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CLAT Counselling Process 2022- Everything You Need to Know

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The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) counselling process is a system where the admission to the undergraduate programmes in a National Law University (NLU) and other law institutes. It is the official procedure of allocating a seat in an NLU based on the All India Rank (AIR), factored in with reservations, the preferences of colleges marked in the Admission Form. It includes online registration, making NLU choices, allotment of seats in NLUs and payment of CLAT counselling fees. The counselling process is the final admission process and a candidate can join an NLU after such a process.

CLAT counselling begins after the declaration of CLAT results. The allotment of colleges depends on the preference list which the candidates are required to fill along with the CLAT admission form, and also on the cut-off marks of a particular college for that particular year.After the allotment of a college, the candidate may lock that college. This choice cannot be changed later.

However, if the college is not locked, the candidate is eligible for allotment again based on his/her score. There's a possibility that a candidate may get allotted the same college in the subsequent CLAT counselling, and there is also a chance that the candidate might move higher in the list and be allotted a college that is more desirable according to his/her preference list.

NLUs have a maximum of four to five counselling rounds, but only those seats are available in subsequent counselling sessions which have not been locked as yet. Depending upon the vacancies post counselling sessions, vacant seats are also released for which the candidates can apply through a prescribed procedure.

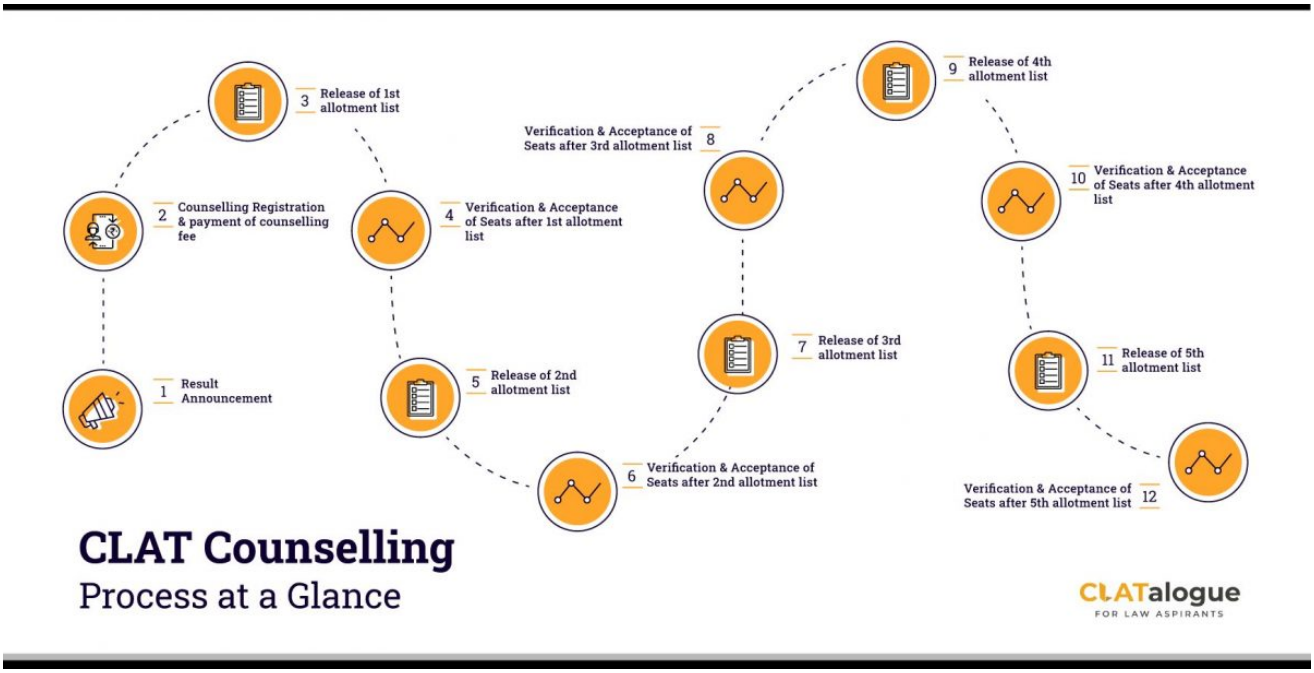
As a rule, once allotted a college, a candidate is unable to downgrade it to a college placed lower in the list. Although there are certain exceptions to this rule. However, if a candidate is allotted a school that is lower in his/her preference list, in the case of immediate vacancies in a higher-preferred school, the candidate will be automatically upgraded.

Who can participate in the CLAT 2022 Counselling process?

Candidates who are included in the CLAT invite list are eligible for participating in the counselling process. The invite list can go up to 5 times the amount of seats in the general category.

How many rounds does the CLAT counselling process have?

Normally, the CLAT counseling process has four rounds, but CLAT 2021 had 5 rounds.



- What documents are required for the CLAT counselling process?

1. CLAT 2021 Admission Form
2. CLAT Admit Card 2021
3. CLAT 2021 Scorecard
4. Class 10th Marks-sheet (Date of Birth proof)
5. Class 12th Marks-sheet (Academic Qualification/ Eligibility Criteria)
6. Caste Certificate (If applicable)
7. Specially-Abled Certificate (If applicable)
8. NRI Certificate (If applicable)
9. Sponsored NRI Certificate (If applicable)
10. Domicile Certificate (If applicable)
11. Call Letter issued by CLAT authority

12. Current passport size photographs

How to Check CLAT 2022 Seat Allotment Result?

Candidates can follow the steps mentioned below to check the CLAT seat allotment result:

Step 1: Visit the official website for CLAT 2022.

Step 2: Enter mobile number and password.

Step 3: Click on Login.

Step 4: Check the seat allotment result.

What is the CLAT Counselling fee and is it refundable?

The CLAT counselling fee last year was Rs. 50,000. But from 2022, the CLAT counselling fee is Rs. 30,000 for general category students and Rs. 20,000 for reserved categories. It is payable at the time of registration and is refundable.

A deduction of Rs. 10,000 to the counselling fee will be done if candidates hold on to their seat allotted to them in an NLU after the 4th list. The candidate will get their complete deposit back if he/she is not allotted a seat in any of the 5 lists.

What if a candidate does not pay the counselling fees?

In case a candidate fails to deposit the fee within a specified time frame, he/she will lose his/her right to consideration for admission under CLAT. Besides, their names will be dropped from the merit list.

What options does a candidate have after the first list is out?

There are two possibilities once the first allotment list is released for CLAT:

(1) The candidate does not get allotted any of the seats. So the candidate needs to wait for the next allotment list.

2) If the candidate gets allotted a seat in an NLU, the candidate has 3 choices. First, the candidate can lock his/her seat in the NLU which the candidate has been allotted, in which case the candidate will not be considered for upgradation of an NLU.

Second, if the candidate does not want to lock his/her seat and wants to be considered for upgradation, then the candidate can apply for the upgradation for the next list. The third option is to completely exit the counselling process. The candidate will be given 5 days to consider the offer.

What option does the candidate have after the last list is out?

If a candidate does not get a seat after the release of seat allotment lists, he/she is entitled to get the entire amount of Rs. 50,000 as a refund.

If a candidate exercises the exit option at any stage of the counselling process and thereby rejects the allotted seat, then he/she is given a refund of Rs. 40,000.

In case a candidate is found ineligible for admission based on the documents and information provided by him/her, Rs. 40,000 will be refunded.

Is there any reservation under State Domicile, NRI or PWD Quota in CLAT?

Yes, some NLUs have reserved seats for candidates belonging to their state/NRI/PWD. Candidates have to produce the relevant documents at the time of admission.

Some important Dates from CLAT 2021 for reference

CLAT 2021 Exam Date	July 23, 2021
Result Announcement	July 28, 2021
Counselling Registration	July 29 to 30, 2021
Release of 1st allotment list	August 1, 2021
Verification & Acceptance of Seats after 1st allotment list	August 1 to 5, 2021
Release of 2nd allotment list	August 9, 2021
Verification & Acceptance of Seats after 2nd allotment list	August 9 to 10, 2021
Release of 3rd allotment list	August 13, 2021
Verification & Acceptance of Seats after 3rd allotment list	August 13 to 14, 2021

Release of 4th allotment list	August 17, 2021
Verification & Acceptance of Seats after 4th allotment list	August 17 to 18, 2021
Release of 5th & final allotment list	August 20, 2021
Verification & Acceptance of Seats after 5th & Final allotment list	August 20 to 21, 2021

Conclusion:

If you are invited to register for the CLAT counselling process through the invite list, you may choose to make the payment, even if your rank is low and you are unsure of getting into any NLUs. It could just be your lucky day and you may get a seat in an NLU!

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