



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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To,

The Vice-Chancellor(s)
All the University(ies)

Principal(s)/Dean(s)/Director(s),
All the Centers of Legal Education

Sub.: Fee Refund Policy with respect to Centers of Legal Education framed by Bar Council of India effective & applicable w.e.f. the academic session 2023-2024.

Sir/s, Ma'am/s,

The Bar Council of India, as the statutory body established under the Advocates Act, 1961, entrusted with regulating legal education in India, recognizes the paramount importance of establishing a transparent and balanced student fee refund policy for the Centers of Legal Education, comprising the Law Universities & Law Colleges.

We have been attentive to concerns voiced regarding the existing fee refund procedures, and, in response, we have undertaken an exhaustive review to ensure that the interest of both students and Centers of Legal Education are judiciously addressed.

Following a meticulous evaluation and consideration, in a meeting held on 09.09.2023, and taking into account a multitude of pertinent factors, we have drawn up the following fee refund policy applicable with effect from the Academic Session 2023-2024.

Flexibility in Refund: Irrespective of any prior guidelines, prospectus, notification, all Centers of Legal Education shall provide a refund of fees according to the following schedule:

- **100% Refund:** If the student files an application for withdrawal of admission 15 days before the last notified date of admission.

- **90% Refund:** If the student files an application for withdrawal of admission less than 15 days before the last notified date of admission but within 30 days after it.

- **80% Refund:** If the student files an application for withdrawal of admission between 31 and 60 days after the last notified date of admission

- **No Refund:** If the student cancels the admission 61 days or more after the last notified date of admission.

We earnestly request and direct all Centers of Legal Education to adhere strictly to this fee refund policy applicable with effect from the academic year 2023-24, and to promptly address students' grievances in accordance with the provisions outlined in this circular.

This policy is the minimum standard to be observed by Centers of Legal Education, with the freedom to extend any additional advantage to students seeking a refund beyond the policy stipulations mentioned herein on specific grounds to be determined by the concerned Universities.

This policy has been crafted to allow students ample time for withdrawal while also considering the financial implications of late withdrawal, which may result in a loss to both the student and the Center of Legal Education. The decision has been taken to balance the interest of both students and Centers of Legal Education and ensure a fair and transparent process.

The Council is committed to upholding the highest standards of legal education in India. This policy reflects our dedication to safeguarding the interests of students and Centers of Legal Education, promoting transparency, and in enhancing the integrity of legal education in our country.

This policy shall be applicable and effective with effect from the academic year 2023-2024, unless revised by way of a circular/ notification by Bar Council of India.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,


(Srimanto Sen)

Secretary
Bar Council of India