



Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana

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Ref. No. 4578 to 4582/2023

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Dated 15-10-2023

1. The President/ Secretary, Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, Chandigarh.
2. The Presidents/Secretaries, All Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh.
3. The Presidents/Secretaries, All Tax Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh.
4. The Presidents/Secretaries, All Tribunals Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh.
5. The Presidents/Secretaries, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh.

Sub: - **Conducting of annual elections of Office-Bearers of Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh on 15th December 2023 (Friday) as per statutory norms.**

Sir,

This is to inform you that the elections of the Bar Associations are to be held as per **The Bar Association (Constitution and Registration) Rules 2015** (as amended upto date) which mandates certain timely steps to be undertaken to ensure fair Election and smooth transition of Bar Associations. Since the next annual elections of the Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh, is due, the schedule of election for the term of 2024 is as under:-

1	Filing of affidavit/undertaking under Rules 6(B)(i). Such voting affidavits must be duly attested with entry no. of the register by the Oath Commissioner or Notary Public	Upto 31.10.2023 (Tuesday)
2	Clearance of Annual Subscription (from 1.1.2023 to 31.12.2023) of Members of Bar Association. By way of RTGS, NEFT, IMPS, UPI or any other electronic mode of transfer of dues, as per rule 6 (B)(i). There should not be more than one individual payments of dues from one account.	Upto 31.10.2023 (Tuesday)
3	<p>(i) Sending list of eligible voters by Bar Association to the Bar Council, under rule 6 (B)(i) along with photocopy duly attested affidavits and subscription clearance proof by email i.e. barelection2015@gmail.com, as well as, on Bar Council whatsapp No. 6284747802.</p> <p>a) The soft copy of the list to be emailed to the Bar Council on barelection2015@gmail.com must be in excel format (.xls/.xlsx) in the following seven sequence/columns: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. No • Name of the advocate/voter • Father Name • Enrollment number • Address • Mobile No. • Certificate of Practice Number (AIBE passing certificate number) – not applicable to voters who are enrolled/have passed law prior to June, 2010 <p>(ii) Nomination of Returning Officer/Election Committee by Bar Association as per their own Rules/bye laws and sending the intimation to the Bar Council by email barelection2015@gmail.com, as well as upon whatsapp No. 6284747802</p> <p>(iii) Bar Association, its Executive, RO/Election Committee is to put up the above said voter list on the Notice Board of Bar and also to circulate, in whatsapp group of Bar Association, as well as, any other convenient mode also and to convey it to the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana via email i.e. barelection2015@gmail.com, as well as, whatsapp no. 6284747802, so that Members of Bar may come to know their status shown by the Bar Association in its aforesaid prepared voter list.</p>	<p>On or before 07.11.2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p>On or before 07.11.2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p>On or before 07.11.2023 (Tuesday)</p>
4	Issue of such voter list by the Bar Council to the R.O./Election Committees of concerned Bar Associations.	Upto 14.11.2023 (Tuesday)



5	Such voter list to be put up by RO/ Election Committee of the concerned Bar Association on the Notice Board of the Bar Association.	15.11.2023 (Wednesday)
6	Filing of objections, by any aggrieved member of the Bar Association, on the voter list, before the Bar Council via email i.e. barelection2015@gmail.com or via physical representations against valid receipt (no objection shall be entertained beyond the given timeline).	On or before 21.11.2023 by 4:00 PM (Tuesday)
7	Objections to be decided by Bar Council as per Rules 6 B (i)	On or before 30.11.2023 (Thursday)
8	Bar Association to get its accounts audited and put on the Notice Board of the Bar Association, as per Rules 6B (iii)	On or before 01.12.2023 (Friday)
9	Date of Election in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh	15th December 2023 (Friday)

The present office bearers of Bar Associations are requested to take all necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the 2015 Rules (as amended upto date) in its letter and spirit, by following principle of **'ONE VOTE ONE BAR'**.

The voting rights shall be confined to **only those members who are enrolled with the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana**. Any advocate, who is enrolled with any other State Bar Council and wishes to vote in these elections may apply for transfer u/s 18 of the Advocates Act, 1961 and will only be eligible to vote if the entire procedure of transfer is completed before 31.10.2023, as per norms. Further, as per circular No. /2013(Council) dated 12.04.2013 of the General House of Bar Council of India, only those advocates who have passed their All India Bar Examination (AIBE), shall be entitled to vote (*this is not applicable to voters who are enrolled/ have passed law prior to June, 2010*).

Important; The advocate who is enrolled with Bar Council other than Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana shall not be included in the voter list by any Bar Association and if any such name exist that shall automatically be stand deleted and such advocate shall not be allowed to participate in any election and to cast his/her vote.

The Returning Officer or Election Committee, as so appointed by the General House of respective Bar Association, or as per their own bye-laws, are requested to send the intimation of the result of the elections to the Bar Council on conclusion of its election process.

Note 1 All the Hon'ble Members of the Bar Associations can deposit/clear their dues/subscription, well in time against valid receipt/proof, by way of RTGS or NEFT or IMPS or UPI or any other electronic mode of transfer of money (*via individual accounts only*) or through bank draft against valid receipt of Bar Association. Any bulk payments by candidates/agents (Except blood relation) will not be allowed and same will be considered as violation of Rules. The President/ Secretary and other office bearers are directed to publicly display (on Notice Boards etc) and circulate the Bank account/QR code numbers of Bar Association's henceforth (also circulate via messages), and make necessary arrangements to accept payments via RTGS, UPI, QR Code etc. in case of cheque, such cheques must be cleared before 31.10.2023 otherwise the payment through cheque shall be deemed to be doubtful.

Note 2 In case any particular Bar Association fails to make compliance well within time then the Bar Council will appoint Adhoc Committee which will take over the entire control of the Bar Association and will get the elections conducted under its supervision, as per norms.

Note 3 Any kind of parties, large gatherings by the candidates or their agents are strictly prohibited and any such large gatherings, if so reported, may lead to cancellation of candidature. No election/vote appeal pamphlets or flexes will be allowed to be fixed on the Chambers or Court premises, along with limited distribution of the same, ensuring **'PAPERLESS GREEN CAMPAIGN'**. The Bar Council requests all to cooperate to ensure free, fair, environment-friendly and sustainable elections.

Note-4 No cash payment should be paid by members nor should it be received by the Bar Association and even payment though cheque not presented and cleared before 31.10.2023, shall be at the risk of the concerned member

Note 5. Since the approval of amendment in "The Bar Associations (Constitution and Registration) Rules, 2015" sent to Bar Council of India, vide letter No.3786/23 dated 29.9.2023, as yet has not been received, by the State Bar Council, the present election schedule under the existing rules is being issued.

Sd/-

(Raj Kumar Chauhaan)
Hony. Secretary

sd/-

(Ashok Singla)
Chairman

sd/-

(Ranvir Singh Dhaka)
Vice-Chairman

Regd./Email/Whatsapp

Endst. No. /Election/Bar /4583 /2023

Dated. 15th October, 2023.

A copy of the above is forwarded to all the Hon'ble Members of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, for information.



AFFIDAVIT (MUST BE DULY ATTESTED BY OATH COMMISSIONER/ NOTARY PUBLIC)

I, _____ S/o, d/o, w/o _____
r/o _____ District _____
State/U.T. _____ hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That I am duly enrolled Advocate with Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and my enrolment No. is P/ PH _____.
2. That I have been practicing regularly as an advocate since _____
3. That I am regular Member of the Bar Association _____ Distt. _____
4. That I am not a member of any other Association in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh except the following:-

Bar Associations (i) _____ (ii) _____

5. That I shall cast my vote at Bar Association _____ for the annual election 2023-2024.
6. That I have not submitted any such affidavit with any other Bar Association for casting vote in annual election 2023-2024.
7. That I am not in full or part time employment or service and I am not engaged in any trade business or profession or any other profession.
8. That I passed All India Bar Examination held in the year _____ COP/ No. _____
9. That I have deposited annual subscription of Bar Association upto 31.12.2023 vide Receipt No. _____ dated _____ through RTGS, NEFT, IMPS, UPI, Bank draft or any other electronic mode
10. That I had casted my vote for Bar Council at _____
11. That in the previous year my name was in the voter list of Bar Association _____ (if the deponent was not voter in any of the voter list for the previous year 2023 , give the reasons in short.)
Not applicable to an advocate enrolled with the Bar Council after October, 2022.
12. That I have chamber in my name in the Bar Associations/ Courts Complex _____. (if more than one Chamber, the name of all Bar Associations/ Courts Complex and Chamber Numbers)

Place _____

Dated. _____

Deponent

Verification:-

I do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of my above said affidavit are correct and true to my knowledge and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Place _____

Dated. _____

Deponent

