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CAN A NON-PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE PURSUE AN MA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (RCI)?

Let's understand what the **Delhi High Court** said.

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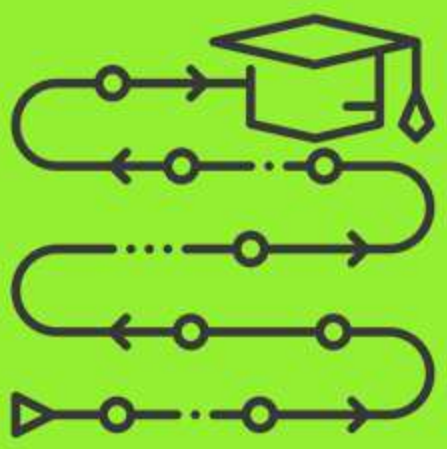
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The old route

Earlier, many students from non-psychology backgrounds could study:

B.A./B.Sc. in any stream

- **M.A. Psychology / Clinical Psychology**
- **M.Phil Clinical Psychology**
- **RCI registration**



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What changed?

Under the new RCI framework, admission to MA Clinical Psychology requires a **4-year B.A./B.Sc. degree in Psychology** from a **UGC**-recognized university.

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Is there a bridge course?

The entry rules mention that students with a 3-year graduation may become eligible through a fourth-year bridge course or first year of a Master's in Psychology.

But when the Court asked whether universities were offering this bridge course, the answer was no.



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So what happens to non-psychology graduates?

Under the new framework, they may not be directly eligible for MA Clinical Psychology under the RCI route.

The Court noted that many such students could be forced to repeat undergraduate studies, causing serious loss of time and money.



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Relief from the Court

The Delhi High Court held that the new regime will **not apply** to students already enrolled in B.A., B.Sc., or M.A. Clinical Psychology programmes.

But it will apply to students entering after Class XII.





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Recap

If you are already in the old academic pathway, this judgment protects you.

But for fresh students, a non-psychology graduation may not be enough for MA Clinical Psychology under the RCI route unless a valid bridge pathway is actually available.

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Important note

Always check the latest RCI guidelines and the admission criteria of the specific university before applying.

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