

**PROSPECTUS FOR ADMISSION TO FIVE YEAR LL.B COURSE,
2007-08 IN THE GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGES IN KERALA**

1. Prospectus for admission to the Five year LL.B course 2007, approved by Govt. of Kerala is published herewith. The Prospectus issued in earlier years is not valid for 2007.
2. This is a course leading to the Bachelors Degree in Law in conformity with rules framed by the Bar Council of India by virtue of its powers under the Advocates Act 1961. The degree obtained after successful completion of the course shall be recognized for the purpose of enrolment as Advocate under the Advocates Act, 1961.
3. The course shall consist of a regular course of study for a minimum period of five academic years. The last 6 months of the final year of the course shall include regular course of practical training.
4. The course of study in Law shall be by regular attendance for the requisite number of lectures, tutorials, moot courts and other practical training.
5. Admission to the course will be regulated on the basis of merit as assessed in the Entrance Examination to be conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations (CEE).

6. Eligibility for admission.

(i)Nativity: Candidate should be an Indian citizen of Kerala origin.

In order to prove that a candidate is an Indian citizen of Kerala origin for the limited purpose of eligibility for admission he/she has to produce any one of the following certificates in the body of the application form itself.

(a) In the case of candidates who have undergone school studies in Kerala, a course certificate from the Head of the educational institution(s) in Kerala, to prove that the candidate has undergone his/her studies in Kerala for not less than 5 (five) years within a period of 12 (twelve) years, immediately prior to the completion of the Higher Secondary or equivalent examination.

OR

(b) A certificate from the Village Officer/ Tahsildar to show that he/she or his/her mother/father was born in Kerala.

OR

(c) Certificate from the Village Officer/Tahsildar to the effect that the candidate has been a resident of Kerala State for a period of five years within a period of twelve years

(ii) Academic:

(a) Candidate should have passed the Higher Secondary Examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or any other examination recognized by the Universities in Kerala as equivalent thereto.

(b) A candidate who has passed an examination in 10+2 course of schooling recognized by the educational authority of the Central or State Government or possesses such academic qualifications which are considered equivalent to such 10+2 course by the Bar Council of India can also apply for admission to the course.

(c) Candidates who are appearing/ appeared for the qualifying examination are also eligible to apply for the Entrance Examination. Such candidates become eligible for admission only if they produce the pass certificate of the qualifying examination at the time of admission.

(d) No candidate shall be admitted to the course unless he/she has passed the qualifying Examination and obtained 40% marks in the qualifying examination. However, candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes need only a pass in the qualifying examination with 35% marks.

(iii)Age: Applicants should complete 17 years of age on 31st December 2007. No relaxation of the minimum age will be allowed. There is no upper age limit. Copy of the relevant page of SSLC or equivalent certificate should be attached as proof of age.

7. Total seats

The number of seats in the four Law Colleges is as shown below.

1. Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram	80
2. Government Law College, Ernakulam	80
3. Government Law College, Thrissur	80
4. Government Law College, Kozhikode	80

Total 320

8 Reservation of seats.

A. Reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PWD): 3% of the total seats in all Government Law Colleges will be reserved for Persons with Disabilities.

B. Mandatory Reservation: Leaving the seats set apart under item A above, the remaining seats will be distributed as per the mandatory reservation principle as follows.

(i) State Merit	65%
(ii) Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)	25%
a) Ezhava	9%
b) Muslim	8%
c) Latin Catholic other than Anglo Indian (LC other than AI)	2%
d) Other Backward Christian (OBX)	1%
e) Other Backward Hindu (OBH)	5%
(iii) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	10%
a) Scheduled Caste (SC)	8%
b) Scheduled Tribe (ST)	2%

C. Special Reservation

(a) In addition to the above **80** seats in each College, **one** seat each in the four Law Colleges will be reserved for the following categories.

(i) Children of Ex-Servicemen

(ii) Blind Candidates

(iii) Candidates under Sports quota.

(b) One seat in Govt. Law College, Ernakulam will be reserved for a candidate from Lakshadweep

Note: As the seats under 'Special reservation' are over and above the sanctioned strength, seat/seats not filled up in Special reservation owing to non-availability of candidate/candidates will automatically lapse.

9. Claim for Reservations

(a) State Merit. The seats under the State Merit will be filled purely on merit (State wide) basis. **(b) Claim for communal reservation under Socially and Educationally Backward Classes.**

Note: - Reservation to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes will be in accordance with the provisions contained in G.O. (P) 208/66/Edn. dated 2-5-1966 as amended from time to time. [See **Annexure I** for the list of communities under SEBC]

(i) Candidates belonging to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes as per G.O (P) 208/66/Edn. Dated 2-5-1966 whose annual family income (ie. Annual income of all members in the family from all sources taken together) does not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs fifty thousand only) (including basic pay and DA of salaried persons) are eligible for reservation under this item.

(ii) Candidates claiming reservation under SEBC quota such as Ezhava, Muslim, Other Backward Hindus, **Latin Catholic other than Anglo Indian** and Other Backward Christian should produce both Community and Income certificates obtained from the concerned Village Officer/Tahsildar. The above certificates should be obtained in the body of the application form itself.

(iii) Applicants claiming reservation under Latin Catholic other than Anglo Indian quota should produce a community certificate from the concerned Village Officer/Tahsildar specifying that they belong to **Latin Catholic other than Anglo Indian** community.

(iv) Children of inter-caste married couple claiming communal reservation under SEBC should furnish an 'inter-caste marriage certificate' from the Village Officer/Tahsildar in the format given in **Annexure V**, in addition to community certificate. Such candidates can avail themselves of communal reservation under any one of the communities of their parents, to be mentioned by the candidate in the relevant column of the application. They need not produce the income certificate.

(v) Candidates who are children of Inter-caste married couple of which one is SC/ST who will be eligible for educational and monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST as per Section 2 (ii) of GO (MS) No.25/2005/SCSTDD dated 20-06-2005, if eligible for reservation under SEBC, will be granted the same based on the community shown in the inter-caste marriage certificate issued by Revenue officials and to be attached by them with the application.

(c) Claim for Reservation under Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Quota

(i) Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates should apply in the application form meant for them. (See **Annexure II & III** for the list of SC/ST communities) and they should obtain the caste/community certificate from the Tahsildar in the body of the application form itself. SC/ST caste status of children of parents contracted Inter caste marriage will be subject to the orders/clarification issued in G.O.(MS) No.11/05/SCSTDD dated 22-03-2005, GO (MS) No.25/2005/ SCSTDD dated 20-06-2005 and the judgment dated 10-08-2005 of the Full Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP 2483/2005 and connected cases.

(ii) The Christian converts who have subsequently embraced Hinduism should produce caste/community certificate in the application form. The following certificate should also be got recorded by the revenue official below the certificate "The certificate is issued after observing the guidelines issued in Government Circular No.18421/E2/SC/ST/DD dated 15.12.1987."

(iii) The applications for the reserved seats of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates which do not contain SC/ST Certificate (Community Certificate) from the Tahsildar in the prescribed form in the body of the application will not be considered on any account for claiming community reservation against the seat reserved for SC/ST candidates (Vide G.O.(MS) 31/90/SC/ST/D.L dated 25.05.1990). The community certificate should clearly specify that the candidate himself/herself (not the father or mother) belongs to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. The community certificate obtained earlier for other purpose will not be accepted. The candidates who are reconverted to Hinduism from Christianity of Scheduled castes origin should produce community certificate from the Tahsildar concerned along with a copy of Gazette Notification regarding re-conversion.

(iv) The claims for reservation under Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes quotas will also be subject to verification and clearance by the Screening Committee constituted for the purpose by Government vide G.O(P)No.19/2002/SCSTDD dated 20.4.2002 and as authorized by section 6 of the Kerala (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1996 (Act 11 of 1996)

(v) The SC/ST claims in respect of those who have migrated from one State to another will be subject to the provisions of G.O (MS) No.10/86/SC/ST/DD dated 12.2.1986. Only the children of those who had migrated to this State before the promulgation of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order 1950 and ordinarily reside in this State can claim SC/ST benefits from the State of Kerala. They must be able to prove this, if required.

(d) Claim for Reservation for Persons with Disabilities A true copy of the Certificate of disability from the District Medical Board certifying the degree of percentage of disability issued not earlier than 12 months prior to the submission of application has to be attached with the application form. Only candidates having a minimum of 40% disability will be eligible for this quota. The selection of such physically handicapped candidates will be based on the merit in the Entrance Examination, and not on the basis of the degree of disability.

10. Other general rules for mandatory reservation

(i) The seats unavailed of by the Scheduled Castes candidates will go to the Scheduled Tribes candidates and vice versa.

(ii) The seats unavailed of by the SC/ST candidates will be filled by Other Eligible Community (OEC) candidates [See **Annexure IV** for the list of OEC's]. The seats that still remain unavailed will go to the Open Merit pool (Statewide basis). OEC's will be eligible for reservation only if their annual family income from all sources including pay and DA of salaried persons is up to Rs.2.5 lakhs and the candidate has secured 40% marks in the qualifying examination. Such candidates should furnish income certificate in the body of application form itself.

(iii) If any seat, in any reservation quota, except in the Special Reservation category, is left unavailed of by the candidates belonging to that particular category, those seats will go to the mandatory reservation quota unless otherwise mentioned.

(iv) The seats unavailed of by the SEBC category candidates will be allotted under State Merit in the final re-allotment in the stream.

11. Claims for Special Reservations

(i) Children of Ex-servicemen: Applicants to this category should invariably produce a certificate in the proforma given in **Annexure VI**, obtained not earlier than 6 months from the date of application from the Military authorities of State/ Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer to the effect that he/she is the son/daughter of Ex-serviceman or is an Ex-serviceman himself/herself. This benefit will be available to one candidate only from the family concerned.

(ii) Blind Candidates: Candidates under this category should produce certificates from Medical Board to prove that the candidates deserve reservation under blind quota. Candidates against the seat reserved for blind quota will be selected on the basis of their marks in the qualifying examination. They should apply to the Principal of the Colleges concerned, in the prescribed format, which can be obtained from them. The last date for submission of applications will be the same as that fixed for those being considered for admission based on the entrance examination. These candidates need not submit their application to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations.

(iii) Sports Quota: Candidates seeking admission under the sports quota must take the Entrance Examination. They should submit the original application to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram and a photo copy of the application should be sent to 'The Secretary, Kerala State Sports Council, Thiruvananthapuram-695001' before the last date of submission of application. The State Sports Council will allot marks to these candidates according to their proficiency in sports. The maximum marks, under this item will be fixed as 500. The State Sports Council will forward the lists of marks of the candidates to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. The Sports Council will collect the roll numbers from the candidates and furnish them in the list of marks. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will add these marks to the marks obtained by the respective candidates in the Entrance Examination and publish the rank list under the Sports Quota based on the inter-se-merit of the candidates fixed as above.

(iv) Lakshadweep Quota: One seat in the Government Law College, Ernakulam is reserved for candidates of Kerala origin settled in the Lakshadweep and sponsored by the Administration of that Union Territory.

Note: Candidates in the special reservation category except the candidates under categories (ii) and (iv) above should take the Entrance Examination. As the candidates under categories (ii) and (iv) are exempted from Entrance Examination, they should have obtained 45% marks in the qualifying examination, (plus two or equivalent) as per LE Circular No.3 of 1997 dated 19-9-1997 and LE Circular No.3 of 1998 dated 21-4-1998 of the Bar Council of India.

12 (i). Entrance Examination

A candidate desirous of joining the Five year L.L.B course in any of the Govt. Law Colleges in the State will have to write the Entrance Examination. The admission to the course will be based on the rank of the candidate in this Entrance Examination.

The Entrance Examination will be conducted on the date and time as notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations.

The Entrance Examination shall be of three hours duration and will consist of **200 Objective type questions** in (a) *General Knowledge(65 questions)*, (b) *English(65 questions)* and (c) *Aptitude for Legal Studies(70 questions)*.

The candidates have to mark their responses in the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) Answer sheet given to them. The bubbles in the OMR Answer sheet should be filled up by using ball point (blue or black) pens only. The candidates will not be allowed to take home the Question booklet issued to them in the Examination Hall. The question booklet should be returned along with the OMR Answer sheet to the invigilator.

(ii). Valuation- For each correct response the candidate will be awarded three marks and for each incorrect response one mark will be deducted from the total score. However, in the event of failure to answer questions, (i.e. no response is indicated for an item in the answer sheet) no deduction from the total score will be made. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response and will be awarded negative marks.

(iii). Resolving of Tie- In case there is tie in the total marks in the entrance examination, the candidate securing higher marks in the part '*Aptitude for Legal Studies*' of the Entrance Examination will be placed higher in the ranking. If the tie still persists, *candidate with higher marks in the part 'English' of the Entrance Examination* will be placed higher in the ranking. If the tie still exists, the age of the candidate will be considered, the elder being placed higher in ranking than the younger.

(iv). Publication of Results- The rank list for admission to the course will be published on the basis of the total marks secured by the candidates for the Entrance Examination.

(v). Publication of Category Lists- Separate category-wise list will be published for SEBC/SC/ST Reservation, Special Reservation, Person With Disability etc. Candidates are advised to verify the category list published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations and satisfy themselves regarding their position in the list. If candidates have any complaint in this regard he / she may approach the Office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations **within fifteen days** after publication of the category list, for necessary action. Complaint received thereafter will not be entertained.

13. How and when to apply

(i) There will be separate Application form for General and SC/ST candidates. The cost of the Application form will be Rs.600/- for General candidates and Rs.300/- for SC/ST candidates. Candidates referred to under Clause 9 (b) (v) should apply in the application form meant for SC/ST candidates. Application forms will be sold through notified centres in the State on payment of the cost of the application form by cash. The cost of the form will not be refunded under any circumstances.

(ii) Application forms duly filled up together with the documents Specified in Clause 14 below, should reach '**The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Housing Board Buildings, Santhi Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram-695 001**', before the time and date notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. Late or defective applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

(iii) Admit cards will be sent to all candidates whose applications are accepted. The claims disallowed will be indicated in the admit card.

Warning: - Incomplete applications with defective or incomplete certificates will be rejected. Belated applications also will not be accepted. Documents or certificates furnished after the last date fixed for receipt of applications will not be considered on any account. No candidate will be permitted to incorporate any additional details in the application form or to submit any additional documents after the submission of the Application.

14. Certificates/Documents to be submitted along with the applications

- (i) True copy of the S.S.L.C book or any relevant school records to prove date of birth.
- (ii) True copy of the mark list of the qualifying examination (if passed).
- (iii) Any one of the certificates to prove nativity, in the Application Form.
- (iv) Certificates in support of claim for Communal Reservation, in the Application Form.
- (v) Inter-Caste marriage certificate if applicable
- (vi) Attested Copy of certificates in support of Special reservation if applicable.
- (vii) Attested copy of Certificate of the Medical Board for Persons with Disabilities.
- (viii) Any other documents mentioned in the Notification of the entrance examination.

15. Allotment

(a) The allotment of seats will be conducted online. Candidates will be considered for allotment based on the option registered by them in the web site to be notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. Allotment of seats will be based on rank, eligible reservation and options registered by the candidate and subject to availability of seats.

(b) A state wide selection process will be followed for admission to the various categories as per the selection principle approved in G.O.(MS)No.122/98/H.Edn. dt 7-10-1998 for admission to professional course. According to the G.O candidates of the reserved category who will otherwise come in the open merit list will be allotted to the college of his/her choice provided he/she would have been eligible for allotment to that college if he/she was treated as a candidate coming under reservation quota. While a reserved category candidate entitled to admission on the basis of his/her merit will have the option of taking admission to the colleges where a specified number of seats have been kept reserved for reserved category but while computing the percentage of reservation he will be deemed to have been admitted as an open category candidate and not as a reserved category candidate.

(c) It is obligatory for the candidates to report to the college to which he/she is allotted. Candidates should report for admission in the college with their parents/guardians. No extension of time for reporting to the college will be granted under any circumstances. Failure to appear before the Principal concerned for joining the course on the date and time will result in the forfeiture of his/her admission to the course and he/she will not be considered for any vacancies arising in future.

(d) Vacancies arising after the first round of allotment of seats will be filled up according to the rank and observing the reservation rules on the basis of the priority of options registered. There will be no mutual transfer between the candidates from one college to another.

(c) No Allotment of seats to the 1st year of the course will be made after 31-10-2007 even if vacancies arise thereafter.

16. Admissions

Admission to the college will be made by the Principals of the Law Colleges after Allotment, after the conduct of the personal interview with the candidates and their parents/ guardians. The candidates who do not participate in this personal interview will not be eligible for admission.

17. Documents to be produced at the time of Admission

- (a) Admit Card of the Entrance Examination
- (b) SSLC or any relevant school records to prove date of birth.
- (c) Original Mark list and Pass Certificate(if being awarded), of the qualifying exam.
- (d) Originals of Certificates the copies of which are enclosed with the application form.
- (e) Any other documents mentioned in the Memo.
- (f) Transfer certificate and conduct certificate from the institution where the candidate studied last.
- (g) Two copies of passport size photograph of the candidate.
- (i) Candidates who passed their qualifying examination from Universities/Boards outside the State shall produce "Eligibility Certificate / Equivalency Certificate" from the Kerala University/ Mahatma Gandhi University/ Calicut University as the case may be.
- (j) Applicant who is employed or a trainee in Government service, Scheduled Bank etc. should produce at the time of interview, a relieving order and a certificate of good conduct from the Head of the office where the applicant is employed.
- (k) The student who qualifies from other universities should produce migration certificate at the time of admission.

Note : All certificates as above must be produced for verification at the time of admission. Candidates will not be given any chance to produce the original documents/certificates asked for, on subsequent occasion.

18. Students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes eligible for education concessions are exempted from payment of fees as per orders of Government issued in this regard from time to time. Their admission will be provisional and subject to the submission of formal filled up application for concession in the prescribed form within one month from the date of admission. In any case if the student is later found to be not eligible for concession the student should pay the fees in full with fine or else his/her admission will be cancelled.

19. The children of inter-caste married couples claiming fees concession should invariably produce a certificate from the Village Officer/Tahsildar in the format given in Annexure V.

20. Forward community students admitted to the course eligible for fee concession on the basis of aggregate family income of Rs.42,000/- or below shall apply for the fee concession. They shall produce a certificate in the prescribed form from the competent authority regarding income at the time of interview. Their admission will be provisional and subject to the submission of formal filled up application for fee concession in the prescribed form within one month from the date of admission. In any case if the student is later found to be ineligible for concession, the student should pay the fees in full with fine or else his/her admission will be cancelled.

21. Fees Fees for the course will be notified by the government from time to time.

22. The Prospectus is subject to further modification as may be considered necessary by Government.

**Thiruvananthapuram,
22 .03.2007**

Commissioner for Entrance Examinations