

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR**

NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O. No. (I)/2023 In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Passports Act, 1974 (XX of 1974) read with section 3 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 (XXXI of 1946), the Federal Government is pleased to make the following amendments in the Passport Rules, 2021, namely:-

i. In aforesaid Rules, sub-rule (1) of Rule 1, shall be substituted by the following:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) These rules shall be called the Passport Amendment Rules, 2021.

ii. In aforesaid Rules, sub-rule (4) and (5) of Rule 20, shall be substituted by the following:

(4) Diplomatic passport holder entitled as per clause (2) of Schedule-IV shall not be allowed to obtain or retain any other type of passport. Diplomatic passport holders entitled as per clause (1) or (3) of Schedule IV can obtain or retain ordinary and/or official passport as per their entitlement.

(5) Diplomatic passport holder entitled as per clause (2) of Schedule-IV shall not be allowed to change the type of passport while abroad.

iii. In aforesaid Rules, the following sub rule shall be added in Rule 20:

(6) Diplomatic passport holders issued diplomatic passports under clause (2) of Schedule IV shall surrender their diplomatic passports to Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs under proper receipt on ceasing of their entitlement for diplomatic passport; Diplomatic passport holders issued diplomatic passports under clause (1) of Schedule IV shall

surrender their diplomatic passports to the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Interior under proper receipt on leaving office and such diplomatic passports shall cease to be ineffective from the date of their leaving office, except those covered by Clause (3) of Schedule IV.

iv. In aforesaid Rules, Schedule-III shall be substituted by the following: -

(1). Official and gratis passport: - Such passports shall be issued to the following categories of persons: -

- (a) President and Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Chief Minister & Governor of Gilgit-Baltistan;
- (b) Members of the Senate, Members of the National Assembly, their spouses, parents and dependent children up to 28 years of age;
- (c) The Auditor General of Pakistan, Chairman Federal Public Service Commission, Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan, Wafaqi Mohtasib, Federal Tax Ombudsman, Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Federal Shariat Court, Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Supreme Appellate Court of Gilgit-Baltistan, High Courts including High Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Court, Chairman Federal Services Tribunal, Members Election Commission of Pakistan, their spouses and dependent children up to 28 years of age;
- (d) Speakers of all Provincial Assemblies, Legislative Assemblies of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, their spouses and dependent children up to 28 years of age;

- (e) All serving and retired civil servants in BPS-22, including officers of Senate and National Assembly Secretariats and armed forces officers of equivalent rank, and their spouses, parents and dependent children up to 28 years of age;
- (f) Advisors to the Provincial Governments, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, with the status of Provincial Minister till completion of tenure;
- (g) Members of Provincial Assemblies, Legislative Assemblies of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, till completion of their term;
- (h) Chairman of National Accountability Bureau and his spouse;
- (i) Chairman and members of the Council of Islamic Ideology;
- (j) Federal Additional Secretaries, Senior Joint Secretaries, Chief Secretaries of the Provinces, BPS-21 Officers of All Pakistan Services, Additional Secretaries of the Senate and National Assembly Secretariats, officers of armed forces of equivalent ranks and their spouses;
- (k) Retired Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee and all three Service Chiefs including their spouses;
- (l) Dependent children of the President of Pakistan, Governors of Provinces, President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Ministers of Provinces, Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Governor and Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, Special Assistant or Advisor to Prime Minister of Pakistan

with the status of Federal Minister or Minister of State, Federal Secretaries, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and all three services chiefs up to 28 years of age

- (m) Director General and Directors of Immigration and Passports;
- (n) Federal Joint Secretaries, Provincial Secretaries and Secretaries of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, Joint Secretaries of Senate and National Assembly Secretariats, in BPS-20;
- (o) Civil servants and armed forces personnel residing in Pakistan and proceeding abroad on posting, secondment or on deputation with a foreign Government, ECO, UNO, its affiliated Organizations, their spouses and dependent children up to 28 years of age accompanying or joining them. However, dependent daughters may be allowed official passport irrespective of age limit. Dependent parents may be issued official passports on payment of fee;
- (p) Civil servants and armed forces personnel proceeding abroad on official business, training, course, study tour or to attend seminar. The validity of passport should be restricted to one year or to the extent of the official business, if more than one year;

- (q) Ex-Members of the Parliament who remained member of either House of the Parliament for at least one term and their spouses;
- (r) Former Governors of the Provinces, former Presidents of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and former Governors of Gilgit-Baltistan;
- (s) Retired judges of Supreme Court of Pakistan, High Courts, Supreme Court and High Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Supreme Appellate Court of Gilgit-Baltistan and Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Court and their spouses;
- (t) Officers employed in BPS-20 and above on contractual assignments, with the Federal or Provincial Governments, while proceeding abroad on official business. The validity of passports shall be restricted to the period of their contract;
- (u) Officers of the Senate, National Assembly Secretariat, National Accountability Bureau and Supreme Court of Pakistan in BPS-17 and above proceeding abroad on official visit. The validity of passport shall be restricted to the duration of official visit;

Provided that the validity of the official passport issued to dependent will not be beyond the eligible age limit 28 years.

2. Official passport on payment of fee: (i) This type of passport shall be issued to the following categories of persons on payment of prescribed fee: -

- a. Governor and Deputy Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan;
- b. Members of Competition Commission of Pakistan;
- c. Members of Indus River System Authority;
- d. Civil servants on deputation with autonomous or semi-autonomous bodies or corporations proceeding abroad in connection with official work of the borrowing body;
- e. Spouses and dependent children up to 28 years of age of civil servants (BPS-17 to 21) and armed forces officers in equivalent rank proceeding abroad for official training or courses longer than nine months. However, dependent daughters may also be allowed official passports irrespective of age limit;
- f. Heads of autonomous bodies or corporations, either permanent or on contractual basis in BPS-20 and above proceeding abroad in connection with the official work of that body;
- g. Pakistan Television Corporation and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation going abroad for covering President's or Prime Minister's foreign visits;
- h. Employees of NADRA Posted at Pakistan Mission abroad;

(ii) This type of passport shall be issued to the employees of following organizations on payment of prescribed fee while proceeding abroad for training, course or official visit:-

- (a) Air Weapons Complex;
- (b) Dr. A.Q Khan Research Laboratories;
- (c) Defense Science and Technology Organization;
- (d) Federal Public Service Commission;
- (e) Maritime Technology Complex;
- (f) National Development Complex;
- (g) National Engineering and Scientific Commission;
- (h) Pakistan Nuclear Regularity Authority;
- (i) Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission;
- (j) Project Management Organization;
- (k) Strategic Plans Division;
- (l) The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission;

Provided that the validity of Passport issued to the above categories of persons, mentioned in clause 2, be restricted to a period of one year or to the extent of official business, if more than one year.

The term "employee" covers all types of employees including contract employees.

v. In aforesaid Rules, Schedule-IV shall be substituted by the following:

- (1) Diplomatic passports shall be issued to the following persons on their appointment/issuance of special authorisation;
 - (a) President of Pakistan;
 - (b) Prime Ministers of Pakistan;
 - (c) Chairmen of the Senate of Pakistan;
 - (d) Speakers of the National Assembly of Pakistan;

- (e) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan;
- (f) Governors of the Provinces;
- (g) Chief Ministers of the Provinces;
- (h) Ministers of the Government of Pakistan;
- (i) Ministers of State to the Government of Pakistan;
- (j) Advisors/Special Assistants to the Prime Minister;
- (k) All functionaries of the Federal Government with the status of Federal Minister or Minister of State;
- (l) Attorney General for Pakistan;
- (m) Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee;
- (n) Chief of Army Staff;
- (o) Chief of Naval Staff;
- (p) Chief of Air Staff;
- (q) Principal Secretaries to the Prime Minister;
- (r) Secretary, Ministry of Interior;
- (s) Secretary, Ministry of Commerce;
- (t) Secretary, Economic Affairs Division;
- (u) Director General, Inter-Services Intelligence;
- (v) Chairman, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission; and
- (w) Such persons as are specially authorized by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

(2) Diplomatic passports shall be issued to the following persons on the recommendations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: -

- a) Officers in BPS-17 and above of Pakistan Foreign Service for the duration of their membership of the Foreign Service of Pakistan and their spouses. In this regard e-passports shall be issued for a period of 7-10 years or the remaining period of service whichever is less.
- b) All other officers in BPS-17 and above, including officers of armed forces having equivalent ranks proceeding abroad on diplomatic assignments and having diplomatic status for the

duration of their posting or other short term assignments abroad.

c) Pakistan nationals holding following offices in international organisations:

- (i) President of the UN General Assembly;
- (ii) President of the Specialised Agencies of the UN such as WHO, ILO, FAO, etc;
- (iii) Executive Heads of the Secretariat of such autonomous and subsidiary organisations of the UN General Assembly as have acquired eminence like WTO, UNIDO etc;
- (iv) Directors representing Pakistan in the IBRD, IMF and the Asian Development Bank;
- (v) President and Vice Presidents of the World Bank and Managing Director & Directors of IMF;
- (vi) Officers holding the rank of Assistant Secretary General and above in the UN secretariat and its Specialised Agencies;
- (vii) Secretary Generals ECO, SAARC and OIC Secretariats; and
- (viii) Executive Director of the Islamic Development Bank.

(3) Diplomatic passports issued to the following persons shall continue to be effective after they leave office and the same shall be issued/reissued on application to persons who have held these offices:

- a) Presidents of Pakistan;
- b) Prime Ministers of Pakistan;
- c) Chairmen of the Senate;
- d) Speakers of the National Assembly;
- e) Chief Justice of Pakistan;

- f) Minister of Interior; Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- g) Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Air Staff and Chief of Naval staff;
- h) Principal Secretary to Prime Minister;
- i) Secretary, Ministry of Interior;
- j) Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- k) Director General Inter-Services Intelligence.

(4) **Spouses of diplomatic passport holders:** Spouses of diplomatic passport holders shall be entitled for diplomatic passport. He or she will hold diplomatic passport as long as his or her spouse retains the diplomatic passport.

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