



# THE BAR COUNCIL OF GUJARAT

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To  
All the Principals  
Law Colleges,  
In the State of Gujarat

Sub: Eligibility criteria fixed by the Bar Council of India for the admission of the law students...

Sirs,

I am instructed to inform you that the Bar Council of India under the Advocates Act, 1961 had enacted Rules under Part IV known as Rules of Legal Education - 2008. As per Rule 7 a candidate desirous getting admission in law college must have minimum 45 percentage or above for General Category and 40% in the case on SC and ST.

Similarly, Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education - 2008 also prescribes age for admission. As per Rule 28 the maximum age for seeking admission into the stream of integrated bachelor of Law Degree Program, five year is limited to twenty years in case of general category of applicants and twenty two years in case of applicants from SC, ST and other Backward Classes.

Applicants seeking the legal education in the three years bachelor of Law Degree Program courses in law where the age limit is prescribed as 30 years in case of general category candidate and in case of applicants belonging to SC, ST or other Backward communities maximum age prescribed is 35 years.

Many colleges are inquiring about giving admission to the candidates having less than 45% of marks in case of general category and less than 40% marks in case of SC, ST and other backward classes. However, inquiry is also made about the age limit prescribed under the rules of Legal Education - 2008 from the Bar Council of India. Therefore, by way of this letter it is hereby intimated to all the Law Colleges in the State of Gujarat to observe both the Rules i.e. Rule 7 prescribing minimum marks in qualifying for admission and Rule 28 about the age of admission.

Rule 28 of the Legal Education - 2008 is challenged before the Hon'ble High Court in Special Civil Application No. 3133/2009 with Special Civil

High Court. An interim relief is also granted. The matter is subjudice before the Hon'ble High Court. Therefore, admission be granted by concerned colleges by obtaining suitable undertakings from the applicants and the admission can be given subject to result of the aforesaid petitions, that may kindly be noted. In case of qualifying percentage of the marks under Rule 7 which requires to be strictly adhered to by the colleges. It is observed by the Enrolment Committee that the persons seeking Sanad are granted admission below the minimum qualification prescribed marks under the rules and thereby candidates are deprived of getting Sanad. In order to avoid such a situation, the said Rule 7 should be observed strictly by all the colleges.

The aforesaid Rules of Legal Education - 2008 were already circulated by the Bar Council of India. However, some colleges are still making inquiry about the rules. In Gujarat Law Herald, we have published schedule of the new rules in our May 2009 issue. If you are subscribing our Law Journal the Gujarat Law Herald, you may go through. If you are not subscribing it, you may subscribe the same at the earliest.

Thanking you,


Yours faithfully,



(J. M. Chauhan)

I/c. Secretary,

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