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PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) POLICY FOR CONDUCT OF CLAT 2027

The Consortium of National Law Universities is committed to the principles of equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation for all candidates. This Policy outlines the provisions for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) appearing for the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2027.

1. AM I ELIGIBLE FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION?

- a) Any candidate with 'disability' as defined under Sec. 2 (s) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, is entitled to avail reasonable accommodation in the CLAT, 2027 - as per this Policy.
- b) Reasonable accommodation may mean to include, but not limited to, award of compensatory time, the assistance such as screen-reading software, the assistance of scribe/reader, easing the access to examination Centre, etc.
- c) A candidate who develops a disability after submitting the CLAT application may also request for suitable reasonable accommodation, by submitting the required documents at the earliest after developing the disability, but not later than two working days prior to the scheduled date of (CLAT) examination.

2. HOW DO I APPLY?

- a) Candidates requiring PwD related accommodation must indicate their requirement while filling out the CLAT 2027 application form. If the disability arises after the application has been submitted, the request must be made immediately, but not later than two working days before the examination.
- b) At the time of filling of the application the candidate must select the appropriate PwD/disability category in the application form.
- c) Upload a valid UDID Card or a Disability Certificate as a proof of disability mandatorily.
- d) Indicate specifically whether they require a scribe.
- e) For specific accommodation other than scribe (like assistive technology, special seating etc.,) the candidates must write to the Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT-2027, at nodalofficer-pwd@consortiumofnlus.ac.in with a copy to clatoffice@consortiumofnlus.ac.in.



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- f) Once again it may be noted that, if the disability arises after the CLAT application, the request must be communicated immediately but certainly not later than two working days before the examination.

3. WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

- a) **Proof of Disability** - to establish the disability, candidate must submit either:
- A valid UDID Card; or
 - A disability Certificate issued by a competent Medical Board duly constituted at a Government Hospital.
- b) **For using scribe/reader:-**
- It may be noted that candidates with blindness, or locomotor disability, or cerebral palsy may use scribe based on their valid UDID Card or Disability Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
 - Others with disability (including those with less than 40% disability) wishing to use a scribe must submit a justifying certificate in the prescribed format (as in Appendix I) from the Competent Government Medical Authority. Such certificate must unequivocally state that:
 - The candidate has functional limitation in writing; and
 - That the candidate requires the assistance of a scribe.
- c) **Any disability acquired after applying:** - any candidate acquiring a disability (either temporary or permanent) after submitting the CLAT-2027 application may request for reasonable accommodation by submitting the relevant Medical Certificate or Disability Certificate as the case may be. If such candidate requires the assistance of a scribe/reader, the prescribed medical certificate should clearly state the need for the scribe in the format prescribed (**Appendix I**).

4. WHAT ARE THE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

- a) **Compensatory time:** - Eligible candidate will receive 40 minutes of additional time, making the total examination time 2 hours and 40 minutes. Compensatory time is provided to all eligible candidates including those who are using scribe/reader.
- b) **Scribe/reader:** - at the very outset, it must be noted that the candidate has two options viz., (i) bring their own scribe/reader; or (ii) request the consortium for arranging a scribe/reader.
- c) **Screen reader and other technological assistance:** - candidate may use approved technological assistance to take the examination independently, subject to prior request. This may include:



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- i. Screen-reading software such as JAWS (Job Access with Speech) / NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access);
- ii. Magnification tools;
- iii. Approved calculators; and
- iv. Other assistive technology permitted by Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT upon prior request and approval.

Candidates desirous of having screen reader assistance may coordinate with the Nodal Officer for undertaking prior inspection of the devices to be made available to them during the examination, for which inspection shall be facilitated one day prior to the date of the examination.

- d) **Assistive devices:** - candidate may use assistive devices required because of their disability, such as:
- i. Prosthetics;
 - ii. Orthotics;
 - iii. Hearing aids;
 - iv. Non-technological magnifying glasses; and
 - v. Other pre-approved assistive devices (including any customized keyboard or mouse that does not have in-built memory/storage).

However, it must again be noted that the requirement of using such devices must be communicated to the Nodal Officer, PwD in advance. Proposed assistive devices must not have any in-built memory/storage capable of storing any material that may be relevant to the test, or any communication/internet capabilities.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING USING A SCRIBE/READER

- a) **Candidate arranged scribe:** - A candidate who is permitted to arrange their own scribe must furnish the below information of the scribe to consortium through portal once the portal for collecting this information is open:
- i. Name of the Scribe;
 - ii. Age (with proof);
 - iii. Educational Qualification (with proof);
 - iv. Contact Details; and
 - v. Other relevant information that might be sought.
- b) The scribe, notwithstanding anything stated elsewhere in this Policy, must meet the following criteria:
- i. Meet the prescribed education qualification as indicated below;
 - ii. Not appearing for the same examination as a candidate;



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- iii. Not be affiliated with any test-preparatory organization or examination coaching Centre; and
- iv. Not to have any conflict of interest with the candidate writing the examination.
- c) If the scribe chosen by the candidate is found to be ineligible, the Nodal Officer may ask the candidate to arrange another scribe. If sufficient time is not available, the candidate shall be provided with a scribe by the Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT Consortium, and who shall be acceptable to the candidate.
- d) **Consortium Arranged Scribe:** - A scribe allotted by consortium will be permitted to;
 - i. Interact with the candidate online at least two day before the examination; and
 - ii. Meet the scribe in person one hour before the examination at the assigned Centre.
- e) **Qualification of the scribe and other rules:**
 - i. For **UG CLAT**, the scribe should, at the highest, be qualified upto one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination (*i.e.*, at the highest, the scribe should be a student enrolled in 11th Class/equivalent, and should not have completed his/her final examinations of the 11th Class/equivalent).
 - ii. For **PG CLAT**, the scribe may be a school student, or a student enrolled in an undergraduate programme other than in humanities and/or law¹.
 - iii. A scribe shall not act as a scribe for more than one candidate in the same examination.
 - iv. The scribe and candidate must communicate in the language corresponding to the medium of examination selected by the candidate.
 - v. The candidates using their own scribe must submit the prescribed undertaking (Appendix II) and the scribe must submit the prescribed declaration (Appendix III).

6. WHAT ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE EXAMINATION CENTRE?

- a) The Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT will make reasonable efforts to ensure that the examination centers are accessible to candidates with disabilities. This may

¹ In compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Yash Dodani & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors., order dated 11 December 2024



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include providing ramps, lifts, appropriate signage, separate examination rooms etc.,

- b) Reasonable Medical assistance will also be available at examination centers for emergencies.

7. WHAT IF MY REQUIREMENTS ARE SPECIAL THAN MENTIONED HERE?

- a) Any requirement not covered by the application form should be communicated to the Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT as early as possible, and at least 10 working days prior to the examination.
- b) Requests may be sent to the nodalofficer-pwd@consortiumofnlus.ac.in with a copy to clatoffice@consortiumofnlus.ac.in.
- c) The Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT will consider such requests and make reasonable arrangement, subject to the candidate's needs and the facilities available at the respective Center.

8. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

A Grievance Redressal Committee will be constituted by the Consortium after the conduct of CLAT to consider all post-exam grievances, including those relating to candidates with disabilities. The details of which will be notified separately on the CLAT website.

For any concerns that a candidate with disabilities may wish to raise prior to the examination, such candidate may contact the Nodal Officer in terms of Clauses 2, 5(c) and 7 of this policy.

9. IS MY INFORMATION PROTECTED?

Disability-related and medical information submitted by candidates will be kept confidential and accessed only by authorized persons solely for the purposes connected with the conduct of CLAT and for providing appropriate 'reasonable accommodation'. Such information will be handled in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

10. IMPORTANT NOTE

Notwithstanding anything stated in the Policy or elsewhere in the CLAT website or by any averments made by the CLAT consortium or their members including Nodal Officer, PwD, CLAT - the provision of reasonable accommodations or facilities under this policy shall not be construed as determining or conferring eligibility for PwD



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reservation, admission, or allocation of seats in any National Law Universities. Such matter is governed by the respective admission rules, reservation policies, and edibility eligibility criteria of each NLUs. Candidates are advised to refer to the admission and reservation policies of the NLUs to which they are intending to seek admission.

1. APPENDICES

Appendix I: Medical Certification Format

Appendix II: Undertaking by Candidate Using Own Scribe

Appendix III: Declaration by Scribe

Appendix IV: Sample UDID

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APPENDIX I

Certificate for recommendation of scribe/reader/lab assistant and/or Compensatory Time for persons with disabilities as defined under Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act 2016 and have limitation in writing as specified in the Guidelines

This is to certify that, we have examined Mr./ Ms./ Mrs.(name of the candidate), S/o /D/o, a resident of(Vill/PO/PS/District/State), aged Years, a person with (nature of disability/condition), and to state that he/she has limitation which hampers his/her writing capability owing to his/her above disability/condition. He/ she requires support of scribe/ reader/lab assistant/and or Compensatory Time as specified in the Guidelines, for writing the examination.

2. The above candidate uses aids and assistive device such as prosthetics & orthotics, hearing aid (name to be specified)/ other (to be specified), which is/are essential for the candidate to appear at the examination with the assistance of scribe.
3. This certificate is issued only for the purpose of appearing in written examinations conducted by Examining Bodies and is valid up to _____ (it is valid for maximum period of one year or less as may be certified by the medical authority).

Signature of medical authority

Name of Government Hospital/ Health Care Centre with Seal

Place:_____

Date: _____



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APPENDIX II

Letter of Undertaking by the persons with disabilities as defined under section 2(s) of RPwD Act 2016 using the services of scribe/reader/lab assistant during written examinations conducted by various authorities as specified in the Guidelines

I, _____, a candidate with _____ (nature of disability/condition) appearing for the _____ (name of the examination) at _____ (name of the centre) in the District _____, (name of the State).

My educational qualification is _____.

2. I do hereby state that _____ (name of the scribe) will provide the service of scribe/reader/lab assistant for the undersigned for taking the aforementioned examination. I further declare that there is no conflict of interest of any kind that may affect the impartiality of the examination.

3. I do hereby undertake that his qualification is _____. In case, subsequently, it is found that his qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond the specified qualification for the examination as mentioned in the extant Guidelines, I shall forfeit my right to the post/position/academic seat I am competing for and all claims relating thereto.

(Signature of the candidate)

Admit Card No. _____

(Counter-signature by the parent/guardian, if the candidate is a minor)

Place: _____

Date: _____



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APPENDIX III

SCRIBE DECLARATION FORM

(To be submitted by a scribe arranged by the candidate)

I, **Mr./Ms./Mx.** _____, son/daughter of
_____, resident of
_____, hereby consent to act as the
scribe for **Mr./Ms./Mx.** _____,
son/daughter of _____, resident of
_____.

CLAT 2027 Admit Card No.: _____

I hereby declare that I fulfil the prescribed eligibility requirements and conditions for acting as a scribe for the CLAT 2027 examination.

I further declare that I shall not, directly or indirectly, assist or influence the candidate in answering any question in the CLAT 2027 examination. My role shall be limited to reading out the questions and marking/clicking the answers strictly as directed by the candidate.

I understand that any violation of the above declaration may result in appropriate action in accordance with the applicable rules and guidelines governing the CLAT 2027 examination.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the Scribe: _____



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APPENDIX IV-SAMPLE OF UDID

Form-VII

UDID Card

[See rule 18(1)]

A. **White Card:** When the disability percentage of a Person with Disability is below forty percent

White Card

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B. **Yellow Card:** When the disability percentage of a Person with Disability is forty percent and above but below eighty percent

Yellow Card

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C. **Blue Card:** When the disability percentage of a Person with Disability is eighty percent and above

Blue Card

Fold here to see final card preview



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ANNEXURE-I

Below given are the relevant provisions in relation to Section 2(r) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

- **Section 2(r)** “person with benchmark disability” means a person with not less than forty per cent. of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority;
- **Section 2(s)** “person with disability” means a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his full and effective participation in society equally with others;
- **Section 2 (zc)** “specified disability” means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule;

THE SCHEDULE

[See clause (zc) of section 2]

SPECIFIED DISABILITY

1. Physical disability.—

- A.** Locomotor disability (a person’s inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—
- (a) “leprosy cured person” means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—
- (i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;
 - (ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
 - (iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;
- (b) “Cerebral palsy” means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;



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- (c) “Dwarfism” means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimetres) or less;
- (d) “Muscular dystrophy” means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;
- (e) “Acid attack victims” means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. Visual impairment—

- (a) “blindness” means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction—
 - (i) Total absence of sight; or
 - (ii) Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
 - (iii) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.
- (b) “low-vision” means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:
 - (i) Visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 up to 3/60 or up to 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
 - (ii) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degrees.

C. Hearing impairment

- (a) “deaf” means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- (b) “hard of hearing” means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

- D. “speech and language disability” means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

- 2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—



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- (a) “specific learning disabilities” means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;
 - (b) “autism spectrum disorder” means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.
- 3. Mental behaviour, "mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by sub-normality of intelligence.
- 4. Disability caused due to
 - (a) Chronic neurological conditions, such as
 - (i) “multiple sclerosis” means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;
 - (ii) “Parkinson’s disease” means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.
 - (b) Blood disorder
 - (i) “haemophilia” means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding;
 - (ii) “Thalassemia” means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.
 - (iii) “Sickle cell disease” means a haemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anaemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; “haemolytic” refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of haemoglobin.



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5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.
6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government.
