2013, either at the time of submitting their application form or at least two months prior to the date of CLAT-2013, citing reasonable cause and attaching relevant supporting documents such as:
 - A certificate of impairment from the competent authority
 - A statement indicating whether the scribe will be brought by the candidate or to be arranged by the CLAT authorities. The educational qualification of the scribe should be at least one standard lower than 10+2.
 - A declaration from the candidates that they will not request at any point of time the scribe to help them with the answers other than the normal process of reading the questions and helping them write and darken the correct answer. Further if they are bringing their own scribe, they will have to declare that the selected scribe fulfills all the pre-requisites.
 - Documentary evidence regarding the educational qualification of the scribe (e.g., school certificate or school identity card)
 - A declaration from the scribe (if brought by the candidate) that the scribe complies with the pre-requisites 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 writing and darkening the correct answers.
 9. In the event of insufficient number of candidates opting to appear from a particular Test Centre, the Convener, CLAT-2013, reserves the right to cancel such a centre and shift the applicants to another nearby centre or to a centre according to the candidate's second or third preference.
 10. Information such as the category of candidate, the centre of the Entrance Test and the preferences for various universities given by the candidates in the OMR Application Form shall be final and will not be changed thereafter. As the publication of result and allotment of seats will be made on merit-cum-preference basis according to the information furnished in the OMR Application Form and affirmed in

- the declaration, the candidates are required to read the instructions carefully and furnish correct and authentic information. In case the information furnished in the OMR Application Form is found false or incorrect or there is any discrepancy or mismatch between the information furnished in OMR sheet and the certificates produced at the time of admission, provisional admission offered to the candidate shall be cancelled as per the declaration given in the OMR Application Form without assigning any further reason therefor.
11. It is mandatory for all candidates to fill in all the 14 choices of National Law Universities for the UG courses and 12 choices (all NLUs except CNLU-Patna and NUSRL-Ranchi) for PG courses in order of their preference. Failure to do so would result in rejection of the Application Form. Choices once made will not be changed later.
 12. There shall be a centralized admission process for CLAT- 2013 on the basis of merit-cum-preference. All admissions shall be centrally done through the organizing university, i.e. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The information relating to date of admission shall be placed on CLAT-2013 website (www.clat.ac.in) from time to time.
 13. The basic principle of admission through CLAT-2013 is merit-cum-preference. However, if a candidate, at any stage of the allotment process, wants to forego his claim for the next higher preference and wants to stay with and take admission in the allotted University/Institute, he/she will be given the option to do so; but only once. To exercise this option, the candidate will have to apply through email (helpdesk@clat.ac.in) to the Convener, CLAT-2013, within the prescribed time limit. However, this option exercised once by the candidate will be treated as final and irrevocable, and the candidate will be deemed to have been admitted in the University opted as such by him/her.
 14. All offers of admission by CLAT-2013 shall be provisional and shall not create any right of admission in favour of a candidate. The organizing university will not be responsible for any inconvenience caused or expenditure incurred by the candidate on travel and stay, etc.
 15. When a candidate's name appears in the Provisional Allotment List/Waiting List, he/she will have to deposit an adjustable amount of Rs. 50,000/- with the CLAT Office to confirm his/her intention/seriousness to take admission or to be considered against the future vacancies, if any. The waitlisted candidates will be considered against vacancies, if any, and allotted seats according to their merit and preference in the subsequent Actual Allotment Lists, only if, they have deposited the adjustable amount of Rs. 50,000/- towards admission fee. The candidates (both allotted as well as waitlisted) who fail to deposit the required amount of fees with the CLAT Office by the specified date and time will forfeit their right to be considered for admission in future and their names will be dropped from the CLAT Merit List for the purpose of admission. The name of the bank, the account number and the date by which it is to be deposited will be displayed at the CLAT-2013 website (www.clat.ac.in).
 16. The waitlisted candidates who, after depositing the required fee of Rs. 50,000/- with the CLAT Office, do not get a chance to take admission due to non-availability of seats would be refunded the entire amount within one month from the publication of the last Actual Allotment List or by 31st July 2013, whichever is later. Fees shall be refunded in the form of a cheque to be issued by Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh (Convener, CLAT-2013) in the name of the candidate only.
 17. Withdrawal of candidature for admission (conducted through CLAT-2013) can be made by sending a requisition e-mail to: helpdesk@clat.ac.in (addressed to the Registrar, HNLU) latest by 04:00 p.m. of 28th June 2013. Fees shall be refunded in

- the form of a cheque to be issued by Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh (Convener, CLAT-2013) in the name of the candidate only.
18. A candidate, who purchases an application form meant for SC/ST category at a concessional price, cannot use the same for applying under any other category. If he/she does so, the application form shall be rejected. For purchasing the application form at a concessional rate, the SC/ST candidates will be required to submit an attested photo copy of their caste certificate in support of their claim.
19. In order to avail the facility of reservation under state quota (based on one's domicile), the candidate must submit the original caste certificate issued by competent authority from the state of one's domicile. For example, a SC/ST or OBC candidate from Odisha, who has been staying in Chhattisgarh for several years and has legally been issued a domicile certificate by a competent authority of the State of Chhattisgarh, cannot claim reservation under Chhattisgarh State SC/ST and OBC category by producing a caste certificate issued by the Government of Odisha. However, he can avail reservation under Chhattisgarh State General Category seats by producing the Domicile certificate from the State of Chhattisgarh. To avail the reservation under Chhattisgarh State SC/ST or OBC quota, the candidate has to produce a SC/ST or OBC certificate issued by a competent authority from the State of Chhattisgarh.

Eligibility

Eligibility for Under-Graduate Courses

To be eligible to appear in CLAT-2013, a candidate should have obtained a Senior Secondary School/Intermediate (10+2) or its equivalent certificate from a recognised Board with not less than 45% marks in aggregate (40% in case of SC and ST candidates) and should be below 20 years of age as on 1st July 2013 (22 years in case of SC and ST candidates). * Candidates who are appearing or have appeared in the 10+2 examination and are awaiting results are also eligible to appear in the test. However, such candidates are required to have passed the qualifying examination at the time of their admission and must be able to submit proofs in support of their claims. * Subject to State reservation at the University concerned.

Eligibility for Post-Graduate Courses

To be eligible for appearing in CLAT-2013, a candidate should have obtained a LL. B/B. L. Degree or an equivalent degree from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks in aggregate (50% in case of SC and ST candidates). * The candidates who have passed the qualifying degree examination through supplementary/ compartment and repeat attempts are also eligible for appearing in the test and taking admission provided that such candidates will have to produce the proof of having passed the qualifying examination with fifty-five/fifty percent marks, as the case may be, on the date of their admission or within the time allowed by the respective universities.

The candidates who are appearing or have appeared in the qualifying degree examination and are awaiting results are also eligible to appear in the test. **

- *Subject to State reservation at the University concerned.*

*** The candidate must have passed/appeared in the final semester/final year examination of the qualifying examination on the date of his/her admission. Such candidates will be provided provisional admission only and they will have to submit their final results of qualifying examination within the timeframe prescribed by the respective Universities/Institutes.*

Pattern of the CLAT Paper for Admission to the Under-Graduate Programme

Total Marks	200
Total number of multiple-choice questions of one mark each	200
Duration of examination	Two Hours
Subject areas with weightage:	
English including Comprehension	40 Marks
General Knowledge/ Current Affairs	50 Marks
Elementary Mathematics (Numerical Ability)	20 Marks
Legal Aptitude	50 Marks
Logical Reasoning	40 Marks

Note: There shall be a system of Negative Marking wherein 0.25 mark will be deducted for each of the wrong answers to multiple choice questions.

The different subject areas of the exam are explained as under:

1. 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 assessed on their understanding of the passage given, its central theme and meanings of the words used therein, etc. The grammar section will focus on correction of incorrect grammatical sentences, filling of blanks in the given sentences with appropriate words, etc..

2. General Knowledge and Currents Affairs

As far as general knowledge is concerned, the candidates will be assessed on their general awareness including static general knowledge. Questions on current affairs will test candidate's knowledge on current affairs.

3. Mathematics

This section will test candidate's knowledge on elementary mathematics, i.e. mathematics taught up to Class X.

4. Legal Aptitude

This section will test candidate's interest towards study of law, research aptitude and problem solving ability. Questions asked may comprise of legal propositions/

principles and a set of facts to which the said proposition/ principle has to be applied to arrive at a most reasonable conclusion. Such propositions may or may not be 'true' in the real sense; yet the candidates will have to assume that the given propositions are true and answer the questions accordingly. An example of such legal proposition may be that any person who speaks in a movie hall and disturbs others who are watching the movie will be banned from entering any movie theatre across India for one year.

5. 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 will include a wide variety of logical reasoning questions such as syllogisms, logical sequences, analogies, etc. However, visual reasoning will not be tested.

Tie-Breaking

In the event of equal marks scored by two or more candidates in the CLAT-2013, the tie will be broken by the following procedure and order:

- Higher marks in the section of legal aptitude in CLAT-2013
- Higher age
- Computerized draw of lots

Pattern of the CLAT Paper for Entry in the Post-Graduate Programme

Total Marks	150
Duration of examination	Two Hours
Long Essay Type Descriptive Questions (Covering Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence)	100 Marks (4 questions of 25 marks each)
Multiple-Choice Questions (Covering all compulsory law subjects prescribed by the BCI for the Under-Graduate Course except Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence)	50 Marks (50 questions of 1 mark each)

Note: There shall be a system of **Negative Marking** wherein 0.25 mark will be deducted for each of the wrong answers to multiple choice questions.

Tie-breaking

In the event of equal marks scored by two or more candidates in the CLAT-2013, the tie will be broken by the following procedure and order:

- Higher marks in the Long Essay Type Descriptive Questions Section in CLAT-2013

- Higher age
- Computerized draw of lots

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FORMS:

1. Mode of obtaining Application Form and Information Brochure for CLAT-2013

- Printed OMR Application Forms along with the CLAT-2013 Information Brochure will be made available at the designated branches (refer- www.clat.ac.in) of the State Bank of India (SBI) and in all the participating NLUs mentioned above against payment of Rs.3000/- only (Rs.2500/- in case of SC/ST candidates on submission of proof) excluding the bank charges. For purchasing Application Form from the designated branches of SBI, fees can be paid through a 'Challan' by furnishing the required information about the candidate as specified in the 'Challan' form. For purchasing Application Form from the participating NLUs, the candidates can make payment either through 'Cash' or 'Demand Draft' drawn in favour of the Registrars of the concerned NLUs to be payable at the respective cities of their location.
- Application Form and CLAT-2013 Information Brochure can also be procured through registered/speed post by sending a requisition letter (with Father's Name, Contact Numbers, detail Mailing Address and PIN Code) to the Convener, CLAT-2013, Hidayatullah National Law University, Post – Uparwara, Abhanpur, New Raipur – 493661 (Chhattisgarh) along with a Demand Draft of Rs.3100/- (Rs.2600/- in case of SC/ST candidates) drawn in favour of “**Registrar, HNLU – CLAT 2013 A/C**” to be payable at Raipur (Chhattisgarh). Rs. 3100.00/Rs. 2600.00 includes an additional amount of Rs.100.00 being charged for sending the Application Form and Information Brochure through Speed/Registered Post.
- Candidates can also apply **online** by visiting and following the instructions given in the CLAT-2013 website (www.clat.ac.in). The online payment for applying for CLAT-2013 can be made through net-banking, debit card, credit card, etc. In case of online application, the candidates will have to bear the additional transaction costs for remitting the fees online through payment gateways.
- **Old Question Booklets** for UG as well as PG courses will be available at the designated branches of SBI and participating Universities/Institutes including the organizing university (i.e. HNLU, Raipur) at a cost of Rs. 200/- per booklet. The Question Booklets will also be made available on the CLAT Website (www.clat.ac.in) and can be downloaded by making online payment of Rs. 200/- through net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. In addition to making online payment of Rs. 200/-, the applicant will have to bear the bank transaction cost for remitting the charges online. In case, the question papers are sent on request through registered/speed post, the candidates will have

to bear an additional cost of Rs.100/- towards the postage charges.

2. Mode of Applying

- Duly filled-in OMR Application Form along with a copy of the Bank Challan/Cash Receipt/Demand Draft can be submitted to the Convener, CLAT-2013, either in person (from 10:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. on all working days) or through registered/speed post so as to reach the following address on or before 05:00 p.m. of 30th March 2013. **The relevant certificates/documents in support of one's claim for admission are not to be submitted along with the Application Form. The original certificates/documents (as indicated in the OMR Application Form and specified in the CLAT-2013 Information Brochure) issued by competent authority are to be submitted to the allotted University/Institute only at the time of admission.** The address for sending the filled-in Application Form is:

- **The Convener,**
Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) – 2013
Hidayatullah National Law University
Post – Uparwara, Abhanpur
New Raipur – 493661 (Chhattisgarh)

As the Hidayatullah National Law University is located 30 kms away from the main city of Raipur and the courier services are not up to the mark, the candidates are advised not to send their applications through courier.

- Application for CLAT-2013 can also be made through online (www.clat.ac.in) including online payment of application fees and uploading of the passport size (3.5 x 4.5) photograph and scanned copy of the signature through electronic mode. Candidates applying online must visit and carefully read the instructions given in the CLAT-2013 website (www.clat.ac.in). The online payment can be made through net-banking, debit card, credit card, etc. In case of online application, the candidates will have to bear the additional transaction costs for remitting the fees online through payment gateways.

Note : Incomplete application or application received after the last date shall not be considered. University shall not be responsible for any postal/courier delay.

Mode of Admission

1. Admission to U. G. Courses

- The basic principle of admission to U. G. Courses through CLAT will remain the same, i.e. merit-cum-preference. The university-wise preferences obtained from the candidates through OMR Application Form and their CLAT Score and Rank will be taken into consideration to prepare the First Provisional Allotment List based on merit-cum-preference and the same will be made available to the respective participating Universities/Institutes. The

University-wise Provisional Allotment List will be published along with the declaration of the result itself and the candidates will be asked to deposit an adjustable amount of Rs. 50,000/- with the CLAT Office so as to reserve the seats allotted to them in a particular University/Institute. Relevant certificates in original issued by competent authority in support of various claims made by the candidates will be checked by the respective universities/institutes at the time of their admission.

- A long list of waitlisted candidates (comprising around 20% of the total number of seats in all the 14 NLUs) will be issued along with the First Provisional Allotment List. Like the provisionally allotted candidates, the waitlisted candidates will also be asked to deposit the required amount of Rs. 50,000/- with the CLAT Office so that they can be considered against the vacancies, if any, and can be allotted seats according to their merit and preference. The comprehensive list of waitlisted candidates will be prepared by drawing candidates proportionately from various categories such as General/SC/ST/OBC/Women/PWD/FFD/NRI etc. both from the All India as well as State (Domicile) Merit Lists
- **The waitlisted candidates genuinely interested in taking admission must deposit the required amount of fees (i.e. Rs. 50,000/-) so as to make themselves eligible to be considered against the seats that may remain vacant after the expiry of scheduled date and time specified for payment of fees by the candidates of the First Provisional Allotment List. The candidates (both allotted as well as waitlisted) who fail to deposit the required fees with the CLAT Office by the specified date and time will forfeit their right to be considered for admission in future and their names will be dropped from the CLAT Merit List for the purpose of admission.** After the expiry of last date of payment of fees by the candidates belonging to the First Provisional Allotment List and Waiting List, CLAT office will make the final allocation to various Universities/Institutes based on the fees submitted by both allotted as well as waitlisted candidates. After depositing the required amount of fees with the CLAT office by the specified date and time, if the waitlisted candidates fail to get a seat in any of the Universities/Institutes due to non-availability of vacancy, the entire amount of Rs. 50,000/- deposited by such candidates will be refunded to them without any deduction.
If the waitlisted candidates do not deposit the required amount of fees (i.e. Rs. 50,000/-) in adequate number for being considered against probable vacancies, if any, in future, and if such list of waitlisted candidates gets exhausted and some vacancies still remain thereafter, then a fresh provisional allotment list will be issued along with a waiting list. While the allotted candidates will be required to deposit the admission fee by a specified date and time so as to reserve their seats in the allotted universities/institutes, the waitlisted candidates will be asked to deposit the required amount of fees, i.e. Rs. 50,000/- so as to make themselves eligible for consideration against the vacant seats in future, if any.
- If a candidate at any stage of the allotment process wants to forego his claim for the next higher preference and wants to stay with and take admission in the allotted University/Institute, he/she will be given the option to do so; but only once. To exercise this option, the candidate will have to apply through email (helpdesk@clat.ac.in) to the Convener, CLAT-2013, within the prescribed time limit. However, this option exercised once by the candidate

will be treated as final and irrevocable, and the candidate will be deemed to have been admitted in the University opted as such by him/her.

- The candidates allotted to various Universities/Institutes under the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Actual Allotment Lists will be required to approach the allotted Universities/Institutes and complete the admission formalities by submitting the required certificates/documents and the balance amount towards the admission fees from 24th June 2013 to 27th June 2013. The candidates who are allotted seats under the 4th Actual Allotment List will be required to complete the admission formalities from 5th July 2013 to 6th July 2013. The certificates/documents produced in support of a candidate's eligibility for admission under specific categories will be checked by the respective Universities/Institutes at the time of admission. The candidates failing to satisfy the eligibility requirements will not be allowed to take admission and the vacancy thus created will be reported to the CLAT office for filling it up with candidates next in the merit list. Hence, the candidates seeking admission under various categories – especially those belonging to the reserved categories such as SC/ST/OBC/PWD/FFD/NRI and the General category candidates seeking admission under State Domicile category – should obtain in advance the relevant and authentic certificates/documents from the competent authorities and produce the same at the time of admission.
- Those candidates who fail to report to the Universities/ Institutes and complete the admission formalities by **27th June 2013** will forfeit their claim for admission and their seats will be treated vacant and filled-up by offering the same to the candidates next in the merit list. In case any vacancy exists in any University/Institute after the completion of the admission formalities by candidates belonging to First, Second and Third Actual Allotment List, the respective Universities/Institutes will be required to report it to the CLAT Office by **28th June 2013** with specific details of the candidates and the number of vacancies so created due to non-reporting of the candidates allotted under 1st, 2nd and 3rd Actual Allotment List. This would help the CLAT Office make the final allotment **on 29th June 2013** and complete the admission process on the same day.
- While the candidates will be required to pay the balance amount of fees to the allotted Universities/Institutes at the time of completing the admission formalities, the adjustable amount of Rs. 50,000/- deposited with the CLAT Office will be transferred to the respective Universities/Institutes after the completion of the admission process. The date-wise Schedule for the conduct of CLAT – 2013 is provided in the inner back cover page of the Information Brochure.

2. Admission to P. G. Courses

- The admissions to P. G. courses through CLAT-2013 will be done in a centralized manner from the CLAT Office at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) , by allotting seats based on the merit and preference of the candidates furnished in the OMR Application Form. It will be done following the same process as that of the under-graduate courses mentioned above.
- All offers of admission by CLAT-2013 shall be provisional and shall not create any right of admission in favour of a candidate. The organizing university will not be responsible for any inconvenience caused or expenditure incurred by

the candidate on travel and stay, etc.

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