

CLAT Exam Explained: Eligibility, Syllabus, Pattern, and Preparation Guide 2026

What is the CLAT Exam?

CLAT (Common Law Admission Test) is a **national-level entrance exam** conducted in India for admission into undergraduate (**UG**) and postgraduate (**PG**) law programs offered by **22 National Law Universities (NLUs)** and several other private and public institutions.

1. Who Conducts CLAT?

CLAT is conducted by the **Consortium of National Law Universities**, which includes the participating NLUs. The exam is usually held **once a year**, typically in **December**.

2. Courses Offered Through CLAT

□ Undergraduate (UG) Program

- **BA LLB (Hons)** - 5-year integrated law program

□ Postgraduate (PG) Program

- **LLM** - 1-year postgraduate law degree

3. Eligibility Criteria

□□□□ For UG CLAT:

- **Qualification:** 10+2 or equivalent with **minimum 45%** (40% for SC/ST)
- **Age Limit:** No age limit

□□ For PG CLAT:

- **Qualification:** LLB degree or equivalent with **minimum 50%** (45% for SC/ST)

4. Exam Pattern - CLAT UG (2025 Pattern)

Section	No. of Questions	Weightage
---------	------------------	-----------

Section	No. of Questions	Weightage
English Language	~22-26	20%
Current Affairs, including GK	~28-32	25%
Legal Reasoning	~28-32	25%
Logical Reasoning	~22-26	20%
Quantitative Techniques	~10-14	10%
Total	120 Questions	120 Marks

- **Duration:** 2 Hours
- **Mode:** Offline (Pen-Paper)
- **Negative Marking:** -0.25 marks for each wrong answer

5. Syllabus Overview - CLAT UG

☐☐ English Language

- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Grammar and usage

☐☐ Current Affairs (GK)

- National & International events
- Awards, sports, appointments
- Legal current affairs

⚖ Legal Reasoning

- Legal principles and scenarios
- Application-based questions
- Legal maxims (basic understanding)

☐☐ Logical Reasoning

- Arguments and conclusions

- Syllogisms, analogies
- Critical reasoning

□ Quantitative Techniques

- Basic maths (up to class 10 level)
- Data interpretation
- Arithmetic

6. CLAT PG Exam Pattern

Section	Type	Questions
Constitutional Law	Objective	~60
Other Areas (Jurisprudence, Torts, IPC, etc.)	Objective	~60
Total		120 Marks

7. How to Apply?

- Visit <https://consortiumofnlus.ac.in>
- Register online
- Fill the application form
- Upload required documents
- Pay the fee (₹4,000 General, ₹3,500 SC/ST)

8. Top NLUs Participating in CLAT

- **NLSIU Bengaluru**
- **NALSAR Hyderabad**
- **NLU Delhi** (*via AILET, not CLAT*)
- **WBNUJS Kolkata**
- **NLU Jodhpur**

- **GNLU Gandhinagar**
 - **NLIU Bhopal**
 - **HNLU Raipur**
-

9. Career Options After CLAT

- Corporate Law Firms
 - Civil Services (Law background helps in UPSC)
 - Judiciary Exams (Judge, Magistrate)
 - Legal Advisor in MNCs/NGOs
 - Litigation/Advocacy
 - Teaching and Academia
-

10. Preparation Tips

- Start early (ideally in Class 11 or 12)
 - Read newspapers daily (especially **The Hindu / Indian Express**)
 - Take mock tests regularly
 - Practice past year papers
 - Focus on time management and accuracy
-

FAQs on CLAT Exam

Q1. How many times is CLAT conducted in a year?

Once a year, usually in **December**.

Q2. What is a good score in CLAT?

Scoring **85+ out of 120** can give you a good chance at top NLUs.

Q3. Is coaching necessary for CLAT?

Not mandatory, but **coaching can help** with strategy, mock tests, and expert guidance.

Q4. Can I write CLAT after Class 12?

Yes. You can apply in **your 12th year** or **after completing 12th**.

Q5. Is there a separate CLAT for PG and UG?

Yes, both have **separate papers and syllabi**.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Youtube](#)