



**Post Graduate Diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods
(PG-ADRM) (Through Distance Learning)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the Post Graduate Diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods conducted by the Indian Law Society for Arbitration and Mediation (ILSCA) recognized by any University?

- No. This course is an autonomous course conducted by the Indian Law Society, Pune.
- Indian Law Society is an independent body, is a public charitable trust, registered under the Society's Registration Act, and has no affiliation with the UGC nor with the University of Pune nor is a deemed University.
- Thus, the Indian Law Society is free to design its courses – as regards, the design, its curriculum, duration, and methods of assessment.
- Various Diploma/certificate courses including the PG Diploma in ADR Methods are run by the Indian Law Society with due approval of the Governing Council of the Indian Law Society.
- We call the course PG Diploma because we only admit students who are graduates in any faculty – law science or arts.

2. Does the course promise to participants who complete the course jobs or placements?

- No, the course does not offer placements nor promise jobs.

3. Can I practice arbitration or mediation after this diploma?

- Yes, you can practice arbitration after you complete this program effectively.

- The pre-condition is that the parties who are willing to resolve their dispute either through mediation or arbitration choose to appoint you as an arbitrator or mediator.

4. Can the trainee who successfully completes the PG-ADRM course be empanelled as Arbitrator on the ILSCA Panel of Arbitrators?

- Successful Completion of ILSCA **PG-ADRM course** acts as **an entry pathway** to the **successful candidates** for being considered to be on the ILSCA panel of arbitrators as **junior arbitrators**. Furthermore, the successful participants of this course will have an edge over others for being considered to be on the ILSCA panel of arbitrators. ILSCA Maintains two levels of Arbitrators-Senior and Junior arbitrators.
- ILSCA has a Qualifying Assessment Program (QAP) based on a precondition that the candidates need to complete certain pre-decided criteria of ILSCA to be eligible to be considered as junior arbitrator.

Evaluation of Arbitration Knowledge:

- As per ILSCA QAP the applicant for being considered as junior arbitrator on the ILSCA Panel of Arbitrators - shall provide proof of having completed ILSCA **PG-ADRM course**.
- Such applicant will be assessed by ILSCA to evaluate his/her Arbitration Skills.: The evaluation of Arbitration skill will be based on assessment of an arbitral award submitted by the applicant, based on an assignment given by ILSCA.
- On evaluation of the assignment, the applicant should get a minimum of 55% score. On successful completion of the assessment such a person will be graded as **ILSCA Junior Arbitrator**.
- On failure to get the minimum score, the applicant will be able to apply under ILSCA QAP again, only after a period of 3 months.
- **ILSCA Junior Arbitrator** has a monetary limit of conducting arbitrations where the amount does not exceeding Rs.1 crore.
- A Junior Arbitrator, who has completed ILSCA **PG-ADRM course with the top-up program and** after completing fifteen arbitrations as an arbitrator – singly or jointly is eligible to apply for accreditation as ILSCA Senior Arbitrator.

5. When do applications for the PG -ADRM open and what is the deadline for applying?

- The admission for the course will be announced on 1st November 2025.
- The admission notice will be released on **the ILS website - <http://ilslaw.edu>**
- The last date for filling out the application forms for the diploma course is -----

6. What is the duration of the Course?

- The duration of the course is six (6) months. - 2nd March 2026 to 2nd August 26

7. Whether the course is correspondence course or classroom mode?

- PG Diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods is conducted by ILSCA in an online mode – The larger part of the program consists of self-study where the study material is sent to the student and the student must study and learn on their own.
- In addition, there will be online classes conducted on the various topics of the course at intervals by experts on topics that are part of the program.

8. How are the classes conducted?

- Classes will be conducted online, preferably on weekends. The participants will log in through Google meet.
- The students will need to keep their cameras on throughout the online classes.
- Classes are mostly interactive.

9. Whether contact classes will be on weekdays or weekends?

- We endeavour to schedule classes on the weekends. However, sometimes due to non-availability of resource persons, there may be sessions held on weekdays. In all cases the classes shall be held only in the evening, and prior notice will be given.

- The timings of the sessions, the topic on which the session will be conducted, and the resource person details, will be shared in advance.

10. Whether attendance for contact classes compulsory?

- Yes, attendance for contact classes is compulsory.

11. Fees for the course – inclusive of Reading Material

- Rs. 42,373/- + Rs. 7,627 (18 % GST) = Rs.50,000/-
- Rs. 33,898/- + Rs. 6,102 (18 % GST) = Rs.40,000/- For Current ILS Students only

12. For the Registration Form and payment link for admission please go to the link mentioned below.

- <http://ilslaw.edu>

13. Will reading material will be provided?

- Reading material will be provided offline (Hard Copies) and online from time to time.

14. What will be the assessment pattern?

The final assessment of the student is done which is based on the following factors: Marks will be allotted to each of the following criteria.

- Attendance for the contact classes
- Project Submission (participants can choose any topic from the list of topics provided to them)
- Final examination (Online) at the end of the course

15. Are recent graduates eligible to apply for the course?

- Yes, recent graduates are eligible to apply for the course.

16. What documents are to be submitted at the time of Admission?

Candidates interested in taking admission for the PGAdm course are required to share /produce the following documents: (scan copies and submit them online)

1. Passing Certificate of the qualifying Examination
2. Statement of marks of the qualifying Examination
3. One passport-size photograph

17. What is the procedure for cancellation of admissions and refund if any?

The candidate who intends to withdraw their admission must apply expressing his/her inability to continue with the course with valid reasons. The chart for refunding the fees on withdrawal of admission is as under:

On Cancellation of Admission	Fees to be refunded
• Within 8 days from the date of admission	80 % of total Fees
• Within 9days to 15 days from the date of admission	50 % of total Fees
• After 15 days from the date of admission of admission	No refund

P.S. - Under any circumstances fees once paid will not be adjusted to the subsequent course.