PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION

December 19, 2015

S.R.O. 1265(1)/2015.—Whereas the "Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules" earlier promulgated and notified by the Pakistan Bar Council way back in 1978 do not cater present day's needs, require to be reformed and updated;

And whereas the existing three sets of Rules on the subject of legal education i.e. the "Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 1978", the "Affiliation of Law Colleges Rules" and the "Pakistan Bar Council (Recognition of Universities) Rules, 2005" are to be reviewed and consolidated in one set of uniformed Rules;

And whereas the constant deterioration of standard and quality of legal education because of mushroom growth of law colleges and even the Universities, in private sector, necessitates strict check and control over the Universities and degree awarding Institutions, imparting legal education, and the private law colleges;

Therefore, the Pakistan Bar Council in exercise of powers conferred upon it under Sections 13(j) & (k), 26(c) (iii) and 55(q) of the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973 and all other enabling provisions in that behalf, hereby promulgates and notifies the following Rules:

THE PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL LEGAL EDUCATION RULES , 2015

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement:-

(i) These Rules may be called the "Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015".

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. Overriding effect:-

The provisions of these Rules shall have overriding effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law and Rules for the time being in force.

3. Definitions:-

(i) "Act" means the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973).

(ii) "College" means constituent or affiliated Law College of a University/Degree Awarding Institution.

(ii) "Committee" means Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council.

(iv) "Council" means the Pakistan Bar Council.

(v) "Degree Awarding Institution" means such institution not designated as University but authorized under the statute or a charter to award Bachelor's degree in Law.

(vi) "Recognized degree" means and includes a Bachelor's degree in law awarded by a University or a Degree Awarding Institution recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council.

(vii) "Inspection Team" means a Team named by the Legal Education Committee.

(viii) "Rules" means the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015.

(ix) "Section" means a Section of the Act.

(x) "University" means University established by law in Pakistan and/or outside Pakistan authorized to award Bachelor Degree in law.

CHAPTER II
LEGAL EDUCATION

4. Admission to LL.B. class:

(i) [1][A person having passed the examination of Higher Secondary Education i.e. Intermediate [or equivalent] minimum with second division and Law Admission Test [(LAT) with 50% marks] shall be eligible for admission to the (4 years) LL.B. programme.]

[2][(ii)] Admissions to LL.B. (1st year) shall be on merits.

[3][(iii)] Subject to the provisions of sub-rules (i), (ii) and (iii) above, 5 percent seats shall be reserved for the sons/daughters of Advocates who shall compete for admission in order of merit *inter se*.

[3][(iv)] A candidate shall not be eligible for admission to LL.B. if he.-

(i) has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude; or

(ii) has been dismissed or removed from service of Government, any local Authority or institution incorporated by the Government under any statute, for corruption or misconduct.

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[3][(v)] The University or the law college will furnish complete list of students admitted to LL.B. programme, to the Pakistan Bar Council within one month of admission with necessary particulars of each student for registration with the Pakistan Bar Council alongwith registration fee of each student @ Rs. [4][3000/-].

[5][Provided that from 1st January 2027, Provincial/Islamabad Bar Councils would not grant enrolment to any law graduate who is not registered with the Pakistan Bar Council and has not furnished the registration certificate to the concerned Bar Council].

5. Number of Students in a Class:-

[6][(i) In the case of a College to be affiliated with a University, the Committee initially will grant 50 seats, which may gradually be increased maximum upto 100.

(ii) In case of Private University/Degree Awarding Institution, the Committee initially will grant 50 seats, which may gradually be increased upto 150.

(iii) In case of Public Sector University/Degree Awarding Institution, the Committee initially will grant 50 seats, which may gradually be increased upto 250.

Provided that the seats will be enhanced subject to having best dedicated independent infrastructure, highly qualified, competent and experienced Law Faculty & has good previous conduct in observance of Rules and decisions of the Pakistan Bar Council.]

6. Duration of Course:

The duration of the course of LL.B. programme shall not be less than [7][4] years.

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7. Syllabus:

The syllabus for LL.B. programme shall include the subjects prescribed and duly approved by the Pakistan Bar Council and Higher Education Commission and as modified by them from time to time.

8. Library.

(i) The Faculty of Law, the Law Department or a Law College shall have a Library of its own of not less than 5000 standard Law books covering all the statutes, Federal and Provincial.

(ii) The books worth of not less than Rs. 5,00,000 shall be acquired for the Faculty of Law, Law Department or the Law College Library. Subsequently,

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the books at least of the value of Rs. [9][50,000/-] shall be added to the Library every year.

(iii) The Library should provide book lending facility to at least 20 percent of the total number of students on the roll of the Law Faculty, Department or the Law College.

(iv) The Library shall subscribe to at least two reputed foreign Law Journals or access to inter-net and acquire at least one set of all Law Reports published in Pakistan, in addition to on line access to such foreign and local law Journals.

(v) The Library shall also be facilitated with well equipped and modern Computer Lab. comprising of at least 50 computers with internet connection. The Library shall be well equipped with latest computers corresponding to the number of students but in no case less than one P.C. for five students.

9. Medium of Instruction:-

The medium of instruction of legal education for LL.B. programme shall be English.

[10][10. Timing and Days of Classes:-

(i) [11][There shall only be a morning programme for LL.B. and no evening programme/classes shall be permissible;]

(ii) The classes shall be held minimum five days a week.]

11. Pass Percentage:

(i) The pass percentage shall be 40 percent in individual papers and 50 percent in aggregate.

(ii) There shall be only two Divisions – 1st and 2nd. Those who obtain 60 percent or more marks shall be placed in 1st Division.

12. Examinations:

[12][(i) Examination of law students shall be on semester [13][ ] system and there shall be two semesters in a year;

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(ii) Only failed candidates and those placed in compartment shall be allowed to avail of the Supplementary examination. However, a student placed in compartment shall not be permitted to appear in the next higher examination without having passed all the papers in which he had failed.

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(iii) One who fails thrice in an examination shall be debarred from appearing in further examination;

Provided that if a student fails to appear at an examination within two years after completing his term, he shall not be allowed to appear in the next examination.

13. Legal Education at the level of LL.M/Ph.D:

(i) [15][A University /Degree Awarding Institution intending to impart legal education at the level of LL.M. shall have to seek prior permission and approval of the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission for which the University/Institution shall have to submit an application to Pakistan Bar Council giving details and justification of doing so together with list of Faculty Members to be engaged for that purpose. Such an application shall be made on the prescribed Form appended to these Rule under the Seventh Schedule and shall be accompanied, among other documents, by a fee of Rupees [2.5] Million.]

[16][The University/Degree Awarding Institution shall be eligible to apply for approval of the LL.M. programme after completion of four years of recognition of its LL.B. programme.]

(ii) In the event of the permission/approval being granted under clause (i) above the University/Institution shall have to impart legal education for LL.M. as per the syllabus duly prescribed and approved by the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission and as modified by them from time to time.

(iii) The University/Institution shall only start LL.M. class after it is so allowed by the Pakistan Bar Council/Higher Education Commission as per the syllabus and the list of Faculty Members approved by them in that regard.
The University/Institution which is not awarding LL.B. degree shall not be entitled to offer LL.M/Master program in Law.

(iv) [17][The LL.M. programme shall be permissible only at the main campus of the University/Degree Awarding Institution, and no affiliated law college shall be allowed to offer the LL.M. programme.]

[18][ ]

[19][(v) The duration of LL.M. programme shall be of 2 years and no University/Degree Awarding Institution shall admit more than 20 students for LL.M. programme in an academic year and will furnish complete list of students so admitted to the Pakistan Bar Council within one month of admission with necessary particulars of each student for registration with the

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Pakistan Bar Council alongwith registration fee of each student @ Rs. [20]{5000}]

[21][(vi) The applicant University/Degree Awarding Institution shall have to submit an undertaking in writing on a stamp Paper of Rs. 100/-, duly notarized, to the effect that it shall:-

(i) have at least two Ph.D. law degree holders as permanent/whole time Faculty Members/Teachers;

(ii) conduct LL.M. programme only in one discipline/subject;

(iii) admit maximum 20 students to LL.M. programme in an academic year;

(iv) has completed four years after recognition of its LL.B. programme by the Pakistan Bar Council;

(v) adhere to and comply with, in letter and spirit, the requirements and criteria, prescribed under the "PBC Legal Education Rules, 2015" and guidelines & criteria of the Higher Education Commission as well as decisions/instructions of the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission taken/issued from time to time regarding LL.M. programme; &

(vi) register students of its LL.M. programme with the Pakistan Bar Council, each year within one month after close of admissions with their requisite particulars, detail and fee.

[22][(vii) The names of National/Local Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions whose LL.M. programme is approved by the Pakistan Bar Council shall be listed in the Ninth Schedule.]

[23][13-A. Faculty Members/Teachers:-

(1) The University/Degree Awarding institution/Law College imparting legal education at the level of LL.B. programme shall hire Law Faculty Members/Teachers as under:-

(i) [24][The Dean of the Faculty of Law/Head of Law Department/Principal of Law College shall be Ph.D. in law with 8 years post degree law teaching experience/practice experience in High Court or Masters Degree in Law with 15 years post degree law teaching experience/practice experience in High Court or a retired Judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court or a retired District & Sessions Judge having 5 years of judicial service to his credit.]

(ii) There shall be at least five permanent/whole time Faculty Members/Teachers having Master degree in law with 5 years law teaching experience/practice experience in High Court or having

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Bachelor degree in law with 10 years law teaching experience/practice experience in High Court; &

(iii) There shall be at least five part time/visiting Faculty Members/Teachers having at least 5 years standing as an Advocate of the Supreme Court or having 10 years standing as an Advocate of High Court;

[25][Provided that Pakistani University/Degree Awarding Institution may, in addition to the Faculty mentioned in clauses (ii) and (iii) above, may appoint teachers for the LL.B. programme for other than law subjects, in accordance with the requirements of the LL.B. syllabus; however, all such teachers should have a master's degree in relevant subject and have minimum five years post-degree teaching experience.]

(2) The University/Degree Awarding Institution shall hire at least two Faculty Members/Teachers for imparting legal education at the level of LL.M. programme having at least Ph.D. degree in law with 5 years law teaching experience/practice experience in Supreme Court or having Master degree in law with 15 years law teaching experience/practice experience in Supreme Court.]

CHAPTER III
INSPECTION

14. (1) (i) [26][ ]

(ii) [27][The Member/s so nominated may inspect teaching and general working of Law Faculties, Law Departments and the Law Colleges to ensure compliance of these rules.]

(iii) The Legal Education Committee of Pakistan Bar Council may also nominate one or more of its Members to conduct inspection of law faculties, law departments and/or law colleges.

(iv) The expenses of travelling of Members of inspection team will be borne by their respective bodies whereas boarding and lodging facilities will be provided by the concerned Law Faculty/Department/College.

(v) [28][The Pakistan Bar Council may in the event of any of these rules not being complied with by a University/Degree Awarding Institution or affiliated Law College, may after giving due opportunity impose penalty for non-compliance of Rules/decisions, or de-recognize such University/Degree Awarding Institution and its law degree, in case of affiliated law College may withdraw NOC earlier issued.]

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(2) [29][ ]

CHAPTER IV

RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITIES AND DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTIONS

15. (i) The national and foreign Universities and Degree Awarding Institutions authorized under the law to impart legal education, listed in First Schedule, have been recognized by the Council for the purpose of recognition of their Bachelor's Degree in law.

(ii) The national and foreign Universities or Degree Awarding Institutions awarding Bachelors Degree in law which are recognized after the promulgation of these Rules shall be listed in the Second Schedule.

(iii) [30][A person having acquired Bachelor's degree in law from a foreign University, duly recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council, shall be eligible to apply for enrolment as an Advocate with concerned Bar Council as per law, subject to his having passed a Law Graduate Assessment Test (LAW-GAT) with 50% marks to be conducted by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), such an examination shall be held quarterly.]

16. (i) Any University or Degree Awarding Institution intending to impart legal education may apply to the Pakistan Bar Council for recognition on prescribed application form appended to these Rules under Third Schedule, accompanied by a fee of [31][Rs. 3,000,000/- (Rupees Two Million Only):]

Provided that one fourth of the above amount shall be non-refundable in the event of rejection of such an application.

(ii) Any person having obtained Bachelor's Degree in law from a University outside Pakistan not recognized by the Council, may apply for recognition of said University and its LL.B. degree on the prescribed form mentioned in the Fourth Schedule [32][on one time basis] with a non-refundable fee of [33][Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand only).}

[34][Provided that in case of acceptance of his application for recognition of the concerned foreign University and its LL.B. degree, the applicant shall have to pass the LAW-GAT as mentioned under clause (iii) of Rule 15, for being eligible to apply for enrolment as an Advocate.]

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17. [35][(i) No University/Degree Awarding Institution shall advertise for admissions and admit students unless it is recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council.

Provided that if a University/Degree Awarding Institution applies for its recognition after having commenced law program and admission of students, it shall be liable to payment of penalty upto the extent of double of the amount of recognition fee.

Provided further that if delay in seeking recognition exceeds six months and/or University/Degree Awarding Institute/Affiliated Law College conceals the fact of admissions and/or advertisement made by it prior to recognition and/or issuance of an NOC by the Pakistan Bar Council, the Legal Education Committee may impose a penalty upon University/Degree Awarding Institute/Affiliated Law College upto three times the recognition/NOC fee.]

(ii) In case the recognition of a University/Institution is suspended for reason of its having violated the Rules and/or instructions of the Pakistan Bar Council, it shall not be restored unless of its fulfilling requirements/conditions as determined by the Pakistan Bar Council and payment of penalty which may range from two million to five million.

18. [36][(i) The Committee on receipt of such application shall conduct inspection as to the standard and quality of legal education to be or being imparted by the University/Institution/College concerned and on being satisfied, the Committee may recommend to the Council that the applicant University/Institution/College be granted provisional recognition, initially for a period of one year, which may subsequently be extended for such period as the Committee may deem appropriate.

Provided that the Committee shall decide such application within reasonable period of time but not exceeding one year.]

(ii) The recommendations of the Committee shall be placed before the Pakistan Bar Council in its next meeting for consideration and approval.

19. The applicant University/Degree Awarding Institution shall have to submit an undertaking in writing on a stamp Paper of Rs. 100/-, duly notarized, to the effect that it shall:-

(i) not affiliate any private law college at any place, nor itself conduct law classes any where else except of it s main campus;

(ii) [37][Not admit students more than the number of seats granted to it for an academic year by the Committee/Council;]

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(iii) [38][abide by and adhere to the minimum standards as laid down in these Rules and instructions/directions issued by the Pakistan Bar Council from time to time in respect of legal education, the violation of which will render imposition of penalty or derecognition of University/Institution;]

(iv) ensure imparting of quality education strictly in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission; and

(v) ensure conducting and adhering only to [39][4] years composite programme of LL.B. as per standards and criteria prescribed by the Pakistan Bar Council and Higher Education Commission.

[40][20 **Fresh Affiliation of Law Colleges:**

The affiliation of Law Colleges is prohibited for three years w.e.f 15-01-2026. Accordingly, no Pakistani University/Degree Awarding Institution recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council shall affiliate any Law College during this period. Any University or Institution found in violation of this restriction shall be liable to be derecognized.]

[41][20-A. Equivalence Certificate to Students of Foreign Universities: A person having acquired Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) and LL.M. degree from Foreign University recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council but has not obtained LL.B. degree from a Foreign University shall apply to the Pakistan Bar Council on the prescribed Form appended to these Rules under Sixth Schedule, for the equivalence certificate of his/her Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) & LL.M. degree to that of the LL.B. degree, which shall be accompanied by fee of Rs.75,000/- (Rupees seventy five thousand only). Provided further that a person having only Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) or LL.M. degree is not eligible for equivalence of his diploma/degree to that of the LL.B. degree.]

CHAPTER V

[42][DERECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITIES/DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTIONS]

21. (i) [43][If the Committee at any time [ ] is satisfied that a University and/or a Degree Awarding Institution in Pakistan recognized by the Council is imparting substandard education or is not complying with Rules, instructions and/or decisions of the Pakistan Bar Council, it may, impose penalty upto triple of recognition fee or recommend to the Council for derecognition of such University or Degree Awarding Institution and its law degree.]

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40 Substituted vide Notification dated 13-05-2024 of the PBC
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42 The words Inspection and has been deleted vide Notification dated 30-06-2017 of the PBC
43 Substituted vide Notification dated 13-05-2024 of the PBC

(ii) The Council after receipt of such recommendation and after giving opportunity of hearing may derecognize such University or Degree Awarding Institution and its law degree and order deletion of its name from the First or Second Schedule as the case may be.

22. Any University or Degree Awarding Institution aggrieved by the order of derecognition, may file review petition within 30 days of the receipt of the order of derecognition before the Council accompanied by a fee of Rupees One Hundred Thousand only.

23. (i) The Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions in Pakistan stand recognized and listed in First Schedule, shall certify and inform the Pakistan Bar Council in writing at the start of every academic year, to the effect that each and every private law college affiliated with them, is implementing these Rules in letter and spirit, and is imparting legal education strictly in accordance with the Syllabus prescribed by the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission.

(ii) It shall be the duty of the University/Degree Awarding Institution to de-affiliate a private law college found delinquent in adhering to and implementing these Rules.

(iii) The University/Degree Awarding Institutions shall inform the Council forthwith in case it deaffiliates a law college by furnishing the reasons and causes of such deaffiliation.

CHAPTER VI
AFFILIATION OF LAW COLLEGES

24. Ownership:

The ownership of the College with all its assets shall vest in a body corporate and not in any individual. No change in ownership of the body corporate shall be permissible after affiliation without prior approval of the University/Degree Awarding Institution.

25. Building and allied facilities:

[44][A Law Department of University/College shall.-]

(i) [45][be located in a spacious, separate and independent building with covered area of minimum 12000 sq.ft without sharing the premises with any other Department or Institution or person.”; and]

(ii) [46][have at least [eight] class rooms, Principal office, a common room, a ladies room, Law Moot Court Room, separate Law Library, Computer Lab, Meeting Hall and a separate staff room.have adequate canteen/cafeteria, toilets and first aid facilities.]

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[47][Provided that a Law College conducting external programme shall have at least six class rooms, law moot court room, ladies room, meeting hall, Law Library, Computer Lab, separate staff room and a reasonable size of Principal office.]

(iv) develop/install its Website also displaying status of students and their attendance on regular basis with intimation, through e-mail, to concerned University/ Institution and the Council.

26. Number of Lectures:

The college shall ensure that each class receives at least as many lectures per week as are prescribed by the University/Institution. In the absence of such regulation of the University/Institution each class shall receive at least 18 regular lectures per week including one tutorial session.

27. [48][ ]

28. Attendance record:

An authenticated attendance record of all students shall be displayed in addition to College Website, on the Notice Board of the College in the first week of every succeeding month in accumulative form and intimation of the same shall be sent to the University/ Institution by 15th of every month.

29. College record:

College record shall not be removed from the College premises and shall remain available for inspection at all reasonable times by the University/Institution and/or the Pakistan Bar Council.

30. Fee Concession:

The College shall make available full fee concession to at least five percent and half fee concession to at least ten percent of the enrolled students on merit basis.

31. Inspection:

[49][In addition to inspection mentioned in Rule 14(i), there shall be at least one inspection every academic year, of the Law College by Inspection Committee of the affiliating University comprising of Head, Law Department (in the absence of Head, Law Department, Principal of constituent Law College of the concerned University), Chairman of the Affiliation Committee for affiliation of Private Law Colleges and Registrar or his nominee.]

[50][Provided that each year the inspection report of each affiliated Law College shall be shared with the Pakistan Bar Council by the Chairman of the Law Colleges Affiliation Committee.]

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32. De-affiliation:

The University/Institution on receipt of an adverse report from the Inspection Committee/Inspection Team or in case it otherwise have the reason to believe that the law college is not adhering to the Rules and is imparting sub-standard legal education, may de-affiliate the College or impose fine not exceeding Rupees Five Hundred Thousands after due notice and opportunity of hearing.

33. Nominee on Governing Body:

The Governing Body of the College shall also have a sitting or former Judge of the High Court [51][or a person qualified to be a Judge of High Court] nominated by the University Syndicate.

34. Standard of legal education:

The College shall ensure quality legal education according to the standard laid down by the Pakistan Bar Council as per its Rules. The directions issued by the Pakistan Bar Council, the Higher Education Commission and/or the University/ Institution from time to time in this behalf, shall be complied with and followed by the law college.

35. Accounts:

Every college shall maintain a Bank Account with a scheduled Bank and its accounts shall be audited by registered Chartered Accountant every year.

CHAPTER VII

CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL/EXTERNAL/DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMMES OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

36. (1) No College/institution shall operate/function for imparting legal education under international/external/distance learning programme of any foreign University without getting No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Pakistan Bar Council.

[52][(2) The receipt of application for NOC to Colleges/Institutes for launching international, external, or distance-learning programmes of any foreign University under Rule 36(1) shall remain banned for a period of three years with effect from 17-09-2026. Accordingly, no new application of any College /Institute will be received and entertained, so they shall not launch or commence international, external, or distance-learning law programme of any foreigr university during the aforesaid period. The College/Institute found in violation o this restriction shall be liable to penalty or action, as prescribed in the applicable Rules.]

37. [53][A College/institution desirous to seek NOC from the Pakistan Bar Council under rule 36 above, for imparting legal education under international/ external/distance learning programme of a foreign University/institution shall make a formal application

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53 Substituted vide Notification dated 24-08-2026 of the PBC

on the prescribed Form appended to these Rule under Eighth Schedule to Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council with following detail information/documents:-]

(i) Name of College/Institution, its legal status and ownsership;

(ii) [54][Detail of its Building/premises exclusively allocated/dedicated for Law College, total Area, covered Area, class rooms, Committee Room/Hall, Library, Computer Lab etc. etc. and facilities available there.]

(iii) Name of the foreign University/Degree Awarding Institution on whose behalf the applicant College/Institution intends to operate/function to impart legal education;

(iv) Accredited Status of the concerned foreign University/Institution and its LL.B. degree with relevant regulatory authority of concerned foreign Country;

(v) Registration/affiliation of the concerned foreign University/degree awarding Institution authorizing the applicant College/Institution to conduct their law programme in Pakistan;

(vi) Detail of Faculty Members, their qualifications and law teaching experience, engaged for imparting legal education;

(vii) Detail of subjects to be taught to law students;

(viii) Eligibility qualification of a student to get admission;

(ix) Fee structure (monthly/annual) payable by a student;

(x) Deposit of Rs. [55][3] Million as fee for grant of NOC (to be deposited in account of Pakistan Bar Council or through Bankers Cheque in the name of Pakistan Bar Council).

(xi) [56][NOC/Letter of the Higher Education Commission, Islamabad for establishment/commencement of Law Department/Law Programme]

(xii) [57][Complete detail of examination system, how and who will conduct exam and agreement made with British Council or any international agency accredited by the Inter Board Coordination Commission (IBCC) for conducting of examination.]

(xiii) [58][The applicant College/Institution shall have to submit an undertaking in writing on a stamp Paper of Rs. 100/-, duly notarized, to the effect that it shall:

(i) not admit more than the allowed number of students in an academic year, but in any case it will not be allowed more than 100 students for an academic year;

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(ii) abide by and adhere the Rules and decisions/instructions/directions of the Pakistan Bar Council in respect of legal education, in case of violation of which, the Council may impose penalty upon it and/or withdraw NOC issued to the College/Institution and recommend to the concerned Foreign University for its de-affiliation & process of enrolment of its law graduates as an Advocate would be stopped;

(iii) conduct only 3 years LL.B programme with 12 courses of concerned University and no other law programme of any University will be conducted in the same campus and will not conduct online class, in case of violation, the Council may impose penalty upon it upto triple of NOC fee, and/or may withdraw NOC issued to the College/Institution;

(iv) not start LL.B. and any other law programme of any University without approval of the Pakistan Bar Council;

(v) not advertise and admit any law student in LL.B. programme at any place without NOC of the Pakistan Bar Council; &

(vi) register its LL.B. 3 years programme students with the Pakistan Bar Council each year within one month after close of admissions with their requisite particulars, detail and fee, as per Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules.

[59][Provided that during the period specified in sub-Rule 36(2), no fresh application for grant of NOC shall be processed/entertained for affiliation with Foreign University.]

38. The Committee on receipt of an application together with requisite information/documents, shall consider the same and after being satisfied as to legal status and standard of the applicant college/institution, accredited status of the foreign University/Degree Awarding Institution & its LL.B. degree as well as subjects of LL.B. courses (commensurate with LL.B. syllabus prevalent in Pakistan duly approved by the Pakistan Bar Council and Higher Education Commission) and the fee structure, may issue the NOC.

39. The College/Institution [60][which] is already imparting legal education under international/external/distance learning programme of a foreign University/Degree Awarding Institution shall approach the Pakistan Bar Council [61][to obtain] NOC by providing requisite information/documents as mentioned under Rule 37 above, within six months of coming into force of these Rules.

[62][Provided that the Committee may consider to condone the delay in submission of an application in appropriate cases for reasonable and sufficient cause.]

40. In case a College/Institution imparting legal education under international/external/ distance learning programme of a foreign University/Degree Awarding Institution fails

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59 Substituted vide Notification dated 16-09-2026 of the PBC
60 Substituted vide Notification dated 30-06-2017 of the PBC
61 Substituted vide Notification dated 30-06-2017 of the PBC
62 Added vide Notification dated 30-06-2017 of the PBC

to comply with these Rules, the Pakistan Bar Council shall recommend its deaffiliation/ derecognition to the concerned foreign University/Degree Awarding Institution beside asking the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council to refrain from issuing practicing license to their students after they obtain LL.B. degree.

CHAPTER VIII
REPEAL AND SAVINGS

41. (1) **Repeal:** Upon coming into force of these Rules, the following Rules shall stand repealed:-

(i) The Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 1978;
(ii) Affiliation of Law Colleges Rules; and
(iii) The Pakistan Bar Council (Recognition of Universities) Rules, 2005

(2) **Savings:** Without prejudice to the provisions of Section 24 of the General Clauses Act 1897 (Act X of 1897) and notwithstanding the repeal of the previous Rules under sub-rule (1) above, the Universities/Institutions recognized by the Council before coming into force of these Rules, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the repealed rules pertaining to admissions to law classes and law programme done before promulgation of these Rules, for a period of three years from the date of coming into force of these rules.

(3) Any thing done, notification issued, order made, instructions issued, notice given, proceedings commenced or any action taken under the repealed Rules shall be deemed to be done, issued, made, given, commenced or taken, as the case may be, under these rules.

(Azam Nazeer Tarar)
Vice-Chairman

(Muhammad Arshed)
Secretary

FIRST SCHEDULE

[See Rule 15]

Universities and Degree Awarding Institutions in Pakistan and outside Pakistan.

(1) Pakistani Universities:

Universities/Degree awarding Institutions awarding degrees in Law:

(1) University of the Punjab, Lahore
(2) Karachi University, Karachi
(3) University of Sindh, Hyderabad
(4) University of Baluchistan, Quetta
(5) Bahauddin Zakria University, Multan
(6) Peshawar University, Peshawar
(7) Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan
(8) Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur
(9) Islamia University, Bahawalpur
(10) Hamdard University, Karachi
(11) International Islamic University, Islamabad
(12) Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
(13) University of Sargodha (w.e.f. 16-03-2006)
(14) Government College University, Faisalabad (w.e.f. 04-07-2006)
(15) Dadabhoy Institute of Higher Education, Karachi (w.e.f. 18-10-2006)
(16) University of South Asia, Lahore (w.e.f. 27-03-2008)
(17) Hazara University, Mansehra (w.e.f. 14-05-2008)
(18) The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad (w.e.f. 01-07-2008)
(19) The University of Gujrat, Gujrat (w.e.f. 04-04-2009)
(20) The Islamia College (Chartered University), Peshawar (w.e.f. 20-07-2010)
(21) The Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (provisional w.e.f. 19-09-2010)
(22) Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, Karachi (w.e.f. 07-11-2012) (remained under suspension for violating the Rules from 05-05-2014 to 30-12-2015 when provisionally restored)
(23) The University of Lahore, Lahore (w.e.f. 26-12-2013)
(24) The Leads University, Lahore (provisinal w.e.f. 14-03-2015)
(25) Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar. (permanent recognition on 21-01-2022)
(26) Bahria University, Islamabad.
(27) Qurtuba University, D. I. Khan (provisional w.e.f. 30-07-2015)
(28) Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi. (provisional w.e.f. 14-11-2015)

(2) Foreign Universities:

(i) AUSTRALIA:

(1) University of Adelaide, Adelaide
(2) Australian National University, Canberra
(3) University of Canberra, Belconnen Act
(4) Flinders University of South Australia, Adelaide
(5) University of Melbourne, Melbourne
(6) Murdoch University, Murdoch
(7) University of New South Wales, New South Wales
(8) University of Newcastle, Callagham
(9) University of Notre Dame, Australia, Freemantle
(10) University of Queensland, Brisbane
(11) University of Sydney, Sydney
(12) University of Tasmania, Hobart
(13) University of Western Australia, Nedlands
(14) University of Western Sydney, Penrith South
(15) University of Wollongong, Wollongong

(ii) BANGLADESH:

(1) Dhaka University, Dhaka
(2) Chittagong University, Chittagong.
(3) Rajshahi University, Rajshahi

(iii) CANADA:

(1) University of Alberta, Alberta
(2) University of British Columbia, Vancouver
(3) Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
(4) University of Ottawa, Ontario
(5) University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan
(6) University of Toronto, Ontario
(7) University of Victoria, British Columbia
(8) University of Western Ontario, Ontario
(9) University of Montreal, Qubac
(10) Dalhousie University

(iv) CHINA:

(1) China University of Political Science and Law

(v) EGYPT:

(1) Jamia Al-Azhar, Cairo
(2) Alexendria University, Alexendria
(3) Cairo University

(vi) FRANCE:

(1) Sorbonne University, Paris
(2) Nice University, Nice

(vii) GERMANY:

(1) University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg
(2) University of Munich, Munich
(3) University of Berlin, Berlin

(Viii) IRELAND

(1) The Honourable Society of King's Inns, Dublin, Ireland

(ix) HONG KONG:

(1) University of Hong Kong

(x) INDIA:

(1) Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP
(2) Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala
(3) University of Delhi, Delhi
(4) Gauhati University, Gauhati, Assam
(5) Gujarat University, Gujarat
(6) Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
(7) Jamia Milia Islamia University, Delhi
(8) University of Jammu, Jammu
(9) Karnataka University, Karnataka
(10) University of Kashmir, Sri Nagar
(11) University of Kerala, Kerala
(12) Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai
(13) Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda Gujarat
(14) University of Mumbai, Mumbai Maharashtra
(15) University of Mysore, Mysore Karnataka
(16) Nagpur University, Maharashtra
(17) National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University, Andhra Pradesh.
(18) Osmania University, Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh
(19) Punjab University, Chandigarh
(20) University of Pune, Maharashtra
(21) Aligarh Muslim University
(22) Gurunanak Dev University, Amritsar

(xi) LABONON:

(1) American University, Beirut

(xii) NETHERLANDS:

(1) University of Utercht, Utercht
(2) University of Amsterdam, Amsterdem

(xiii) RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

(1) Institute of State & Law, Academy of Science, Moscow.
(2) Institute of International Relations Moscow University.
(3) Patrick Lumamba Freindship University, Moscow

(xiv) UKRINE:

(1) I.I. Machinikove State University of Odessa, Ukrine

(xv) UNITED KINGDOM:

(1) University of Abertay Dundee, Dundee
[63](1a) Arden Univeristy, U.K (w.e.f. 22-01-2024)
(2) Aston University, Birmingham
(3) University of Birmingham, Birmingham
(4) Bournemouth University, Poole
(5) University of Bedfordshire
(6) BPP University
(7) Brunel University
[64](7a) Buckinghamshire New University, U.K (w.e.f. 29-08-2023)
(8) University of Bradford, Bradford
(9) University of Brighton, Brighton
(10) University of Buckingham, Buckingham
(11) University of Bristol, Bristol
(12) University of Cambridge, Cambridge
(13) Cardiff University, Cardiff
(14) University of Central England in Birmingham
(15) University of Central Lancashire, Preston
(16) City University, London
(17) Coventry University, Coventry
(18) University College London (UCL)
(19) [65][The University of Law of England and Wales]
(20) De Montfort University, Leicester
(21) University of Derby, Derby
(22) University of Dundee, Dundee
(23) University of Durham, Durham
(24) University of East Anglia, Norwich
(25) University of East London, London
(26) University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh
(27) University of Essex, Colchester
(28) University of Exeter, Exeter
(29) [66][University of South Wales, U.K.]
(30) Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow
(31) University of Glasgow, Glasgow
(32) University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham
(33) University of Greenwich, London
(34) Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh
(35) University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield

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63 Added vide Notification dated 13-05-2024 of the PBC
64 Added vide Notification dated 30-11-2023 of the PBC
65 Substituted/updated (in place of the college of Law of England and Wales vide Notification dated 14-02-2018 of the Pakistan Bar Council)
66 Substituted for the"University of Glamorgan, Pontypridd" vide Notification dated 18-09-2020 of the Pakistan Bar Council)

(36) University of Huddersfield, Huddersfield
(37) University of Hull, Hull
(38) Keele University, Keele
(39) University of Kent, Canterbury
(40) Kingston University, Kingston
(41) Kings College, London
(42) University of Lancaster, Lancaster
(43) Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds
(44) University of Leeds, Leeds
(45) University of Leicester, Leicester
(46) University of Lincoln, Lincoln
(47) Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool
(48) University of Liverpool, Liverpool
(49) London Guildhall University (London Met)
(50) London Metropolitan University, London
(51) London School of Economics and Political Science
(52) University of London, London
(53) University of Luton, Luton
(54) Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester
(55) University of Manchester, Manchester
(56) Middlesex University, London
(57) Napier University, Edinburgh
(58) University of Newcastle, Newcastle
(59) North London University (London Met)
(60) Northampton University
(61) University of Notthumbria, Newcastle
(62) Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham
(63) University of Nottingham, Nottingham
(64) Oxford Brookes University, Oxford
(65) University of Oxford, Oxford
(66) University of Paisley, Paisley
(67) University of Plymouth, Plymouth
(68) University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth
(69) Queens Mary University of London
(70) Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield
(71) University of Sheffield, Sheffield
(72) South Bank University, London
(73) Staffordshire University, Stafford
(74) University of Sunderland, Sunderland
(75) University of Surrey, Guildford
(76) University of Sussex , Brighton
(77) Thames Valley University, London
(78) University of Reading, Reading
(79) University of Southampton, Southampton
(80) University of Teesside, Middlesbrough
(81) University of Ulster, Coleraine
(82) University of Warwick, Coventry
(83) University of Westminister, London

(84) University of Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton
(85) University of Wales, Aberystwyth
(86) [67][Swansea University, Swansea]
(87) University of York, York
(88) [68][School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), U.K.]

(xvi) OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES:

(1) International Islamic University, Malaysia
(2) University of Malaya, Kualalumpur
(3) National University of Malaysia, Kualalumpur
(4) University of Maritius, Maritius
(5) University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand
(6) University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
(7) University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
(8) Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
(9) Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand
(10) Ahmadu Bellu University, Nigeria
(11) University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
(12) National University of Singapore, Singapore
(13) University of North West, South Africa
(14) University of Port Elizabeth or Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa
(15) University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa
(16) Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa
(17) University of the Western Cape, Belleville, South Africa
(18) University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago
(19) University of Zambia, Zambia

(xvii) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

(1) American University, Washington D.C.
(2) Arizona University, Tucson
(3) Baltimore University, Baltimore
(4) Boston University, Boston
(5) Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
(6) University of California, Berkeley, CA
(7) University of California - campuses at Davis, Hastings and Los Angeles
(8) California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA
(9) Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.
(10) Chicago University, Chicago
(11) Cincinnati University. Cincinnati, OH
(12) City University of New York, New York
(13) Cleveland State University, Cleveland
(14) Colorado University, Boulder, CO

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67 Substituted/updated (in place of University of Wales, Swansea vide Notification dated 14-02-2018 of the Pakistan Bar Council)
68 Inserted vide Notification dated 19-04-2019 of the PBC

(15) Columbia University, New York
(16) Connecticut University, Hartfod
(17) Cornell University, Cornell, New York
(18) Denver University, Denver
(19) Duke University, Durham
(20) Florida University. Gainesville. FL
(21) Fordham University, New York
(22) George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
(23) Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
(24) George Washington University, Washington D.C.
(25) Georgia University, Athens
(26) Harvard University, Cambridge
(27) Hawaii University, Honolulu
(28) Houston University, Houston
(29) Howard University, Washington D.C.
(30) University of Illinois, Campuses at Chicago and Champaign
(31) Indiana University, Campuses at Bloomington and Indianapolis
(32) Iowa University, Iowa
(33) Maine University, Portland
(34) Maryland University, Baltimore
(35) Memphis University, Memphis
(36) Miami University, Coral Gables, FL
(37) Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Ml
(38) Minnesota University, Minneapolis, MN
(39) Mississippi University, Mississippi
(40) Montana University, Montana
(41) Nebraska University, Lincoln, NE
(42) New England School of Law, Boston
(43) New Mexico University, Albuquerque, NM
(44) New York University, New York
(45) North Carolina University, Chapel Hill, NC
(46) North Dakota University, Grand Forks, ND
(47) University of Notre Dam, Indiana
(48) Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
(49) Oklahoma University, Norman, OK
(50) Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma
(51) Oregon University, Eugene, OR
(52) Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia
(53) Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, PA
(54) Pittsburgh University, Pittsburgh
(55) San Diego University, San Diego
(56) San Francisco University, San Francisco
(57) Seattle University, Seattle
(58) South Carolina University, Columbia
(59) South Dakota University, Vermillion, SD
(60) Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
(61) Stanford University, Stanford
(62) Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

(63) Tennessee University, Knoxville, TN
(64) University of Texas campuses at Austin and Arlington
(65) Toledo University, Toledo, OH
(66) Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT
(67) Virginia University, Charlottesville, VA
(68) Washington University, Seattle, WA
(69) West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
(70) Wisconsin University, Madison, WI
(71) Wyoming University, Laramie, WY
(72) Yale University, New Haven
(73) [69][School of Law, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, USA]

(xvi) UZBIKISTAN:

(1) The Tashkent State University, Uzbikistan

69 Inserted vide Notification dated 19-04-2019 of the PBC

SECOND SCHEDULE
[Rule 15(ii)]

(1) PAKISTANI UNIVERSITIES:

Universities/Degree awarding Institutions awarding degrees in Law:

(1) [70][University of Swat, Swat
(w.e.f. 21-01-2017)
(2) University of Malakand, Chakdara, Dir Lower
(w.e.f. 21-01-2017)
(3) Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Lyari, Karachi
(w.e.f. 21-01-2017)]
(4) [71][University of Central Punjab, Lahore.
(w.e.f. 26-01-2018)]
(5) [72][The University of Management and Technology, Lahore.
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 02-01-2019)
(6) [73][The University of Turbat, Turbat
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 24-01-2019)
(7) The Women University, Swabi
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 08-01-2019)
(8) The Swabi University, Swabi
(provisional w.e.f. 05-11-2016)
(9) Zia-ud-Din University, Karachi
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 30-06-2019)
(10) The University of Sialkot, Sialkot
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 16-01-2020)
(11) Mirpur University of Science and Technology, Mirpur (AJK)
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 16-01-2020)]
(12) The University of Okara, Okara
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 16-09-2020)
(13) Riphah International University, 12-km Raiwind Road, Lahore Campus.
[74][(earlier provisionally recognized on 16-01-2020 and converted into
permanent recognition on 27-12-2022)]
(14) [Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi,
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 28-12-2020)
(15) The University of Faisalabad, Faisalabad.
(provisional for one year w.e.f. 05-08 2021.)
(16) Minhaj University, Lahore.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 05-08-2021.)
(17) Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore.
[w.e.f. 05-08-2021).
(18) The Superior College, Lahore.
(provisional for two years w.e.f. 05-08-2021.)

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70 Inserted vide Notification dated 30-06-2017 of the PBC
71 Inserted vide Notification dated 14-02-2018 of the PBC
72 Inserted vide Notification dated 19-04-2019 of the PBC
73 Inserted vide Notification dated 05-08-2020 of the PBC
74 Substituted vide Notification dated 09-01-2023 of the PBC

(19) National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad.
(Provisional recognition for one-year w.e.f. 19-09-2020 and extended for another one-year w.e.f. 05-08-2021.)
(20) Institute of Southern Punjab, Multan.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 24-11-2021.)
(21) Times Institute, Multan.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 24-11-2021.)
(22) Green International University, Lahore.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 24-11-2021.)]
(23) [75][Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
(w.e.f. 21-01-2022)
(24) Government College University, Lahore.
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 21-01-2022)
(25) University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.
(provisional for one-year w.e.f. 21-01-2022)]
(26) [76][Al-Karam International Institute, Bhera.
(provisional for one year w.e.f. 27-12-2022)
(27) IBADAT International University, Islamabad.
(provisional for one year w.e.f. 27-12-2022)
(28) International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology, Gujranwala.
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 27-12-2022)]
(29) [77][Mohi-ud-Din Islamic University, Nerian Sharif, AJK
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 25-01-2023)
(30) Rashid Latif Khan University, Lahore.
(provisional for one year w.e.f. 25-01-2023)
(31) Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology, Rahim Yar Khan. (provisional for one year w.e.f. 25-01-2023)
(32) Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir Upper.
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 25-01-2023)]
(33) [78][The University of Chenab, Gujrat.
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 29-08-2023)
(34) Grand Asian University, Sialkot.
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 29-08-2023)
(35) Ghazi National Institute of Engineering & Sciences, Dera Ghazi Khan.
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 29-08-2023)
(36) University of Chakwal, Chakwal
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 29-08-2023)]
(37) [79][The University of Haripur, Haripur
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 29-08-2023)]
(38) [80][Multan University of Science and Technology, Multan
(Provisional for one-year w.e.f. 22-01-2024)]

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75 Inserted vide Notification dated 21-01-2022 of the PBC
76 Inserted vide Notification dated 09-01-2023 of the PBC
77 Inserted vide Notification dated 31-05-2023 of the PBC
78 Inserted vide Notification dated 30-11-2023 of the PBC
79 Inserted vide Notification dated 18-01-2024 of the PBC
80 Inserted vide Notification dated 13-05-2024 of the PBC

(39) [81][My University, Islamabad.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 01-08-2024).
(40) Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 01-08-2024)
(41) Alhamd Islamic University, Islamabad Campus.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 23-01-2025)
(42) Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Islamabad.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 23-01-2025)]
(43) [82][Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 30-08-2025)]
(44) Iqra University, Karachi.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 30-08-2025)
(45) University of Loralai, Loralai, Balochistan.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 30-08-2025)
(46) ILMA University, Karachi.
(Provisional for one year w.e.f. 30-08-2025)]

81 Inserted vide Notification dated 09-04-2025 of the PBC
82 Inserted vide Notification dated 10-10-2025 of the PBC

THIRD SCHEDULE
[Rule 16(i)]

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF A UNIVERSITY OR DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTION IMPARTING LEGAL EDUCATION

To

The Pakistan Bar Council,
Through its
Legal Education Committee,
Supreme Court Building,
Islamabad.

Sub: Recognition of _____

_____
(Name of University/Institution)

Dear Sir,

1. We hereby apply for recognition of _____

_____
(Name of University/Degree Awarding Institution)

in terms of Sections 13(k), 26(c)(iii) and 55(q) of the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973.

2. The _____ has lawfully been
(Name of University/Degree Awarding Institution)

established under Charter of the Government of _____ as published in the official Gazette, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. The aforementioned University/Institution do hereby declare that it._

(i) is authorized and competent to impart legal education and award LL.B. degree;

(ii) shall act and function within its territorial limits;

(iii) shall introduce the syllabus of 5 years LL.B. courses which will essentially include the syllabus/courses prescribed by the Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission and comply with their decisions/ instructions regarding changes/amendments therein brought about by them from time to time;

(iv) shall restrict imparting of legal education to its Law Faculty/Department at its main campus only and will not impart such education anywhere else nor will affiliate any law college;

(v) shall ensure strict compliance of provisions of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015 and decisions/directions of the Pakistan Bar Council made/issued from time to time;

(vi) shall make every effort to ensure imparting of standard and quality legal education;

(vii) has established a full-fledged Faculty of Law and engaged/employed highly qualified (in conformity of the standards prescribed under Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council pertaining to legal education) members of the faculty and other teaching staff;

(viii) shall impart legal education only in morning classes;

(ix) has not started LL.B. programme nor has admitted any law student;

(x) did not affiliate any law college;

(xi) has deposited the requisite fee of Rs. 3,000,000/- (Rupees Three Million) in the account of the Pakistan Bar Council. (The fee may either be deposited in CMD Account No.00427991897403 of the Pakistan Bar Council with Habib Bank Limited, State Life Building Branch, Karachi or remitted through Pay Order/Demand Draft in the name of the Pakistan Bar Council);

(xii) will be liable to be de-recognized in case of its failure to comply with any of the provisions of Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council and its decisions/instructions made/issued from time to time.

4. Detail particulars of the applicant University/Institution are attached as per the enclosed proforma.

Signature, Name & Stamp of
Competent Official
of the applicant University/Institution.

Note:

Copies of all the relevant documents must
be attached with the Application.

DETAIL OF PARTICULAR AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE WITH THE APPLICANT UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTION

S.No.		
1.	Full name of the applicant University.	
2.	Nomenclature of Charter of the applicant University.	
3.	Whether the Charter of the applicant University allows it to impart legal education, if so, under what provision of the Charter.	
4.	Ownership. (in case of the University set up in private sector).	
5.	Detail of Building/Premises.	
6.	Number of Class Rooms.	
7.	Number of Students in each Class.	
8.	Days of Classes in a week.	
9.	Timing of Classes.	
10.	Detail of Curriculum of five years LL.B. programme.	
11.	List of Faculty Members alongwith qualifications and law teaching experience of the Dean/Head of Law Department and other Faculty Members.	

12.	Number of whole time and visiting Faculty Members with qualifications and teaching experience.	
13.	Record of attendance of students.	
14.	Description of Library premises with detail of text and other Law Books available in the Library.	
15.	Description of Law Journals-Foreign and National, being subscribed.	
16.	Detail of staff of Library and their qualifications.	
17.	Composition of Governing Body.	
18.	Canteen and First Aid facilities.	
19.	Whether the applicant University has deposited the requisite recognition fee with the Pakistan Bar Council? Give detail.	
20.	Whether the applicant University has submitted an Undertaking on stamp paper as required under the Rules.	

FOURTH SCHEDULE
[Rule 16(ii)]

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

To

The Pakistan Bar Council,
Through its
Legal Education Committee,
Supreme Court Building,
Islamabad.

Sub: Recognition of _____

_____
(Name of University/Institution)

Dear Sir,

1. After doing my B.A./B.Sc/A. level from_____ I have
(Name of University/Institution)

acquired LL.B. Degree from _____ and now
(Name of University/Institution)

intend to join the legal profession and get myself enrolled as an Advocate on the basis of my said LL.B. Degree.

2. Since the _____ is not among those recognized
(Name of University/Institution)

by the Pakistan Bar Council, I hereby request that it may please be recognized in terms of Sections 13(k), 26 (c)(iii) and 55(q) of the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973.

3. I enclose herewith certified copies of following documents:-

(i) My educational testimonials e.g. Matric Certificate, Intermediate/'A' level Certificate, Bachelor Degree, LL.B. degree etc.

(ii) Documentary evidence from relevant regulatory authority of concerned foreign Country regarding accredited status of the aforementioned University/Institution together with detail of courses of study of LL.B. programme; &

(iii) Duration of study of LL.B. programme.

4. Deposit of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand only) as requisite fee through Pay Order/Demand Draft in the name of the Pakistan Bar Council.

I undertake to furnish any additional information/documents if required by the Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council at any subsequent stage.

Signature & Name
of the Applicant

Address: _____

_____

Cell No. _____

E-mail: _____

FIFTH SCHEDULE
[Rule 20]

Application for issuance of NOC by the Pakistan Bar Council to a Private Law College for its affiliation for the LL.B. programme with a University competent to affiliate Private Law College within its territorial Jurisdiction.

To

The Pakistan Bar Council,
Through its
Legal Education Committee,
Supreme Court Building,
Islamabad.

Sub: NOC for Affiliation of_____
(Name of College/Institution)

with_____
(Name of University/Degree Awarding Institution)

Dear Sir,

1. We hereby apply for NOC of the Pakistan Bar Council for affiliation of _____

_____
(Name of College/Institution)

with_____
(Name of University/Degree Awarding Institution)

in terms of Rule 20 of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015 for LL.B. 5 years programme.

2. We intend to establish _____ within the
(Name of College/Institution)

territorial jurisdiction of the _____, since
(Name of University/Degree Awarding Institution)

it is competent to affiliate private law college under Judgment of the Supreme Court reported as 2019 SCMR 389.

3. The aforementioned College/Institution do hereby declare that it.

(i) has ownership with all its assets vests in a body corporate and not in any individual;

(ii) shall act and function as per the prescribed Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council.

(iii) shall ensure strict compliance of provisions of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015, especially Rules mentioned under its Chapter-II, Rules 4 to 10 and Chapter-VI, Rules 24 to 35;

(iv) shall introduce the syllabus of 5 years LL.B. courses which will essentially include the syllabus/courses prescribed by the concerned University, Pakistan Bar Council and the Higher Education Commission and comply with their decisions/ instructions regarding changes/amendments therein brought about by them from time to time;

(v) shall ensure compliance of decisions/directions of the Pakistan Bar Council made/issued from time to time;

(vi) shall make every effort to ensure imparting of standard and quality legal education;

(vii) has engaged/employed highly qualified (in conformity of the standards prescribed under Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council pertaining to legal education) members of the permanent and visiting faculty and other teaching staff. They all have the requisite qualification and experience;

(viii) shall impart legal education only in morning classes;

(ix) has not started LL.B. programme nor has admitted any law student;

(x) has deposited the requisite fee of Rs.1,000,000/- (Rupees one Million) in the account of the Pakistan Bar Council. (The fee may either be deposited in CMD Account No.00427991897403 of the Pakistan Bar Council with Habib Bank Limited, State Life Building Branch, Karachi or remitted through Pay Order/Demand Draft in the name of the Pakistan Bar Council);

(xi) will be liable to be imposition of penalty and /or de-affiliation in case of its failure to comply with any of the provisions of Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council and its decisions/instructions made/issued from time to time.

4. Detail particulars of the College/Institution are attached as per the attached proforma.

Signature, Name & Stamp of
Competent Official
of the applicant College/Institution.

Note:

Copies of all the relevant documents must
be attached with the Application.

DETAIL OF PARTICULAR AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE WITH THE APPLICANT LAW COLLEGE.

S.No.		
1.	Full name of the applicant College.	
2.	Ownership. (in case of the College setup in private sector).	
3.	Whether the applicant College has obtained NOC from the HEC to start LL.B. programme.	
4.	Complete detail of Building/Premises.	
5.	Number of Class Rooms.	
6.	Number of Students in each Class.	
7.	Days of Classes in a week.	
8.	Timing of Classes.	
9.	Detail of Curriculum of five years LL.B. programme.	
10.	Qualification and experience of the Principal of Law College.	
11.	List of whole time and visiting Faculty Members alongwith their qualification and teaching experience.	
12.	Record of attendance of students.	
13.	Description of Library premises with detail of text Law and other Books available in the Library.	
14.	Description of Law Journals-Foreign and National being subscribed.	
15.	Detail of staff of Library and their qualifications.	
16.	Composition of Governing Body.	
17.	Canteen and First Aid facility.	
18.	Whether the applicant College has deposited the requisite fee for NOC with the Pakistan Bar Council.	
19.	Undertaking on affidavit that College will adhere the decision and Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council.	