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Law Commission of India Voluntary Internship Scheme.

1. Introduction

1.1. Paragraph 8 of Notification No. A-60011/225/2022-Admn. III dated 02.09.2024 issued by the Government of India in its Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) constituting the 23rd Law Commission of India reads as follows:

“The Law Commission may develop partnership network with reputed Law Universities/Law Schools and policy research institutions in the country and abroad. It may also provide opportunities of internship to fresh graduates/students of law from recognised law colleges/schools/universities in India, under its voluntary internship programme, the details of which may be published on its website.”

1.2. The guidelines for voluntary internship in the Law Commission of India were published in the past and voluntary internships are being provided thereunder but, remodeling of the existing guidelines is found necessary, having regard to the terms of reference of this Commission and for effective involvement of the law students with reference to the present-day requirements in legal research/law reform projects.

1.3. Hence, in supersession of the previous guidelines for voluntary internship, the Law Commission of India announces this Voluntary Internship Scheme, effective from 1st day of July 2025.

1.4. The internship under this Scheme shall be available throughout the year based on the requirements of the Law Commission of India. This voluntary internship will be on unpaid basis and no remuneration/expenses will be admissible; and this internship, by itself,

will not confer any right to future employment with the Law Commission of India.

2. Objective

The Voluntary Internship Scheme of the Law Commission of India is aimed at providing under-graduate and post-graduate law students as also law scholars with an opportunity to gain practical experience and a deeper understanding of the Commission's research-oriented work in the fields of legal reform; law and policy development; and legal system modernisation. It allows selected candidates to engage directly with the work of drafting, analysis, and review processes that shape Indian legal policy.

3. The Scheme

3.1. Name of the Scheme: This Scheme shall be called the Law Commission of India Voluntary Internship Scheme.

3.2. Eligibility: (1) Law Students who have, at the time of making the application, completed at least 2 years of the 5-year law degree course or 1 year of the 3-year law degree course at any recognized University/Law School/Law College shall be eligible for internship in the Law Commission of India under this Scheme.

(2) A candidate shall be entitled to apply for internship under this Scheme only once during a financial year.

3.3. Duration: The internship under this Scheme shall ordinarily be for a duration of four weeks, which may be extended on the intern's request for a maximum period of eight weeks, subject to the recommendation of the supervising officer and approval of the Chairperson.

3.4. Selection Procedure: (1) The interested and eligible candidates may send their applications for internship with the Law Commission of India in the format appended to this Scheme as **Appendix A**. Incomplete applications shall be rejected and no correspondence in regard to any such application shall be entertained.

(2) Every application under this Scheme shall be submitted only in online mode at ICI-DLA@nic.in. at least two months in advance before the intended starting date of internship.

(3) While making the application, a candidate shall submit:

(i) An updated CV.

(ii) A scanned copy of the ID card issued by their institution.

(iii) A scanned copy of the signed and stamped letter of recommendation from a professor or dean of their institution

(iv) A scanned copy of the latest or last marksheet received from their institution.

(4) The selection of candidate for internship will be made by a screening committee, based on academic performance, quality of the statement of purpose, and availability of slots. The maximum number of slots to be offered under this Scheme will not ordinarily exceed twelve at any point of time. However, the Chairperson may alter the number of slots to such extent and duration, as deemed fit.

(5) The selected candidates will be notified via email and shall report to the Law Commission's Office on the date and time notified to them along with ID proof, a passport size photograph, the original recommendation letter from a professor or dean of their institution, and the original of the latest or last marksheet received from their institution.

3.5. Place of work: The interns shall ordinarily work at the Law Commission's Office. However, depending upon circumstances and nature of work, hybrid/remote working options may be considered at the discretion of the competent authority.

3.6. Nature of work: The interns may be required to:

(i) Conduct legal research and analysis on existing and proposed legislations as also on the judicial decisions.

(ii) Conduct legal research and analysis on any report made by the Law Commission with reference to the contemporary requirements.

- (iii) Assist in drafting research papers, consultation reports, and working documents.
- (iv) Participate in seminars/discussions organised or teamed up by the Commission.
- (v) Compile case laws, statutes, comparative legal materials, and literature reviews on assigned topics.
- (vi) Assist the Chairperson/Members/Research Officers in ongoing work and studies.
- (viii) Carry out any other work related with studies, as may be assigned to them by the competent authority.
- (ix) Submit a short research paper or digitised presentation at the end of the internship.

3.7. Attendance: While undergoing internship in Law Commission of India, every intern shall be expected to attend the work on regular basis and to mark attendance for a minimum of 75% of the duration of internship. In case of less than 75% attendance, no extension of internship period will be allowed, and no certificate will be issued.

3.8. Conduct and Confidentiality: The interns shall maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all materials and information they come across during internship. Any publication or external communication based on work done during the internship must be cleared by the competent authority in writing. The interns shall also be expected to maintain the discipline and decorum of Law Commission's Office. Violation of confidentiality or misconduct will result in immediate termination of internship and communication of adverse remarks to their institution apart from any other action, as may be proposed by the competent authority.

3.9. Logistics and Support: This is an unpaid internship, and the Law Commission of India pays no remuneration/expenses. All the expenses related to travel, accommodation etc. must be borne by the interns who shall be required to carry their own laptops and/or essential gadgets and stationery. The selected interns will, however, be provided with access to

the Commission's Library, legal databases, internet facility, workspace, and other work-related necessities during the period of internship, subject to availability and norms, and under the control of the supervising officer.

3.10. Certification: A certificate will be issued to the intern at the end of internship after evaluation by the competent authority of the research paper or digitised presentation and/or assessment of the work done.

4. Interpretation: (1) In this Scheme,

(i) "Law Commission's Office" means its present place of work at Lok Nayak Bhavan, 'B' Wing, 2nd Floor, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 or any other place of work as may be notified from time to time.

(ii) "competent authority" includes the Chairperson and/or the Full-time Member of the Commission, as may be applicable in relation to any intern.

(2) On any question relating to the meaning or interpretation of the terms, conditions or stipulations of this Scheme, the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission shall be final.

5. Scheme Review: Law Commission of India reserves the right to review this Scheme at any time. The Scheme so reviewed will be placed on the website of Law Commission of India.

6. Relaxation: The Chairperson, Law Commission of India will have the power to relax any of the conditions mentioned above, in respect of any deserving candidate.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble the Chairperson, Law Commission of India.

Appendix A [Clause 3.4 (1)]
VOLUNTARY INTERNSHIP SCHEME FOR LAW STUDENTS
IN THE LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA
APPLICATION FORM

Name :
 Father's Name :
 Mother's Name :
 Address for correspondence :
 E-mail address :
 Mobile No. /Tel. No. :
 Date of Birth :
 Name of University/Institute :

Paste here
 recent
 passport-
 size photo

Educational Qualifications from secondary school onwards and inclusive of current course of study:

S. No.	Name of University/Institute	Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Percentage <small>(In case of CGPA, SGPA etc.- the grading points ought to be converted into percentage)</small>
1.				
2.				
3.				

Subjects of Interest:

Whether the applicant is a member of

Scheduled Caste/Tribe (this information is optional):

Semester/year of the course presently pursuing and its duration:

Duration of Internship expected:

Particulars of Director/Head of Department of the Institute with contact number and e-mail:

State the purpose of internship:

(Signature)
Date