

THE INDIAN LAW INSTITUTE

MEMBERSHIP BYE-LAWS

(Adopted by the Governing Council in its meeting held on May 14, 2007)



**BHAGWAN DAS ROAD
NEW DELHI – 110 001**

MEMBERSHIP BYE-LAWS

1. Short Title and Interpretation

These Bye-laws shall be called “Membership Bye-Laws” and shall come into force from May 14, 2007. The words and expressions used in these bye-laws have the same meaning as in the Rules and Regulations of the Institute.

2. Membership

There shall be the following classes of members

- (a) Foundation Members;
- (b) Life Members;
- (c) Ex-officio Members;
- (d) Co-opted Members;
- (e) Corporate Members;
- (f) Associate Members;
- (g) Honorary Members;
- (h) Corresponding Members;
- (i) Ordinary Members.

(a) Foundation Members

Foundation members are those:

- (j) Who took an active interest or part in the establishment of the Institute and are enrolled as such, including persons whose names appear as the first members of the Governing Council and the Executive Committee in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.
- (ii) Who were enrolled as such on payment of not less than Rs. 250/- within six months of the registration of the Institute, or such later date as might have been fixed by the President, whether before or after the expiry of said period of six months.

(b) Life Membership:

Bye-law 2(b) :

“Persons of [high status] in the field of law may in the discretion of the Membership Committee be enrolled as Life Members

The Governing Council had approved the following guidelines under the Bye-Law:

- (i) a senior Advocate or an Advocate with an active practice of minimum 20 years in any High Court or Supreme Court.
- (ii) a sitting or retired judge of the High Court or Supreme Court:
- (iii) a Professor of Law or teacher of law with a teaching experience of 10 years in a Law College or University or Research Institute:
- (iv) a Member of the Law Commission of India or Human Rights Commission (National & States).
- (v) Judicial Officer(s) with 15 years experience in State Judicial Services.
- (vi) Indian Legal Service Officers (Grade I, II, III & IV) with minimum of 15 years of Bar experience including the service in the Indian Legal Service

[Note: Certificate of Experience from Bar Association or Advocate General for Lawyers; and from Dean/Head of Law Departments for teachers to be submitted alongwith the application in prescribed form.]

(c) Ex-officio Members

Subject to their consent, the Speaker, Lok Sabha, the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Chairman, Law Commission, Government of India, the Chief Justices of the High Courts in India, the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Advocates-General of States, the Home Minister, the Finance Minister, the Minister of Law & Justice and the Minister for Human Resource Development in the Government of India, the President of Indian Society of International Law, the President of the Indian Council of World Affairs, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Faculties of Law of Statutory universities in India, will be members ex-officio.

(d) Co-opted Members

A person may be co-opted as a member of the Institute by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, provided he is eligible to be enrolled as an ordinary member under these bye-laws.

(e) Corporate Members

The following may apply for enrolments as Corporate Members of the Institute:

- (i) Any Bar Association or Association of Advocates by whatever name called;
- (ii) Any registered society devoted to the study of Law;
- (iii) Any statutory university;
- (iv) The Association of Indian Universities;

- (v) Any Institution, Society, Body Corporate or Government Department or association of persons interested in the study, practice or administration of any branch of law.

(f) Associate Members

A person, who is or has been a judge, legal practitioner, or a law teacher in a foreign country, may be enrolled as an Associate Member. On enrolment they shall pay the fees and subscriptions prescribed by these bye-laws.

(g) Honorary Members

- (i) A person may be invited to become an Honorary Member, if in the opinion of the Executive Committee, he is a fit and proper person for conferment of the honour, having regard to his meritorious contribution to the science of law or the growth or reform of law or administration of justice;
- (ii) the approval of the President must be obtained by the Executive Committee for consideration of the proposal to enroll him as such; and
- (iii) the proposal must receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the total number of members of the Executive Committee.

As approved by the Governing Council :

“The Committee suggested that as a matter of convention the President and Treasurer of the Indian Law Institute be invited to become honorary members of the ILI after they demit the offices.”

(h) Corresponding Members

Persons other than the citizens of India known for their meritorious contributions to the science of law or the growth and reform of law or the administration of justice and who agree to become members, may be invited by the Executive Committee to become Corresponding members.

(i) Ordinary Members

Bye-law 2(i) as approved by the Governing Council, the following Indian citizens may be enrolled as ordinary members of the Institute:

- (i) An advocate having active practice of ten years or more, in any court in India;
- (ii) Persons who are or have been members of the judicial services;
- (iii) Persons who are or have been teaching in a Faculty of Law, a deemed University, a Department of a University or any other Law School/College recognized for the award of degree of bachelor of laws.

Provided, however, only persons having a minimum teaching experience of 5 years would be eligible under this category.

- (iv) Any other person of repute who has made significant contribution in the field of law and/or social sciences in the form of articles published in the renowned legal journals or having published sufficient number of books.
- (v) Indian Legal Service Officers (Grade I, II, III & IV) with minimum of 10 years of Bar experience including the service in the Indian Legal Service.

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3. Procedure for Enrollment

(a) Persons or Associations, as the case may be, who desire to be enrolled as:

- (i) Life Member
- (ii) Corporate Member
- (iii) Associate Member
- (iv) Ordinary Member

shall apply to the Institute giving the particulars on a form prescribed by the Executive Committee.

(b) Enrollment as a member shall be intimated to the person concerned.

4. Fees and Subscriptions

The prescribed fee under each category shall be payable in advance alongwith application form.

(a) The fees and subscriptions payable by various categories of members shall be at the rates specified below:

- (i) Life Members. Rs. 15,000/-
- (ii) Corporate Members Rs. 10,000 p.a.

Provided that payment of a consolidated sum of Rupees one lakh may be made in which event there shall be no liability to pay any subscription.

- (iii) Associate Members Rs. 10,000/- per annum or
US \$ 2,500 consolidated

(iv) Ordinary Members

- Persons other than teachers and judicial officers Rs. 750/- per annum
- Teachers and judicial officers Rs. 500/- per annum

Note: The term “Judicial Officers” means members of the subordinate and higher judicial services (up to and including district judges)

(v) No subscription shall be payable by the following classes of members:

Honorary Members;
Corresponding Members; and
Ex-officio Members.

- (b) Subscriptions are payable in advance for each calendar year irrespective of the date of enrolment of a member. Subscriptions shall be paid before the 31st day of March of the relevant year. In the event of default and if subscription remains unpaid for a period of three months from the due date, the member would not be entitled to any facilities or benefits of the Institute and his name would be struck off from the membership register
- (c) All members whose subscriptions are in arrears for three years shall automatically cease to be members.
- (d) If a member does not pay his subscription by the 31st of March in any year and his subscription remains unpaid thereafter, he shall not be entitled to any discount on the Journal and other publications of the Institute.

Relaxation of criteria

5a. Prescribed eligibility criteria for registration of membership may be relaxed by the Membership Committee, in its discretion in suitable cases, particularly in view of the outstanding contribution of the member in academic, professional or any other field.

Removal from membership

5b. The name of any member of the ILI may be removed from its rolls, by the Governing Council on the recommendations of the Membership Committee, for conduct unbecoming of a member of the Indian Law Institute or for any other valid reason but after giving him notice to show cause why such action be not taken against him.

6. General

- (a) Subject to clause (d) all members shall be entitled to purchase the Journal and other publications of the Institute at such discount as may from time to time be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (b) As Associate Member or Corresponding Member shall not be eligible to be a member of the Governing Council or the Executive Committee.
- (c) A Corporate Member may nominate in writing a person to represent it for such period as it may specify for the purpose of election to the Governing Council and

the Executive Committee as also to vote on its behalf in meetings of the Institute as may be necessary.

- (d) Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be supplied all publications of the Institute free of cost.
- (e) No member, whose name is removed for non-payment of subscriptions, will be readmitted to membership without payment of all arrears. But a person in arrears who desires to become a life member or a teacher member without further liability may be admitted as such with effect from the date of payment of his subscription without being required to pay the arrears.
- (f) Part-time law teachers are treated as non-teacher members for the purpose of membership of the Institute.
- (g) No ordinary member (other than a person enrolled on payment of consolidated fee) shall be eligible to vote or stand for election unless he is a member of the Institute for a minimum period of three years consecutively.
- (h) A member may resign his membership by a letter addressed to the Director of the Institute.

7. Transaction of Business

The Membership Committee may transact its business by meeting or by circulation of papers in relation to matters in these bye-laws.

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S. No. _____

THE INDIAN LAW INSTITUTE

Application Form for Life/ Ordinary Membership

Class of Membership (please tick)	
Ordinary	Life

The Director
Indian Law Institute
Bhagwandas Road
New Delhi 110 001

I hereby apply for _____ membership of the Indian Law Institute.

I have read the Membership Bye-laws of the Indian Law Institute and agreed to abide the guidelines framed thereunder.

A sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) is remitted herewith a cash/by cheque/ DD No. _____ dated _____ drawn in favour of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, payable on _____ (give bank's name/ will be remitted on hearing from you towards the enrolment fee.

My particulars are furnished below:

Name _____
(Surname) (First Name)

Nationality _____

Qualification _____

Date of Birth _____

Designation _____
& Address, _____

E.mail _____
Ph.No. Off./Res. _____

Name of the _____
Bar Council & _____
Date of Enrolment _____

Contd.../-

if an Advocate
(attach a copy
of Certificate of Bar Council)

Publications
(Attach sheet if required)

Field of
Specialisation, if any

Additional
Information, if any

Signature by a
Member of the
Institute in support

_____ (Membership No.) _____

[Name _____]

Yours faithfully

Date:
Place :

Signature of the applicant

Please attach a certificate from the Bar Association or from the Advocate General indicating the years of active practice at the Bar. In case of a teacher of law, the certificate may be given from the Dean/ Head, Faculty/ Department of Law/ Principal of the College. Indicating the period of the teaching experience (Format attached)

OFFICE RECORD

Date of Application _____

Fees Received Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only)

Receipt No. _____

Membership No. Allotted _____

Date of Admission / Meeting of
Membership Committee in which the
admission was Approved _____

Remarks, if any _____

Date of communication of the order _____

Dealing Asstt. Asst. Registrar Registrar Director

Format of Certificate to be issued by the Bar Association or advocate General, certifying the period of active practice in Supreme Court/ a High Court; or from the Dean/Principal of the Faculty/Department/College of Law certifying teaching experience of a faculty member to be sent by the applicant with the admission form for membership of the ILI

For Advocates

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs. _____ is a member of the Bar Association of _____ Court w.e.f. _____ and has been engaged in active practice at this Court for the last _____ years.

Signature of the Secretary/President
(Official Seal)

For Teachers

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ Lecturer/Reader/Professor has been teaching in the Faculty of Law/Department of the _____ years. His/her specialization is in the field of _____.

Signature of the Dean/Head/Principal
(Official Seal)

Field of Specialisation _____

S. NO. _____

THE INDIAN LAW INSTITUTE

APPLICATION FORM FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Director
Indian Law Institute
Bhagwandas Road
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please enroll me as Corporate Member of the Indian Law Institute. I have read the Membership Bye-laws of the Indian Law Institute and I agree to abide by them.

A sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) is remitted herewith a cash/by cheque/ DD No. _____ dated _____ drawn in favour of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, payable on _____ (give bank's name/ will be remitted on hearing from you towards the enrolment fee.

The required particulars are furnished below:

Name of Company/Corporate Body/ Institution (in BLOCK letters) _____
Area/Nature/Field _____
Nationality _____
Person who will represent _____
Address in which communications may be sent _____
Tel. (Off.) _____ (Home) _____
Fax _____ (E.mail) _____

Publications _____
Field of Law Specially interested in _____
Additional information, if any _____
Support by (a member of the Institute) _____
Signature of the Supporter _____

Yours faithfully,

Date :
Place

Signature of the applicant