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Note from the Author

It gives me great pleasure to complete the 48th update of Complete Provincial Sales Tax Laws. This update covers:-

-Balochistan Finance Act, 2026;

-KPK Notifications: No. KPRA/Admin/GN/2026/3637 & No. KPRA/Admin/GN/2026/3638;

-KPK Circulars: KPRA/STS/Clarification/2026-27/3324-27; and

-SRB Circulars: 01 of 2026.

These are briefly explained as under:–

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1. On page III-1 onwards, various provisions of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 have been amended by **Balochistan Finance Act, 2026** dated June 29, 2026.

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Your suggestions and comments are very useful for improvement of the work which will be highly appreciated.

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THE BALOCHISTAN SALES TAX ON SERVICES ACT, 2015

(VI of 2015)

[03rd July, 2015]

An

Act

to provide for the levy of a tax on services provided, rendered, initiated, received, originated, executed or consumed in Balochistan.

No. PAB/Legis:v(16)/2015, Quetta, the July 03, 2015.– The Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Bill, 2015 (Bill No.16 of 2015), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 25th June, 2015 and assented to by the Governor, Balochistan on 3rd July, 2015 is hereby published as an Act of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

Preamble.

[1][WHEREAS in accordance with the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 the imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of taxes on service is the prerogative of the Provinces.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the levy of a tax on services provided rendered, initiated, originated [2][,] executed, received or consumed in the Province of Balochistan and to deal with all matters incidental and ancillary thereto or connected therewith.]

Chapter I

Preliminary

1. Short title, Extent and Commencement.– (1) This Act shall be called the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act [3][,] 2015.

(2) It extends to the whole [4][of the Province] of Balochistan [5][ ].

(3) This Act shall come into force on and from 1st day of July, 2015.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-section (3), the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify services or class or classes of services in respect of which tax shall be collected and paid with effect from the date subsequent to and different from the date of the commencement of this Act.

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[1]Substituted for "Where it is expedient to provide for the levy of a tax on services provided, rendered, initiated, originated, executed, received or consumed in Balochistan and to deal with ancillary matters. It is hereby enacted as follows:-" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Comma inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[3]Comma inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[5]Words "except its Tribal Areas" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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[1][**2. Definitions**.– In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(1) "**Act**" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015);

[2][(1A) "Active taxpayer" means a registered person who does not fall in any of the following categories:-

(a) whose registration is suspended in terms of section 28; and

(b) who has failed to e-file his returns consecutively for four tax period]

[3][ ]

(4) "**Adjudicating Authority**" means and includes the officers competent to adjudicate and decide the cases as prescribed by section 60 of the Act;

[3][ ]

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[1]S. 2 substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]S. 2(1A) inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[3]Clauses (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(2) "**Accountant**" means-

(a) a chartered accountant as defined in the Chartered Accountants Ordinance,1961 (Ordinance No. X of 1961), and includes the Associate and Fellow members thereof;

(b) a cost and management accountant as defined in the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (Act No. XIV of 1966), and includes the Associate and Fellow members thereof;

(c) a firm or an association of chartered accountants or cost and management accounts; and

(d) other accountants or association of accountants notified in this behalf by the Authority;

(3) "**Additional Commissioner**" means a person appointed as an Additional Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;"

"(5) "**Advertisement**" means the act or process of advertising something and includes a notice, circular, label, wrapper, document, banner, hoarding, billboard, or any other audio or visual representation made or displayed by any means including print media, electronic media, telecommunication media, light, paint, colouration, sound, smoke or gas, or otherwise;

(6) "**Advertising Agent**" means a person engaged in providing any service connected with the making, preparation, display, demonstration or exhibition of advertisement in any manner and includes an advertising agency or media agent or advertising or media consultant or media buying house, by whatever name called;"

"(7) "**Agent**" means a person who is authorized to act on behalf of another person (called 'the principal') to create a legal relationship with a third party, and includes a person specified as an agent under section 73 of the Act;

(8) "**Airport Service Provider**" and "Airport Ground Service Provider" mean and include any service provider, operator and airline providing or rendering ground or ramp services, including passenger and cargo handling services, to other airlines or to aircraft operators of scheduled or non-scheduled flights, and also include the handling agents authorized by the Civil Aviation Authority or other airport operators;

(9) "**Aircraft Operator**" means and includes any person who provides the services of transportation or carriage of passengers, goods, cargo, baggage or mail by aircraft;

(10) "**Airport Operator**" means and includes the Civil Aviation Authority and any other authority or organization or office managing or operating a customs airport, as notified under section 9 of the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969);"

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(11) "**Appellate Tribunal**" means the Appellate Tribunal established under law and notified by the Government as the Appellate Tribunal under section 66 of the Act;

[1][ ]

(13) "**Arrears**" in relation to a person, means the tax due and payable by the person on a day under the Act, which has not been paid by that day in the prescribed manner;

[1][ ]

(15) "**Assistant Commissioner**" means a person appointed as an Assistant Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

(16) "**Associates**" or "**Associated Persons**" refer to-

(a) two persons, where the relationship between them is such that one may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of the other, or both persons may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of a third person:

Provided that two persons shall not be associates solely by reason of the fact that one person is an employee of the other or both persons are employees of a third person;

(b) without prejudice to the generality of clause (a) and subject to clause (c) of this subsection, the following persons shall be treated as associates, namely:-

(i) an individual and a relative of that individual;

(ii) members of an association of persons;

(iii) a member of an association of persons and the association, where the member, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this sub- section, controls fifty per cent or more of the rights to income or capital of the association;

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[1]Clauses (12), (14) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(12) "**Architect**" means and includes an architect or a town planner as defined in section 2 of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance, 1983 (Ordinance No. IX of 1983), and also includes an association of persons or a commercial concern engaged in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, in the field of architecture or town planning;"

"(14) "**Asset Management Service**" means a service to plan, acquire, manage and recycle assets in a systematic manner, and includes portfolio management, forex management, money management, investment management or any kind of fund management and management of collective investment scheme;"

(iv) a shareholder in a company and the company, where the shareholder, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this sub-section, controls either directly or through one or more interposed persons-

(a) fifty per cent or more of the voting power in the company;

(b) fifty per cent or more of the rights to dividends; or

(c) fifty per cent or more of the rights to capital; and

(v) two companies, where a person, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this sub-section, controls either directly or through one or more interposed persons–

(a) fifty per cent or more of the voting power in both companies;

(b) fifty per cent or more of the rights to dividends in both companies; or

(c) fifty per cent or more of the rights to capital in both companies; and

(c) two persons shall not be associates under sub-clause (i) or (ii) of clause (b) where the Commissioner of the Authority is satisfied that neither person may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of the other.

Explanation: The expression "relative" in relation to an individual, means-

(i) an ancestor, a descendant of any of the grandparents, or an adopted child of the individual, or of a spouse of the individual; or

(ii) a spouse of the individual or of any person specified at (i) of this explanation;

(17) "**Association of Persons**" includes a firm, any artificial juridical person and anybody of persons formed under a foreign law, but does not include a company;

[1][ ]

[1]Clause (18) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(18) "**Auctioneer**" means a person providing or rendering services in relation to auction of property, movable or immovable and tangible or intangible, in any manner.

Explanation: Auction of property includes calling the auction or providing facility, advertising or illustrative services, pre-auction price estimates, short term storage services and repair and restoration services in relation to auction of property;"

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(19) "**Audit Officer**" means a person appointed as an Auditor Officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

(20) "**Authority**" means Balochistan Revenue Authority established under the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

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[2][ ]

(25) [3]["**Business**"] "**Bank Account**" means the bank account of a person for business transaction, subject to the condition that such account is declared by him in the prescribed application for registration submitted for obtaining a registration number or for changing the particulars thereof;

(26) "**Banking Company**" means a banking company as defined in the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No. LVII of 1962) and includes anybody corporate, which transacts the business of banking in Balochistan;

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[1]Clauses (21) to (23) & (26A) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (26A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(21) "**Authorized Service Station**" means a service station or service center, authorized by a motor vehicle manufacturer, whether local or foreign, to carry out any service or repair or reconditioning or restoration or decoration of motor vehicles, classified under Chapter 87 of the First Schedule of the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969), manufactured by such manufacturer.

Explanation: The services by authorized service stations include-

(a) the services provided during the warranty period as well as after the expiry of the warranty period;

(b) the services provided even for the vehicles and machinery not manufactured by the manufacturer appointing or authorizing such service station; and

(c) the services provided against charges billed by way of reimbursement, whether from the manufacturer or insurance companies or leasing companies or other such persons;

(22) "**Automated Teller Machine**" means an interactive automatic machine, whether owned or outsourced by banks and other financial institutions, designed to dispense cash, accept deposit of cash, transfer money between bank accounts and facilitate other financial transactions including payments of bills;

(23) "**Automated Teller Machine Operations, Maintenance, and Management**" means a service provided in relation to automated teller machines and includes site selection, contracting of location, acquisition, financing, installation, certification, connection, maintenance, transaction processing, cash forecasting, replenishment, reconciliation and value added services;"

[2]Clause (24) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(24) "**Banking**" means the accepting, for the purpose of lending or investment, of deposits of money from the public, repayable on demand or otherwise, and withdraw-able by cheque, draft, order or otherwise;"

Before omission by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025, it read as follows:-

"(26A) "**Beaching**" includes any activity under which a ship, vessel, boat or any similar structure whether complete, incomplete, damaged or undamaged is moved from sea waters to the shore or grounded in shallow waters for the purpose of cargo / goods loading or unloading, embarkation or disembarkation of persons / passengers, repair, maintenance, dismantling, breaking or for any other similar purposes;"

[3]Word inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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[1][ ]

[1]Clauses (27) to (34) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (29A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(27) "**Beauty Parlour**" or "**Beauty Clinic**" means a person or an establishment providing beauty treatment services including hair cutting, hair dyeing, hair dressing, face care, face treatment, cosmetic treatment, manicure, pedicure, make-up including bridal make-up, and counseling services on beauty care, face care or make-up or other such identical or similar services;

(28) "**Broad Casting Service**" means the dissemination of any form of communication like sign, signals, writing, pictures, images and sound of all kind by transmission of electro-magnetic waves through space or through cable intended to be received by the general public either directly or indirectly through the medium of relay stations and all its grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

(29) "**Business Support Service**" means the services provided in relation to business or commerce and includes evaluation of prospective buyers, telemarketing, call centre facilities, accounting and processing of transactions, processing of purchase orders and fulfillment services, information and tracking of delivery schedules, managing distribution and logistics, customer relationship management services, operational assistance for marketing, formulation of customer service and pricing policies, infrastructural support services and other transaction processing.

Explanation: For the purposes of this clause, the expression "infrastructural support services" includes providing office along with utilities, lounge, reception with personnel to handle messages, secretarial services, telecommunication facilities, pantry and security;

(29A) "**Cab aggregator**" means a person who is an aggregator or operator or intermediary or online marketplace who canvasses or solicits or facilitates passengers for travel by motor vehicles like taxi, cab, car, van, motorcycle and rickshaw, and who connects the passenger or the intending passenger to a driver of any of the aforesaid motor vehicles through telephone, cellular phone, internet, web based services or GPS or GPRS-based services, electronic or digital means, whether or not he charges or collects any fee, fare, commission, brokerage or other charges or consideration for -providing or rendering such service;

(30) "**Cable TV Operator**" includes a local loop holder and means a person who owns, controls, manages or runs any cable television system and is engaged in reception of broadcast pre-recorded or live signals from different channels for distribution to subscribers through a set of closed transmission path or wireless, and is liable to license as a cable TV operator under the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. XIII of 2002);

(31) "**Call Centre**" means an establishment providing or rendering the services of receiving or transmitting requests by telephone, facsimile, live support software, social media and e-mail, whether for the product support or business support of any person or for information inquiries from consumers or for telemarketing, soliciting of donations and subscriptions, debt collection, market research or other similar services;

(32) "**Car or Automobile Dealer**", means a person who is engaged in providing or rendering the services in relation to sale, purchase, transfer, leasing, marketing or booking of cars and automobiles, whether imported or locally assembled or locally manufactured, including new, old and used cars or automobiles;"

(33) "**Car or Automobile Washing or Similar Service Station**" means a service station or a service centre or an establishment providing or rendering the services in relation to maintenance of cars or automobiles, including the services of inspecting, detailing, washing, cleaning, polishing, waxing, oil coating, lubricating, tuning, changing of oils, filters and plugs, denting, painting, repairing and other similar services;

(34) "**Cargo Handling Service**" means loading, unloading, packing or unpacking of cargo and includes cargo handling services provided for freight in special containers or for non-containerized freight, service provided by a container freight terminal or any other freight terminal, for all modes of transport and cargo handling service incidental to freight, but does not include handling of export cargo or passenger baggage or mere transportation of goods;"

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[2][36A.* "**CPC**" means the Central Product Classification, as adopted and periodically revised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and includes any updated version officially adopted for the purposes of this Act.]

[1][ ]

(38) "**Commissioner**" means a person appointed as a Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

(39) "**Commissioner (Appeals)**" means a person appointed as a Commissioner (Appeals) of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

(40) "**Commissionerate**" means the office of the Commissioner or the Commissioner (Appeals) having jurisdiction specified under the Act and the rules made thereunder;

(41) "**Common Taxpayer Identification Number**" means the registration number or any other number or identification number allocated to a person for the purposes of the Act;

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[1]Clauses (35) to (37), (42) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

(35) "**Caterer**" means a person who in ordinary course of business and in relation to events, functions, ceremonies, parties, get-together, occasions, etc., provides or supplies, either directly or indirectly, various services including food, edible preparations, beverages, entertainment, furniture or fixture, crockery or cutlery, pandal or shamiana, ornamental or decorative accessories or lighting for illumination;

(36) "**Club**" includes a membership club and a proprietary club and means a person, a body of persons, an establishment, an organization or a place, the membership of which is restricted to a particular class of people or which is run on the basis of mutuality or otherwise and provides various services, facilities, utilities or advantages for an amount of fee, consideration, subscription or charges, including those for initial membership, whether or not it provides food or drinks or has any arrangement for boarding or lodging or games;

(37) "**Commission Agent**" means a person who acts on behalf of another person for causing sale or purchase of goods or provision or receipt of services, for a consideration, and includes any person who, while acting on behalf of another person,-

(a) deals with goods or services or documents of title to such goods or services;

(b) collects payment of sale price of such goods or services;

(c) guarantees for collection or payment for such goods or services; or

(d) undertakes any activity relating to such sale or purchase of such goods or provision or receipt of such services;"

"(42) "**Commodity Broker**" means a broker as defined in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 2 of the Commodity Exchange and Future Contracts Rules, 2005, made under section 33 of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969 (Ordinance No. XVII of 1969);"

[2]Clause 36A of S. 2 inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. *It should be (36A)

(43) "**Company**" means-

(a) a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2017 (Act No. XIX of 2017);

(b) a banking company and foreign banking company as defined in the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No. LV1I of 1962), and includes anybody corporate which transacts the business of banking in Pakistan;

(c) a non-banking finance company (NBFC) and the notified entities as specified in section 282A of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (Ordinance No. XLVII of 1984), read with the Non-Banking Finance Company (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003;

(d) a body corporate formed by or under any law in force in Pakistan;

(e) a modaraba company as defined in the Modaraba Companies and Modaraba (Floatation and Control) Ordinance, 1980 (Ordinance No. XXXI of 1980);

(f) a financial institution as defined in the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. XLV1 of 2001), including a microfinance institution licensed under the Microfinance Institutions Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. LV of 2001) and an Islamic financial institution;

(g) a body incorporated by or under the law of a country outside Pakistan relating to incorporation of companies;

(h) a trust, a co-operative society or a finance society or any other society established or constituted by or under any law for the time being in force; or

(i) a foreign association, whether incorporated or not, which the Authority has, by general or special order, declared to be a company for the purposes of the Act;

(44) "**Computerized System**" means any comprehensive information technology system used by the Authority or any other office as may be notified by the Authority, for carrying out the purposes of the Act;

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[1]Clauses (45), (46) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(45) "**Convention Service** "means a formal meeting or assembly which is not open to the general public, and does not include a meeting or assembly, the principal purpose of which is to provide any type of amusement, entertainment or recreation;

(46) "**Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery**" includes the services provided or rendered by any person, in relation to aesthetic or cosmetic surgery or plastic surgery like abdominoplasty (tummy tuck), blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery), mammoplasty, buttock augmentation and lift, rhinoplasty (reshaping of nose), otoplasty (ear surgery), rhytidectomy (face lift), liposuction (removal of fat from the body), brow lift, cheek augmentation, facial implants, lip augmentation, forehead lift, cosmetic dental surgery, orthodontics, aesthetic dentistry, laser skin surfacing, hair grafting, hair transplant and such other similar surgery;

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(51) "**Default Surcharge**" means the default surcharge levied under section 49 of the Act;

(52) "**Defaulter**" means a person and includes an individual, every member of such association, every director of such company and every partner of such firm and further includes guarantors or successors thereof, who fail to pay the arrears;

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(53) "**Deputy Commissioner**" means a person appointed as a Deputy Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

(54) "**Document**" includes, but is not limited to, any electronic data, computer programmes, computer tapes, computer disks, micro-films or any other medium or mode for the storage of such data;

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(56) "**Due Date**" in relation to the furnishing of a return or a statement or for payment of tax under the Act, means the 15th day of the month following the end of the tax period to which it relates, or such other date as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify;

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[1]Clauses (47) to (50), (52A), (55) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (52A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(47) "**Courier Services**" includes the services provided or rendered by any person engaged in the transportation, carriage or delivery of time-sensitive documents, goods or articles, whether or not utilizing the services of a person, directly or indirectly, to collect, carry or deliver such documents, goods or articles;"

"(48) "**Credit Rating Agency**" includes a person engaged in the business of credit rating of any debt obligation or of any project or programme requiring finance, whether in the form of debt or otherwise, and also includes a person engaged in the business of credit rating or evaluation of credit worthiness or credit risk of any financial obligation, instrument or security and further includes a credit rating agency as specified in section 63 of the Securities Act, 2015 (Act No. III of 2015);

(49) "**Customs Agent**" means a person licensed under section 207 of the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969), and the rules made thereunder;

(50) "**Debt Collection Services and Other Debt Recovery Services**" means the services provided by a person to a banking company or a financial institution including non-banking financial company or any other body corporate or a firm or a person, in relation to recovery of any sums due to such banking company or a financial institution including non-banking financial company or any other body corporate or a firm or a person, in any manner;

"(52A) "**Depot for storage including cold storage services**" means the facility or space provided or rendered or let out on rent or otherwise for the storage, cold storage or warehousing of goods including those in the loft - of liquids and gases, but not including the storage of food grains and fresh vegetables and fruits not subjected to further processing and also not including the storage in public bonded warehouses as defined in clause (125);"

"(55) "**Dredging or De-silting**" includes removal of material including silt, sediments, rocks, sand, refuse, debris, plant or animal matter in any excavating, cleaning, deepening, widening or lengthening, either permanently or temporarily, of any river, lake, canal, pond, reservoir, port, harbour, channel, backwater or estuary;"

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(57) "**Economic Activity**" shall have the meaning given in section 6 of the Act;

[1][(57A) "**e-file**" means the process of electronic filing of any document on computerized system of the Authority;]

(58) "**Electronic Record**" includes the content of communications, transactions and procedures under the Act, including attachments, annexes, enclosures, accounts, returns, statements, certificates, applications, forms, receipts, acknowledgments, notices, orders, judgments, approvals, notifications, circulars, rulings, documents and any other information associated with such communications, transactions and procedures, created, sent, forwarded, replied to, transmitted, distributed, broadcasted, stored, held, copied, downloaded, displayed, viewed, read, or printed, by one or several electronic resources and any other information in electronic form;

(59) "**Electronic Resource**" includes telecommunication systems, transmission devices, electronic video or audio equipment, encoding or decoding equipment, input, output or connecting devices, data processing or storage systems, computer systems, servers, networks and related computer programs, applications and software including databases, data warehouse and web portals as may be prescribed by the Authority from time to time, for the purpose of creating electronic record;

(60) "**E-intermediary**" means a person appointed as electronic-intermediary under section 77 of the Act;

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(64) "**Exempt Service**" means a service which is exempt from tax under section 12 of the Act;

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[1]S. 2(57A) inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[2]Clauses (61) to (63) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(61) "**Erection, Commissioning and Installation services**" means the services provided or rendered in relation to-

(a) erection, commissioning or installation of plant, machinery, equipment or structures, whether pre-fabricated or otherwise; or

(b) installation-

(i) of electrical and electronic devices, including wirings or fittings thereof;

(ii) of plumbing, drain laying or other installations for transport of fluids;

(iii) of heating, ventilation or air-conditioning including related pipe work, wood work, duct work and sheet metal work;

(iv) of thermal insulation, sound insulation, fire proofing or water proofing;

(v) of lift and escalator, travellators or fire escape staircases; or

(vi) requiring such other similar services;"

"(62) "**Event Management Services**" means a service provided or rendered in relation to planning, promotion, organizing or presentation of any arts, business, sports, marital functions, social functions or any other function or event, and includes any consultation or any ancillary service such as catering, decoration, photography, videography, sound recording, lighting & illumination, DJ, valet parking, etc., provided in this regard;

(63) "**Exchange**" means the stock exchange, securities exchange, futures exchange or commodity exchange;"

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(66) "**FBR**" means the Federal Board of Revenue established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act, 2007 (Act No. IV 2007);

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(68) "**Filer**" means a taxpayer who files a return in the prescribed form on a monthly, quarterly, six monthly or annual basis electronically or through any magnetic media to a designated bank or any other office specified by the Authority;

(69) "**Financial Institution**" includes:-

(a) a company or an institution whether established under any special enactment and operating within or outside Pakistan which transact the business of banking or any associated or ancillary business through its branches;

(b) a modaraba, leasing company, investment bank, venture capital company, finance company, housing finance company, a nonbanking finance company; and

(c) any other institution or company authorized by law to undertake any similar business as the Government may, by notification, specify for the purpose;

(70) "**Financial Year**" means a year commencing on the first day of July and ending on the thirtieth day of June in the following year;

(71) "**Firm**" means the relation between persons who have agreed to share the profits of a business carried on by all or any of them acting for all;

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[1]Clauses (65), (67), (72) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(65) "**Exhibition Service**" means a service provided or rendered in relation to an exhibition held–

(a) to market; or

(b) to promote; or

(c) to advertise; or

(d) to showcase,

any product, goods or services intended for the growth in the business of the manufacturer, producer, importer, supplier, distributor or provider of such product, goods or services;"

"(67) "**Fashion Designer**" means a person providing or rendering the services of fashion designing including the economic activities relating to conceptualizing, outlining and creating designs and preparing designs and patterns for costumes, apparels, garments, clothing, accessories, jewelry, foot wears or any other services incidental or ancillary (like marketing, packing, delivery, display and other similar services) to such fashion designing;"

"(72) "**Foreign Exchange Dealer**" includes an exchange company or a foreign exchange company or a money changer authorized or licensed by the State Bank of Pakistan;"

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(78) "**Goods**" includes every kind of movable property other than actionable claims, money, stocks, shares and securities and does not include a service or services defined under the Act;

(79) "**Government**" means the Government of Balochistan;

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[1]Clause (73) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(73) "**Forward Contract**" means a contract for the delivery of goods and which is not a ready delivery contract;"

[2]Clauses (74) to (77) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (76A) was inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(74) "**Franchise**" means an authority given by a franchiser, including an associate of the franchiser, under which the franchisee is contractually or otherwise granted any right to produce, manufacture, distribute, sell or trade or otherwise deal in or do any other business activity in respect of goods or to provide services or to undertake any process identified with the franchiser, whether or not against a consideration or fee, including technical fee, management fee, or royalty or such other fee or charges, irrespective of the fact whether or not a trademark, service mark, trade name, logo, brand name or any such representation or symbol, as the case may be, is involved;

(75) "**Freight Forwarding Agent**" means a person who provides or renders or makes arrangement for his principals or client, the services, for fee or charges or commission or remuneration, for some or all of the services being provided by the shipping agents, clearing agents, stevedores, ship chandlers, port operators, terminal operators, surveyors, persons providing ship management services, warehousing services or container provision services or cover or guarantee in respect of imports or exports of goods, independently or in partnership or in arrangement with any such service provider or renderer;

(76) "**Fumigation Services**" means the services provided or rendered by a person in relation to pest control and insect control includes the services of disinfecting and sterilizing of premises, buildings, factories and complexes, including commercial complexes, shopping complexes, office complexes, apartment or residential complexes, multiplexes, exhibition centers, residential units, commercial units, offices and commercial goods, but does not include the public health fumigation services provided or rendered by the Federal Government, Provincial Government, Local Government or Cantonment Board and the services in relation to agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and dairy farming;"

"(76A) "Fund and Asset Management Services" includes the services provided or rendered in relation to assets management, portfolio management and all kinds of fund management;"

"(77) "**Futures Broker**" means a person as defined in clause (xxiv) of section 2 of the Securities Act, 2015 (Act No. III of 2015) and includes-

(a) makes or offers to make with any person, or induces or attempts to induce any person to enter into or to offer to enter into any agreement for or with a view to purchase or sale of a futures contract;

(b) solicits or accepts any order for, or otherwise dealing in, or effects transactions in a futures contract for its customer or on its own account;

(c) gives investment advice on whether, which, the time at which or the terms and conditions of which, future contracts are to be entered into; and

(d) issues analysis or reports, for the purposes of facilitating the recipients to make decisions on whether, which, the time at which, or the terms and conditions on which, future contracts are to be entered into;"

"(80) "**Healthcare Center, Gyms or Physical Fitness Center, etc.**" includes a health club, gymnasium, reducing or slimming salon or clinic, or an establishment providing the facilities, utilities or advantages of sauna or steam bath, Turkish bath, solarium, spas, yoga, meditation, massage (excluding therapeutic massage under medical prescription or advice) or such other services;"

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(86) "**Input Tax**" in relation to a registered person, means-

(a) tax levied under the Act on the services received by the person;

(b) tax levied under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, on the goods imported by the person;

(c) tax levied under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, on the goods or services received by the person; and

(d) provincial sales tax or Islamabad Capital Territory sales tax levied on the services received by the person:

Provided that the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify that any or all of the aforesaid tax shall not be treated as input tax for the purposes of the Act subject to such conditions and limitations as the Authority may specify in the notification;

(87) "**Inspector**" means a person appointed as an Inspector of the Balochistan Revenue Authority under section 39 of the Act;

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[1]Clauses (81) to (85A), (88) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (85A) was inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(81) "**Hotel**" includes the motels and guesthouses and means a person, establishment, organization or place, by whatever name called, where rooms or suites are let out on rent, whether or not it has any arrangement for catering or function halls as a part of the hotel or provides any other services, facilities or utilities, but does not include a home or hostel which is exclusively used for the aged or invalid persons or students and is run by or under the control of such a charitable or educational institution as are exempt from the application of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 2001);

(82) "**Human Resource Development Consultant**" means a professionally qualified person or any other firm in human resource development who, either directly or indirectly, renders any advice, consultancy or technical assistance in any manner to any person in one or more disciplines of human resource development;

(83) "**Ijarah**" means an arrangement under which a bank leases equipment, building or other facility to a client against an agreed rental;

(84) "**Immovable Property**" means a property that cannot be moved, firmly attached to the land or fastened to anything attached to the land, and in case of building located in complex or an industrial estate, all common areas and facilities relating thereto within such complex or estate;

(85) "**Indenter**" means a person who is a representative for a non-resident person or a nonresident company or a foreign product or service and who gets a consideration in the shape of commission, fee, remuneration or royalty on a transaction, irrespective of whether the transaction has taken place out of his effort, consent or otherwise;"

"(85A) "**Indoor Sports and Games Center**" by whatever name called, includes a person who provides or renders the facility of indoor sports or games whether for amusement, recreation or otherwise, for a consideration in its premises;"

"(88) "**Insurance**" has the same meaning as defined in clause (xxvii) of section 2 of the Insurance Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. XXXIX of 2000);"

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(90) "**Intangible**" means any patent, invention, design or model, secret formula or process, copyright, trade mark, scientific or technical knowledge, computer software, motion picture film, export quotas, franchise, licence, intellectual property, or other like property or right, contractual rights and any expenditure that provides an advantage or benefit for a period of more than one year (other than expenditure incurred to acquire a depreciable asset or unimproved land);

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(93) "**Inter-Bank Rate**" means the Karachi Inter-Bank Offered Rate (KIBOR) prevalent on the first day of each quarter of the financial year;

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[1]Clauses (89) to (89A), (91), (92), (94) to (98) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (89A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(89) "**Insurer**" means a person as defined in clause (xxxi) of section 2 of the Insurance Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. XXXIX of 2000);"

"(89A) "**Insurance Agent**" includes an agent as defined in clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of rule 2 of the Insurance Rules, 2017 and also includes as insurance broker as defined in clause (xxviii) of section 2 of the Insurance Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. XXXIX of 2000);"

"(91) "**Intellectual Property Right**" means and includes any right of intangible property, anything produced by the mind, trade mark, patent, design including industrial design, layout design (topographies) of integrated circuits, copyright or any other similar intangible property as defined in clause (g) of section 2 of the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan Act, 2012 (Act No. XXII of 2012) and covered by the Intellectual Property Laws specified in clause (h) of section 2 thereof or under any other law for the time being in force;

(92) "**Intellectual Property Service**" means any service provided or rendered to a person by any person by transferring temporarily or permitting the use or enjoyment of an intellectual property right;"

"(94) "**Interior Decorator**" means a person providing or rendering, directly or indirectly, any advice, consultancy, technical assistance or, in any other manner, the services related to planning, design or beautification, embellishment, ornation, decoration or furnishing any interior or exterior space, whether man-made or otherwise, and includes a landscape designer;

(95) "**Internet Café**" means a commercial establishment providing facility to access an internet;

(96) "**Labour and Manpower Supply Services**" includes the services provided or rendered by a person to another person, for a consideration, for use of the services of a person or an individual, employed, hired or supplied by him;

(97) "**Laundries and Dry Cleaners**" means a person providing or rendering, to any person, the services of washing, pressing, stain removing, darning or dry cleaning of any kind of textile or fur, or leather materials like apparels, clothes, garments, floor coverings, curtains, draperies, linens, bed-wears, and their accessories;

(98) "**Legal Practitioners and Consultants**" means a legal practitioner as defined in section 2 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (Act No. XXXV of 1973), and includes a person engaged in providing of services in relation to advice, consultancy or assistance in any branch of law or providing representational services before any court, tribunal or other such judicial or quasi-judicial authority;"

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(103) "**Misconduct**" means a conduct prejudicial to good order, unbecoming of a gentlemen and includes any act on his part to bring or attempt to bring outside or any sort of influence, directly or indirectly, to bear on the officer of the Authority, in respect of any matter relating to discharge of his duties under the Act, or creating hindrance in discharge of such duties or impersonation or submission of fake documents;

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[1]Clauses (99) to (102), (104) to (107) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(99) "**Maintenance or Cleaning Services**" means the services provided or rendered in relation to repair, maintenance and cleaning, including specialized cleaning services such as disinfecting, exterminating or satirizing, of-

(a) office equipment, office buildings, commercial or industrial building and premises thereof;

(b) commercial complexes including multiplexes, shopping complexes, office complexes, exhibition centers, apartment or residential complexes; and

(c) factories and the plants or machinery of equipment of such factories and, elevators, escalators, tanks or reservoirs of such factories or of office or commercial or industrial buildings or commercial complexes, but does not include such services in relation to agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and dairy farming;

(100) "**Management Consultant**" means a person engaged, either directly or indirectly, in providing of services in connection with the management of any business, organization or institution in any manner and includes a person who renders advice, consultancy or technical assistance relating to conceptualizing, devising, development, modification, rectification, or up-gradation of any working system of such business, organization or institution;

(101) "**Market Research Agency**" means a person engaged, directly or indirectly, in providing of services relating to the study or survey, or both, of any situation in the market for any purpose other than personal, academic or educational requirements;

(102) "**Marriage Hall and Lawn**" by whatever name called, includes a hall or lawn or a banquet hall or a function hall or an exhibition hall or lawn, or any building, place, premises or marquee where parties, receptions, events or functions, more particularly relating to matrimonial ceremonies, are held, whether or not it has its own arrangement of event management or provision of food, beverages, crockeries, cutleries, furniture, fixtures, etc.;"

"(104) "**Modaraba**" Modaraba and modaraba company have the same meaning as in the Modaraba Companies and Modaraba (Flotation and Control) Ordinance, 1980 (XXXI of 1980);

(105) "**Motor Vehicle**" means any mechanically propelled or automotive vehicle adapted for use upon roads whether the power of propulsion is transmitted thereto from an external or internal source, and includes a tractor and a trailer, a combined harvester, a rig, a fork lifter, a road roller, construction and earth moving machinery such as a wheel loader, a crane, an excavator, a grader, a dozer and a pipe layer, a road making and a road/sewerage cleaning plant, but does not include a vehicle operated upon fixed rails;

(106) "**Movable Property**" means a property that can be moved from one place to another and can be taken into custody for removal without physically knocking it down and includes currency, coins, shares, document and instruments;

(107) "**Musharika**" means an Islamic-styled joint enterprise or partnership with profit and loss sharing implications allowing each party involved in a business to share in the profits and risks, where instead of charging interest as a traditional creditor, the financier achieves a return in the form of a portion of the actual profits earned, either according to a predetermined ratio or otherwise and where the financier also shares in losses, if any;"

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(108) "**Non-Banking Finance Company**" means an NBFC as defined in the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003;

(109) "**Non-Banking Financial Institution**" includes a company licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan to carry out any one or more of the following forms of business-

(a) investment finance service;

(b) leasing;

(c) housing finance service;

(d) venture capital investment;

(e) discounting service;

(f) investment advisory services;

(g) asset management service; and

(h) any other form of business which the Government, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, specify;

(110) "**Notification in the Official Gazette**" means a notification issued under the Act shall be effective from the day specified therein, notwithstanding the fact that the issue of the official Gazette in which such notification appears is published at any time after that day;

(111) "**Officer of the Authority**" means an officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority appointed under section 39 of the Act;

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(112) "**Open Market Price**" shall have the same meaning given to it in section 8 of the Act;

(113) "**Output Tax**" in relation to a registered person, means the tax levied under the Act on the services provided or rendered by the person;

(114) "**Person**" means-

(a) an individual;

(b) a company, an agency or an association of persons incorporated, formed, organized or established in Pakistan or elsewhere;

(c) the Federal Government;

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[1]Clause (111A) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (111A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(111A) "**Online marketplace services**" means an information technology platform run by e-commerce entity or organization over an electronic network that acts as a facilitator in transactions that occur between a buyer and a seller or between a service provider and service recipient;"

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(d) a Provincial Government;

(e) a Local Authority or Local Government in Pakistan; or

(f) a foreign Government, a political subdivision of a foreign Government, or a public international organization.

Explanation: The use of the word "he" in the Act shall be taken to refer to any or all of the persons mentioned in sub-clauses (a) to (f) above;

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(115) "**Place of Business** [2][**in Balochistan**]" [3][in relation to a person, means that the person-]

(a) owns, rents, shares [4][factory premises notwithstanding the registered location of office of such factory or company] or in any other manner occupies a space in Balochistan from where it carries on an economic activity whether wholly or partially; or

(b) carries on an economic activity through any other person such as an agent, associate, franchisee, branch, office, or otherwise in Balochistan or through virtual presence or a website or a web portal or through any other form of e-Commerce, by whatever name called or treated, but does not include a liaison office;

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(117) "**PRAL**" means the Pakistan Revenue Automation (Private) Limited;

(118) "**Prescribed**" means prescribed by rules made under the Act;

(119) "**Principal Officer**" used with reference to a company or association of persons includes-

(a) a director, a manager, secretary, agent, accountant or any similar officer; and

(b) any person connected with the management or administration of the company or association of persons upon whom the Authority or any officer authorized by authority, has served a notice of treating him as principal officer thereof;

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[1]Clauses (114A), (116) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (114A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(114A) "**Pilotage**" means any activity involving rendering or providing of any service connected with guiding or providing a parking of a ship or vessel in water near the shore and includes toeing of a vessel or ship from mooring to the shore and its anchorage near or on a berth, wharf or dock;"

"(116) "**Port Operator**" includes the Gwadar Port Authority or any other person or organization managing the operations of any customs port as declared under section 9 of the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969);"

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[3]Substituted for "means that a person-" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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(124) "**Provision of Service**" or "**Providing of Service**" includes the rendering, supply, initiation, origination, reception, consumption, termination or execution of service, whether in whole or part, including e-services where the context so requires;

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[1]Clauses (120) to (123), (125) to (130) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (127A) was inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(120) "**Production House**" means a person or an establishment producing a programme or providing or rendering various services, facilities, utilities or advantages in relation to production of programme;

(121) "**Programme**" means any audio or visual matter, live or recorded, or re-recorded or subjected to any post-production processes like dubbing, colouring, sub-titling or captioning intended to be disseminated by transmission of electro-magnetic waves through space or through cables to be received by general public either directly or indirectly through the medium of cables, telecommunication or relay stations;

(122) "**Programme Producer**" means a person who produces a programme on behalf of, or for use by, another person;

(123) "**Property Dealer**" by whatever name called, means a person who is engaged in providing or rendering the services, directly or indirectly and in any manner, in relation to sale, purchase, leasing, renting, supervision, maintenance, marketing, acquisition or management of real estate, and includes a realtor, a real estate agent, a real estate broker, a real estate consultant;

(125) "**Public Bonded Warehouse**" means a warehouse licensed under section 12 of the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969);

(126) "**Public Relation Services**" includes the strategic counseling based on industry, media and perception research, corporate image management, media relations, media training, press release, press conference, financial public relations, brand support, brand launch, retail support and promotion, events and communications and crisis communications;"

(127) "**Ready Mix Concrete**" means a concrete mixture containing cement, water and aggregates comprising sand, gravel or crushed stones, etc., mixed, according to a set recipe, in a batching plant or in a transit mixer or both, for delivery, in a ready to use condition, to a work site by means of truck mounted in-transit mixers;

"(127A) "**Ready Mix Concrete Service**" means the services provided or rendered in relation to presentation, batching, mixing, transportation or delivery of ready-mix concrete;"

"(128) "**Real Estate**" means the land and includes-

(a) all attachments above and below the land;

(b) all things that form a natural part of the land;

(c) all things that are developed and installed, including buildings and site improvements; and

(d) all permanent building attachments such as plumbing, heating and cooling systems, electrical wiring and built-in items such as elevators and allied equipment, and all rights and interest therein, whether the interest is freehold or leasehold, and whether the purpose or use thereof is residential, commercial or industrial;

(129) "**Reconditioning Service**" means a service to restore to good condition including the substantial restructuring so that the life of the related goods is substantially restored or rather increased;

(130) "**Recruiting Agent**" by whatever name called, includes recruiting consultants or consultancy and means a person engaged in providing or rendering any service, directly or indirectly, to any person in any manner, for the recruitment of manpower, temporarily or otherwise.

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(131) "**Registered Office**" means the office or other place of business specified by the registered person in the application made by him for registration under the Act or through any subsequent application to the Authority;

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(133) "**Registration Number**" means the number allocated to a registered person for the purpose of the Act;

(134) "**Registered Person**" means a person who is registered or is liable to be registered under the Act [2][and includes a services provider and a withholding agent,] or any other person or class of persons notified by the Authority in the official Gazette:

Provided that a person liable to be registered but not registered under the Act, shall not be entitled to any benefit available to a registered person under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder;

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[1]Clauses (132), (135) to (137) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, "recruitment" includes inviting of applications for recruitment, receipt of applications from candidates, pre-interview or pre-recruitment screening of applications and applicants, shortlisting of applicants, interview of candidates, verification of credentials and antecedents of the candidates, verification of authenticity of the documents submitted by the candidates;"

"(132) "**Registrar to an Issue**" means a person providing or rendering the services in relation to issue of securities, including collection of application forms from investors, keeping a record of applications and money received from investors or paid to seller of securities, assisting in determining the basis of allotment of securities, finalizing the list of persons entitled to allotment of securities and processing and dispatching of allotment letters, refund orders or certificates and other related documents;"

"(135) "**Reinsurance**" means a contract of insurance under which the event, specified in the contract, consignment upon the happening of which, payment is promised to be made to the policy holder thereunder, is payment by the policy holder of a claim or claims made against the policy holder under another contract or contracts of insurance issued by that policy holder, and includes the retrocession as defined in clause (lv) of section 2 of the Insurance Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. XXXIX of 2000);

(136) "**Rent-a-Car and Automobile Rental Service**" means the services provided or rendered by a person engaged, whether directly or indirectly, in the economic activity of renting cars, cabs, vans or any other passenger motor vehicle;

(137) "**Renting of Immovable Property**" means and includes the renting, letting, sub-letting, leasing, sub-leasing, licensing or similar other arrangements of immovable property for use in the course or furtherance of business or commerce, but does not include-

(a) renting of immovable property by a religious body to another religious body;

(b) renting of vacant land or premises solely used for agriculture, aquaculture, farming, forestry, animal husbandry or mining purposes;

(c) renting of land or premises solely used for outdoor games and sports;

(d) renting of buildings solely used for residential purposes or solely used as hostels and boarding homes of a recognized educational institution; and

(e) renting of immovable property by hotels, motels, guest houses, clubs and marriage halls and lawns which are otherwise liable to tax under tariff heading 98.01 and the sub-headings thereof.

[2]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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(139) "**Resident**" means-

(a) an individual who, in a financial year, has-

(i) a place of business, whether whole or part thereof, in Balochistan in any mode, style or manner; or

(ii) his permanent address, as listed in the individual's national identity card, in Balochistan; or

(iii) a permanent representative to act on his behalf or to provide service on his behalf in Balochistan;

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[1]Clauses (137A), (138) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (137A) was inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

Explanation-I: Where renting of immovable property is effected under a single composite contract or agreement involving part of property for use in commerce or business and part of it for residential accommodation purpose, the entire property under the contract or agreement shall he treated, for the purpose of levy of tax under the Act, as property for use in commerce or business and, accordingly, the total value of the contract or agreement shall be treated as taxable value;

Explanation-II: For the purpose of this clause

(a) the term "for uses in the course or furtherance of business or commerce" includes the use of immovable property as factories, offices including government offices or public offices, warehouses, laboratories, educational institutions, shops, showrooms, retail outlets, multiple-use buildings, etc.;

(b) the term "renting of immovable property" includes allowing or permitting the use of land or space in an immovable property, irrespective of the transfer of possession or control of the said property;

(c) the term "immovable property" includes-

(i) building and part of a building and the land or space appurtenant thereto;

(ii) land or space incidental to the use of such building or part of a building;

(iii) common or shared areas and facilities relating to the property rented;

(iv) vacant land or space given on lease or license for construction or temporary structure to be used at a later stage for furtherance of business or commerce; or

(v) plant, machinery, equipment, furniture, fixture or fitting installed in or provided in or attached to the immovable property; and

(d) the term "rent" means any payment or consideration, by whatever name called, received or receivable under any lease, sub-lease, tenancy or any other contract or agreement or arrangement for use, occupation or right to use or occupy any immovable property, and includes any forfeited deposit paid under such lease, sublease, tenancy or other contract or agreement or arrangement;"

"(137A) "**Renting of Machinery, Equipment, Appliances, and other Tangible Goods**" means the services provided or rendered, to any person by another person, by renting of machinery, equipment, appliances, and other tangible goods including bulldozers, excavators, road rollers, and levellers, cranes, construction machinery and equipment, earthmoving machinery and equipment, scaffolding, refrigerators or in relation to such renting.

Explanation:- The commodity, or equipment leasing and the hire purchase leasing and also the rent a car and automobile rental services shall be excluded from the purview of this clause;"

"(138) "**Repair or Maintenance**'' repair means to restore something damaged, worn or faulty etc. in good or sound condition, whereas maintenance means an act of keeping (a building, machine etc.) in working condition by checking or repairing it regularly;"

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(b) an association of persons or a company which, in a financial year, has-

(i) its registered office is in Balochistan; or

(ii) its place of business, whether whole or part thereof, in Balochistan in any mode, style or manner; or

(iii) a permanent representative to act on its behalf or to provide service on its behalf in Balochistan; or

(iv) the control or management of the association of persons or the company, whether whole or part thereof, situated in Balochistan at any time during the financial year;

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(141) "**Return**" means a return required to be furnished under Chapter-VI of the Act;

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(143) "**Rule**" means the rules made under the Act;

(144) "**Schedule**" means the Schedules appended to the Act;

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[1]Clauses (140), (142) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (137A) was inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(140) "**Restaurant**" means a restaurant of any kind or character whether or not located in; operating as part of; or in conjunction with hotel, and includes an establishment, organization, place, cafe, coffee houses or ice cream parlours where food, beverages or other eatables and drinkables are sold or served to the customers, including the customers availing of the take-away service or home delivery service or room service or catering service, as also other services, facilities, utilities or advantages, etc.;"

"(142) "**Royalty**" means any amount paid or payable, however described or computed, whether periodical or a Lump-sum, as consideration for

(a) the use of, or right to use any patent, invention, design or model, secret formula or process, trademark or other like property or right;

(b) the use of, or right to use any copyright of a literary, artistic or scientific work, including films or video tapes for use in connection with television or tapes in connection with radio broadcasting, but shall not include consideration for the sale, distribution or exhibition of cinematograph films;

(c) the receipt of, or right to receive, any visual images or sounds, or both, transmitted by satellite, cable, optic fiber or similar technology in connection with television, radio or internet broadcasting;

(d) the supply of any technical, industrial, commercial or scientific knowledge, experience or skill;

(e) the use of or right to use any industrial, commercial or scientific equipment;

(f) the supply of any assistance that is ancillary and subsidiary to, and is furnished as a means of enabling the application or enjoyment of, any such property or right as mentioned in sub-clauses (a) through (e); and

(g) the disposal of any property or right referred to in sub-clauses (a) through (e);"

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[2][(147) "**Service**" means any activity, facility, utility or advantage, including the granting, assignment, cession or surrender of any right.

Explanation-I: A service shall remain and continue to be treated as a service regardless of whether or not the providing thereof involves any use, supply, disposition, or consumption of any goods either as an essential or as an incidental aspect of such providing of service.

Explanation-II: Unless otherwise specified by the Authority, the service or services involved in the supply of goods shall remain and continue to be treated as service or services.]

(148) "**Service Provider**" means a person who is engaged in the [3][providing or rendering] of service or services in the course or furtherance of any economic activity;

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[1]Clauses (145), (146) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(145) "**Securities**" include-

(a) shares and stock of a company (shares);

(b) any instrument creating or acknowledging indebtedness which is issued or proposed to be issued by a company including, in particular, debentures, stock, loan stock, bonds, notes, commercial paper, sukuk or any other debt securities of a company, whether constituting a charge on the assets of the company or not (debt securities);

(c) loan stock, bonds, sukuk and other instruments creating or acknowledging indebtedness by or on behalf of the federal or provincial governments, central bank or public authority (government and public debt securities);

(d) modaraba certificates, participation term certificates and term finance certificates;

(e) any right (whether conferred by warrant or otherwise) to subscribe for shares or debt securities (warrants);

(f) any option to acquire or dispose of any other security (options);

(g) units in a collective investment scheme, including units in or securities of a trust fund (whether open-ended or closed end);

(h) the rights under any depository receipt in respect of shares, debt securities and warrants (custodian receipts);

(i) futures or forward contracts;

(j) certificates of deposit; or

(k) any other instrument notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan to be securities for the purposes of the Securities Act, 2015 (Act No. III of 2015);

(146) "**Security Agency**" means a person engaged in the business of providing of services relating to security of any person or property, whether moveable or immovable, including the services of provision of security personnel, guard or vehicle;"

[2]Clause (147) of S. 2 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(147) "**Service**" or "**Services**" means anything which is not goods and shall include but not limited to the services listed in the First Schedule to the Act.

Explanation-I: A service shall remain and continue to be treated as service regardless whether or not the providing thereof involves any use, supply, disposition or consumption of any goods either as an essential or as an incidental aspect of such providing of service;

Explanation-II: Unless otherwise specified by the Authority, the service or services involved in the supply of goods shall remain and continue to be treated as service or services;"

[3]Substituted for "provision or providing" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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(153) "**Short-Paid**" means where a registered person pays an amount of tax less than the tax due as indicated in the person's return filed under section 35 of the Act, the amount so involved and also includes the amount of tax due but not paid owing to miscalculation or incorrect or inadmissible input tax credit or adjustment or incorrect assessment of the tax due for a tax period;

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[1]Clauses (149) to (152), (154), (154A) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (154A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(149) "**Shares Transfer Agent**" includes a person known as share depository agent and also includes persons providing or rendering transfer or redemption or depository services including the services provided through manual or electronic book-entry system used to record and maintain record of holders of securities and also of the securities and derivates including investor account services, trustee or custodial services, share registrar services and similar, allied or connected services;"

"(150) "**Shipping Agent**" means a person licensed as a shipping agent under the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969), or the rules made thereunder, who provides or renders any service in relation to entrance or clearance of a conveyance at a customs port and a customs station, as defined in clauses (j) and (k) of section 2 of the Customs Act, 1969, and files import or export manifest and issues line or carrier bill of lading, for or on behalf of an airline or shipping line or any other conveyance, and includes non-vessel operating common carriers, slot carriers, charterers, international freight forwarders and consolidators, rendering services in relation to import and export of cargo, independently or as subsidiary of an airline, shipping line, slot carrier, charterer, and non-vessel operating common carrier;

(151) "**Ship Chandler**" means a person licensed as a ship chandler under the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969) or the rules made thereunder;

(152) "**Ship Management Services**" includes-

(a) supervision or negotiation for the maintenance, survey and repair of ship;
(b) engagement or providing of crew;
(c) receiving the hire and freight charges on behalf of the owner;
(d) negotiating contracts for bunker fuel and lubricating oils;
(e) arranging or negotiating arrangements for loading and unloading;
(f) payment, on behalf of the owners, of the expenses incurred in providing services or in relation to the management of the ship;
(g) entry of the ship on protection or indemnity association;
(h) providing or negotiating for victualing or storing of ship;
(i) dealing with insurance, salvage or other claims in relation to ship;
(j) arranging of insurance in relation to ship; and
(k) any other ship management service;"

"(154) "**Similar Service**" means any other service which is the same as, or closely resembles with the other service in character, quality, quantity, functionality, materials, or reputation;"

"(154A) "**Site preparation and clearance, excavation and earth moving and demolition services**" means any service provided or rendered, to any person by another person, in relation to site preparation and clearance, excavation and earthmoving and demolition and such other similar activities, including–

(i) drilling, boring and core extraction services for construction, geophysical, geological and similar purposes but not including the services in relation to mining of minerals, oil or gas (as covered under tariff heading 9866.0000); or - landfill, leveling, trench digging, rock removal, blasting and similar services; or
(ii) soil stabilization; or

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(156) "**Special Audit**" means an audit conducted under section 34 of the Act;

(157) "**Special Judge**" means a Special Judge appointed under section 42 of the Act;

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(159) "**Statement**" means a statement prescribed under the rules or notifications made under the Act;

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[1]Clauses (154B), (155), (158), (160) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (154B) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

(iii) horizontal drilling for passage of cables or drain pipes; or

(iv) land reclamation work; or

(v) contaminated top soil stripping work; or demolition or wracking of building, structure or road;"

"(154B) "**Software or IT Based System Development Consultant**" means the person providing or rendering the services in relation to software or information technology, including;-

(a) the development of software, network, or IT based system and maintenance thereof;

(b) the study, analysis, design, and programming of software or IT based system;

(c) the adaption, up-gradation, customization, enhancement, integration, implementation, and other similar services related to software or IT based system;

(d) web-hosting and cloud services;

(e) provision of advice, guidance, consultancy, and assistance in matters related to software or IT based system including conducting feasibility studies on implementation of a system;

(f) provision of specifications for a database design, implementation, and management;

(g) provision of specifications to secure database;

(h) provision of the right, whether by licensing or otherwise, to use software or IT based system for commercial exploitation including right to reproduce, distribute and sell the software components for creation of and inclusion in other software or IT based system products and the renewal of such a right or, license; and

(i) provision of the right, whether by licensing or otherwise, to use or IT based system supplied electronically and the renewal of such a right or a license."

"(155) "**Sound Recording Service**" means recording of sound on any media or device including magnetic storage device, and includes service relating to recording of sound in any manner such as sound cataloguing, storing of sound and sound maxing or re-mixing or any audio postproduction activity;"

"(158) "**Sponsorship**" includes naming an event after the sponsor, displaying the sponsor's logo, trade name, brand name or product name, giving the sponsor exclusive or priority booking rights, sponsoring prizes or trophies for competition or game or sports; but does not include financial or other support in the form of donations and gifts, given by a donor, subject to the condition that the service provider is under no obligation to provide anything in return to such donor;"

"(160) "**Steamer Agent**" means a person who undertakes, either directly or indirectly:-

(a) to perform any service in connection with the ship's husbandry or dispatch including the rendering of administrative work related thereto; or

(b) to book, advertise or canvass for cargo for or on behalf of a shipping line; or

(c) to provide container feeder services for or on behalf of a shipping line;"

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(165) "**System**" includes the equipment for electronic monitoring of production or for secure counting and recording of production, stock and clearances, affixation of the tax stamps, banderols, stickers, barcodes, labels, etc. the related software and hardware and human resources required for electronic monitoring and tracking of taxable goods or services;

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(167) "**Tax**" means-

(a) the sales tax, additional tax or default surcharge levied under the Act;

(b) a penalty, fine or fee imposed or charged under the Act; and

(c) any other sum payable or recoverable under the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder;

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[1]Clauses (161) to (162A), (163) to (166) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (162A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(161) "**Stevedore**" includes a person engaged in handling and loading or unloading of cargo including containers, pallets and bulk cargo, from ships, vessels, steamers and country crafts in any manner and also includes a person who hires long shore, dock or harbor workers to load or unload ships, vessels, steamers and country crafts. A person providing or rendering any services related to or ancillary to the handling of or otherwise dealing with such or other cargo at a port or in any area or terminal at the port in any manner or style shall be included in the terminology stevedore;"

"(162) "**Stock Broker**" by whatever name called, means any person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others as defined in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969 and includes a person carrying on any of the activities of securities broker, securities advisor and securities manager as defined in section 2 of the Securities Act, 2015 (Act No. III of 2015);"

"(162A) "**Supply of movable property by way of lease, license or similar arrangements**" means the services provided or rendered, to any person by another person, by way of lease, license, renting, hire purchase, or similar arrangements wherein usage takes place of machinery, equipment, appliances and other tangible goods including bulldozers, excavators, road rollers and levelers, cranes, construction machinery and equipment, earthmoving machinery and equipment, scaffolding, generators, refrigerators or in relation to such usage or renting.

[*Explanation*. The Dealers of second-hand goods other than car or automobile, as classified under tariff heading 9806.5000, and also the rent a car or automobile rental service, as classified under tariff heading 9819.3000, shall be excluded from the purview of this clause."

"(163) "**Surveyor**" means a person engaged in the services of insurance survey, market survey, statistical survey, opinion poll survey and survey relating to risk assessment, loss or damage assessment or claim settlement but does not include the services conducted by the Federal or Provincial or Local Governments for its own purposes and by the recognized educational institutions for the purposes of education and academic research in such institutions;

(164) "**Survey and Exploration of Mineral**" means geological, geophysical or other prospecting, surface or sub-surface surveying or map making service, in relation to location or exploration of deposits of mineral, oil or gas or any of the materials;"

"(166) "**Takaful**" includes a scheme based on mutual assistance in compliance with the provisions of Islamic Shariah, and which provides for mutual financial aid and assistance to the participants in case of occurrence of certain contingencies and whereby the participants mutually agree to contribute to the common fund for that purpose;"

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(168) ‘‘**Taxpayer**” means any person who, in the course of an economic activity, provides taxable services for consideration and includes any person who is liable or is required to pay or is paying tax or any sum under the Act or the rules made thereunder;

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(170) “**Tax Fraction**” means the amount worked out in accordance with the following formula

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(‘a’ is the rate of tax applicable to the services in terms of section10 of the Act);

(171) “**Tax Fraud**” means knowingly, dishonestly or fraudulently and without any lawful excuse

(a) doing of any act or causing to do any act in contravention of the duties and obligations under the Act or the rules or notifications issued thereunder; or

(b) omitting to take any action or causing the omission of any action, including providing of taxable services without being registered under the Act; or

(c) falsifying or causing falsification of tax invoices or tax documents or records; or

(d) issuing invoice or bill of taxable services without the provision of that taxable service; or

(e) failing to pay an amount of tax collected under section 17 of the Act, and failing to pay the amount of tax withheld under the provision of sub-section (2) of section 14 of the Act or the rules made thereunder; or

(f) under-stating or under-paying the tax liability or over-stating the entitlement of tax credit or adjustment or claiming or obtaining in-admissible tax credit, refund or adjustment; or

(g) not filing the prescribed tax return or the prescribed statement for four consecutive [2][tax periods] or more;

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[1]Clause (169) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

“(169) “**Tax Consultant**” by whatever name called, includes a person engaged in providing of services of advice, consultancy or assistance in the matters of any federal, provincial or local government laws in relation to any tax, rate, cess or providing representational services before any court, tribunal or other such judicial or quasi-judicial authority or the authority administering such tax laws;”

[2]Substituted for “months” by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(172) "**Tax Period**" means a period of one month or such other period as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify;

(173) "**Taxable Service**" shall have the same meaning given to it under section 3 of the Act;

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[1]Clauses (174) to (177), (179), (180) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(174) "**Technical, Scientific and Engineering Consultancy**" means any advice, consultancy, assistance or supervision, in any manner, either directly or indirectly, to any person by a technocrat, scientist or an engineer, in one or more disciplines of technology or science or engineering;

(175) "**Technical, Scientific and Engineering Consultants**" means a person providing or rendering the technical, scientific and engineering service, advice, consultancy, assistance or supervision, in any manner, either directly or indirectly, to any person, in one or more disciplines of technology, science and engineering and includes a person known as a consulting engineer or professional engineer for the purpose of the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976 (Act No. V of 1976);

(176) "**Technical Inspection and Certification Services, Including Quality Control Certification Services and ISO Certifications**" means examination or inspection, including pre-shipment inspection, of goods or services or processes or materials or information technology software or any immovable property to certify that such goods or services or processes or materials or immovable property qualifies or maintains the specified standard, including functionality or utility or quality or safety or any other characteristic or parameter, and also includes the services provided or rendered for the purposes of the quality control evaluation or certification and further includes the process and assistance in ISO certifications and such other certifications;

(177) "**Technical Testing and Analysis**" means a service provided or rendered in relation to physical, chemical, biological or any other scientific testing or analysis of goods or material or information technology software or any immovable property, and includes listing and analysis undertaken for clinical testing of drugs, pharmaceuticals and formulations, but does not include any testing or analysis service provided in relation to human beings or animals;"

[2]Clause (178) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(178) "**Telecommunication Service**" shall have the meaning given in clause (v) of section 2 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (Act No. XVII of 1996), and includes the telecommunication system as defined in clause (u) thereof and further includes the wireless communication as defined in clause (1) of section 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 (Act No. XVII of 1933) and also includes transfer, assignment or sharing of the right to use capacity for transmission, emission or reception of signals and provision of access to global or local information network;"

Clauses (179) & (180) Omission by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025

"(179) "**Terminal Operator**" means a person engaged in providing or rendering the services of container terminal including on-dock or off-dock terminal, or any other person doing similar activities and also includes the cargo or baggage shed operators licensed or appointed by the customs authorities at any customs port or customs airport or customs station;

(180) "**Tour Operator**" means a person engaged in providing or rendering the services of planning, scheduling, organizing or arranging tours or package tours (which may include arrangements for accommodation, sightseeing, tourism or other similar services in Pakistan or abroad) by any mode of transport, and includes a person engaged in the business or economic activity of operating tours.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, the expression "tour" does not include a journey organized or arranged for use by an educational institution, other than a commercial, training or coaching center, for imparting skill or knowledge or lessons on any subject or field;"

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(184) "**Value of a Taxable Service**" shall have the same meaning given to it under section 7 of the Act;

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[1]Clauses (180A) to (183), (185), (185A) of S. 2 omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier clause (180A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021 & clause (185A) was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(180A) "**Training Services**" means the training services provided or rendered by any person, institute or establishment, by whatever name called, for imparting skill or knowledge or lesson on any subject or field, with or without issuance of a certificate, and includes the services of vocational, professional, technical, commercial or specialized trainings, courses, seminars, workshops and lectures imparted for consideration but does not include the services of coaching or training of sports;"

"(181) "**Transportation or Carriage of Goods**" means the transportation or carriage of goods from one place to another by a person or goods transport agency by road or through pipeline or conduit, including the services of cargo handling like loading, unloading, packing, unpacking, stacking and storage of goods;

(182) "**Travel Agent**" means a person engaged in providing or rendering any service connected with booking of passage for travel including package for Hajj and Umrah;"

"(183) "**Underwriter**" means a person as defined in clause (lxvi) of section 2 of the Securities Act, 2015 (Act No. Ill of 2015), and includes a sub-underwriter;"

"(185) "**Video-Tape Production**" means the process of any recording of any programme, event or function on a magnetic tape or on any other media or device and includes services relating thereto such as editing, cutting coloring, dubbing, title printing, imparting special effect, processing, adding, modifying or deleting, transferring from one media or device to another, or undertaking any video postproduction activity, in any manner; [1][ ]"

[1]Word "and" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

"(185A) "**Waste collection, transportation, processing and management services**" means services provided in the matters of collection, processing, transportation, disposal, recycling and management of all kinds of wastes, waste materials and garbage and includes road and street cleaning services, whether manually, mechanically or otherwise; and"

[2]Clause (182A) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(182A) "**Truck Aggregator**" means a person who is aggregator or operator or intermediary or online market place and canvasses or solicits or facilitates or connects the owners or drivers of trucks or other road transportation cargo vehicles with the business enterprises like manufacturers, producers, importers, exporters, warehouses, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, movers or packers through telephone, cellular phone, internet, web based services or GPS or GRPS-based services, electronic or digital means, whether or not he charges or collects any fee, fare, commission, brokerage or other charges or consideration for providing such services;"

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[1][(186) "**Whistleblower**" means a person as defined in Section 91, sub-section (5) of this Act.]

[2][(187) "**Withholding Agent**" means any person, who, as a recipient of taxable service or otherwise, withholds, collects or deducts and pays or deposits tax directly to the Government in the manner as may be prescribed and also includes a person as specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules,2018;]

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[1]Clause (186) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(186) "**Whistleblower**" means a whistleblower as defined in section 72D of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 (Act No. VII of 1990).

Explanation: The words and expressions used but not defined in any provision of the Act and the rules made thereunder, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under this section."

[2]Clause (187) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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3. Taxable Service.- [1][(1) Every service is a taxable service, which is provided by a person from his office or place of business in Balochistan in the course of an economic activity, including the commencement or termination of the activity.

Explanation:- This sub-section deals with services provided by persons, regardless of whether those services are provided to resident persons or non-resident persons.]

[1][(2) A service, [2][excluding the ones referred to in explanation to sub-section (1),] that is not provided by a registered person shall be treated as a taxable service if the service is provided to a resident person by a non-resident person in the course of economic activity;*

Explanation.- This sub-section deals with services provided by nonresident persons to resident persons whether or not the said resident person is an end consumer of such service;*

(3) For purposes of sub-section (2), where a person has a registered office or [3][place]of business in Balochistan and another outside Balochistan, the registered office or place of business in Balochistan and that outside Balochistan shall be treated as separate legal persons,

(4) The Authority may, [4][ ] by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe rules for determining the conditions under which a particular service or class of service shall be considered to have been provided by a person from his registered office or place of business in Balochistan.

(5) For purposes of this Act and the rules, providing of service shall, where the context requires, include rendering, supply, initiation, origination, execution, reception, consumption or termination of service whether in whole or in part.

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[1]S. 3(1) & (2) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(1) Subject to such exclusion as mentioned in Second Schedule, a taxable service is a service listed in Second Schedule, which is provided by a person from his office or place of business in Balochistan in the course of an economic activity, including the commencement or termination of the activity.

Explanation (1) This sub-section deals with services provided by a person regardless whether such services are provided to a resident person or a non-resident person."

"(2) if a service listed in Second Schedule is provided to a resident person by a non-resident person in the course of an economic activity, including the commencement or termination of the activity, it shall be treated as a taxable service.

Explanation This sub-section deals with services provided by a non-resident person to a resident person whether or not the end consumers, if any, of such services are identifiable for purposes of this Act or the rules."

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[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[3]Substituted for "plan" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Words "with prior approval of the Government," omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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4. Application of Principles of Origin and Reverse Charge in Certain Situations.- (1) Where a person is [2][rendering or] providing taxable services in Province other than Balochistan but the recipient of such services is resident of Balochistan or is otherwise availing such services in Balochistan and has charged tax accordingly, the person providing such services shall pay the amount of tax so charged to the Government.

(2) Where the recipient of a taxable service is person registered under the Act, [3][as a withholding agent,] he shall deduct the whole amount of tax in respect of the service received and pay the same to the Government.

(3) Where a person is [4][rendering or] providing taxable services in more than one provinces or territory in Pakistan including Balochistan, such person shall be liable to pay tax to the Government to the extent the tax is charged from a person resident in Balochistan or from a person, who is otherwise availing such services in Balochistan.

(4) Where rendering of a taxable service originates from Balochistan but terminates outside Pakistan, such person shall be required to pay tax on such service to the Government.

(5) Where a taxable service originates from outside Pakistan but is received or terminates in Balochistan, the recipient of such service shall be liable to pay the tax to the Government [5][:]

[6][Provided that in case of incoming international calls, the telecommunication companies in Pakistan shall pay tax on reverse charge basis to the extent of their share of charges received from abroad, either through local representative or otherwise, for the transmission and. delivery of such calls in the Province and in all situations, the telecommunication companies including their local representatives etc., shall be deemed and treated as recipient of such calls.]

(6) The persons who are required to pay the tax to the Government in terms of sub-sections (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) shall be liable to registration for purposes of this Act and the rules.

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[1]Sub-section (6) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(6) The services mentioned in the First Schedule are not exhaustive and all the services [1][defined in the Act or,] mentioned in the Second Schedule, rules and circulars shall be taxable services."

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[5]Substituted for full stop by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[6]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(7) All questions or disputes relating to the application of the principle of origin given in this section shall be resolved in terms of the already recorded understanding between the Federal Government and the Provincial Governments on the implementation of reformed General Sales Tax provided that pendency of any such question or dispute shall not absolve the concerned person from his obligation to deposit the tax.

(8) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the rules and the [1][Authority] may specify special procedure to regulate the provisions of this section.

[2][(9) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify any additional categories of provision of taxable services, the tax whereon shall be paid on reverse charge basis by the recipient of such services and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the provision of such services.]

[3][**5. Power to amend Schedules**.- The Government may, on the recommendation of the Authority and by notification in the official Gazette, make any addition, deletion, or amendment in any Schedule to this Act. Such modification may include but is not limited to:-

(a) inclusion or exclusion of any service;

(b) modification of the classification or description of any service; or

(c) alteration in the rate of tax applicable to any service.]

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[1]Substituted for "Government" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]S. 4(9) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]S. 5 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"5. Amendment in [1][any Schedule to this Act].- (1) [2][The Authority, with the approval of the Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, make an amendment in [1][any Schedule to this Act] by modifying, adding or deleting any entry or entries with reference to the classification, if any, description of any service or class of service and the rate or rates of tax chargeable on any service or class of services not exceeding the minimum rate prescribed in Second Schedule.

(2) A notification issued under sub-section (1) shall be effective from such date as may be specified in the notification by such date shall not be prior to the date on which the notification is published in the official Gazette.

(3) The Government shall at the time of presenting the Annual Budget Statement for the next financial year, lay before the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan all the notifications relating to the amendments in the Second Schedule during the current financial year."

[1]Substituted for "Second Schedule" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Substituted for "The Government" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[1][**6. Economic Activity**.- (1) For the purposes of this Act, "economic activity" means any activity carried on by a person, whether or not for pecuniary profit, and whether or not carried on regularly, systematically, or occasionally, that involves the provision, supply, initiation, execution, receipt, or consumption of a service for consideration.

(2) Economic activity includes, but is not limited to:-

(a) any trade, commerce, manufacture, profession, vocation, business, or similar activity, whether of a corporate, personal, governmental, non-governmental, or not-for-profit nature;

(b) the provision of services by any club, association, society, trust, organization, or non-profit entity to its members or other persons, with or without separate consideration;

(c) the provision, facilitation or delivery of services through digital, electronic or virtual means, including online platforms, software applications, or remote access tools, whether or not the service provider has a physical presence in Balochistan;

(a)* inter-provincial, cross-border or foreign provision of services where the service is received, consumed, availed, or where the benefit arises ·in Balochistan;

(b)* any barter arrangement, in-kind exchange, or indirect benefit-whether tangible or intangible-accruing to the service provider.

(3) A person shall be deemed to conduct economic activity in Balochistan if:-

(a) the service is provided from, initiated in, or executed within the territorial jurisdiction of Balochistan;

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[1]S. 6 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"6. Economic Activity.- (1) An economic activity means any activity carried on whether continuously, regularly or otherwise by a person that involves or is intended to involve the provision of services to another person and includes:-

(a) an activity carried on in the form of a business, including a profession, calling, trade or undertaking of any kind, whether or not the activity is undertaken for any consideration or profit;

[1][(b) an activity of supply or provision of movable or immovable property by way of lease, rent, license or other similar arrangements; and]

(c) a one-time transaction or concern in the nature of a business or trade.

(2) Anything done or undertaken during the commencement or termination of an economic activity shall be construed as part of the economic activity.

(3) An economic activity does not include:-

(a) the activities of an employee providing services in that capacity to an [2][employer]; or

(b) a private recreational pursuit or hobby of an individual.

[1]S. 6(1)(b) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Substituted for "employee" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

*These should be (d) & (e)

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(b) the service is received, consumed, or availed by any person in Balochistan, or where the benefit of the service is otherwise enjoyed in the Province;

(c) the service provider, whether resident or non-resident, maintains a registered office, place of business, agent, representative, franchise, branch, server, or digital infrastructure in Balochistan;

(d) the consideration for the service is paid by or on behalf of a person in Balochistan, or processed through a business account or billing address located in Balochistan.

(4) The term "economic activity" shall not include:-

(a) the services of an individual provided in the capacity of an employee to an employer with whom they have a direct relationship under a written contract of employment.

Provided that this exclusion shall not apply to:

(i) services provided by third-party manpower suppliers, HR firms, or outsourcing contractors;

(ii) services performed inside a business, factory, or industrial premises of a service recipient, where the individual is deployed by a person or company engaged in the business of manpower or contractual labour supply.

Provided further that;

This exclusion shall only apply where all the following conditions are satisfied:

- The individual is under the direct supervision and control of the employer;
- The remuneration is paid as salary or wages on a periodic basis;
- The employment relationship is not of a consultant, freelancer, or contractual service provider;
- The burden of establishing a true contract of employment for claiming this exemption shall lie on the person or entity claiming such exclusion.

Explanation:

For the purposes of this section, "consideration" includes monetary payment, deferred payment, compensation in kind, subscription, membership fee, license fee, usage charge, or any direct or indirect benefit received by the provider*]

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7. Value of a Taxable Service.- (1) The value of a taxable service is the [1][gross amount of] consideration (by whatever name called such as charges or price) in money including all the Federal and the Provincial duties, taxes or charges, if any, which the person [2][rendering or] providing a service receives from the recipient of the service but does not include the amount of the tax [2][under this Act].

(2) In case the consideration for a service is in kind or is partly in kind and partly in money, the value of the service shall mean the open market price of the service as determined under section 8 excluding the amount [3][of] the tax [2][under this Act].

(3) In case the person who provides the service and the recipient of the service are [4][ ] associated persons and the service is supplied for no consideration or for a consideration which is lower than the price at which the person provides the service to other persons who are not associated persons, the value of the service shall mean the price at which the service is provided to such other persons but does not include the tax [5][under this Act].

(4) In case a person provides a service for no consideration or for a consideration, which is lower than the price at which such a service is provided by such person, the value of the service shall mean the open market price for such a service [6][:]

[7][Provided further that the terms "consideration" and "consideration in money" shall mean the gross amount charged by the service provider for the taxable services provided by him and shall include-

(i) any amount that is payable for the services provided;

(ii) any amount of reimbursable expenditure or cost incurred by the service provider and charged, in the course of provision of a service, except in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed;]

(5) In case of trade discounts, the value of the service shall mean the discounted price, excluding the amount of the tax [5][under this Act], provided the invoice shows that the discounted price and the related tax and the discount allowed is in conformity with customary business practice.

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[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "if" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Word "lower" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[6]Substituted for full stop by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[7]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(6) In case there is reason to believe that the value of a service has not been correctly declared in the invoice or for any special nature of transaction it is difficult to ascertain the value of a service, the value of the service shall be the open market price [1][determined under section 8 of this Act].

(7) Notwithstanding [1][contained] anything in sub-sections (1) to (6), where the Authority deems it necessary, it may, by notification in the official Gazette, fix the value of any service or class of [2][services] or similar types of services but if the value at which the service is provided is higher than the value fixed by the Authority, the value of the service shall, unless otherwise directed by the Authority, be the value at which the service is provided.

Explanation

For the purpose of this section, the value of the utilities or facilities, if any, ancillary to providing of taxable services shall be included in the value of such services.

(8) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette issue valuation rule for any service or class of services for the purposes of assessment or determination and payment of tax under this Act and prescribe threshold, parameters, standards, methods, formula, criteria or bases for the determination of value of any taxable service or class of taxable services and the assessment of the tax on any service or class of services.

8. Open market price.- (1) The open market price of a service is:-

(a) the price, the service would fetch in an open market transaction freely entered into between persons who are not associated persons; or

(b) if it is not possible to determine an amount under [3][clause (a)], the price, a similar service would fetch in an open market transaction freely made between persons who are not associated persons, adjusted to take account of the differences between the similar service and actual service;

(c) determined on the basis of the market conditions prevailing at the time and place at which the service is provided.

(2) If the open market price of a service cannot be determined under sub-section (1), it may be determined by using any method or formula specified by the Authority for calculating an objective approximation of the price, the service would fetch in an open market transaction freely made between persons who are not associates.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "paragraph (1)" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

9. Provision of Services Over a Period of Time.- (1) Where a service is provided over a period of time and payment for the same is made on a periodic basis, the service shall be treated as comprising two or more separate and distinct services each corresponding to the part of the service to which each separate part of the consideration relates.

ILLUSTRATIONS

[1][The following examples illustrate the application of sub-section (1). These examples are not comprehensive and are meant for illustrative purposes only:]

(a) Where services are provided for a two years period and payment is made on a semi-annual basis, the provision of services for each six months period constitutes a separate service

(b) Where an insurance company provides as insurance policy over a five years period and receives a premium on an annual basis, each premium relates to a separate service.

[2][(bb) where a bank provides a customer with a credit card and charges a quarterly fee for providing the credit card, the provision of the credit card for each quarter is a separate service.

(c) Note: The above illustrations are merely explanatory and shall not be construed as conclusive in any manner whatsoever.

(2) This section does not apply to services for which payment is made on installments basis [3][except where otherwise prescribed].

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Clause (bb) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

CHAPTER – II

SCOPE OF TAX

[1][**10. Scope of Tax and Allied Matters**:- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid the tax on the value of a taxable service at the rate of fifteen percent of the value of the taxable service.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) and subject to the provisions of Section 12 the services specified in the First Schedule shall be exempt from tax.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid the tax on the value of a taxable service at such higher rate of the value of taxable service as specified in the Second Schedule.

[2][(4A) No person shall be exempted from any tax liability imposed under this Act on the ground that such person has not been registered under this Act or the Rules made thereunder.]

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid the tax on the value of a taxable service at such lower rate of the value of taxable service without input tax adjustment as specified in the Third Schedule.

(5) The Government may on the recommendation of the Authority and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Government may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that in respect of any taxable service provided by a registered person or a class of registered persons, the tax shall be charged, levied and collected at such higher, lower, fixed or specific rate or rates as may be specified in the said notification.

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[1]S. 10 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"10. Scope of Tax and Allied Matters.- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, there shall be charged, levied collected and paid the tax on the value of a taxable service at the rate or rates specified in the Second Schedule.

(2) [1][Authority, with the approval of Government may,] subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Government may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that in respect of any taxable service provided by a registered person or a class of registered persons, the tax shall be charged, levied and collected at such higher, lower, fixed or specific rate or rates as may be specified in the said notification.

(3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government and by notification in the official Gazette and subject to the conditions, restrictions, limitations or otherwise, fix the limit or threshold of annual turnover of any service or class of services provided by any person or class of persons below which such person or class of person shall be exempt from payment of tax under the Act.

[2][ ]"

[1]Substituted for "The Government may, on the recommendation of the Authority and" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]S. 10(4) omitted being analogous to the provision of section 16(1) of the Act by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Sub-section (4A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

(6) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government und by notification in the official Gazette and subject to the conditions, restrictions, limitations or otherwise, fix the limit or threshold of annual turnover of any service or class of services provided by any person or class of persons below which such person or class of persons shall be exempt from payment of tax under the Act.]

[1][**10A. Transitional Provision**.- All services not specified in the First Schedule shall be deemed to be taxable services under this Act effective from the 1st day of July, 2025. Any exemption previously granted through notification shall remain valid until amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Authority.]

11. Person Liable to Pay Tax.- (1) Where a service is taxable by virtue of sub-section (1) of section 3, the liability to pay the tax shall be on the [2][ ] person providing the service.

(2) Where a service is taxable by virtue of sub-section (2) of section 3, the liability to pay the tax shall be on the person receiving the service.

(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify the service or Services in respect of which the liability to pay tax shall be on any person, other than the person providing the taxable service, or the person receiving the taxable service.

(4) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the collection of tax from different person if that person is made separately or jointly or severally liable for the tax under section 19.

[3][(5) No person shall be absolved of any tax liability under the Act for want of registration under this Act or the rules.]

[4][**11A. Liability of a Registered Person**.- Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 11, where a registered person receiving the taxable service fails to make payment of the tax to a service provider within one hundred and eighty days from the date of the tax invoice and such service provider has also not made the payment thereof within the prescribed due date, the person providing and the person receiving taxable service shall, jointly and severally, be liable for payment of such tax.

Explanation I: The tax shall include the total amount of the tax and also the tax as was liable to be deducted or withheld by the service recipient [5][ ] under section 14 of the Act;

Explanation II: The registered person shall include a person covered by the "withholding agent" [5][ ] under section 14 of the Act.]

[1]S. 10A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Word "Registered" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]S. 11(5) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[4]S. 11A inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Words "as notified" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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[1][**12. Exemptions**.- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3 and 10, providing or rendering of services specified in the First Schedule shall, subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Government, be exempt from the tax under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1), the Authority may, with the approval of the Government and subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as it may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt:-

(a) taxable service or services from the whole or any part of the tax;

(b) taxable service or services provided by a person or class of persons from the whole or any part of the tax;

(c) recipient or recipients of taxable service or services, including international organizations and institutions, from the payment of the whole or any part of the tax; and

(d) a class of persons, any area or areas of Balochistan from the whole or any part of the tax.

(3) The exemption under sub-section (2) may be allowed from any previous date specified in the notification issued under sub-section (2).]

13. Effect of Change in the Rate of Tax.- (1) If there is a change in the rate of tax, the taxable service shall be charged to tax at such rate as is in force at the time the service is provided.

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[1]S. 12 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"12. Exemptions.- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3 and 10, the Authority may, with the approval of the Government and subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as it may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt:-

(a) taxable service or services from the whole or any part of the tax;

(b) taxable service or services provided by a person or class of persons from the whole or any part of the tax;

(c) recipient or recipients of service or services, including international organizations and institutions, from the payment of the whole or any part of the tax; and

(d) a class of persons, any area or areas of Balochistan from the whole or any part of the tax.

(2) The exemption under sub-section (1) may be allowed from any previous date specified in the notification issued under sub-section (1)."

14. Special Procedure and Tax Withholding Provisions.- [1][(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe special procedure for the payment of tax, valuation of taxable services, registration, record keeping, invoicing or billing requirements, returns, statements and other related matters in respect of any service or class of services and subject to such limitations and conditions as may be specified in the notification.]

(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Authority may require any person or [2][class of persons] whether registered or not for the purpose of this Act to withhold full or part of the tax charged from such person or class of persons on the [3][provision] of any taxable service or class of taxable services and to deposit the tax so withheld, with the Government within such time and in such manner as it may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

[4][(3) Where a person or class of persons is required to withhold full or part of the tax on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and either fails to deduct or withhold the tax or having deducted or withheld the tax, fails to deposit the tax in the Government treasury, such person or class of persons shall be personally liable to pay [5]*[*the amount of tax, the amount of default surcharge and the amount of penalty*]* thereon to the Government in the prescribed manner.]

[6][**14A. Special procedure for collection of tax, etc**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act; the Authority may require any other person or class of persons, not necessarily being a service provider or a service recipient in a particular transaction to collect full or part of the tax charged from another person or class of persons on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and to deposit the tax so collected, in the Government treasury within such time and in such manner as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

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[1]S. 14(1) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe a special procedure for the payment of tax, registration, book keeping, invoicing or billing requirements, returns and other related matters in respect of any service or class of services, as may be specified."

[2]Substituted for "clause of person" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "precision" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]S. 14(3) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Substituted for "the amount of tax [and the amount of default surcharge" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier these were inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[6]S. 14A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the special procedure prescribed for collection and payment of tax may also provide for registration, book keeping; invoicing or billing requirements, returns, statements and other related matters in respect of any service or class of services, as may be specified, *

(3) Where a person or class of persons is required to collect full or part of the tax on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and either fails to collect the tax or having collected the tax, fails to deposit the tax in the Government treasury, such person or class of persons shall be personally liable to pay the amount of tax, the amount of default surcharge and the amount of penalty to the Government in the prescribed manner.]

15. Delegation of Power to Collect, Administer and Enforce Tax on Certain Services.- (1) The Government may, in accordance with article 147 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, authorize the Federal Board of Revenue or any other federal agency or person to administer, collect and enforce the levy of tax on such taxable services as it may notify and in such mode and manner and for such period as may be prescribed and subject to such limitations, restrictions and conditions as it may deem appropriate.

(2) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, authorize any provincial agency, department, organization or person to administer, collect and enforce the levy of tax on such taxable service as it may notify in such mode and manner and for such period as it may prescribe and subject to such restrictions and conditions as it may impose.

(3) At the end of the period prescribed under sub-section (1), the tax on taxable services notified under sub-section (1) [1][ ] shall be administered, collected and enforced by the Authority [2][in] the same mode and manner as all other taxable services.

[3][**16. Adjustments of Input Tax**.- (1) A person required to pay tax under this Act shall be entitled to deduct from the payable amount, the amount of tax paid or payable by him on the receipt of taxable services exclusively used in connection with the taxable services he provides, subject to the condition that he holds a true and valid tax invoice not older than six tax periods, showing the amount of tax charged under the Act on the services so received, but the Authority may disallow or subject to additional conditions may restrict such deduction in cases or with respect to taxable services or goods specified in section 16A or section 16B or the rules.

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[1]Words ", the tax on taxable services notified under sub-section (1)" omitted being duplicate by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]S. 16 substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
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(2) Subject to provisions of section 16A or section 16B or to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, the Authority may allow a registered person to claim adjustment, deduction, or refund in respect of the tax paid or payable under any other law for any taxable service or goods or class of taxable service or goods used in connection with the provision of a taxable service by such person, on his furnishing a tax invoice or declaration of import of goods in his name which bears his National Tax Number.

Provided that the refund arising as a result of a claim of adjustments or deductions, if any, shall be made on yearly basis in the month following the end of the financial year.

(3) For the purpose of sub-section (2), the Authority may adopt the principles or concepts laid down in such other law in respect of adjustments, deductions or refunds including zero-rating principle.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules made thereunder, the Authority [1][ ] may, by notification in the official Gazette and subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or class of persons to deduct such amount of input tax from the output tax as may be specified in the notification.

(5) For purposes of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the amount of tax to be adjusted or deducted shall not include any amount of additional tax, further tax, extra tax, default surcharge, fine, penalty or fee imposed or charged under this Act or any other law.]

[2][**16A. Certain Transactions Not Admissible**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, [3][payment of amounts of one or more transactions made to the same person in one tax period where the aggregate of such amounts exceeds fifty thousand rupees including the amount of sales tax but excluding any payments made on account of utilities], shall be made by a crossed cheque drawn on a bank or by crossed bank draft or crossed pay order or any other crossed banking instrument showing transfer of the amount of the sales tax invoice in favour of the service provider from the business bank account of the service recipient.

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[1]Words etc. ", with the approval of the Government," omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Ss. 16A to 16C inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "payment of the tax amount for a transaction exceeding value of fifty thousand rupees" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(2) Online transfer of payment from the [1][business bank account of service recipient to the business bank account of service provider] as well as payments through credit card shall be treated as transactions through the banking channel, subject to the condition that such transactions are verifiable from the bank statements of the respective service provider and the service recipient.

(3) The service recipient shall not be entitled to claim input tax credit, adjustment or deduction, or refund, repayment or zero-rating of tax under this Act if payment for the amount is made otherwise than in the manner prescribed in sub-section (1), provided that payment in case of a transaction on credit is transferred within one hundred and eighty days of issuance of the tax invoice.

(4) The amount transferred in terms of this section shall be deposited in the business bank account of the service provider; otherwise, the service provider shall not be entitled to claim input tax credit, adjustment or deduction, or refund, repayment or zero-rating of tax under this Act.

Explanation: For purposes of this section, the term "business bank account" means a bank account utilized by the registered person for business transactions, declared to the Authority in the prescribed manner.

16B. Input Tax Credit Not Allowed.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a registered person shall not be entitled to claim, reclaim, adjust or deduct input tax in relation to-

(a) the goods or services used or to be used for any purpose other than for the taxable services provided or rendered or to be provided or rendered by him;

(b) the goods in respect of which sales tax has not been deposited in the Federal Government treasury by the respective suppliers of goods;

[2][(bb) the services received, acquired or procured from a person who is liable to be registered under this Act but is not actually registered or who does not hold [3][registration number];

(bbb) the goods, or services received, acquired or procured from a person who is not an active tax payer under this Act or under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 or under any provincial law relating to sales tax;]

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[1]Substituted for "business account of service recipient to the business account of service provider" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. [*]F. Act stated this amendment for sub-section (1)

[2]Clauses inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[3]Substituted for "registered number" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(c) the services in respect of which the Provincial sales tax has not been deposited in the treasury of the respective Provincial Government, and the services in respect of which the Islamabad Capital Territory sales tax has not been deposited in the treasury of the Federal Government;

(d) further tax, extra tax or value addition tax levied under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, and the rules or notifications issued thereunder;

(e) fake, false, forged, flying or fraudulent invoices or the invoices issued by persons black-listed or suspended by Authority or FBR or any other Provincial Sales Tax Authority/Board;

(f) capital goods [1][(plant, machinery, equipment and others)] and fixed assets not exclusively used in providing or rendering of taxable services;

[2][(g) the following goods or services. excluding the ones directly used and consumed by a registered person in provision of the services paying sales tax at a rate not less shall fifteen per cent ad valorem.]

(i) vehicles classified under Chapter 87 of the First Schedule to the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969) and parts (including batteries and tyres and tubes) of such vehicles;

(ii) calendars, diaries, gifts, souvenirs and giveaways;

(iii) garments, uniforms, fabrics, footwear, hand wear, head wear for the employees;

(iv) food, beverages and consumptions on entertainments, meetings or seminars or for the consumption of the registered person or his directors, shareholders, partners, employees or guests;

(v) electricity, gas and telecommunication services supplied at the residence of the employees or in the residential colonies of the employees;

(vi) building materials including cement, bricks, mild steel products, paints, varnishes, distemper, glass products;

(vii) office equipment and machines (excluding electronic fiscal cash registers), furniture, fixtures or furnishings;

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]Clause (g) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(g) goods and services acquired for personal or non-business consumption, excluding the following ones directly used and consumed in the economic activity of a registered person in provision of the services paying sales tax at a rate not less than fifteen per cent ad valorem, such as-"

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(viii) electrical and gas appliances, pipes and fittings;

(ix) wires, cables, sanitary fittings, ordinary electric fittings, electric fans and electric bulbs and tubes; and

(x) crockery, cutlery, utensils, kitchen appliances and equipment;

(h) utility bills not in the name of the registered person unless evidence of consumption of such utilities is provided to the satisfaction of the officer of the Authority not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner;

(i) goods or services procured or received by a registered person during a period exceeding six months prior to date of commencement of the provision of taxable services by him;

(j) goods or services used or consumed in a service liable to sales tax at ad valorem rate lesser than fifteen per cent or at specific rate or fixed rate or at such other rates not based on value;

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(l) the amount of sales tax paid on the telecommunication services in excess of nineteen and a half per cent ad valorem and the amount of sales tax paid on other taxable goods or services in excess of fifteen per cent ad valorem [2][:]

[3][Provided that in case of telecommunication services paying sales tax at a rate not less than *nineteen and a half per cent ad valorem,* the amount of sales tax paid on goods and services at *ad valorem rates not exceeding eighteen per cent,* can be claimed by the person providing the taxable telecommunication services.]

(m) such goods or services as are notified by the Authority to be in-admissible for input tax claim or reclaim or credit or adjustment or deduction;

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[1]Clause (k) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(k) goods or services as are liable to sales tax, whether a federal sales tax or a provincial sales tax, at specific rate or at fixed rate or at such other rates not based on value or at a rate lesser than fifteen per cent ad valorem and are used or consumed as inputs in the provision of a taxable service under the Act:

Provided that in case of telecommunication services paying sales tax at a rate not less than nineteen and a half per cent ad valorem, the amount of sales tax paid on goods and services at ad valorem rates not exceeding seventeen per cent, can be claimed by the person providing the taxable telecommunication services."

[2]Colon substituted for semi-colon by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

(n) goods and services already in use on which the tax is not paid, or, where paid, the input adjustment has been taken before the commencement of the Act or where the input related goods and services were purchased or acquired before such commencement;

(o) carry forward of the input tax adjustment relating to the period prior to the commencement of the Act;

[1][(p) sales tax paid to the Federal Government or any other Provincial Government in relation to supply of goods or provision of services, if the sales tax law of the Federation or the Province concerned bars or does not allow, whether explicitly or otherwise, adjustment of tax levied and paid under this Act;]

(q) goods and services which, at the time of filing of return by the buyer or service recipient, have not been declared by the supplier or service provider in his return.

(2) In case where a registered person deals with taxable and non-taxable or exempt services, he shall be entitled to claim or reclaim, for input tax credit or adjustment or deduction, only such proportion of the input tax as is attributable to taxable services in such manner as may be prescribed by the Authority.

(3) No person other than a person registered under sections 25, 26 and 27 of the Act shall claim or adjust or deduct any input tax in respect of sales tax paid on any goods or services received or procured by him for use or consumption in the provision of taxable services.

[2][**16C. Adjustment of Input Tax Paid on Certain Goods and Services**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and without prejudice to provisions of section 16A, the input tax paid on the acquisition of such of the capital goods, machinery and fixed assets as are classified under section XVI, Chapters 84 and 85 of the First Schedule to the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969), shall be adjustable against the output tax in twelve equal monthly installments.]

[3][**16CC. Extent of adjustment of input tax**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a registered person shall not be allowed to adjust input tax in a tax period in excess of ninety percent of the output tax for that tax period.]

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[1]Clause (p) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(p) goods and services in respect of which input tax adjustment is barred or disallowed under the respective federal and provincial sales tax laws; and"

[2]Ss. 16A to 16C inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[3]S. 16CA inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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[1][**16D**]**. Standard or general tax rate application choice**.- (1) where any service or class of services are chargeable to reduced rate of tax either under the [2][Third Schedule] or under any notification issued under this Act, any registered person or class of registered persons, providing such services, may, after taking permission from the Authority, opt to pay sales tax at standard or general rate and take input tax adjustment as admissible under this Act and the rules and every such permission shall be effective from the date mentioned therein and subject to such conditions, restrictions and limitations as may be specified by the Authority in this behalf:

Provided that a registered person, in case of a company, may opt to operate under standard rate system on intimation to the Authority at least one month in advance and shall not be entitled to revert back to the reduced rate without prior permission from the Authority as required under sub-section (2).

(2) Once registered person has started paying sales tax at standard or general rate as aforesaid, he shall not, on his own, switch over back to availing the reduced rate of tax on any of his such services unless he takes prior permission from the Authority and while examining and deciding on the request of switching back to reduced rate of tax, the Authority may conduct or cause to conduct such enquiry or audit as it may deem necessary to ascertain the genuineness of the request.

(3) No amount of unadjusted amount of input tax, accrued during the period when standard or general rate was applied, shall be subsequently adjustable in respect of services subjected to reduced rate of tax, provided that recommendation of applying standard or general rate of tax, at any later stage by any registered person, shall likewise, be subject to prior permission from the Authority.

(4) The Authority may, on its own or otherwise, withdraw the permission, granted under this section, in respect of any case or class of cases, after issuing show cause notice and affording opportunity of hearing in the case or cases;]

[3][**16E**]**. Refund**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Authority or any officer authorized in this behalf by the Authority, may allow a registered person refund of the tax claimed to have been paid inadvertence, error or misconstruction.

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[1]S. 16-D renumbered as 16D by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier Ss. 16D, 16E inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[2]Substituted for "second schedule" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]S. 16-D renumbered as 16D by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier Ss. 16D, 16E inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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(2) No such refund of tax not claimed within the relevant tax period shall be allowed, unless the claim is made within one year of the date of payment.

Provided that no refund shall be admissible under this section, if incidence of tax has been passed directly or indirectly to the consumer.

(3) The manner and mode of payment of refund of an amount paid or over paid through inadvertence, error or misconstruction, may be prescribed by the Government;]

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CHAPTER – III

PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAX ON TAXABLE SERVICES

17. Collection of Excess Tax.- (1) Any person who has collected or [1][, deducted or withheld] the tax or charge, whether under misapprehension of any provision of this Act or otherwise, which was not payable as tax or charge or which was in excess of the tax or charge actually payable and the incidence of which had been passed on to the person to whom the service was provided, shall pay the amount of tax or charge so collected to the Government.

[2][(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law or any judgement, decree, or order of a court, no refund of any tax or amount paid under this Act shall be granted to any person unless such person discharge onus that the incidence of the tax has not been passed on to any other person including the recipient of the services.]

(2) Any amount payable to the Government under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be an arrear payable under the Act and shall be recovered accordingly.

(3) The burden of proof that the incidence of tax or charge referred to in sub-section (1) has been or has not been passed to the person to whom the service is provided shall be on the person collecting the tax or charge.

18. Time, Manner and Mode of Payment.- (1) The tax in respect of a taxable service provided [3][or rendered] during a tax period shall be paid by a person [4][by due date prescribed under sub section (56) of section 2 and] at the time of filing the return in respect of that period under chapter VI.

(2) For purposes of sub-section (1), a taxable service shall be considered to have been provided in the tax period during which:-

(a) it was provided to the recipient;

(b) an invoice for the value of the taxable service was issued or was due to be issued or sent or due to be sent to the recipient; or

(c) consideration for the same was received; whichever is earlier.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) the Authority may, by a notification in the official Gazette, direct that the tax in respect of any taxable service or such class of taxable services shall be charged, collected and paid in any other way, mode, manner or time as may be specified in the notification.

(4) The tax due on taxable service shall be paid by any of the following modes:-

(a) through deposit in a bank designated by the Authority; or

[1]Substituted for "collects" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Sub-section (1A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[3]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(b) through such other mode and manner as may be specified by the Authority.

19. Joint and Several Liability of [1][ ] **Persons Where Tax Unpaid**.- (1) Where a [2][person] receiving a taxable service from [2][another person] is in the knowledge of or has reasonable grounds to suspect that some or all of the tax payable in respect of that taxable service provided [3][or any previous or subsequent taxable service] would go unpaid as against the requirements of this Act, such person as well as the person providing the taxable service shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of such unpaid amount of the tax.

(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt any person, service or transaction or class of persons, services or transactions from the provision of sub-section (1)

[4][(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, it shall be the responsibility of a person to take all possible measures to ensure that the person, from whom he has received taxable services, deposits the due tax, relating to such transaction or transactions, in the manner as provided under this Act and the rules made under the Act.]

20. Sales of Taxable Activity or Transfer of Ownership.- (1) Where the ownership of any business providing taxable services is sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of as an ongoing concern or activity, the fact of such sale, transfer or other disposition shall be intimated to the Commissioner within one month of the occurrence of such fact by the former owner.

[5][(1A) In case of sale or transfer of a business, providing taxable services as an ongoing concern, by a registered person to a non- registered person, such registered person shall be required to account for and pay the tax on the services provided by him.]

(2) The tax chargeable [6][or assessed or determined in relation to] the taxable services provided in the business referred to in sub-section (1) shall be accounted for and paid by the person to whom sale or other disposition of such business is made or ownership thereof is transferred and every such person shall be liable to registration under this Act.

[7][(3) The tax payable by person referred to in subsection (2), if remains unpaid, the amount of the unpaid tax shall be the first charge on the assets of the business and the persons buying and selling the business shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of the tax.]

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[1]Word "registered" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Substituted for "registered person"& "another registered person" respectively by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]S. 19(3) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[5]S. 20(1A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[6]Substituted for "on" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[7]S. 20(3) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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21. Estate of Deceased Person.- The tax liability of a deceased registered person under this Act shall be the first charge on his estate in the hands of his successors.

22. Estate in Bankruptcy.- (1) Where a registered person is declared bankrupt, the tax liability under this Act shall pass on to the estate in bankruptcy if it continues to operate the business.

(2) Where the tax liability is incurred by an estate in bankruptcy, the tax shall be deemed to be a current expenditure in the operations of the estate in bankruptcy and shall be paid before the claims of all other creditors are settled.

23. Liability for Payment of Tax in Case of Private Companies or Business Enterprises.- [1][Notwithstanding anything contained in the Companies Act, 2017 (Act XIX OF 2017) or the repealed Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984)] Where any private company or business enterprise is wound up and any tax chargeable on or payable by the company or business enterprise, whether before, or in the course, or after its liquidation, in respect of any tax period cannot be recovered from the company or business enterprise, every person who was an owner of, or partner in, or director of the company or business enterprise during the relevant period shall, jointly and severally with such persons be liable for payment of such tax.

24. Assessment of Tax.- (1) Where on the basis of any information acquired during an audit, inquiry, inspection or otherwise, an officer of the Authority [2][not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner] is of the opinion that a registered person has not paid the tax due on taxable services provided by him or has made short payment, the officer shall make an assessment of the tax actually payable by that person and shall impose a penalty and charge default surcharge in accordance with section 48 and 49.

[3][(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and subject to such conditions and guidelines as may be prescribed by the Authority in this regard, where a registered person fails to file the return for a tax period by the due date or where the registered person fails to furnish any information, explanation, documents, record or any other details as may be required in a notice issued under this section or sections 33, 34 or 57, an officer of the Authority, not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, shall, based on any available information or material, make an assessment order, to the best of his judgment, determining the minimum tax liability of such registered person for the tax period specified in the notice. The minimum tax liability shall be in addition to the penalty and default surcharge in accordance with sections 48 and 49.]

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[1][*Explanation*: Determination of minimum tax liability for a tax period shall not be the final tax liability and the registered person shall be liable to discharge his actual liability, as it may accrue or may be determined as a result of audit or special audit or forensic audit under this Act.]

(2) No order under sub-section (1) [1a][or (1A)] shall be made unless a notice to show cause is given to the person in default within [2][eight] year from the conclusion of the tax period to which the assessment relates specifying the [3][grounds] on which it is intended to proceed against him and the said officer shall take into consideration the representation made by such person and provide him with an opportunity of being heard if the person so desires.

(3) An order under sub-section (1) [4][or (1A)] shall be made within one hundred and [5][eight] days of issuance of the show cause notice or within such extended period as the officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writhing, fix provided that such extended period shall ordinarily not exceed sixty days.

(4) In computing the period specified in sub-section (3) any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 69 or the time taken through adjournments by the person shall be excluded.

(5) An order passed by an officer under sub-section (1) [6][or (1A)] may be further amended as may be necessary when on the basis of any additional information acquired during an audit, inquiry, inspection or otherwise the officer is satisfied that:-

(a) any tax has been under-assessed or assessed [7][at too low a rate]; or

(b) any taxable service provided by the person has escaped assessment.

(6) The provisions of sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) shall be applicable to an order passed under sub-section (5).

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[1]Explanation inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[1a]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "five" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "ground" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]Substituted for "twenty" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[7]Substituted for "at a low rate" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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[1][(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, Authority may prescribe threshold, parameters, standards and basis for assessment of taxable value of services and the assessment of tax, and the Authority shall have the powers to regulate the system of assessment including the powers for transfer of cases and extension of time limit in exceptional circumstances.]

[2][**24A. Place of provision of Services**.- Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Act, the Authority may, in relation to any or all of the taxable services or group of taxable services as may be specified, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules or special rules prescribing the place of provision of the services or the group of services specified in such rules.]

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[1]S. 24(7) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]S. 24A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

CHAPTER – IV

REGISTRATION

25. Registration. [1][(1) A person shall be registered under this Act who:-

(a) is resident;

(b) provides any taxable service [2][ ] in Balochistan;

[3][(bb) is a withholding agent under this Act;]

(c) is otherwise required to be registered under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules; or

(d) fulfills any other criteria or requirement which the Authority may prescribe under sub-section (2).]

(2) The registration under this section will be regulated in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe.

(3) A person who receives a service, which is a taxable service by virtue of sub-section (2) of section 3, and is not a registered person shall be deemed to be a registered person for the purposes of the tax period in which:-

(a) such person receives the service;

(b) an invoice for the value of the service is issued or sent to or received by the person; or

(c) consideration for the service is paid by the person:-

whichever is earlier and all the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be applicable to such person for that particular tax period and any matters relating to, arising out of, or concerning that tax period as if that person had provided the service.

[4][(3A) Any person, who is not registered or required to be registered for the purposes of this Act, whether as a service-provider or otherwise but is required to withhold and pay or otherwise pay tax in terms of any provisions of this Act or rules, shall be deemed as a registered person for all legal purposes under this Act, including non-filing or non-submission of any information or document and such person shall, regardless of the place of residence, business or other activity, comply with such registration, enrolment or other obligations or formalities as may be specified by the Authority.]

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[1]S. 25(1) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words "from his office or place of business" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]S. 25(1)(bb) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[4]S. 25(3A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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[1][(3AA) The Authority may, through notification in the official Gazette, require any person or class of persons engaged in providing only exempt service or services to necessarily obtain registration under this Act and file return in such form and manner as my specified in the notification.]

(4) The Authority [2][shall] publish on its website a list [2][of] persons registered under this Act.

(5) It shall be reasonable for a person to believe that another person is registered under this Act if that other person is on the list placed on the website of the Authority.

[3][*Explanation*: Unless otherwise specified, no person shall be absolved of any tax liability for want of registration under this Act or the rules.]

[4][(5A) It shall not be reasonable for a person to believe that another person is registered under this Act if that other person is not on the list placed on the website of the Authority;]

26. Voluntary Registration.- (1) A person who carries on an economic activity but is not required to be registered may apply for voluntary registration at any time.

(2) if a person who is not required to be registered applies for voluntary registration, the Authority may register the person if the Authority is satisfied that:-

(a) the person is providing, or shall provide a service that is taxable service if the person was registered;

(b) the person has a place of business at which he carries on an economic activity;

(c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person shall keep proper records and file regular returns as prescribed under this Act and the rules; and

(d) if the person has commenced carrying on an economic activity, the person has:-

i. kept proper records in relation to his economic activity; and

ii. (ii) complied with his obligations under other applicable taxation laws.

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[1]S. 25(3AA) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Substituted for “may” & “or” respectively by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Explanation inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]S. 25(5A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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[1][**26A. Automatic registration**.- The taxpayers already registered with the Federal Board of Revenue for the purposes of Sales Tax / Federal Excise Duty and providing taxable services in Balochistan, shall be automatically registered for Balochistan Sales Tax on Services and the registered persons shall only be intimated through email or SMS, and by courier or post assigning them B as prefix to their NTN issued by the Federal Board of Revenue i. e. B+NTN;]

27. Compulsory Registration.- [2][(1) If the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf is satisfied that a person or a withholding agent who is required to be registered and has not applied for registration, the Authority or the officer shall after such enquiry as may be deemed fit, register the person through an order to be issued in writing and shall, not later than fifteen days before the day on which the registration takes effect, notify the person of the registration, the day on which it takes effect, and the registration number issued to the person.]

(2) No person shall be registered compulsorily without being given an advance notice and an opportunity of being heard in such manner as the Authority may specify.

(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, authorize any officer to perform any of the functions under this section relating to compulsory registration of a person for any of the taxable services.

28. Suspension of Registration.- (1) Subject to sub-section (3), the Authority [3][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may temporarily inactivate [4][or suspend] the registration of a person if it is satisfied that the person:-

(a) is not entitled to be registered; or

(b) has failed to comply with obligations under this Act or the rules.

(2) The Authority [3][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] shall give notice to a registered person stating the reasons for temporary inactivation of the person's registration and the remedial actions required to be taken by the person in such time as may be specified in the notice.

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[1]S. 26A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[2]S. 27(1) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) If the Authority is satisfied that a person who is required to be registered and has not applied for registration, the Authority shall register the person and shall, not later than fifteen before the day on which the registration takes effect, notify the person of the registration, the day on which it takes effect, and the registration number issued to the person."

[3]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

(3) In case the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] is not satisfied with the response of the person or the remedial action taken by him or does not receive any response in the specified time, the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may suspend that person's registration.

(4) The suspension of registration shall be effected by removing the name of the person from the list of registered persons published on the Authority's website.

(5) At any time within a period of sixty days of suspension, the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may withdraw the suspension if it is satisfied with the remedial actions taken by the person.

(6) Where, after sixty days, the suspension has not been withdrawn, the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may:

(a) institute proceedings against the person in respect of the alleged non-compliance under this Act;

(b) reinstate the person's registration; or

(c) if neither of the actions in clauses (a) and (b) is done, cancel the person's registration.

(7) No registration shall be cancelled unless the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] either through enquiry, investigation or audit is satisfied that circumstances exist necessitating such cancellation and under no circumstances, the cancellation of registration shall absolve the person of his other obligations and liabilities under the Act or the rules.

29. De-registration.- (1) The Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may de-register a registered person or such class of registered persons not required to be registered under this Act.

(2) Where any person registered under this Act believes that he does not satisfy the requirements for registration specified in section 25, he may make an application to the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] to be de-registered.

(3) If upon receiving such an application, the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] is satisfied that the person is not required to be registered under this Act and has fulfilled the obligations under the Act, it shall de-register such person.

[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(4) Where the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] receives an application under sub-section (2), it shall dispose [2][of] the application within a period of three months from the date of the receipt of the application, or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the Authority [1][or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf] may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix.

[3][**29A. Restoration of Registration**.- The Authority may, subject to conditions as may be prescribed, reactivate, revive, reinstate or restore any registration which has been de-activated, suspended or cancelled for any reason or under any circumstances.]

[4][**29B. Active taxpayers list**.-The Authority shall have the power to prepare and maintain active taxpayers list in such manner as it may deem appropriate and also to make rules to provide for restrictions and limitations to be Imposed on any person who ceases to be an active taxpayer or any person who receives or procures any taxable service from a person who has ceased to be an active taxpayer;]

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[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Substituted for "off" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]S. 29A inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]S. 29B inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

CHAPTER – V

BOOK KEEPING AND AUDIT PROCEEDINGS

30. Issuance of Tax Invoices.- (1) A registered person providing a taxable service shall issue a numbered and dated tax invoice containing the following particulars:-

(a) name, address and registration number of the service provider;

(b) name, address and registration number, if any, of the service recipient;

(c) description of service or services;

(d) amount of the tax; [1][ ]

(e) value inclusive of the tax [2][;]

[3][(f) value exclusive of the tax; [4][and]]

[5][(g) applicable rate of the tax.]

[6][(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify it modified format of invoices for different services or persons and prescribe the manner and procedure for regulating the issuance and authentication of tax invoices.

(3) A registered person, providing a taxable service, may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazelle, specify, issue invoices electronically to another registered person or other recipient of taxable service and transmit images or statements of such invoices to the Authority and to the Commissioner, in the manner as may be specified.]

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[1]Word "and" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]Full stop substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]S. 30(1)(f) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Word inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[5]Clause (g) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[6]Sub-sections (2) & (3) substituted by Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier these were substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution by F. Act, 2025, these read as follows:-

"(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify a format of invoices to be issued by a registered person or class of registered persons and prescribe a procedure for authentication of such invoices.

(3) The Authority or an officer authorized by the Authority in this behalf, may require a registered person or a class of registered persons to issue invoices electronically in such manner as may be prescribed, and to transmit such invoices to the Authority, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may specify by notification in the official Gazette."

Before substitution by F. Act, 2002, these read as follows:-

"(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify such modified invoices for different services or persons and prescribe the manner and procedure for regulating the issuance and authentication of tax invoices.

(3) A registered person providing a taxable service may, subject to such condition and restrictions as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify, issue invoices to another registered person or other recipient of taxable service electronically and transmit images or statements of such invoices to the Authority as well as to the Commissioner, as may be specified."

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31. Records.- (1) A registered person providing taxable service [1][or a person required to pay tax under this Act or the rules] shall maintain and keep at his business premises or registered office in English or Urdu the following records of taxable service (including exempt service) provided by him or by his agent acting on this behalf in such form and manner as would permit ready ascertainment of his tax liability during a tax period:-

[2][(a) record of services provided, including exempt services, indicating the description, quantity and value of service, name, registration number and address of the person to whom services were rendered and the amount of tax charged;

(b) record of goods and services received, including exempt goods and services, indicating description, quantity and value of goods and services, name, address and registration number of the service provider or supplier of goods and the amount of the tax charged;

(c) record of goods imported indicating the description, quantity and value of goods and the amount of tax paid on imports;]

[2][(d) Books of Prime Entry or subsidiary books including Cash Books;

(e) double entry accounts including General Ledger;

(f) Annual Audited Financial Statements prepared either on the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) or International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), as the case may be;

(g) bank statements, banking instruments and the related reconciliation statements;

(h) inventory records, utility bills, salary and labor bills, rent deeds and agreements;

(i) record required to be maintained and the declarations filed under any other law for the time being in force; and

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[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Clauses (a) to (c) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(a) records of taxable service provided indicating:-

(i) the description and type of service;

(ii) the value of the service;

(iii) the particulars of the person to whom the service was provided; and

(iv) any other information as may be specified by the Authority;

(b) records of exempt service; and

(c) such other records as may be specified by the Authority."

[3]Clauses (d) to (n) inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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(j) records of tax invoices and debit credit notes issued by the person;

(k) records of tax invoices and debit credit notes received by the person;

(l) records of customs documents (goods declaration under section 30 of the Customs Act, 1969 and its ancillary documents);

(m) Minutes of various meetings including minutes of Board, Annual General Meeting (AGM), Extra Ordinary General Meeting; and

(n) such other records as may be specified by the Authority.]

(2) [1][Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the] Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require a registered person or class of registered persons to declare and use as many number of business bank accounts as may [1][be] specified by the Authority in such notification to make or receive payments on account of providing [2][or receiving services for the] purpose of this Act and the rules and to make payment of due tax from such accounts.

(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify that any person or [3][class of persons] registered under this Act shall use such electronic fiscal cash registers in such manner as are approved by the Authority.

(4) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe the procedure or software for electronic invoicing or billing, maintenance of records, filing of tax returns and for any other matter or approve any software for electronic invoicing or billing, maintenance of records and filing of returns by a registered person or class of such persons under this Act.

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[1]Substituted for “The” & “by” respectively by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for “service for” by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for “class of person” by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[1][(5) The registered persons, whose accounts are subject to audit under the Companies Act, 2017 (Act No. XIX of 2017) or under any other law for the time 'being in force, shall submit a printed copy of the annual audited accounts along with a certificate by the auditors certifying the payment of the tax due and any deficiency in the tax paid by the registered person, to the concerned officer of the Authority, within 60 days from the date of audit report of the auditors.]

32. Retention and Production of Records and Document.- (1) A person, who is required to maintain any record or document under this act, shall retain the record and documents for a period of [2][ten] years after the end of the tax period to which such record or documents relate or till the final decision in any proceedings including proceedings for assessment, appeal, revision, reference or petition, whichever is later.

[3][Provided that in case of any records or documents related to refund claim a person shall retain such records or documents for a period of ten years from the end of the financial year in which the refund is issued.

Provided further that the time limit of ten years will be applicable to records and documents related to tax period July, 2023 and onwards.]

(2) A person who is required to maintain any record or documents under this Act or any other law shall, as and when required by an officer not below the rank of the Assistant Commissioner, produce records or documents which are in his possession or control or in the possession or control of his agent, and where such records or documents have been stored as electronic data, he shall allow to such officer full and free access to, and use of, such data of any machine [4][and use of any machine on which such data is kept].

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[1]Sub-section (5) substituted by Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution by F. Act, 2025, it read as follows:-

"(5) The registered persons, whose accounts are subject to audit under the [1][Companies Act, 2017 (Act No. XIX of 2017)], [2][or any other law for the time being in force,] shall be required to submit a copy of the annual audited accounts, along with a certificate by the auditors certifying the payment of the tax due and any deficiency in the tax paid by the registered person."

[1]Substituted for "Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVI of 1984)" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Substituted for "five" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[3]Provisos inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

33. Audit Proceedings.- (1) An officer authorized by the Authority or the Commissioner may, on the basis of the return or returns submitted by a registered person or the records [1][or documents which are in his possession or control or in the possession or control of his agent; and where such record or documents have been kept on electronic data] maintained [2][or obtained] under this Act and the rules, conduct an audit of such person.

(2) In case the Authority or the Commissioner has any information showing that [3][any] registered person [4][is] involved in tax fraud or evasion of tax, it or as the case may be, he may authorize an officer not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, to conduct an inquiry or investigation [5][under section 53], which may or may not be in addition to any audit carried out for the same period.

(3) Where the officer is to conduct an audit under sub-section (1), he shall issue a notice of audit to the person informing him of the audit proceedings and direct him to produce any records or documents, which such officer may require for conducting the audit.

[6][(3A) The officer authorized under sub-section (1) may conduct audit proceedings electronically through video links or any other facility as may be notified by the Authority.]

[7][(3AA) The officer of the Authority may, with the permission of the Commissioner, conduct the audit in the place of business or the office of the registered person directing him to produce the records and documents in such premises as indicated in the notice.]

(4) The officer shall conduct audit and issue an audit observation or observations pointing out the contraventions of this Act or the rules and the amount of the tax evaded or short paid, and the registered person may, within a period of twenty one days of the receipt of the audit observation, submit his reply in writing.

(5) If no reply is received within the specified time or the reply furnished by the registered person is found unsatisfactory, the officer shall issue an audit report specifying the amount of the tax or charge that has not been levied or has been short levied or any other violation of any provision of the Act or the rules.

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[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "my" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Substituted for "in" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[6]Sub-section (3A) inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[7]Sub-section (3AA) inserted by Blochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(6) After completion of the audit under this section or any other provision of this Act or the rules, an officer having pecuniary jurisdiction in terms of section 60 shall, if required, pass an order [1][in accordance with the provisions of section 24 or section 52, as the case may be, assessing or] determining the correct amount of payable tax, charging default surcharge and imposing a penalty.

(7) Notwithstanding the penalties prescribed in section 48:-

(a) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of the tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge voluntarily, whenever it comes to his notice, he may, before receipt of notice of audit, file a revised return and may deposit the amount of tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge, in which case no penalty shall be recovered from him;

(b) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of the tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge during the audit, or at any time before issuance of show cause notice in lieu of the audit report, he may file a revised return and may deposit the short paid or evaded amount of the tax, default surcharge under section 49 and twenty percent of the penalty payable under section 48 in which case the show cause notice in lieu of the audit report shall not be issued in the matter; [2][and]

(c) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge after issuance of show cause notice, he may file a revised return and may deposit the short paid or evaded amount of the tax, default surcharge under section 49, and fifty percent of the penalty payable under section 48 and, thereafter, the show cause notice shall abate.

34. [3][**Audit by Special Audit Panels**].- [4][(1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint as many special audit panels as may be necessary, comprising of two or more members from the following, to conduct audit or special audit or forensic investigation of the records of a registered person, including audit of refund claims or input tax credit claims:-

(a) an officer of the Authority;

(b) a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants as defined under the Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961);

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "Special Audit by Chartered Accountants or Cost Accountants" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]S. 34(1) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(c) a Cost and Management Accountants or a firm of Cost and Management Accountants as defined under the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966);

(d) any other person appointed by the Authority having expertise of conducting special audit or forensic investigation or both of the records of any registered person; and

[1][(1A)] the scope of audit or special audit or forensic investigation shall be determined by the Authority or the Commissioner authorized by the Authority on case to case basis. In addition, the Authority may, where it considers appropriate, also get such audit or special audit or forensic investigation conducted jointly with FBR or other Provincial Tax Authorities / Board.]

(2) Notwithstanding that the records of a registered person have been audited by an officer appointed under section 39, the Authority or a Commissioner may direct an auditor appointed under sub-section (1) to audit the records of any registered person for the same period.

(3) An auditor appointed under sub-section (1), shall have such powers of an officer as may be conferred by the Authority to such auditor under any of the provisions of this Act or the rules.

(4) For purposes of this section or section 33, the audit of records includes audit of the tax affairs of the registered person under this Act and the rules.

[2][(5) Each special audit panel shall be headed by a Chairman who shall be an officer of the Authority not below the rank of a Deputy Commissioner.

(6) If a member of the special audit panel, other than the Chairman, is absent from conducting an audit, special audit or forensic audit, the proceedings of such audit under this section shall continue and audit conducted by the special audit panel shall neither be invalid nor shall be called in question merely on the ground of such absence.

(7) The Authority may prescribe regulations and procedures in respect of the constitution, procedure and working of the special audit panel.]

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[1]Clause (e) renamed as Ss. (1A) by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Ss. (5) to (7) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

CHAPTER – VI

RETURNS

35. Returns.- [1][(1) Every registered person shall [2][e-file or] furnish to the Authority, not later than the due date, a true, correct and properly filled-up return in the form notified by the Authority, indicating the tax due and paid during a tax period and such other information or particulars as may be notified by the Authority.]

[3][(1A) A statement, in the prescribed manner, filed by a person who is only obliged to deduct or withhold tax, shall be treated as a return of that person, provided that such a statement shall not be a substitute for the return required to be filed by a person providing taxable services.]

(2) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1), the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require any registered person or class of registered persons to submit returns on a quarterly, six monthly or annual basis in lieu of monthly return.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1), the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require any registered person to submit such returns, as may, be prescribed, on any period basis in addition to other returns required to be filed by such person.

(4) A return filed electronically on the website or any magnetic media or any other computer readable media as may be specified by the Authority shall be deemed to be a return for the purpose of sub-section (1), (2) or (3) and the Authority may, by notification in the official [4][Gazette], prescribe the criteria for eligibility of the data of such returns and e-intermediaries who shall digitize the data of such returns and transmit the same electronically under their digital signatures.

(5) If there is a change in the rate of the tax during a tax period, a separate return in respect of each portion of tax period showing the application of different rates of tax shall be furnished.

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[1]Sub-section (1) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(1) Every registered person shall furnish, not later than the due date, a true, correct and properly filled-up return in the prescribed form to a designated bank or any other office specified by the Authority, indicating the tax due and paid during a tax period and such other information or particulars as may be prescribed by the Authority."

[2]Words inserted by Blochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]S. 35(1A) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Substituted for "gazette" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(6) [1][Subject to rules, a registered person may], after prior permission from Commissioner, file a revised return within one hundred and twenty days of filing a return under sub-section (1), (2) or (3), to correct any omission or wrong declaration made therein and to deposit any amount of the tax not paid or short paid.

[2][(7) Where any person or class of persons are engaged in providing any service or services, which are either exempt under this Act, under a notification issued thereunder or are otherwise not taxable for the purposes of this Act, the Authority may require any such person or class of persons to regularly file monthly or periodic declarations or returns, containing such correct and verifiable information, as may be required to be provided in such declaration or return and every such person or class of persons shall be under a legal obligation to file such declaration or return and any violation, relating thereto, shall be treated as non-filing of the return due under this Act, except that no tax liability per se other than liability for penalty, may be imposed, shall accrue in respect thereof.]

36. Special Returns.- In addition to the return or returns specified under section 35, the Commissioner may require any person, whether registered or not, to furnish a return (whether on his own behalf or as an agent or trustee) in prescribed [3][form] and such person shall furnish the return not later than the date specified in this regard.

37. Final Return.- If a person applies for de-registration in terms of section 29, he shall before such de-registration, furnish a final return to the Authority or the Commissioner in the specified form in such manner and at such time as may be directed [4][ ] by the Authority or the Commissioner.

38. Return Deemed to Have Been Made.- A return purporting to be made on behalf of a person by his duly appointed representative or agent shall, for all purposes of this Act or the rules, be deemed to have been made by such person or under his authority unless proved to the contrary.

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[1]Substituted for "A registered person" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]S. 35(7) inserted by Blochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Substituted for "from" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Words "by directed" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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CHAPTER – VII

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITIES AND THEIR POWERS

39. Appointment of Authorities.- [1][(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Authority may, appoint in relation to any area, any case or class of cases, any person to be;-

(a) a Director of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(b) a Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(c) a Commissioner (Appeals) of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(d) a Deputy Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(e) an Assistant Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(f) a Senior Auditor and an Auditor of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(g) a Balochistan Sales Tax Officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;]

[3][(i) An Inspector of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(j) Any officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority with any other designation.]

(2) The Commissioner (Appeals) and the Commissioner shall be subordinate to the Authority [2][and any other officer of the Authority so designated by the Authority].

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[1]S. 39(1) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution it read as follows:-

S. 39(1)-Substitution.- Before substitution by BRA F. Act, 2024 it read as follows:-

"(1) For the purposes of this Act and the rules, the Authority may, in the prescribed manner and by notification in official Gazette, appoint in relation to any area or cases [1][or class of cases] specified in the notification, any person to be a:-

(a) Commissioner;
(b) Commissioner (Appeals);
(c) Additional Commissioner [2][ ];
(d) Deputy Commissioner;
(e) Assistant Commissioner;
(f) Audit Officer [2][ ];
(g) Inspector [2][ ]; or
(h) An officer of the Authority with any other designation"

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Words "of the Authority" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[3]Clauses (i) & (j) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. *Clause (h) missed

[1][(3) The Deputy Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners shall be subordinate to the Commissioner.]

(4) The Audit Officers and Inspectors and the officers of other such equal or lower designations, if any, shall be subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner or to the Assistant Commissioner.

(5) The Authority may designate any Deputy Commissioner supervisory incharge of any Assistant Commissioner either by name or by designation in any of its subordinate offices or formations.

(6) The Authority may distribute the work and related functions amongst the above designations in a manner it deems appropriate and make changes in such work distribution as and when deemed proper.

(7) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe uniform including shoulder strips and badges for different classes of the officers or officials of the Authority.

(8) All jurisdictional and competency issues arising under this Act or the rules shall be decided by the Authority in such manner as it thinks fit.

40. Powers.- (1) An officer appointed under section 39 shall exercise such powers [2][, pecuniary and territorial jurisdiction,] and discharge such duties as are conferred on him under this Act and the rules and he shall also be empowered and competent to exercise all powers and discharge all duties or functions conferred upon any officer subordinate to him.

(2) The Authority may, by general or special order, impose such limitations, restrictions or conditions on the exercise of such powers and discharge of such duties or functions as it deems fit.

41. [3][**Delegation**] **of Powers**.-(1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, and subject to such limitations or conditions, empower by name or by designation:-

(a) [4][A Deputy Commissioner] to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of a Commissioner [5][or a Commissioner (Appeals)];

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[1]S. 39(3) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(3) The Additional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners shall be subordinate to the Commissioner and unless otherwise directed by the Authority or the Commissioner, both the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner shall also be subordinate to the Additional Commissioner."

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Substituted for "Distribution" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[4]Substituted for "An Additional Commissioner" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[5]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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(c) An Assistant Commissioner to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of a Deputy Commissioner; and

(d) Any other officer to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of an Assistant Commissioner.

(2) The Authority may confer power and functions of any officer as additional duties to any officer of the same rank or a step senior or junior in rank.

(3) An officer to whom any powers or functions are conferred under this section shall not assign such powers or functions to any other officer except with the prior permission of the Authority.

[2][(4) The officer, designated or empowered as Commissioner (Appeals), shall not sit in appeal against his own orders in original. The Authority shall make alternate arrangements in such cases.]

42. Special Judges.- (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint any person who is serving or has served as District and Session Judge for a period of at least five years as Special Judge in consultation with the Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court and, where it appoints more than one Special Judge, it shall specify in the notification the headquarters of each Special Judge and the territorial limits within which he shall exercise jurisdiction under this Act and the rules.

(2) If a Special Judge is, for any reasons, unable to perform his duties under this Act or the rules, District and Sessions Judge of the District shall perform the duties of the Special Judge for the District.

43. Cognizance of Offence.- (1) The Special Judge may, within the limits of his jurisdiction, take cognizance of any offence punishable by him upon:-

(a) a report in writing made by an officer, not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner with the approval of the Commissioner or by an officer especially authorized in this behalf by the Authority;

(b) receiving a complaint or information of facts constituting such offence made or communicated by any person; or

(c) his knowledge acquired during any proceeding before him.

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[1]Clause (b) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(b) A Deputy Commissioner to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of an Additional Commissioner;"

[2]S. 41(4) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

(2) If the Special Judge receives a report under clause (a) of sub-section (1), the Special Judge shall proceed with the trial of the accused.

(3) If the Special Judge receives a complaint or information under clause (b) of sub-section (1), on the basis of his own knowledge [1][or acquires knowledge under clause (c) of sub-section (1)], the Special Judge shall, before issuing a summon or warrant for appearance of the person, hold a preliminary inquiry for purposes of ascertaining the truth or falsehood of the complaint, information or knowledge or direct any Magistrate or any officer to hold such inquiry and submit a report, and such Magistrate or officer, shall conduct such inquiry and make a report accordingly.

(4) If, after conducting such an inquiry or after considering the report of such Magistrate or officer, the Special Judge may dismiss the complaint if there are no grounds to proceed further, or may decide to proceed against the person in accordance with Law.

(5) A Special Judge or a Magistrate or an officer holding an inquiry under sub-section (3) may hold such inquiry, as nearly as possible, in accordance with the provisions of section 202 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

44. Application of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.- (1) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to all proceedings of the Court of a Special Judge and such court shall be deemed to be a Court of Session for the purposes of the said Code and the provisions of Chapter XXII-A of the Code, so far as applicable and with necessary modifications, shall apply to the trial of cases by the Special Judge under the Act.

(2) For purposes of sub-section (1), the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) shall have effect as if an offence punishable under this Act was one of the offences referred to in sub-section (1) of section 337 of the Code [2][:]

[3][Provided that nothing in this section shall restrict any officer of the Authority from undertaking and completing the adjudicatory process or proceedings for the purpose of determination and assessment of tax, including default surcharge and penalties in any case sub-juice for trial or any other proceedings before the special Judge.]

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for full stop by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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45. Exclusive Jurisdiction of Special Judge.- [1][Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the rules made thereunder or in any other law for the time being in force no] court other than the Special Judge having jurisdiction, shall try an offence punishable by the Special Judge under this Act.

46. Place of Sitting.- A Special Judge shall ordinarily hold sittings at his headquarters provided that keeping in view the general convenience of the parties or the witnesses, he may hold sittings at any other place.

47. Persons who may Conduct Prosecution.- (1) [2][Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (No. V of 1898) an] officer not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner shall be competent to conduct prosecution before a Special Judge for and on behalf of the Government.

(2) A prosecution conducted under this act before the Special Judge may only be withdrawn by the Authority on the direction or after concurrence of the Government.

[3][**47A. Appeal to the High Court**.- (1) Any person, including the Government, the Authority or any officer of the Authority, aggrieved by any order passed or decision made by a Special Judge under this Act or under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (No. V of 1898), may, subject to the provisions of Chapters XXXI and XXXII of the said Code, within sixty days from the date of the order of the decision, prefer an appeal to the High Court.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in sub-section (1), the provisions of the Limitation Act, 1908 (Act No. V of 1908), shall apply to an appeal preferred under sub-section (1) of this section.]

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[1]Substituted for "No" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "An" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]S. 47A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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OFFENCES AND [1][PENALTIES]

48. Offences and Penalties.- (1) If a person commits any offence described in column 2 of the Table below shall, in addition to and not in derogation of any punishment to which he may be liable under any other law, be liable to the penalty mentioned against that offence in column 3.

(2) The sections referred to in column 4 of the said Table shall be deemed to be meant for illustrative purposes only and the corresponding offence described in column 2 may fall and be prosecuted under other sections of this Act as well.

Table

S. No.	Offences	Penalties	Section
1	Any person [1a][including a service provider and a withholding agent] who is required to apply for registration under this Act fails to make an application for registration before providing [1b][or receiving] any [1c][ ] services	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [2][fifty thousand] rupees or five percent of the amount of the tax he would have been liable to pay had he been registered, whichever is higher. [3][in case of non-compliance of a notice for compulsory registration, after lapse of 15 days, the minimum penalty shall be one hundred thousand rupees and for a person, other than a company, shall be fifty thousand]; If such person who is required to get himself registered under this Act, fails to get registered within ninety days of providing taxable services, he shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to the amount of the tax he would have been liable to pay had he been registered, or with both.	[4][25 and 27]

[1]Substituted for "PENALITIES" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[1a]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[1b]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[1c]Word "taxable" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Substituted for "ten thousand" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "In the case of non-compliance of compulsory registration, the minimum penalty shall be ten thousand rupees" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Substituted for "25" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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[1][1A	Where any person fails to intimate any change in particulars of registration, including the particulars relating to business address, business bank accounts, economic activity etc., in accordance with the requirements, prescribed under the rules, within a period of fifteen days from the date of such change.	Such person shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to 100,000 rupees subject to a minimum penalty of 10,000 rupees.	25]
2	Where any person fails to furnish a return within the due date	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [1a][ten] thousand rupees provided if a return is not filed within fifteen days of the due date, a penalty of [2][two] hundred rupees for each day of default shall be levied.	35
[3][2A	Where any person fails or refuses to issue a tax invoice as required in sub-rule (1) of rule 29 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of twenty thousand rupees on first default and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent default. In case of three acts of such default, the business premises shall be liable to be sealed.	Genera l
[4][2B	Where a person avoids, defies, fails to comply with e-invoicing system or issues invoices outside the e-invoicing system or refuses, denies, or obstructs the enforcement of the provisions of section 60A in any manner.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of upto one hundred thousand rupees, but not less than ten thousand rupees. In case of repetition of the offence, the business premises of such person shall further be liable to sealing. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge,	60A]

[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[1a]Substituted for "five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Word inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]S. Nos. 2A & 2B inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]S. No. 2B substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"2B	Where any person either avoids, defies, fails to comply with e invoicing system or Issues Invoices outside the e-invoicing system	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to one hundred thousand rupees, but not less than twenty-five thousand rupees. In case of three consecutive defaults, the place of business of such person may further be liable to sealing.	[1][60A]"

[1]Substituted for "59A" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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		to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or with both.	
[1][2C	Where a person avoids, defies, delays or fails to deposit the amount of service fee levied under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Special Procedure (online Integration of Business) Rules, 2022 or fails to report the service fee in the sales tax return in the prescribed manner.	Such person shall be liable to a penalty of rupees one hundred thousand or twice the amount of service fee involved, whichever is higher. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by the Special Judge, to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or with both.	60A]
3	Where any person fails to deposit the amount of the tax due or any part thereof in the time or manner laid down under this Act or the rules.	(a) Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees or five percent of the tax payable for that period, whichever is higher [2][Provided that, if the amount of tax or any part thereof is paid within ten days from the due date, the defaulter shall pay a penalty of five hundred rupees for each day of default:] (b) If the amount of the tax due is not paid even after the expiry of a period of sixty days of issuance of the notice for such payment by an officer, not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, the person shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to the amount of the unpaid tax, or with both.	3, 4, 10 11, 17, 18 and 68
		(c) No penalty shall be levied if any miscalculation is made for the first time during a year.	

[1]S. No. 2C inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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4	Any person who fails to maintain record required under the Act or the rules.	[1][Such person shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to 100,000 rupees subject to a minimum penalty of 10,000 rupees or five per cent of the total tax payable for the tax period for which he has failed to maintain the required record, whichever is higher. Moreover, such person if convicted by a Special Judge, will, in addition to the above penalty, be liable to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to 100,000 rupees or with both.]	30, 31 and 32
[1][5	Where any person fails to provide the document or record or information or data or refuses to allow the officer of the Authority to take extracts from or make copies of the document or record or information or data or fails to appear before any officer of Authority or fails to answer any question put to him.	Such person shall be liable to pay penalty of one hundred thousand rupees on every default. Such person shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or fine which may extend to 100,000 rupees or with both.	30, 32, 53 and 57]

[1]Substituted for "Such person shall pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees of five percent of the total tax payable for the tax period for which he has failed to maintain the required record, whichever is higher." by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]S. No. 5 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"5	Where a person, without any reasonable cause, fails to produce the record or information despite receipt of a notice from the Authority or any officer of the Authority directing him to produce such record or information.	Such person shall pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees for the first default and [1][one hundred thousand] rupees for each subsequent default [2][Provided that if record is not produced despite issuance of three notices over a period of three months, it shall be considered as sufficient evidence that the person has failed to maintain record.]	30, 32, 53 and 57"

[1]Substituted for "fifty thousand" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

	Provided that if record is not produced despite issuance of three notices over a period of three months, it shall be considered as sufficient evidence that the person has failed to maintain record		
6	Any person who knowingly or fraudulently: (a) submits a false or forged document to any officer of the Authority; or (b) destroys, alters, mutilates or falsifies the records; or (c) makes a false statement, false declaration, false representation, false personification, or gives any false information [1][; or] [1][(d) fails to pay, recover or deposit the actual amount of tax, or claims inadmissible tax credit or adjustment or deduction or refund.]	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [2][fifty] thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	Genera l
7	Where any person who denies or obstructs the access of an authorized officer to the business premises, registered office or to any other place where records are kept, or otherwise refuses access to accounts of records.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such persons shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with a	31, 32 and 56

[1]Substituted for full stop and clause (d) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "twenty" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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		fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	
[1][7A	Where a person denies or obstructs the entry or access of the officer of the Authority posted to his business premises or fails to facilitate the officer of the Authority in the discharge of his duty to monitor the provision of services by such person,	Such person shall be liable to a penalty of 100,000 rupees or twice the amount of the minimum tax, as may be assessed or determined under section 24, whichever is higher. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by the Special Judge, to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or with both.	59]
8	Where any person commits, cause to commit or attempts to commit tax fraud, or abets or connives in the commission of tax fraud equal to twenty five thousand rupees or more.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to five hundred thousand rupees, [2][ ] or one hundred percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	2 (43)
9	[3][Where a person violates any embargo placed on the economic activity of that person or tampers with the seal placed on the business premises in connection with the recovery of tax]	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [4][hundred] thousand rupees or ten percent of the amount of the tax sought to be recovered, whichever is higher. Such person shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge,	70

[1]S. No. 7A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Words "but not less than twenty five thousand rupees," omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "Where any person violates any embargo placed on providing of service in connection with recovery of the tax." by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[4]Substituted for "twenty-five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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		to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to amount equal to the amount of the tax sought to be recovered, or with both.	
[1][9a	Where a bank fails to attach or delays in attaching the bank account of the person from whom tax is sought to be recovered or fails or delays in payment of the amount, specified in the notice issued by the Officer of the Authority.	Such bank shall be liable to a penalty of 100,000 rupees or an amount double of the amount of tax sought to be recovered, whichever is higher. The Manager or the Officer in charge of such bank shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine equal to the amount of tax sought to be recovered or with both.	72]
10	Where any person [2][refuses to receive any notice or order issued by an officer of the Authority or] obstructs any officer of the Authority in the performance of his official duties under this Act or the rules	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [3][one hundred] thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees or with both [4][:] [4][Provided that where any recipient of a service does not pay the amount of tax due to be paid to a service provider, such recipient shall also be liable to action for obstruction under this provision.]	[5][General and [6]/section 40/]

[1]S. No. 9a inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Substituted for "twenty-five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Substituted for full stop and proviso inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Substituted for "General" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Substituted for "section 59 and section 72" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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11	Where any person who fails to fulfill any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions prescribed in a notification issued under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [1][ten] thousand rupees or three percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher.	General
[2][11a	Where any person contravenes any of the rules or notifications issues in relation to withholding or deduction of tax so withheld or deducted.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of 50,000 rupees or an amount equal to the tax involved whichever is higher. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge to imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine equal to the amount of tax involved or with both	14]
12	Where any person who contravenes any provision of this Act or the rules for which no penalty has specifically been provided in this section.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees of three percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher.	General
13	Where any person repeats an offence for which a penalty is provided under this Act.	Such person shall be liable to pay twice the amount of penalty provided under the Act for the said offence.	General
14	Where any person:- (a) knowingly and without lawful authority gains access to or attempts to gain access to the computerized system; or (b) unauthorizedly uses or discloses or publishes or otherwise disseminates information obtained from the computerized system; or	[3][Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the amount equal to the loss caused to sales tax revenue, whichever is higher.] Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by the Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the loss caused to the tax revenue, or with both.	General

[1]Substituted for "five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]S. No. 9a inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[3]Substituted for "Such person shall pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the amount equal to the loss caused to the tax revenue." by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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	(c) falsifies any record or information stored in the computerized system; or (d) knowingly or dishonestly damages or impairs the computerized system; or (e) knowingly or dishonestly damages or impairs any duplicate tape or disc or other medium on which any information obtained from the computerized system is kept or stored; or (f) unauthorizedly uses unique user identifier of any other registered user to authenticate a transmission of information to the computerized system; or		
	(g) fails to comply with or contravenes any of the conditions prescribed for security of unique user identifier.		

[1][(3) The penalties specified under sub-section (1) shall be applied in a consistent manner and no penalty shall be payable unless an order in writing is passed by an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner (Appeals) or the Appellate Tribunal after providing an opportunity of being heard to the person concerned.

Provided that where the taxpayer admits his default, he may voluntarily pay the amount of penalty due under this section.

(4) Where an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, a Commissioner (Appeals) or the Appellate Tribunal makes an order under sub-section (3), the officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner (Appeals) or the Appellate Tribunal, as the case may be, shall immediately serve a copy of the order on the concerned person and the Commissioner and thereupon all the provisions of this Act relating to the recovery of tax shall apply accordingly.

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[1]Sub-sections (3) to (5) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(5) Where in consequence of any order under this Act, the amount of tax in respect of which any penalty payable under subsection (1) is reduced, the amount of penalty shall be reduced accordingly.]

49. Default Surcharge.- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 24, if a registered person does not pay the tax due or any part thereof, whether willfully or otherwise, on time or in the manner specified under this Act, rules or notifications or procedures issued thereunder, he shall, in addition to the tax due and any penalty under section 48, pay default surcharge at the rate mentioned below:-

(a) the person liable to pay any amount of tax or charge shall pay default surcharge at the rate of [1][twelve;] percent per annum of the amount of the tax due; and

(b) in case, the default is on account of tax fraud, the person who has committed tax fraud shall pay default surcharge at the rate of two percent per month, of the amount of tax evaded, till such time the entire liability including the amount of default surcharge is paid.

(2) For the purpose of calculation of default surcharge, the period of default shall be reckoned from the [2][ ] day following the due date of the tax period to which the default relates, to the day preceding the date on which the tax due is actually paid.

Explanation:-

For purposes of this section, the tax due does not include the amount of penalty.

[3][(3) An officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner shall make an assessment of any default surcharge under this section through an order in writing after providing an opportunity of being heard to the person concerned.

(4) Where an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner makes an order under sub-section (3), the officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, shall immediately serve a copy of the order on the person concerned and thereupon all the provisions of this Act relating to the recovery of tax shall apply accordingly.

(5) Where a person is liable for default surcharge, an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner may, at his discretion, make assessment of default surcharge for the period of default or part thereof, notwithstanding that the tax due has not actually been paid.]

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[1]Substituted for "inter-bank rate plus three" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Word "sixteenth" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Sub-sections (3) to (5) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[1][**50. Exemption from Penalty and Default Surcharge**.- (1) The Authority may, through a notification in the official Gazette, exempt any registered person or any taxable service from payment of the whole or any part of the penalty and default surcharge, subject to such conditions and limitations as may be specified in such notification.]

51. Compounding of Offences.- Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, where any person has committed any offence warranting prosecution under the Act, the Authority may, either before or after the institution of any proceedings for the prosecution of such offence, compound the offence and terminate the proceedings if such person pays the amount of the tax due along with such default surcharge and penalty as is determined by the Authority under the provisions of this Act and the rules.

52. Recovery of the Tax not Levied or Short-levied.- (1) Where by reason of inadvertence, error, [2][misconstruction] or for any other reason, any tax or charge has not been levied or has been short levied, the person liable to pay such amount of the tax or charge shall be served with a notice, within [3][*/*Eight*/* years from the end of the financial year to which the relevant tax period relates,] requiring him to show cause for payment of the amount specified in the notice.

(2) Where by reason of some collusion, abetment, deliberate attempt, mis-statement, fraud, forgery, false or fake document:-

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[1]S. 50 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by BRA No.PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019 dated July 25, 2019. Before substitution F, Act, 2019, it read as follows:-

"50. Exemption from Penalty and Default Surcharge.- The Authority may waive Penalty and default Surcharge in any specific case, up to Rs.[1][5,000,000] and above [1][5,000,000] with approval of Government.]

[1]Substituted for "1,000,000" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

Before substitution in 2019, it read as follows:-

"50. Exemption from Penalty and Default Surcharge.- The [1][Authority] may, by a notification in the official [2][Gazette], exempt any registered person or any taxable service from payment of the whole [3][or] any part of the penalty and default surcharge subject to such conditions and limitations as may be specified."

[1]Substituted for "Government" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Substituted for "gazette" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[3]Substituted for "of" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Substituted for "miscalculation"by BRA No.PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019dated July 25, 2019. Earlier it was substituted for "misconstruction" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[3]Substituted for "five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted for "five years of the relevant tax period" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Earlier "three" substituted for "five" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(a) any tax or charge has not been paid or is, short paid [1][, assessed or collected,] the person liable to pay such tax shall be served with a notice within [2][five years from the end of the financial year to which the relevant tax period relates], requiring him to show cause for non-payment of such tax; and

(b) any amount of the tax is refunded which is not due, the person obtaining such refund shall be served with a notice within [3][five years from the end of the financial year in which the refund was received,] to show cause of recovery of such refund.

[4][Provided that the time limit of five years will be applicable to returns related to tax period from July, 2023 and onwards. For returns for all other tax periods, whenever filed, time limit of eight years will be applicable.]

(3) The officer shall, after considering the objections of the person served with a notice under sub-sections (1) or (2) or if the objections are not received within the stipulated period, determine the amount of the tax or charge payable by him and such person shall pay the amount so determined.

(4) Any order under sub-section (3) shall be made within one hundred and [5][eighty] days of issuance of the notice to show cause or within such extended period as the officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix provided that such extended period shall not ordinarily exceed sixty days.

(5) In computing the period specified in sub-section (4), any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 69 or the time taken through adjournments by the petitioner [6][ ] shall be excluded.

[7][(6) Where any person, required to withhold tax under provision of this Act or the rules made thereunder, fails to withhold the tax or fails to deposit the deducted or withheld amount of the tax in the prescribed manner, an officer of the Authority shall determine the amount in default and order its recovery in the prescribed manner.

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[1]Substituted for "or" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "five years of relevant tax period" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "five years of the receipt of such refund" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]Substituted for "twenty" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Words "not exceeding thirty days" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[7]S. 52(6) to (8) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(7) For the purpose of this section, the expression "relevant date" means the time of payment of tax or charge as provided under section 18 of the Act.

(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Authority shall have the powers to regulate the system of determination of liability under this section including the powers for transfer of cases and extension of time limit in exceptional circumstances.]

[1][**52A. Un-paid and Short Paid Amounts Recoverable Without Notice**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, where it is indicated from the return, submitted by the registered person or, as the case may be, evident from the records and materials, including but not limited to the Computer System, taken into custody by the authorized officer of the Authority from the business premises of the registered person that the tax has been charged or collected from customer or service recipient but it is not paid or short paid by the registered person, the un-paid or short-paid amount of tax along-with default surcharge may be recovered from such person by attaching his bank accounts without giving him a show cause notice and without prejudice to any other action specified under section 72 of this Act, rules or regulations:

a. Provided that attachment of bank accounts of the registered person, for the purpose of recovery of tax under this sub-section, shall only be exercised with prior approval of the Commissioner or the Authority, as the case may be.

b. Provided further that no penalty under section 48 of this Act shall be imposed unless a show cause notice is given to such person.]

53. Power to Summon Persons to give Evidence and Produce Documents.- (1) An officer [2][of the Authority] may summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to tender evidence or to produce documents or any other thing in any audit, inquiry, investigation or proceedings which such officer [2][of the Authority] is making for any of the purposes of this Act and the rules.

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[1]S. 52A substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"52A. Short Paid Amounts Recoverable Without Notice.- Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Act, where a registered person pays the amount of tax less than the tax due as indicated in his return, the short-paid amount of tax along with default surcharge shall be recovered from such person by attaching his bank accounts, without giving him a show cause notice and without prejudice to any other action prescribed under section 72 of this Act or the rules made under this Act:

Provided that no penalty under section 48 of this Act shall be imposed unless a show cause notice is given to such person."

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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(2) Any person summoned under sub-section (1) shall be bound to attend either in person or by an authorized agent, as the officer [1][of the Authority] may direct.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1) and (2), a person who is exempt from personal appearance in the Court under sections 132 and 133 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908(V of 1908), shall not be required to appear in person.

(4) Any proceedings under this Act or the rules before an officer [1][of the Authority] shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meanings of sections 193 and 288 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (XLV of 1860).

54. Power to Arrest and Prosecute.- (1) An officer authorized by the Authority [2][not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner] by notification in the official Gazette in this behalf, who on the basis of material evidence has reasonable cause to believe that any person has committed a tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act, may cause arrest of such person.

(2) All arrests made under this Act shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

(3) Where the person suspected of tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act is a Company, every Director or officer of that Company whom the officer [3][authorized by the Authority has] reasons to believe is personally responsible for actions of the Company contributing to the tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act shall be liable to arrest provided that such arrest shall not absolve the Company from the liabilities of payment of the tax, default surcharge and any penalty imposed or due under this Act.

55. Procedure to be Followed on Arrest of a Person.- (1) When an officer arrests a person under section 54, he shall immediately intimate the fact of arrest of that person to the Special Judge who may direct such officer to produce that person at such time and place and on such date as the Special Judge considers expedient [3][and the officer shall act accordingly.]

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), any person arrested under this Act shall be produced before the Special Judge or if there is no Special Judge within a reasonable distance to the nearest Magistrate within twenty-four hours of such arrest, excluding the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the Court of the Special Judge or [3][, as the case may be,] of the Magistrate.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(3) When any person is produced under sub-section (2) before the Special Judge, the Special Judge may, on the request of such person, after perusing the record, if any, and after giving the prosecution an opportunity of being heard, admit him to bail on his executing a [1][bond], with or without sureties, or refuse to admit him to bail and direct his detention at such place as he deems fit.

(4) Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Special Judge from cancelling the bail of any such person at a subsequent stage if, for any reason, he considers such cancellation necessary but before passing such order he shall afford such person an opportunity of being heard, unless for reasons to be recorded he considers that the affording of such opportunity shall defeat the purpose of this Act.

(5) When such person is produced under sub-section (2) before a Magistrate, such Magistrate may, after authorizing his detention in such custody at such place and for such period as he considers necessary or proper for facilitating his earliest production before the Special Judge direct his production before the Special Judge on a date and time to be fixed by him or direct such person to be forthwith taken to, and produced before the Special Judge and he shall be so taken or produced.

(6) Nothing in sub-section (2), (3) and (4) shall preclude the Special Judge or the Magistrate from remanding any such person to the custody of the officer [2][of the Authority] holding an inquiry or investigation against that person if such officer [2][of the Authority] makes a request in writing to that effect, and the Special Judge or the Magistrate, after perusing the record, if any, and hearing such person is of the opinion that for the completion of inquiry or investigation it is necessary to make such order but the total period of such custody shall not exceed fourteen days.

(7) When any person is arrested under this Act, the arresting officer [2][of the Authority] shall record the fact of arrest and other relevant particulars in the register specified in sub-section (11) and shall immediately proceed to inquire into the charge against such person and if he completes the inquiry within twenty-four hours of his arrest, and he may after producing such person before the Special Judge or the Magistrate, make a request for his further detention in his custody.

(8) While holding an inquiry under sub-section (7), the officer [2][of the Authority] shall exercise the same powers as are conferred upon or exercisable by an officer [2][of the Authority] in charge of a police station under the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898), but such officer [2][of the Authority] shall exercise such powers subject to the foregoing provisions of this section while holding an inquiry under this Act.

[1]Substituted for "bound" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(9) If the officer [1][of the Authority], after holding an inquiry, is of the opinion that there is no sufficient evidence or reasonable ground for suspicion against such person, he shall release him on his executing a bond, with or without sureties, and shall direct such person to appear, as and when required, before the Special Judge, and make a report to the Special Judge for the discharge of such person and shall make a full report of the case to his immediate superior.

(10) The Special Judge to whom a report has been made under sub-section (8) may, after the perusal of record of the inquiry, and hearing the prosecution, agree with such report and discharge the accused or, if he is of the opinion that there is sufficient ground for proceedings against such person proceed with his trial and direct the prosecution to produce evidence.

(11) The officer [1][of the Authority] holding an inquiry under this section shall maintain a register to be called register of arrests and detentions in the form prescribed by the [2][Authority] in which he shall enter the name and other particulars of every person arrested under this Act, together with the time and date of arrest, the details of the information received, the details of things, goods or documents, recovered from his custody, the name of the witnesses and the explanation, if any, given by him and the manner in which the inquiry has been conducted from day to day; and, such register or authenticated copies of its entries shall be produced before the Special Judge, whenever it is directed by the Special Judge.

(12) After completing the inquiry, the officer [1][of the Authority] shall, as early as possible, submit to the Special Judge, a complaint in the same form and manner in which the officer [1][of the Authority] in charge of a police station submits a report before a Court.

(13) Any Magistrate of the first class may record any statement or confession during inquiry or investigations under this Act in accordance with the provisions of section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "Government" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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56. Authorized Officers to have Access to Premises, Stocks, Accounts and Records.- (1) Any officer [1][of the Authority, not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner,] authorized in this behalf by the Authority by notification in the official Gazette, shall have free and full access to the business premises, registered office or any other place where any business records or documents required under this Act and the rules are kept or maintained by any registered person or a person liable for registration or whose business activities are covered under this Act and the rules or who may be required for any inquiry or investigation in any tax fraud committed by him or his agent or any other person; and such officer may, at any time, inspect the records, data, documents, correspondence, accounts statements, utility bills, bank statements, information regarding nature and sources of funds or assets with which his business is financed, and any other records or document, including those which are required under any other law maintained in any form or mode and may take into his custody such records, statements, diskettes or documents, in original or copies, in such form as the officer may deem fit against a signed receipt.

(2) The registered person, his agent or any other person specified in sub-section (1), shall answer any question or furnish such information or explanation as may be asked by the authorized officer.

(3) All other Government departments, local bodies, autonomous bodies, corporations or other institutions shall supply requisite information and render necessary assistance to the authorized officer in the course [2][of] inquiry or investigation under this section.

[3][(4) The records and material etc., taken into custody, shall be documented into an inventory statement, to be signed jointly by the officer of the Authority and the person concerned or his agent or representative:

provided that refusal to sign the inventory statement by such person or his agent or representative shall not affect the legality or validity of the inventory statement and its contents.]

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "if" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]S. 56(4) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

57. Obligation to Produce Documents and Provide Information.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law [2][for the time being in force], any person required to maintain any record under this Act and rules, shall, on demand by an officer [2][of the Authority], not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, by notice in writing, as and when specified in the notice:-

(a) produce for examination, such documents or records which the officer considers necessary or relevant to the audit, inquiry or investigation under this Act;

(b) allow the officer to take extracts from or make copies of such documents or records; and

(c) appear before the officer and answer any question put to him concerning the documents and records relating to the audit, inquiry or investigation referred to in clause (a).

[3][(2) An officer of the Authority conducting an audit, enquiry, investigation or otherwise for the purposes of this Act or the rules, may require in writing any person [4][including a banking company] to furnish any information as is held by that person.]

(3) The Authority may require, in writing, any person, department, company or organization, to provide any information or data held by that person, department, company or organization, which in the opinion of the Authority [5][or an officer authorized by the Authority], is required for purposes of formulation of policy or administering or implementing this Act [6][and] the rules.

(4) Every person, department, company or organization shall furnish the information [7][, data and documents] requisitioned by the Authority or [8][an officer of the Authority] under [9][this section], within the time specified in the notice issued by the Authority [10][or an officer of the Authority].

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[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]S. 57(2) substituted for "if" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[5]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Substituted for "ad" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[7]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[8]Substituted for "the officer" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[9]Substituted for "sub-section (2) and (3)" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[10]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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[1][**57A. Power to call for Information**.- (1) The Commissioner may, by notice in writing, require any person, including a banking company, to furnish such information or such statement in connection with any investigation or inquiry in cases of tax fraud, as may be specified in such notice.

(2) The Commissioner may require any regulatory authority to provide information concerning the licenses and authorizations issued by it.]

58. Searches under Warrants.- (1) Where any officer [2][of the Authority] has reason to believe that any documents or things which in his opinion, may be useful for, or relevant to, any proceedings under this Act are kept in any place, he may after obtaining a warrant from the Magistrate or from the Commissioner, enter that place and cause a search to be made at any time.

(2) All searches made under sub-section (1) shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

59. Posting of an Officer [2][**of the Authority**] **to Business Premises**.- (1) Subject to such conditions and restrictions as it deems fit to impose, the Authority may post an officer to the premises of a registered person to monitor the provision of services by such registered person.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), if a Commissioner, on the basis of material evidence, has reasonable cause to believe that a registered person is involved in evasion of the tax or tax fraud, he may, by recording the grounds in writing, post an officer of the Authority to the premises of such registered person to monitor provision of services by such person.

(3) A person to whose premises, an officer of the Authority is posted under this section, shall provide on his own cost, all facilities required to meet the departmental requirements of such posting as [3][may be] determined by the Authority or the Commissioner.

[4][**59A. Power to Seal the Business Premises**.- When an officer of the Authority not below the rank of Commissioner has reason to believe that the Act or the rules made thereunder are not obeyed and observed at a business premises, he may by an order in writing, seal that premises for a period which may extend to one month upon giving a notice in writing to this effect.]

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[1]S. 57A inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]S. 59A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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60. Powers of Adjudication.- (1) In respect of cases involving determination of tax liability, assessment of the tax, charging of default surcharge, imposition of penalty and recovery of amount erroneously refunded or any other contravention or violation including tax fraud under this Act or the rules, the jurisdiction and powers of adjudication of the officers shall be as follows:-

(a) [1][Deputy Commissioner]: Cases without any restriction as to the amount of the tax involved or amount erroneously refunded;

(b) [2][Assistant Commissioner]: Cases where the amount of the tax involved or the amount erroneously refunded [3][ ] does not exceed [4][five million] rupee;

[5][ ]

(d) Other officers of the Authority: Such cases, other than those mentioned above, as may be prescribed.

(2) The Commissioner may adjudicate any case falling in the jurisdiction and powers of any officer subordinate to him and appeal against the order passed by [6][the] Commissioner in such cases shall lie to the Appellate Tribunal.

(3) The Authority may regulate the system of adjudication including transfer of cases and extension of time limit.

Explanation:-

For purposes of this section, the tax means the principal amount of the tax other than default surcharge and in cases where only default surcharge is involved, the amount of default surcharge.

[7][**60A. Monitoring or Tracking by Electronic or Other Means**.- (1) Subject to such conditions, restrictions and procedure, as it may deem fit to impose or specify, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify any registered person or class of registered persons or any of the services or class of services in respect of which monitoring or tracking of provision of service or services may be implemented through electronic or other means as may be prescribed.

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[1]Substituted for "Additional Commissioner" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]Substituted for "Deputy Commissioner" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Words "exceeds one million rupees, but" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Substituted for "two and half million" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[5]Clause (c)o mitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(c) Assistant Commissioner: Cases where the amount of the tax involved or the amount erroneously refunded [1][does] not exceed [2][two million rupees]; and"

[1]Words "exceeds one million rupees, but" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Substituted for "two and half million" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[6]Substituted for "he" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[7]S. 60A inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(2) The Authority may, in the prescribed manner, devise and implement an electronic system for monitoring and capturing the transactions recorded or the invoices issued by a registered person or a class of registered persons or a service or services or class of services, and transferring the information, obtained by such monitoring or capturing of transactions or invoices, to the computer systems of the Authority on real time basis or otherwise.

*(4) From such date as may be prescribed by the Authority, the persons providing or rendering taxable services shall compulsorily use such electronic means or systems, including fiscal cash registers, as may be specified or prescribed by the Authority, for issuance of tax invoice [1][under the e-invoicing system].]

61. Revision by the Commissioner.- (1) The Commissioner may, of his own motion or on an application made in writing by a registered person for revision, call for and examine the record of any proceedings under this Act [2][or the rules made thereunder] in which an order has been passed by an officer [3][of the Authority] subordinate to him.

(2) If after examining the record under sub-section (1), the Commissioner is not satisfied with the legality or propriety of any order passed by an officer, the Commissioner may make such revision to the order as he may deem fit.

(3) No order imposing or enhancing any penalty or fine requiring payment of a greater amount of the tax than the originally levied amount shall be passed unless the person affected by such order has been given an opportunity of showing cause and of being heard.

(4) The Commissioner shall not revise any order under sub-section (2) if:-

(a) an appeal under section 63 is pending or the matter has been referred for resolution under section 71;

(b) where an appeal against the order lies under section 63, the time within which such appeal can be made has not expired or the person has not waived in writing his right of appeal;

(c) in the case of an application made by a person, the application has not been made within ninety days of the date on which such order was served on the person, unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the person was prevented by sufficient cause from making the application within the time allowed; and

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
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(d) in the case where the Commissioner has on his own motion called for and examined an order passed by a subordinate officer, more than five years have lapsed from the date of the original order.

(5) No application for revision of an assessment shall be made under sub-section (1) unless the amount of the tax due under the assessment, as is not in dispute, has been paid by the taxpayer.

62. Revision by the Authority.- (1) The Authority may, of its own motion, call for and examine the record of any departmental proceedings under this [1][Act] or the rules for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the legality or propriety of any decision or order passed therein by an officer [2][of the Authority other than the Commissioner (Appeals)].

(2) If after examining the record under sub-section (1), the Authority is not satisfied with the legality or propriety of any decision or order passed by an officer, it may pass such order as it may deem fit.

(3) No order imposing or enhancing any penalty or fine requiring payment of a greater amount of the tax than the originally levied amount shall be passed unless the person affected by such order has been given an opportunity of showing cause and of being heard.

(4) No proceeding under this section shall be initiated in a case where an appeal under section 67 is pending or the matter has been referred for resolution under section 71.

(5) No order shall be made under this section after the expiry of five years from the date of the original decision or order of the subordinate officer referred to in sub-section (1).

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[1]Substituted for "act" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

CHAPTER – IX

APPEALS AND REFERENCES

63. Appeals.- (1) Any person, other than the Authority or any of its employees, aggrieved by any decision or order passed under section [1][23, 24, [2][25, 26A,] 27, 28, 29, 48, 49, 52, 60, 74 and 81] by an officer of the Authority other than Commissioner may, within thirty days of the date of receipt of such decision or order, prefer an appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals).

(2) An appeal under sub section (1) shall:-

(a) be in the prescribed form;

(b) be verified in the prescribed manner;

(c) state precisely the grounds upon which the appeal is made;

[3][(cc) in case the appellant desires to be heard through an agent or authorized representative in terms of section 73 or section 76, be accompanied with a Letter of Authorization, as prescribed;]

(d) be accompanied by the fee specified in sub-section (3); and

(e) be lodged with the Commissioner (Appeals) within the time set out in sub-section (4).

(3) The prescribed fee shall be:-

(a) where the appellant is a company, [4][ten] thousand rupees; or

(b) where the appellant is not a company, [4][*[3]* thousand] rupees.

[5][(4) An appeal under sub-section (1) may be filed to the Commissioner (Appeals), manually or electronically as may be specified by the Authority, within thirty days from the date on which the decision or order is served upon the appellant.]

(5) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, upon application in writing by the appellant, admit an appeal after the expiration of the period specified in sub-section (4) if the Commissioner (Appeals) is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from lodging the appeal within that period.

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[1]Substituted for "60" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]S. 63(2)(cc) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]Substituted for "two" & "one" respectively by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Earlier it was substituted for "one" & "two hundred" respectively by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[5]S. 63(4) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution by BRA Finance Act, 2023 it read as follows:-

"(4) An appeal under subsection (1) may be filed manually or electronically as may be specified by the Authority."

Before substitution by BRA Finance Act No.2020 it read as follows:-

"(4) An appeal shall be preferred to the Commissioner (Appeals) within thirty days of the receipt of the decision or order passed under section 60."

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64. Procedure in Appeal.- (1) The Commissioner (Appeals) shall give notice of the day fixed for the hearing of the appeal to the appellant and to the officer of the Authority against whose order the appeal has been made.

(2) The Commissioner (Appeals) may adjourn the hearing of the appeal from time to time.

(3) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, before the hearing of an appeal, allow the appellant to file any new ground of appeal not specified in the grounds of appeal already filed by the appellant where the Commissioner (Appeals) is satisfied that the omission from the appellant in the form of appeal was not willful or unreasonable.

(4) The Commissioner (Appeals) may stay the recovery of any tax due by virtue of the decision or order being appealed against and any such order made by the Commissioner (Appeals) shall remain operative for not more than fifteen days during which period a notice shall be issued to the respondent and after hearing the parties, the order staying recovery may be confirmed, varied or vacated as the Commissioner (Appeals) deems fit but stay order so confirmed, varied or vacated as the Commissioner (appeals) deems fit but the stay order so confirmed or varied shall remain operative for not more than sixty days, including any period for which the recovery may have been stayed prior to the confirmation or variation of the stay order.

(5) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, before disposing of an appeal, call for such particulars, documents, records or information as the Commissioner (Appeals) may require [1][respecting] the matters arising in the appeal or cause further inquiry to be made by the officer of the Authority.

65. Decision in Appeal.- (1) In disposing of an appeal lodged under section 63, the Commissioner (Appeals) may pass such order as he deems fit, confirming varying, altering, [2][setting] aside or annulling the decision or order appealed against.

(2) In deciding an appeal, the Commissioner (Appeals) may make such further inquiry as may be necessary provided that he shall not remand the case for de novo consideration [3][:]

[4][Provided that a case may be remanded for de novo consideration, in special circumstances, for reasons and purposes to be recorded by the Commissioner (Appeals) in writing.]

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[1]Substituted for "resecting" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Substituted for "sting" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for full stop by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[4]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

(3) The Commissioner (Appeals) shall not increase the amount of any tax payable by the appellant unless the appellant has been given an opportunity of showing cause against such increase.

(4) The Commissioner [1][(Appeals)] shall communicate his order to the appellant and the Authority.

(5) An order passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) under sub-section (1) shall be passed not later than one hundred and twenty days from the date of filing of appeal or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the Commissioner (Appeals) may, for reasons to be recorded in [2][writing], fix.

(6) In computing the aforesaid time period, any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 71 or the time taken through adjournments by the appellant shall be excluded.

(7) Where the Commissioner (Appeals) has not made an order under sub-section (1) before the expiration of one hundred and eighty days from the end of the month in which the appeal was lodged, the Commissioner (Appeals) shall transfer [3][the undecided] appeal to the Appellate Tribunal and the Tribunal shall decide the appeal under this Act as if it has been filed against the order of the Commissioner (Appeals).

(8) While transferring the undecided appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, the Commissioner (Appeals) shall attach his comprehensive report explaining the circumstances and reasons due to which the appeal could not be decided within time [4][provided under sub section (5) of this section].

(9) For purposes of sub-section (5), any period during which the hearing of an appeal is adjourned on the request of the appellant shall be excluded in the computation of the period mentioned in the sub-section.

[5][**66. Appellate Tribunal**.- (1) There shall be an Appellate Tribunal established by the Government to exercise the functions conferred on such Tribunal by this Act or the rules made thereunder.

(2) [6][The Appellate Tribunal shall consist of three members of such number of judicial and technical members as are determined and appointed by the Government having regard to the needs of the Tribunal.]

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[1]Substituted for "(Appeals" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Substituted for "writhing" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "his" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]S. 66 substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Substituted for "The Appellate Tribunal shall consist of a Chairperson and such other judicial and technical members as are appointed by the Government having regard to the needs of the Tribunal." by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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(3) A person may be appointed as a Judicial Member of the Appellate Tribunal for a period of three years from amongst the persons who-

(a) is or has been a Judge of the Balochistan High Court, or is or has been Judge of a District and Session Court with at least two years of service as a District and Session Judge; or

(b) is not more than sixty-five years of age on the date of appointment [1][in case if the age is exceeding sixty-five years, the case shall be referred to provincial cabinet for approval]; or

(c) a Judicial member, if being in service, shall be appointed in consultation with the Balochistan High Court.

(4) A person may be appointed as a Technical Member of the Appellate Tribunal for a period of three years from amongst the persons who-

(a) is a retired officer in BS-21 of the Federal Board of Revenue; or

(b) is or has been a Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority [2][ ] having at least two years of experience as Commissioner (Appeals); or

[3][(bb) is Associated Chartered Certified Accountant or Associated Chartered Accountant having at-least three years of experience in taxation;]

(c) is not more than sixty-five years of age on the date of appointment [1][in case if the age is exceeding sixty-five years, the case shall be referred to provincial cabinet for approval].

[4][(4A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (4), the Government may, for three years from the enforcement of this Act, appoint any person, as Technical Member, who has worked for a minimum of three years:

(i) in the Federal Board of Revenue or Provincial Excise and Taxation Department or Balochistan Board of Revenue in the rank not below BS-20 for five years in aggregate, or

(ii) as A Commissioner Inland Revenue (Appeals) under clause (c), sub-section (1) of section 30 of the Sales Tax Act 1990, for three years with service of at least five years in BS-20, as an Accountant Member of the Appellate Tribunal.]

(5) The technical members of the Appellate Tribunal shall be eligible for re-appointment for a similar term, provided that there shall be no further re-appointment of such person on expiry of second term [1][unless approved otherwise by the provincial cabinet].

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Words "or Federal Board of Revenue" omitted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]Clause (bb) inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]Sub-section (4A) inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

(6) The Government shall appoint a member of the Appellate Tribunal as Chairperson of the Appellate Tribunal and, except in special circumstances, the person appointed should be a judicial member [1][:]

[1][Provided that in the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson by reason of his death, resignation or otherwise, the senior most Member of the Tribunal shall act as the Chairperson until the date on which a new Chairperson, appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act to fill such vacancy, enters upon his office:

Provided further that where the Chairperson is unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the senior most Member of the Tribunal shall discharge the functions of the Chairperson until the date on which the Chairperson resumes his duties.]

(7) The powers and functions of the Appellate Tribunal shall be exercised and discharged [2][in the prescribed manner, if not provided in this section] by Benches constituted from members of the Tribunal by the Chairperson of the Appellate Tribunal.

(8) Subject to sub-section (7), a Bench shall consist of not less than two members of the Appellate Tribunal and shall be constituted in such a manner as to contain equal number of judicial and technical members, or so that the number of members of one class does not exceed the number of members of the other class by more than one.

(9) The government may, [2][subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as it may determine,] by notification in the official Gazette, direct that all or any of the powers of the Appellate Tribunal shall be exercised by:-

(a) any one member; or

(b) more members than one, jointly or severally.

(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (7) and (8), the Chairperson may constitute as many Benches consisting of a single member as he may deem necessary to hear such cases or class of cases as the Government may by order in writing, specify.

(11) The Chairperson or any other member of the Appellate Tribunal authorized in this behalf by the Chairperson, may sitting singly, dispose of any case where the amount of [3][tax or input tax credit involved or the difference in tax or input tax credit involved or the amount of fine, fee, default surcharge or penalty determined in any order appealed against, does not exceed five hundred thousand rupees and which does not involve any question of law.]

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[1]Full stop substituted and provisos inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]Substituted for “tax or penalty involved does not exceed five million rupees.” by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

(12) Subject to sub-section (10), if the members of a Bench differ in opinion [1][or are equally divided] on any point, the point shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority.

[2][ ]

(15) Subject to this Act, the Appellate Tribunal shall have the power to regulate its own procedure, and the procedure of benches of the Tribunal in all matters arising out of the discharge of its functions including the places at which the benches shall hold their sittings.

(16) The Government may [3][, in consultation with Authority and Finance Department,] from time to time increase or decrease the number of members of the Appellate Tribunal by way of notification in the official Gazette.]

[4][(17) No act or proceedings of the Appellate Tribunal shall be questioned or shall be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Appellate Tribunal.]

[5][**66A. Member Qualification, Remuneration and Removal**:- (1) Prior to appoint any person as Members of the Appellate Tribunal under section 66, the Government shall satisfy itself that such person does not have any financial or other interests which are likely to prejudicially affect his functions as such Member including Chairperson.

(2) The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Members including Chairperson of the Appellate Tribunal shall be such as may be prescribed by the Government:

Provided that neither salary and allowances nor other terms and conditions of service of the Members of the Appellate Tribunal shall be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment.

(3) Any Member may, by notice in his hand writing addressed to the Government resign from his office:

Provided that the Member shall continue to hold office until the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of such notice by the Government or until a person duly appointed as his successor enters upon his office or until the expiry of his term of office, whichever is the earliest.

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[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Sub-sections (13) & (14) omitted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(13) If the members of a Bench are equally divided on a point, they shall state the point on which they differ and the case shall be referred by the Chairperson for hearing on that point to one or more other members of the Appellate Tribunal, and the point shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority of the members of the Tribunal who have heard the case including those who first heard it."

"(14) If there are an equal number of members on the Appellate Tribunal, the Government may appoint an additional member for the purpose of deciding the case on which there is a difference of opinion."

[3]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[4]Sub-section (17) inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[5]Section 66A inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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(4) The Government may, after consultation with the Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court in case of Judicial Members only, remove Members from their office, who:-

(a) has been adjudged an insolvent; or

(b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of Government involves moral turpitude; or

(c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as Member; or

(d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as Member; or

(e) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest:

Provided that the Member shall not be removed on any of the grounds specified in clauses (d) and (e), unless he has been informed of the charges against him and has been given an opportunity of being heard.

Provided further that, the Judicial Member shall not be removed from their office except by an order made by the Government on the ground of proved misbehavior or incapacity after an inquiry made by a Judge of the Balochistan High Court nominated by the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court on a reference made to him by the Government and of which the said Member had been given an opportunity of being heard.

(5) The Government, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court, may suspend from office, the Judicial Members of the Appellate Tribunal in respect of whom a reference has been made to the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court under sub-section (4).]

67. Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.- (1) Where the taxpayer or an officer [1][of the Authority] not below the rank of [2][Deputy Commissioner] objects to any order passed by the Commissioner (Appeals), including an order under sub section (4) of section 64, the taxpayer or the officer may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against such order.

(2) An appeal under sub-section (1) shall be:-

(a) in the prescribed form;

(b) verified in the prescribed manner;

[3][(bb) in case the appellant desires to be heard through an agent or authorized representative in terms of section 73 or section 76, be accompanied with a Letter of Authorization, as prescribed;]

(c) accompanied, except in case of an appeal preferred by an officer by the fee specified in sub-section (3); and

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "Additional Commissioner" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Clause (bb) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(d) preferred to the Appellate Tribunal within [1][forty] days of the date of receipt of the order of the Commissioner (Appeals) by the taxpayer or the officer.

(3) The fee for an appeal shall be [2][Twenty] thousand rupees.

(4) The Appellate Tribunal may, upon application in writing, admit an appeal after the expiration of the period specified in clause (d) of sub-section (2) if it is satisfied that the person appealing was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal within that period.

68. Disposal of Appeals by the Appellate Tribunal.- (1) The Appellate Tribunal may, before disposing [3][of] an appeal, call for such particulars, documents, records or information as it may require in respect of the matters arising from the appeal or cause further inquiry to be made by the officer of the Authority.

(2) The appellate Tribunal shall afford an opportunity of being heard to the parties to the appeal and, in case of default by any of the parties on the date of hearing, the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, dismiss the appeal in default, or may proceed ex-parte to decide the appeal on the basis of the available record but the Appellate Tribunal shall decide the appeal within six months from the date of filing of the appeal.

(3) The Appellate Tribunal may stay the recovery of any tax due by virtue of the decision or order being appealed against and any such [4][order] made by the Appellate Tribunal shall remain operative for not more than thirty days during which period a notice shall be issued to the respondent and after hearing the parties, the order staying recovery may be confirmed, varied or vacated as the Appellate Tribunal deems fit but the stay order so confirmed or varied shall remain operative for not more than ninety days including any period for which the recovery may have been stayed prior to the confirmation or variation of the stay order.

(4) In deciding the appeal, the Appellate Tribunal may, without prejudice to the powers specified in sub-section (2), make an order to:-

(a) affirm, modify or annul the order being appealed against; or

(b) remand the case to the officer [5][of the Authority] or the Commissioner (Appeals) for making such inquiry or taking such action as the Tribunal may direct.

(5) The Appellate Tribunal shall not increase the amount of any tax payable, penalty or default surcharge unless the taxpayer has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such increase.

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[1]Substituted for "sixty" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "two" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Substituted for "if" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Substituted for "odder" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(6) The Appellate Tribunal shall communicate its order to the taxpayer and the Commissioner [1][concerned].

(7) Save as provided [1][in section 69 or] in any other law [1][for the time being in force], the decision of the Appellate Tribunal on an appeal shall be final.

69. Reference to the High Court.- (1) A reference to the High Court shall lie only if a question of law is involved in a case.

(2) Any person or the Authority may, within sixty days from the date of communication of the final order of the Appellate Tribunal, prefer a reference in the prescribed form along with a statement of the facts of the case and question of law involved in the case.

[2][(2A) The statement to the High Court referred to in subsection (1), shall set out the facts related to the determination of the Appellate Tribunal and the question of law, which arises out of its order.

(2B) Where, on an application made under sub-section (1), the High Court is satisfied that a question of law arises out of the order referred to in sub-section (1), it may proceed to hear the case.]

(3) The High Court may dismiss a reference in limine if it is satisfied that the reference does not contain any question of law for determination.

(4) The reference under this section shall be heard by a bench of at least two Judges of the High Court and provision of section 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 (V of 1908) shall, as far as possible, apply to such reference.

[2][(4A) The High Court upon hearing a reference under this section shall decide the question of law raised by the reference and deliver a judgment thereon specifying the grounds on which the judgment is based and the order of the Tribunal shall stand modified accordingly.]

(5) The High Court shall send a copy of the judgment under the seal of the Court to the Appellate Tribunal.

[2][(5A) The cost of any reference to the High Court shall be in the discretion of the Court.

(6) Notwithstanding that a reference has been preferred in the High Court, the tax shall be paid in accordance with the order of the Appellate Tribunal.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Sub-sections (2A), (2B), (4A) & (5A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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(7) If the tax liability is reduced by the High Court and the Authority decides to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, the Authority may, within thirty days of the receipt of the judgment of the Court, apply to the High Court to postpone the refund until the decision by the Supreme Court.

[1][(7A) Where recovery of tax has been stayed by the High Court by an order, such order shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of six months following the day on which it is made unless the reference is decided, or such order is withdrawn by the High Court before the expiry of six months.]

(8) Section 5 of the Limitation Act 1908 (IX of 1908) shall apply to a reference under Sub-section (1).

(9) A court fee of rupees one thousand shall be affixed on a reference under this section except when it is filed by the Authority.

70. Deposit of the Tax Demand while Appeal is Pending.- Where in any appeal, the decision or order appealed against relates to any tax demanded under this Act, the person who has filed the appeal shall, pending the appeal, deposit the admitted amount of the tax based on the return filed under section 35 or as may be determined by the Commissioner (Appeals) or the Appellate Tribunal where such return has not been filed.

71. [2][**Alternative**] **Dispute Resolution**.- (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act or the rules, any registered person aggrieved in connection with any dispute pertaining to:-

(a) the liability of the tax against the registered person;

(b) the extent of waiver of default surcharge and penalty;

[3][(c) relaxation of any procedural or technical irregularities and condonation of any prescribed time limitation; and

(d) any other specific relief required to resolve the dispute, may apply to the Authority for the appointment of a committee for the resolution of any dispute mentioned in detail in the application.]

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the Authority shall not accept an application under sub-section (1) where criminal proceedings have been initiated or where the Authority is of the opinion that the interpretation of a question of law having a larger impact on revenue or on a number of similar cases is involved.

[1]Sub-section (7A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Substituted for "Alternate" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]S. 71(1)(c) to (d) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(3) The Authority may, after examination of the application of a registered person, appoint a committee of not less than three persons within thirty days of receipt of such application, consisting of an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an [1][Deputy Commissioner] and nominees from the notified panel consisting of Chartered or Cost Accountants, Advocates, representatives of trade bodies or associations, retired officers of the rank of not less than BS-20, retired Judges, or any other reputable taxpayers, for the resolution of the dispute.

(4) The committee constituted under sub section (3) shall examine the issue and may, if it deems fit, conduct an inquiry, seek expert opinions, direct any officer of the Authority or any other person to conduct an audit and shall make recommendations to the Authority within ninety days of its constitution in respect of the dispute.

(5) If the committee fails to make recommendations within the said period, the Authority may dissolve the committee and constitute a new committee which shall decide the matter within a further period of ninety days and even if after expiry of that period the dispute is not resolved, the matter shall be taken up before the appropriate forum provided under this Act for decision.

(6) The Authority may, on the recommendation of the committee, pass such order, as it may deem appropriate within forty-five days of the receipt of the recommendations of the committee.

(7) The registered person may make payment of the tax as determined by the Authority in its order under sub section (6), and such order of the Authority shall be submitted before the forum, Appellate Tribunal or the Court where the matter is pending adjudication for consideration of orders as deemed appropriate.

[2][**71A. Appointment of Ombudsman**.- Government may appoint an Ombudsman or may assign duties and functions of Ombudsman to any officer retired or serving not below the rank of BS-21 officer to act as an Ombudsman with regard to the redressal of grievances of the tax payers or the registered persons for maladministration involving in attention, neglect, inordinate delays and ineptitude on the part of an officer of the Authority in the discharge of his function and duties, and may advise the Authority to adopt corrective measures for implementation of such advice. Government may frame rules in consultation with the Authority for implementation of the provisions of this section.]

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[1]Substituted for "Additional Commissioner" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]S. 71A inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

CHAPTER – X

RECOVERY OF ARREARS

72. Recovery of Arrears of Tax.- (1) Subject to sub-section (2), where any amount of the tax is due from any person, the officer of the Authority may:-

(a) deduct the amount from any money owing to the person from whom such amount is recoverable and which may be at the disposal or in the control of such officer or any officer of the Authority;

(b) require by a notice in writing any person who holds or may subsequently hold any money for or on account of the person from whom tax is recoverable to pay to such officer the amount specified in the notice;

[1][(bb) require by a notice in writing payment of money owed to a taxpayer by any person on account of legally enforceable relations created between the taxpayer and the other person including but not limited to purchase contracts, contracts with credit or financial institutions or with banking companies [2][including running and demand finance], lease contracts, loan agreements, building loan contracts, life insurance contracts, employment or work contracts.]

[3][(c) require, by notice in writing, any bank to attach the person's bank accounts and to remit the amount, sought to be recovered, to the Authority;

(d) place embargo on economic activity of the person or seal the business premises of the person till such time as the amount of tax is paid or recovered in full;]

(e) attach and sell [4][or sell without attachment] any movable or immovable property of the person from whom the tax is due; and

(f) recover such amount by attachment and sale of any movable or immovable property of the guarantor, person, company, bank or financial institution where a guarantor or any other person, company, bank or financial institution fails to make payment under such guarantee, bond or instrument [4][:]

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[1]S. 72(1)(bb) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words inserted BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]S. 72(1)(c) & (d) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[5]Substituted for full stop by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[1][Provided that no action shall be taken against the person during the pendency of appeal, if any, filed under section 63 of the Act, if he deposits at least twenty-five per cent the amount of the tax demanded from him [2][:]]

[2][Provided further that in cases where Assessment of tax has been made under section 24 or where determination of tax not levied or short levied has been adjudged under section 52, action for the recovery of the tax and the default surcharge and penalty relating thereto shall not be made under this section for a period of thirty days from the date of the order of such assessment or determination.]

(2) If any arrears of tax, default surcharge, penalty or any other amount which is payable by any person cannot be recovered in any manner whatsoever, the Authority or the Commissioner if so authorized by the Authority, may for reasons to be recorded in writing write off the arrears or amount in the manner in the prescribed manner.

[3][(3) For the purpose of recovery of tax, penalty or any other demand raised under this Act or the rules, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall have the same powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) for recovery of an amount due under a decree.

(4) Provisions of Land Revenue Act, 1967 would mutatis mutandis apply for the recovery of the arrears of the taxable amount to any person under this Act or rules made thereunder.

(5) The Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner of the Authority shall have and exercise the powers of the Collector and Assistant Collector respectively as defined in Land Revenue Act, 1967 for the purposes of recovery of arrears of Sales Tax.]

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[1]Proviso inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Full stop substituted and proviso inserted BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]S. 72(3) to (5) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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CHAPTER – XI

AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND E-INTERMEDIARIES

73. Agent.- (1) For purposes of this Act and subject to sub-section (2) and (3), the expression 'agent' in respect of a registered person, means:-

(a) where the person is an individual under a legal disability, the guardian or manager who receives or is entitled to receive income, financial gains or benefits, funds, money or property on behalf, or for the benefit of [1][ ] the individual;

(b) where the person is a Company (other than a Trust, a Provincial Government, or local authority in Pakistan), a Director or a Manager or Secretary or Accountant or any similar officer of the company;

(c) where the person is a Trust declared by a duly executed instrument in writing, whether testamentary or otherwise, any trustee of the trust;

(d) where the person is a Provincial Government, or local authority in Pakistan, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of money or funds on behalf of the Provincial Government or the local authority;

(e) where the person is an Association of persons, a Director or a Manager or Secretary or Accountant or any similar officer of the Association or, in the case of a firm, any partner in the firm;

(f) where the person is the Federal Government, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of moneys or funds on behalf of the Federal Government; or

(g) where the person is a public international organization, or a foreign government or Political sub-division of a foreign government, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of moneys or funds in Pakistan on behalf of the organization, government, or political subdivision of the government; or

(h) when any person is expressly or impliedly authorized by a registered person to be his agent for all or any of the purposes of this Act.

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[1]Comma omitted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

(2) Where Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, or any receiver or manager appointed by, or under any order of a Court receives or is entitled to receive income on behalf, or for the benefit of any person, such Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, receiver or manager shall be the agent of the person for purposes of this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in this section, any registered person may expressly or impliedly authorize another person to be his agent for all or any of the purposes [1][of] this Act.

74. Liability and Obligations of Agents.- (1) Every agent of a person shall be responsible for performing any duties or obligations imposed by or under this Act and the rules on the person, including the payment of the tax,

(2) Subject to sub-section (5) of this section, the tax that by virtue of sub-section (1), is payable by an agent of a registered person shall be recoverable from the agent only to the extent of any assets of the registered person that are in the possession or under the control of the agent.

(3) Every agent of a registered person who pays any tax owing to the registered person shall be entitled to recover the amount so paid from the registered person or to retain the amount so paid out of any moneys of the registered person that are in the agent's possession or under the agent's control.

(4) Any agent, or any person who apprehends that he may assessed as an agent, may retain out of any money payable by him to the person on whose behalf he is liable to pay the tax (hereinafter in this section referred to as the 'principal'), a sum equal to his estimated liability under this act, and in the event of disagreement between the principal and such an agent or a person as to the amount to be so retained, such agent or person may obtain from the Commissioner a certificate stating the amount to be so retained pending final determination of the tax liability and the certificate so obtained shall be his conclusive authority for retaining that amount.

(5) Every agent shall be personally liable for the payment of any tax due by the agent if, while the amount remains unpaid, the agent:-

(a) alienates, charges or disposes of any moneys received or accrued in respect of which the tax is payable; or

(b) disposes of or parts with any moneys or funds belonging to the registered person that if such tax could legally have been paid from or out of such moneys or funds.

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[1]Word inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

(6) Nothing in this section shall relieve any person from performing any duties imposed by or under this Act on the person, which the agent of the person has failed to perform.

75. Liability of the Registered Person for the Acts of his Agent.- A registered person shall be responsible for any and all acts done by his agent.

76. Appearance by [1][**Authorized**] **Representative**.- A registered person required to appear before the Appellate Tribunal or an officer [2][of the Authority] in connection with any proceedings under this Act may, in writing authorize any person having such qualification as may be prescribed by the Authority, to represent him or appear on his behalf.

77. E-intermediaries to be Appointed.- (1) Subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions as the authority may impose, the Authority may, by a notification in the official Gazette, appoint a person as e-intermediary to electronically file returns and other electronic document under this Act and the rules on behalf of a registered person.

(2) A registered person may authorize an e-intermediary to electronically file returns or any other documents on his behalf as specified in sub-section (1).

(3) The return or such other documents filed by an e-intermediary on behalf of a registered person shall be deemed to have been filed by that registered person.

(4) Where this Act requires anything to be done by a registered person and if such thing is done by an e-intermediary authorized by the registered person under sub-section (2), unless the contrary is proved, such thing shall be deemed to have been done with the knowledge and consent of the registered person so that in any proceedings under this Act, the registered person shall be liable as if the thing has been done by him.

(5) Where an e-intermediary, authorized by a registered person under sub-section- (2) to act on his behalf, knowingly or willfully submits false or incorrect information or document or declaration with an intent to avoid payment of the tax due or any part thereof, such e- intermediary shall be jointly and severally responsible for recovery of the amount of tax short paid as a result of such incorrect or false information or document or declaration, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him or the registered person under the relevant provisions of the law.

[1]Substituted for "Theorized" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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(6) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe rules for the conduct and transaction of business of e-intermediaries, including their appointment, suspension and cancellation of appointment, subject to such conditions and restrictions as specified in such rules.

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CHAPTER – XII

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

78. Power to Make Rules.- (1) The authority may, [1][with the approval of the government and] with the approval of the [2][Government] and by notification in the official Gazette, make the rules for carrying out the purposes of any of the provisions of this Act.

[3][ ]

(3) The rules made under this Act shall be collected, arranged and published along with general orders and departmental instructions, directions, notifications and rulings, if any, at appropriate intervals and sold to the public at a reasonable price.

[4][**78A. Power to Restrain Certain Authorities**.- The Authority may, [5][ ] and by notification in the official Gazette, require that any authority [6][, including a regulatory authority,] competent to issue or renew a license or to grant permission to any person to engage in an economic activity which is a taxable service, shall not issue or renew such license or grant permission unless the licensee or the [7][permission-holder] furnishes the evidence that he is a duly registered person under section 25, section 26 [8][, section 26A] or section 27 of the Act.]

[9][**78B. Classification of services**:- (1) The Authority may, for the purposes of assessment, enforcement, administration, and facilitation under this Act, prescribe a classification system for services, including the adoption of the Central Product Classification (CPC) as issued and updated by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), or any other classification framework, through notification in the official Gazette.

Provided that the inclusion or exclusion of any service from a code so prescribed shall not, by itself, determine the taxability or otherwise of such service.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]Sub-section (2) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(2) All rules made under sub-section (1) during a financial year shall be laid before the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan at the time of presentation of the Annual Budget for the next financial year.

[3]Substituted for "government" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[4]S. 78A inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[5]Words "with the approval of the Government" omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[6]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[7]Substituted for "grantee" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[8]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[9]S. 78B inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(2) Any service, whether or not previously classified under the Harmonized System (HS) codes or described in any other definitions, shall, from the effective date of such notification, be classified in accordance with the system prescribed by the Authority.

(3) No tax, exemption, liability, recovery, assessment, or other action taken under a prior classification system shall be rendered invalid solely because of the adoption of a new classification system.

(4) In case of any inconsistency, ambiguity, overlap, or transitional complication arising from the adoption or application of a new classification system, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, issue clarifications, prescribe transitional arrangements, or take such other measures as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.]

[1][**78C. Notwithstanding the amendments made through the Balochistan Finance Act, 2025**, the services on which tax was levied, charged and collected under this Act on 30th June, 2025, the tax shall continue to be levied, charged and collected at the same rate unless expressly exempted or subjected to reduced rate.]

[1][**78D. Removal of Difficulties in Adopting Negative List Method**.- For the purposes of removing any difficulty or for bringing the provisions of this Act into effective operation after adoption of negative list method, the Authority may by order, direct that the provisions of this Act shall, during such period as may be specified in the order have effect, subject to such adaptations whether by way of modification or addition or omission as it may deem to be necessary or expedient:

Provided that the power under this section shall not be exercised after the expiry of period of three years from the date of commencement of the Balochistan Finance Act, 2025.]

79. Computerized System.- (1) The Authority may prescribe the use of a computerized system for carrying out the purposes of this Act and the rules including the receipt of applications for registration, returns and such other declarations or information required to be provided under this Act and the rules from such date and for such registered persons or class of persons as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

[1]Ss. 78C, 78D inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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(2) The Authority may [1][make the rules to] regulate the conduct and transaction of business in relation to the submission of returns or other information to the Authority by the persons required to transmit or receive any information through the computerized system, including matters such as the grant of authorization, suspension and cancellation of authorization and for security of the information transmitted or received through the computerized system.

(3) The information received in the computerized system from or on behalf of any registered person shall, for all official and legal purposes, be deemed to have been furnished by and received from such registered person.

(4) The business information gathered through computerized system shall be confidential to be used only for official and legal purposes and no unauthorized person shall claim or be provided any access to such information [2][:]

[3][Provided that the Authority may make arrangement or agreement, on reciprocal or multilateral basis with the Federal Board of Revenue and other provincial sales tax authorities, for sharing of electronic data of tax returns filed in the computerized system, subject to such limitations and conditions as may be specified by the Authority and agreed to in such agreements.]

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[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Substituted for full stop by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[3]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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80. Service of Orders and Decisions.- (1) Subject to this Act, any notice, order or requisition required to be served on an individual for the purposes of this Act shall be treated as properly served on the individual if:-

(a) personally served on the individual or, in the case of an individual under a legal disability the agent of the individual;

[1][(aa) sent electronically through e-mail or to the e- folder maintained for the purposes of e-filing of returns by the registered person;]

(b) send by registered post or courier service to the individual's usual or last known address in Pakistan; or

(c) served on the individual in the manner prescribed for service of a summon under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

(2) Subject to this Act, any notice order or requisition required to be served on any person, other than an individual to whom sub-section (1) applies, for the purposes of this Act, shall be treated as properly served on the person if:-

(a) personally served on the agent of the person;

(b) sent by registered post or courier service to the person's registered office address for service of notices under this Act in Pakistan or where the person does not have such office or address, the notice is sent by registered post to any office or place of business of the person in Pakistan; or

(c) served in the manner prescribed for service of a summons under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

(3) Where an association of persons is dissolved, any notice, order or requisition required to be served under this Act, on the association or a member of the association may be served on any person who was the principal officer or a member of the association immediately before such dissolution.

(4) Where a business stands discontinued, any notice order or requisition required to be served under this Act, on the person discontinuing the business may be served on the person personally or on any individual who was the person's agent at the time [2][of] discontinuance.

(5) The validity of any notice issued under this Act or the validity of any service of a notice shall not be called into question after notice has been complied with in any manner.

[1]Clause (aa) inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[2]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[1][(6) For the purposes of clause (aa) of sub-section (1) and sub-section (2), a registered person shall be deemed to have received the notice, order or requisition electronically at the expiry of seventy-two hours of sending the same through e-mail or to the e-folder maintained for the purposes of his e-filing of returns.]

[2][ ]

81. Correction of Clerical Errors.- (1) Any clerical or arithmetical error in any assessment, adjudication order or decision may, at any time be corrected by the officer of the Authority who made the assessment or adjudication or passed such order or decision or by his successor in office, through an order made under this section.

(2) Before any correction is made under sub-section (1), notice shall be given to the registered person likely to be affected by such correction.

[3][**82. Issuance of Duplicate of sales tax documents**.-- An officer of the Authority not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner may, on written request of a registered person, issue to that registered person an attested duplicate of any document filed by that person with the officer of the Authority or any notice or order issued against that person, on payment of Rs. 1,000 per document or Rs. 250 per page of such document, whichever is higher.

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[1]Sub-section (6) substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(6) Any registered person may indicate, in the manner prescribed by the Authority, that he [1][wishes] to electronically receive all or specific communications, including notifications, orders, assessments and requisitions from the Authority, the Appellate Tribunal or any officer of the Authority."

[1]Substituted for "whishes" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Sub-sections (7) to (9) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(7) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that all or specific communications, including [1][notifications, notices, show cause notices, orders, assessments and requisitions from the Authority], the Appellate Tribunal or any officer [2][of the Authority] to a specific registered person or class of registered persons shall be made electronically.

(8) For purposes of sub-section (6) and (7), a registered person shall be considered to have received the electronic communication within seventy two hours of the sending of the electronic communication by the Authority, Appellate Tribunal or the officer of the Authority.

(9) For purposes of sub-section (6), (7) and (8), an electronic communication includes a communication sent by email."

[1]Substituted for "notification order assessments and requisitions from the authority" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[3]Section 82 substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"82. Issuance of Duplicate of the Tax Documents.- An officer of the Authority not below the rank of the Assistant Commissioner may, [1][on written request of a registered person and] on payment of one hundred rupees, issue an attested copy of any document filed by a registered person with the Authority."

[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

Provided that such amount shall be deposited into Provincial Consolidated Fund.]

83. Power to Issue Orders, Instructions and Directions.- The Authority may issue such orders, instructions and directions, not inconsistent with this Act and the rules, to all officers of the authority, as it may deem necessary to implement, administer or enforce the provisions of this Act and the rules.

84. Officers of the Authority to Follow Orders.- (1) All officers of the Authority and other persons employed in the administration of this Act and the rules shall observe and follow the orders, instructions and directions of the Authority.

(2) No such orders, instructions or directions shall be given so as to interfere with the powers or discretion of officers of the Authority in the exercise of their judicial or quasi-judicial functions.

CHAPTER – XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

85. Computation of Limitation Period.- In computing the period of limitation prescribed for any appeal or application under this Act, the day on which the order complained against was served and, if the concerned person was not furnished with a copy of the order, the time requisite for obtaining a copy of such order shall be excluded.

86. Condonation of Time-limit.- (1) Where any time or period has been specified under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules within which any act or thing, including submission of an application, filing of a return or payment of tax, is to be done, the Authority may permit such application to be made or such act or thing to be done within such time or period as it may consider appropriate.

[1][*Explanation*: For the purpose of this section, the expression "act or thing to be done" includes any act or thing to be done by a registered person or by the authorities specified in section 39 of the Act.]

(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, and subject to such limitations or conditions as may be specified therein, empower any Commissioner or the officer of the Authority to exercise the power under this section in any case or class of cases.

[2][**86A. Delegation of functions and powers by the Authority**.- The Authority may, subject to such conditions and limitations as it may deem appropriate, delegate, to its chairman or a member or to an officer of the Authority, any of its functions and powers as assigned to it under this Act.]

87. Bar of Suits, Prosecution and other Legal Proceedings.- (1) No suit [3][or other legal proceedings] shall be brought in any Civil Court to set aside or modify [4][any notice issued,] any order passed, any assessment made, any tax levied, any penalty or default surcharge imposed or [5][any collection of tax made or any action taken for collection or recovery of any tax or arrears of tax] under this Act.

(2) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or against any public servant in respect of any [6][action taken or notice issued or any decision made or any] order passed in good faith under this Act.

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[1]Explanation inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]S. 86A inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[3]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Words etc. inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Substituted for "any tax made" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[6]Words etc. inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything in any other law, no investigation or inquiry shall be undertaken or initiated by any [1][governmental] agency against any officer or official for anything done in his official capacity under this Act, [2][rules, instructions or directions made or issued thereunder without prior] permission of the Authority.

88. Removal of Difficulties.- (1) The Government may pass such order, for removing any difficulty or for bringing the provisions of this Act into effective operation direct that provisions of this Act shall, during such period as may be specified in the order, have effect subject to such adaptations whether by way of modification or addition or omission as it may deem to be necessary or expedient.

(2) The power under this section shall not be exercised after the expiry of [3][eight] years from the commencement of this Act.

89. Repeal and Saving.- (1) The Balochistan Sales Tax Ordinance, 2000 (II of 2000) is hereby repealed.

(2) Any proceeding under the repealed ordinance pending on the date notified under sub-section (3) of section 1 before any authority, [4][Appellate Tribunal, or] any court by way of adjudication, assessment, appeal, reference, revision or prosecution shall be continued and [5][disposed of] as if this Act has not come into force.

(3) Where the Government or the Authority takes any action, makes any decision or orders, issues any instructions, directions, clarifications or notifications in pursuance of or in exercising of powers conferred under [6][any] provision of any law in respect of any matter relating to the tax and allied issues covered under this Act or the rules, such actions, decisions, orders, instructions, directions, clarifications and notification shall be deemed to have been validly issued to serve the purposes of this Act and the rules.

[7][(4) The assessment, referred to in sub-section (2), shall be made by the officer of the Authority competent under this Act to make an assessment in respect of a financial year beginning after the date notified under sub-section (3) of section 1 of the repealed Ordinance, in accordance with the procedure specified in this Act.

(5) The recovery of any sum found due as a result of the assessment under sub-section (2) shall be recovered under the provisions of this Act.

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[1]Substituted for "government" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Substituted for "except with the" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[3]Substituted for "2ho" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[4]Substituted for "forum" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[5]Substituted for "disposed off" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[6]Substituted for "nay" by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[7]S. 89(5) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

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(6) Any sales tax payable but not paid under the Balochistan Sales Tax Ordinance, 2000 (II of 2000) may be recovered under this Act, but without prejudice to any action already taken for the recovery of the amount under the said Ordinance.]

[1][**90. Prize Schemes to Promote Tax Culture**.- The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, prescribe prize schemes to encourage the general public to make purchases only from registered persons issuing tax invoices

91. Reward to Whistleblowers.- (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, sanction reward to a whistleblower.

(2) The Authority may, by notification, prescribe the procedure in this behalf and also specify the apportionment of reward sanctioned under this section for a whistleblower.

(3) The claim for reward by the whistleblower shall be rejected if-

(a) the information provided is of no value;

(b) the Authority already had the information;

(c) the information was available in public records; or

(d) no collection of tax is made from the information provided by a whistleblower.

(4) Where, after providing an opportunity of being heard, it is found that a whistleblower has provided false, misleading or frivolous information; he shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred thousand rupees.

(5) In this section, 'whistleblower' means a person who reports concealment or evasion of tax or tax fraud leading to detection or collection of the tax.

92. Validation.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any law for the time being in force, or any judgment, decree or order of any court, the notifications issued by the Authority and the notices issued or orders passed by the officers of Authority for registration of taxpayer or for levy, collection, withholding, payment or recovery of tax [2][for disallowing the claim, reclaim, adjustment or deduction of input tax on the services acquired or procured from a person who is liable to be registered under the Act but is not actually registered or who does not hold registration number] shall be deemed to have been validly issued or passed under this Act.]

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[1]Ss. 90 to 92 inserted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
[2]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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[1][Provided that the insertion of 24 A shall be deemed to be and shall always be deemed to have been validly incorporated on and from the 12th day of April, 2023 notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any law for the time being in force or any judgment or decree or order of any court.]

[2][Provided further that the addition of clause (bb) in section 16B shall be deemed to be and shall always be deemed to have validly added on and from the first day of July 2015 notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any law for the time being in force or any judgment, decree or order of any Court.]

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[1]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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[1][First Schedule

[List of Exempt Services as specified in Section 10(2)]

S. no.	Description	Conditions for Exemptions
1	Accommodation, food and beverage services	Services provided or rendered by caterers whose turnover does not exceed 2.5 million rupees in a financial year: Provided that the exemption shall not apply in case of service provider- (i) located within the building, premises or precincts of any hotel, motel, guest house, farmhouse or club whose services are liable to sales tax; (ii) providing or rendering services in the building, premises, precincts, hall or lawn of any hotel, motel, guest house, farmhouse. marriage hall or lawn or club whose services are liable to sales tax; (iii) which are franchisers or franchisees; (iv) having branches or more than one outlet; and whose total utility bills (gas, electricity and telephone) exceed Rs.40,000/- in any month during a financial year or have a solar setup for electricity generation or are using LPG..
2	Tour Operators	Services provided or rendered by tour operators [2][only to the extent of]] Hajj and Umrah tour packages. [3][The registered person shall file monthly sales tax return for each tax period.]
3	Renting of immovable property services	Services provided or rendered by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses and farmhouses. provided or rendered to an individual person whose income does not exceed the maximum amount that is not chargeable to tax under the Income Tax Ordinance 2001(XLIX of 2001)

[1]First Schedule substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.

[2]Substituted for "in relation to" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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4	Service provided or rendered by person engaged in contractual execution of work furnishing supplies	Services provided or rendered by persons engaged in contractual execution of work or furnishing supplies in relation to the text books, published for free distribution amongst students free of cost, against the order [1][of] Balochistan Textbook Board subject to the conditions that the Balochistan Textbook Board:-
		a) assigns the work to a person duly registered under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015; and b) furnishes, to the Authority, statement on quarterly basis, showing name of person/contractor, BNTN, value of such contract, along with certificate about the free of cost distribution of such textbooks amongst the students.
5	Storage and warehousing services	The exemption shall apply to services provided or rendered in relation to food and agricultural commodities.
6	Central banking services	The exemption shall be applicable to services provided or rendered by the State Bank of Pakistan.
7	Legal and accounting services	Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan
8	Management consulting and management Services	Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan
9	Architectural advisory services	Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan
10	Veterinary services	
11	Advertising Services and the provision of advertising space or time	(i) Advertisements financed out of funds provided by the Government under grant-in-aid agreements. (ii) Advertisements conveying a public service message in relation to the polio eradication program by UNICEF.
12	Missing	
13	Support and operation services to agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	The exemption shall be applicable to services provided or rendered in relation to [2][ ] services of provision of agricultural machinery with crew and operators; or [3][ ]

[1]Word inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Word etc. ": (1)" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[3]Word etc. "(2) support and operation services to hunting." omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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14	Maintenance and repair services of in fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment	The exemption shall be applicable to services provided or rendered in relation to machinery and equipment used for the purpose of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and dairy fanning.
15	Public administration and other services provided to the community as a whole, compulsory social security services	The exemption shall apply to services provided or rendered by the Federal Government, Government of Balochistan and Local governments.
16	Education services	[1][The exemption shall not be applicable to- (1) education institutions run for commercial purposes; and (2) sports education services.]
17	Services provided or rendered by hospitals and clinics	[2][The exemption shall not be applicable to - (1) the services of cosmetic and plastic surgery for aesthetic purposes; and (2) the bed/ room services of hospitals where per day charges for such rooms/ beds, including all fixed charges, exceed rupees ten thousand per room/ bed per day.]
18	Accountants and auditors	Accountants and auditors' services exported and delivered by registered persons outside Pakistan subject to the condition that the value of export of the services is received in foreign exchange through banking channels in the business bank accounts of the registered person exporting the services and is also reported to the State Bank of Pakistan in the manner prescribed by the State Bank of Pakistan.
19	Software or IT based system development consultants	Software or IT-based system development consultants' services exported, by registered persons, outside Pakistan subject to the condition that the value of export of he services is received in foreign exchange through banking channels in the business bank accounts of the registered person exporting the services and is also reported to the State Bank of Pakistan in the manner prescribed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Substituted for "Services of provision of rooms/beds by hospitals and clinics for its indoor patients or day-care patients where the per day charges (including allied fixed charges, if any) for such rooms/beds below Rs. 40,000 per room/bed;" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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20	Fumigation services	(i) Public health fumigation services provided or rendered by the Federal Provincial or Local Government and cantonment Boards; and ii) Agricultural fumigation services
21	Construction services	Construction services related to: i) Construction and development of EPZ, SEZ, and diplomatic and consular buildings. ii) Construction of an independent private residential house, other than a residential unit, having a total covered area not exceeding 10,000 square feet; and
		iii) Construction relating to such of the low cost affordable public housing projects as are sponsored and funded by the Federal Government or by Government of Balochistan subject to the condition that the houses are built or constructed on plot of up to 125 square yards or the covered area of the apartment and flats, so built or constructed under the project, does not exceed 900 square feet. iv) Construction Services for which payment is made from Provincial Consolidated Fund and Federal Consolidated Fund in respect of works approved and started before FY 2016-17 and still ongoing, subject to the condition that no project/scheme cost revision in the PCI has been node after 2016-17.
22	Services provided or rendered by call centres	Call center services exported and delivered by registered persons to persons outside Pakistan subject to the condition that the value of the export of the service is received in foreign exchange through banking channels in the business bank accounts of registered person exporting the services and is also reported to the State Bank of Pakistan in the manner prescribed by the State Bank of Pakistan.
23	Marine insurance	Marine insurance for export.
24	Residential care services for the elderly and disabled; and	The exemption shall apply to services provided or rendered by a home or hostel which is exclusively used for the aged or special persons or children and is run by or under the control of such a charitable or educational institution as are eligible for tax credit under section 100C of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 2001).

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25	Other social services with accommodation	The exemption shall be applicable to services provided or rendered by a home or hostel which is run by or under the control of such a charitable or educational institution as are eligible for tax credit under section 100C of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 2001).
26	Services provided by extraterritorial organizations and bodies	
27	Protection of foreign investment of US$ 1.5 Billion or more:-	All foreign investment of US$ 1.5 billion or more, made into the province of Balochistan, in any section, industries or projects, shall be exempted from provision of Sales Tax on Servies* under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Servies* Act, 2015] *It should be Services
[1][28	Passenger transport services	The exemption shall not be applicable to services provided or rendered in relation to,- (1) Rent a car and vehicle rental services; (2) Services provided or rendered by the owners or drivers of the vehicles using the cab aggregator services; and (3) Chartered flight services within Balochistan or originating from any air field in Balochistan.
29	Insurance premiums.	The exemption shall be only applicable to such insurance premiums charged by the Company designated under the Balochistan Public Property Insurance Act, 2026, on insurance policies covering risks situated, or policyholder's resident or registered, in the Province of Balochistan.
30	Reinsurance premiums.	The exemption shall be only applicable to such reinsurance premiums paid by the Company designated under the Balochistan Public Property Insurance Act, 2026, in respect of cessions or retrocessions arising from policies referred to in entry (29) above.
31	Services provided or rendered associated to Export Processing Zone.	This exemption shall only be applicable to services provided or rendered in any Export Processing Zone, as notified by the Federal Government, and wherein, the Government of Balochistan has a profit sharing up to 10%.

[1]S. Nos. 28 to 31 and entries relating thereto inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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		Further, this exemption shall be applicable for a period of 15 years and limited to such services which are related to such investments and operations, made by foreign investors only. Furthermore, this exemption shall take effect from the date of commencement of operations by such factory, or industry, or industrial undertaking as notified by the Government.
		Explanation: the expressions "factory", "industry" and "industrial undertaking" used in this provision, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Balochistan Industrial Development and Regulations Act, 2025 (Act No. X of 2025).]

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Before substitution by F. Act, 2025, it read as follows:-

"FIRST SCHEDULE
(Classification of Services)
See sub-section (147) of Section 2

Tariff Heading	Description
(1)	(2)
98.01	**Services provided or rendered by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses, farmhouses, restaurants, clubs, caterers, marriage halls, lawns, mandap, pandal, shamiana, messes and hostels.**
9801.1000	Services provided or rendered by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses and farmhouses.
9801.2000	Services provided or rendered by restaurants including café, coffee houses, food huts, ice-cream shops and eateries.
9801.3000	Services provided or rendered by caterers, suppliers of food and drinks.
9801.4000	Services provided or rendered by clubs.
9801.5000	Services provided or rendered by marriage halls, lawns, mandap, pandal and shamiana including floral and decoration, etc.
9801.6000	Services provided or rendered by messes and hostels.
9801.9990	Ancillary services provided or rendered relating thereto "Tariff Heading 98.01".
98.02	**Advertisements.**
9802.1000	Advertisement on T.V.
9802.2000	Advertisement on radio.
9802.3000	Advertisement on closed circuit T.V.
9802.4000	Advertisement in newspapers and periodicals including magazines, pamphlets, banners, etc.
9802.5000	Advertisement on cable T.V. network.
9802.6000	Advertisement on poles, walls, buildings and vehicles, etc.
9802.7000	Advertisement on billboards, signboards, digital boards, hoardings, etc.
9802.8000	Sale of space for advertisement services.
9802.9000	Advertisement on websites or internet or cell phones.
9802.9990	Other similar services.
98.03	**Transportation or travelling of passengers.**
*803.1000	Travelling of passengers by road, rail, aircraft and ship whether in, from or to Balochistan.
9803.2000	Travelling of passengers by road, rail, aircraft and ship embarking for international journey from Balochistan.
9803.3000	Chartered flight services originating from any airfield in Balochistan.
9803.4000	Flyover of aircraft across the territorial jurisdiction of Balochistan without being to land or to land for non-traffic purpose like emergency as per the Civil Aviation agreement with the countries.
9803.9990	Other similar service.
98.04	**Transportation or carriage of goods.**
9804.1000	Domestic transportation or carriage of goods by road, rail, aircraft, ship or through pipeline or conduit whether in, from or to Balochistan.
9804.2000	International transportation or carriage of goods by road, rail, aircraft and ship originating from Balochistan.
9804.9990	Other similar services.
98.05	**Services provided or rendered by persons authorized to transact business on behalf of others.**
9805.1000	Shipping agents.
9805.2000	Stevedores.
9805.2100	Ship management services [1][including pilotage and beaching],
9805.3000	Freight forwarding agents.
9805.4000	Customs Agents.
9805.5000	Travel agents.

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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9805.5100	Tour operators,
9805.5200	Hajj operators.
9805.6000	Recruiting agents.
9805.7000	Advertising agents.
9805.8000	Ship chandlers.
9805.9000	Share transfer agents.
9805.9100	Sponsorship services,
9805.9200	Business support services,
9805.9300	Insurance agents,
9805.9400	Real estate agents,
9805.9990	Other similar services.
98.06	**Services provided or rendered in the matters of sale and purchase or hire of movable or immovable goods or property.**
9806.1000	Sale and purchase or hire of immovable property.
9806.2000	Property dealers.
9806.3000	Renting of immovable property.
9806.4000	Car or automobile dealers.
9806.5000	Dealers of second hand goods other than car or automobile.
9806.6000	Supply of movable property by way of lease, license or similar arrangements.
9806.9990	Other similar services.
9807.0000	**Services provided or rendered by builders or developers for** (a) Development of purchased or leased land for conversion into residential or commercial plots, (b) Construction of residential or commercial units.
9808.0000	**Courier services including express cargo and logistic services.**
9809.0000	**Services provided or rendered by persons engaged in contractual execution of work or furnishing supplies.**
9810.0000	**Services provided or rendered for personal care by beauty parlors, beauty clinics, slimming clinics, salons, manicure and pedicure centers.**
9811.0000	**Services provided or rendered by laundries and dry cleaners.**
98.12	**Telecommunication services**
9812.1000	Telephone services.
9812.1100	Fixed line voice telephone services,
9812.1200	Wireless telephone,
9812.1210	Cellular telephone,
9812.1220	Wireless Local Loop telephone,
9812.1300	Video telephone,
9812.1400	Payphone cards,
9812.1500	Prepaid calling cards,
9812.1600	Voice mail service,
9812.1700	Messaging service,
9812.1710	Short Message service (SMS),
9812.1720	Multimedia message service (MMS),
9812.1910	Shifting of telephone connection,
9812.1920	Installation of telephone extension,
9812.1930	Provision of telephone extension,
9812.1940	Changing of telephone connection,
9812.1950	Conversion of NWD connection to Non-NWD or vice versa,
9812.1960	Cost of telephone set,
9812.1970	Restoration of telephone connection,
9812.1990	Other similar services.
9812.2000	Bandwidth services.
9812.2100	Copper line based,
9812.2200	Fiber-optic based,
9812.2300	Co-axial cable based,

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9812.2400	Microwave based,
9812.2500	Satellite based,
9812.2600	Voice over IP services,
9812.2900	Other similar services.
9812.3000	Telegraph.
9812.4000	Telex.
9812.5000	Tele-fax.
9812.5010	Store and forward fax services,
9812.5090	Other similar services,
9812.6000	Internet services.
9812.6010	Internet services including email services,
9812.6020	Dial-up internet services,
9812.6030	Broadband services for DSL connection,
9812.6040	Copper line based,
9812.6050	Fiber-optic based,
9812.6060	Co-axial cable based,
9812.6070	Wireless based,
9812.6080	Satellite based,
9812.6090	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on WLL networks,
9812.6100	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on cellular mobile networks,
9812.6190	Other similar services.
9812.6200	Data Communication Network services (DCNS),
9812.6210	Copper Line based,
9812.6220	Co-axial cable based,
9812.6230	Fiber-optic based,
9812.6240	Wireless/Radio based,
9812.6250	Satellite based,
9812.6290	Other similar services.
9812.6300	Value added data services,
9812.6310	Virtual private Network services (VPN),
9812.6320	Digital Signature service,
9812.6390	Other similar services.
9812.9000	Audio text services.
9812.9100	Tele-text services,
9812.9200	Trunk radio services,
9812.9300	Paging services,
9812.9400	Voice paging services,
9812.9410	Radio paging services,
9812.9500	Vehicle and other tracking services,
9812.9600	Burglar and security alarm services,
9812.9990	Other similar services.
98.13	Services provided or rendered by financial institutions including insurance companies, cooperative financing societies, leasing companies, modarabas, musharikas, ijarahs, foreign exchange companies, banking and non-banking financial companies and other persons dealing in any such services.
9813.1000	Services provided or rendered in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a reinsurer:
9813.1100	Goods insurance,
9813.1200	Fire insurance,
9813.1300	Theft insurance,
9813.1400	Marine insurance,
9813.1500	Life insurance,
9813.1600	Health insurance,
9813.1700	Crop insurance.
9813.2000	Cooperative financing societies.
9813.3000	Services provided or rendered in respect of leasing:

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9813.3100	Financial leasing,
9813.3200	Hire purchase leasing,
9813.3300	Operating leasing including commodity and equipment leasing, etc.
9813.3900	Services provided or rendered in respect of modaraba, musharikas and ijarahs financing.
9813.4000	Services provided or rendered by banking companies in relation to:
9813.4100	Guarantee,
9813.4200	Brokerage,
9813.4300	Letter of credit including advance, sight or usance L/C for import and export,
9813.4400	Issuance of pay order and demand draft,
9813.4500	Bill of exchange,
9813.4600	Transfer of money or remittance including telegraphic transfer, mail transfer and electronic transfer both domestic and foreign,
9813.4700	Bank guarantee,
9813.4800	Bill collection (clean or documentary) and bill discounting commission,
9813.4900	Safe deposit lockers,
9813.4910	Safe vaults,
9813.4920	Advances and loans,
9813.4930	Other service charges as per SOBC including CIB reports, credit reports, standing instructions, training charges, security movement charges, annual subscription, POS local/ international, call centers, sale /purchase of securities (Bonds/ Shares / Debentures/ NIT etc.), investment banking, dispatch/ communication, capital market, vostro account charges, forward contracts, etc.
9813.5000	Issuance, processing and operation of credit and debit cards.
9813.6000	Commission and brokerage of foreign exchange dealings.
9813.7000	Automated Teller Machine operations, maintenance and management.
9813.8000	Service provided as banker to an issue.
9813.9000	Foreign exchange companies.
9813.9100	Services provided or rendered by non-banking finance companies or institutions,
9813.9990	Other similar services.
98.14	Services provided or rendered by architects, town planners, contractors, property developers or promoters, landscape designers and interior decorators.
9814.1000	Architects or town planners.
9814.2000	Contractor of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works.
9814.3000	Property developers or promoters.
9814.4000	Landscape designers.
9814.5000	Interior decorators.
9814.9990	Other similar services.
98.15	Services provided or rendered by professionals and consultants, etc.
9815.1000	Medical practitioners and consultants.
9815.2000	Legal practitioners and consultants.
9815.3000	Accountants and auditors.
9815.4000	Management consultants.
9815.5000	Technical, scientific and engineering consultants.
9815.6000	Software or IT based system developers and consultants.
9815.7000	Tax practitioners and consultants.
9815.8000	Corporate law practitioners and consultants.
9815.9000	Human resource and personal development consultants.
9815.9100	Healthcare consultants,
9815.9990	Other similar services.
9816.0000	Services provided or rendered in respect of manufacturing or processing for others on toll basis or job basis.

9817.0000	Services provided or rendered by laboratories and medical diagnostic centers including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging, Ultrasound, etc.
9817.1000	Medical diagnosing of patients including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging, Ultrasound, etc.
9817.2000	Pathological laboratories.
9817.3000	Radiological laboratories.
9817.4000	Scientific laboratories.
9817.5000	Chemical laboratories.
9817.6000	Mechanical laboratories.
9817.7000	Electrical or electronic laboratories.
9817.8000	Geological laboratories.
9817.9990	Other such laboratories.
98.18	Services provided or rendered by specialized agencies.
9818.1000	Security agency.
9818.2000	Credit rating agency.
9818.3000	Market research agency.
9818.4000	Opinion poll agency.
9818.9990	Other such agencies.
98.19	**Services provided or rendered by specified persons or businesses.**
9819.1000	Stockbrokers, futures brokers and commodity brokers.
9819.1100	Underwriters,
9819.1200	Indenters,
9819.1300	Commission agents,
9819.1400	Packers and movers.
9819.2000	Foreign exchange companies, forex dealers or money changers.
9819.3000	Rent-a-car or automobile rental service.
[1][9819.3100	Cab aggregator]
9819.4000	Prize bond dealers.
9819.5000	Surveyors.
9819.6000	Designers including fashion designers.
9819.7000	Outdoor photographers and videographers.
9819.8000	Public relation services.
9819.8100	Cable TV operators,
9819.8200	TV and radio production services,
9819.8300	Video tape production services,
9819.8400	Sound record services,
9819.8500	Technical testing and analysis services,
9819.8600	Services provided or rendered by a registrar to an issue, depository and transfer of shares.
9819.9000	Auctioneers.
9819.9100	Copy right services,
9819.9200	Art painters.
9819.9300	Services provided or rendered by port operators and port terminal operators,
9819.9400	Services provided or rendered by airport operators and airport terminal operators,
9819.9500	Services provided or rendered by airport service providers and airport ground service providers,
9819.9990	Other similar services.
98.20	Services provided or rendered by specialized workshops or undertakings.
9820.1000	Auto-workshops including motor mechanic shops, air conditioning fitting and cleaning services.
9820.2000	Workshops for industrial machinery construction and earth moving machinery or other special purpose machinery, etc.
9820.3000	Workshops for electric or electronic equipments or appliances including computer hardware.
9820.4000	Car or automobile washing or similar service stations.
9820.9990	Other such workshops.

[1]Heading inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

98.21	**Services provided or rendered in specified fields.**
9821.1000	Healthcare center, gyms or physical fitness centers, etc.
9821.2000	Indoor sports and games centers.
9821.3000	Baby care centers.
9821.4000	Body massages and sauna centers.
9821.9990	Other similar services.
98.22	**Services provided or rendered for specified purposes.**
9822.1000	Fumigation services.
9822.2000	Maintenance or cleaning services.
[1][9822.2100	Waste collection, transportation, processing and management services.]
9822.3000	Janitorial services.
9822.4000	Dredging or de-silting services.
9822.9990	Other similar services.
9823.0000	**Franchise services, including royalty, technical or other licensing services.**
9824.0000	**Construction services.**
9825.0000	**Management services, including fund and asset management services.**
9826.0000	**Technical services.**
9827.0000	**Exhibition or convention services.**
9828.0000	**Public bonded warehouse services.**
9829.0000	**Program producers and production houses.**
9830.0000	**Human resource and personal development services.**
9831.0000	**Race Clubs.**
9832.0000	**Labour and manpower supply services.**
9833.0000	**Film and drama studios including mobile stage shows or cinemas.**
9834.0000	**Brokerage (other than stocks) and indenting services.**
9835.0000	**Call centers.**
9836.0000	**Internet café.**
9837.0000	**Ready mix concrete services.**
9838.0000	**Intellectual property services.**
9839.0000	**Erection, commissioning and installation services.**
9840.0000	**Electric power transmission or distribution services.**
9841.0000	**Evaluation services including competency and eligibility testing services.**
9842.0000	**Cosmetic, plastic surgery and transplant services.**
9843.0000	**Actuarial services.**
9844.0000	**Car parking services.**
9845.0000	**Supply chain management or distribution (including delivery) services.**
9846.0000	**Notary public and stamp vending services.**
9847.0000	**CMT stitching services.**
9848.0000	**Repair and maintenance services.**
9849.0000	**Forward contract services.**
9850.0000	**Packaging and handling services.**
9851.0000	**Toll tax and octroi services.**
9852.0000	**Broad casting services.**
9853.0000	**Ride hailing services.**
9854.0000	**Tuition and coaching centers.**
9855.0000	**Vocational centers.**
9856.0000	**Training services.**
9857.0000	**Entertainment services.**
9858.0000	**Amusement parks including theme and water parks.**
9859.0000	**Depot for storage including cold storage services.**
9860.0000	**Valuation in respect of tangible or noncurrent assets.**

[1]Heading inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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9861.0000	**Event management services including services by event photographers, event videographers and the persons providing services related to such event management.**
9862.0000	**Technical inspection and certification services, including quality control certification services and ISO certifications.**
9863.0000	**Visa processing services, including advisory or consultancy services for migration or visa application filling services.**
9864.0000	**Debt collection services and other debt recovery services provided or rendered by debt collection agencies or recovery agencies or other persons.**
9865.0000	**Data processing and provision of information, service of engineers, handling and storage of goods.**
9866.0000	**Services provided or rendered in respect of survey and exploration of minerals, oil and gas including drilling, refining and related services.**
9867.0000	**Services provided or rendered in respect of snorkeling, scuba, rafting, surfing and water diving, etc.**
9868.0000	**Information and technology based services including software development, software customization, software maintenance, system support, system assembly, system integration, system designing and architecture, system analysis, system development, system operation, system maintenance, system up-gradation and modification, data warehousing or management, data entry operations, data migration or transfer, system security or protection, web designing, web development, web hosting, network designing, services relating to enterprise resource or management planning (including marketing of products), development and sale of smart phone applications or games, graphics designing, medical transcription, remote monitoring, telemedicine, insurance claim processing, online retrieval and database access or retrieval service.]**
[1][**9869.0000**	**Online market place services**]
[1][**9870.0000**	**Site preparation and clearance, excavation and earth moving and demolition services.]**"

[1]Heading inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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[1][SECOND SCHEDULE

[List of Services specified in Section 10(3)]

S. No.	Description	Rate
1	Hosting and information technology (IT) infrastructure provisioning services	19.50%
2	Telecommunications services, including telephony, mobile services, and data transmission	19.50%
3	Internet telecommunications services	19.50%
4	Security systems services (including electronic surveillance and vehicle tracking.)	19.50%
5	Installation services of radio, television and communications equipment and apparatus	19.50%]

[1]Second Schedule substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by BRA amendment Act No.2 of 2019 dated January 15, 2019, effective 1-7-15.
Before substitution by F. Act, 2025 it read as follows:-

"SECOND SCHEDULE
(Taxable Services)
See Section 3
Part A

Tariff Heading	Description	Rate of tax
(1)	(2)	(3)
98.12	**Telecommunication services**	
9812.1000	Telephone services.	19.5%
9812.1100	Fixed line voice telephone services,	19.5%
9812.1200	Wireless telephone,	19.5%
9812.1210	Cellular telephone,	19.5%
9812.1220	Wireless Local Loop telephone,	19.5%
9812.1300	Video telephone,	19.5%
9812.1400	Payphone cards,	19.5%
9812.1500	Prepaid calling cards,	19.5%
9812.1600	Voice mail service,	19.5%
9812.1700	Messaging service,	19.5%
9812.1710	Short Message service (SMS),	19.5%
9812.1720	Multimedia message service (MMS),	19.5%
9812.1910	Shifting of telephone connection,	19.5%
9812.1920	Installation of telephone extension,	19.5%
9812.1930	Provision of telephone extension,	19.5%
9812.1940	Changing of telephone connection,	19.5%
9812.1950	Conversion of NWD connection to Non-NWD or vice versa,	19.5%
9812.1960	Cost of telephone set,	19.5%
9812.1970	Restoration of telephone connection,	19.5%
9812.2000	Bandwidth services.	19.5%
9812.2100	Copper line based,	19.5%
9812.2200	Fiber-optic based,	19.5%
9812.2300	Co-axial cable based,	19.5%
9812.2400	Microwave based,	19.5%
9812.2500	Satellite based,	19.5%

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9812.2600	Voice over IP services,	19.5%
9812.3000	Telegraph.	19.5%
9812.4000	Telex.	19.5%
9812.5000	Tele-fax.	19.5%
9812.5010	Store and forward fax services,	19.5%
9812.6000	Internet services.	19.5%
9812.6010	Internet services including email services,	19.5%
9812.6020	Dial-up internet services,	19.5%
9812.6030	Broadband services for DSL connection,	19.5%
9812.6040	Copper line based,	19.5%
9812.6050	Fiber-optic based,	19.5%
9812.6060	Co-axial cable based,	19.5%
9812.6070	Wireless based,	19.5%
9812.6080	Satellite based,	19.5%
9812.6090	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on WLL networks,	19.5%
9812.6100	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on cellular mobile networks,	19.5%
9812.6200	Data Communication Network services (DCNS),	19.5%
9812.6210	Copper Line based,	19.5%
9812.6220	Co-axial cable based,	19.5%
9812.6230	Fiber-optic based,	19.5%
9812.6240	Wireless/Radio based,	19.5%
9812.6250	Satellite based,	19.5%
9812.6300	Value added data services,	19.5%
9812.6310	Virtual private Network services (VPN),	19.5%
9812.6320	Digital Signature service,	19.5%
9812.9000	Audio text services.	19.5%
9812.9100	Tele-text services,	19.5%
9812.9200	Trunk radio services,	19.5%
9812.9300	Paging services,	19.5%
9812.9400	Voice paging services,	19.5%
9812.9410	Radio paging services,	19.5%
9812.9500	Vehicle and other tracking services,	19.5%
9812.9600	Burglar and security alarm services,	19.5%"

"Part B

Tariff Heading	**Description**	**Rate of tax**
(1)	(2)	(3)
98.01	**Services provided or rendered by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses, farmhouses, restaurants, caterers, clubs, marriage halls, lawns, mandap, pandal, shamiana, messes and hostels.**	
9801.1000	Services provided or rendered by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses and farmhouses.	[1][(i) 5% without input tax adjustment for non-corporate, non-franchise, non-chain businesses; and (ii) 15% for corporate, franchise and chain businesses.
9801.2000	Services provided or rendered by restaurants including café, coffee houses, food huts, ice-cream shops and eateries.	[2][ ] [2][(ii) Other restaurants including café, coffee houses, food huts, ice-cream shops and eateries excluding chainaki restaurants:- [3][4%] without input tax credit or adjustment]

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Explanation inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]Words "(i) 'Chainaki Restaurants': - the amount of monthly tax shall be fixed at Rs. 3,000 without input tax credit or adjustment;" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Earlier it was substituted for "15%" by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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	[4][*Explanation*:- services provided or rendered by restaurants whose monthly utility bills (Electricity, Gas and Telephone) are less than Rs. 20,000 per month shall be exempted.]	
	[5][Provided that the restaurants providing or rendering services shall pay Rs. 15,000 per month or 4% of the taxable services provided or rendered during a month, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment. Provided further that the above provision of minimum tax of Rs.15,000 per month shall not apply to following restaurants which shall continue to pay sales tax at the rate of 4% of taxable services provided or rendered without input tax credit or adjustment namely; (i) which are air-conditioned on any day in a financial year and are located within the building or premises of shopping malls or shopping plazas; or (ii) located within the building, premises or precincts of any hotel, motel, guest house or club whose services are liable to sales tax; or (iii) which are franchisers or franchisees; or (iv) having branches or more than one outlet in Balochistan; Provided further that 2% percent will be charged, without input tax adjustment, where payment against services is received through debit or credit cards, mobile wallets or QR scanning;]	
9801.3000	Services provided or rendered by caterers, suppliers of food and drinks.	15%
9801.4000	Services provided or rendered by clubs.	15%
9801.5000	Services provided or rendered by marriage halls, lawns, mandap, pandal and shamiana including floral and decoration, etc.	[1][Rs.25,000 per months or 4% of the gross amount of services provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment;]
9801.6000	Services provided or rendered by messes and hostels.	15%
9801.7000	Ancillary services provided or rendered relating thereto "Tariff Heading 98.01".	15%
98.02	**Advertisements.**	
9802.1000	Advertisement on T.V.	15%
9802.2000	Advertisement on radio.	15%
9802.3000	Advertisement on closed circuit T.V.	15%
9802.4000	Advertisement in newspapers and periodicals including magazines, pamphlets, banners, etc. [2][Excluding: where payment for such advertisement is made from the Provincial Consolidated Fund.]	15%
9802.5000	Advertisement on cable T.V. network.	15%
9802.6000	Advertisement on poles, walls, buildings and vehicles, etc.	15%
9802.7000	Advertisement on billboards, signboards, digital boards, hoardings, etc.	15%
9802.8000	Sale of space for advertisement services.	15%
9802.9000	Advertisement on websites or internet or cell phones.	15%

[4]Substituted for "6%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]Substituted for "Explanation: - For the purposes of this tariff heading, the term 'Chainaki Restaurant' means a restaurant, café, coffee house, food hut, ice cream shop and eatery where its monthly electricity consumption is not more than Rs. 7,000 and the number of employees does not exceed two." by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]Provisos inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[1]Substituted for "15%" by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[2]Words inserted by BRA No. PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019 dated July 25, 2019.

98.03	**Transportation or travelling of passengers.**	
9803.1000	Travelling of passengers by road, whether in, from or to Balochistan.	15%
9803.2000	Travelling of passengers by road embarking for international journey from Balochistan.	15%
9803.3000	Chartered flight services originating from any airfield in Balochistan.	15%
9803.4000	Flyover of aircraft across the territorial jurisdiction of Balochistan without being to land or to land for non-traffic purpose like emergency as per the Civil Aviation agreement with the countries.	15%
98.04	**Transportation or carriage of goods.**	
9804.1000	Intercity transportation or carriage of goods by road or through pipeline or conduit.	15%
9804.2000	International transportation or carriage of goods by road originating from Balochistan.	15%
98.05	**Services provided or rendered by persons authorized to transact business on behalf of others.**	
9805.1000	Shipping agents.	15%
9805.2000	Stevedores.	15%
9805.2100	Ship management services [2][including pilotage and beaching],	15%
9805.3000	Freight forwarding agents.	15%
9805.4000	Customs Agents.	15%
9805.5000	Travel agents.	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
9805.5100	Tour operators,	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
9805.5200	Hajj operators,	[2][0%]
9805.6000	Recruiting agents.	15%
9805.7000	Advertising agents.	15%
9805.8000	Ship chandlers.	15%
9805.9000	Share transfer agents,	15%
9805.9100	Sponsorship services,	15%
9805.9200	Business support services,	15%
9805.9300	Insurance agents,	15%
9805.9400	Real estate agents.	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
98.06	**Services provided or rendered in the matters of sale and purchase or hire of movable or immovable goods or property.**	
9806.1000	Sale and purchase or hire of immovable property.	15%
9806.2000	Property dealers.	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
9806.3000	Renting of immovable property.	15%
9806.4000	Car or automobile dealers.	15%
9806.5000	Dealers of second hand goods other than car or automobile.	15%
9806.6000	Supply of movable property by way of lease, license or similar arrangements.	15%

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Substituted for "6% without input tax credit or adjustment" by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Earlier it was substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9807.0000	**Services provided or rendered by builders or developers for** (a) Development of purchased or leased land for conversion into residential or commercial plots, (b) Construction of residential or commercial units.	15%
9808.0000	**Courier services including express cargo and logistic services.**	15%
9809.0000	**Services provided or rendered by persons engaged in contractual execution of work or furnishing supplies.**	15%
9810.0000	**Services provided or rendered for personal care by beauty parlors, beauty clinics, slimming clinics, salons, manicure and pedicure centers.**	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
9811.0000	**Services provided or rendered by laundries and dry cleaners.**	[1][6% without input tax credit or adjustment]
98.13	**Services provided or rendered by financial institutions including insurance companies, cooperative financing societies, leasing companies, modarabas, musharikas, ijarahs, foreign exchange companies, banking and non-banking financial companies and other persons dealing in any such services.**	
9813.1000	Services provided or rendered in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a reinsurer:	15%
9813.1100	Goods insurance,	15%
9813.1200	Fire insurance,	15%
9813.1300	Theft insurance,	15%
9813.1400	Marine insurance,	15%
9813.1500	Life insurance,	15%
9813.1600	Health insurance,	15%
9813.1700	Crop insurance.	15%

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9813.2000	Cooperative financing societies.	15%
9813.3000	Services provided or rendered in respect of leasing:	15%
9813.3100	Financial leasing,	15%
9813.3200	Hire purchase leasing,	15%
9813.3300	Operating leasing including commodity and equipment leasing, etc.	15%
9813.3900	Services provided or rendered in respect of modaraba, musharika and ijarahs financing.	15%
9813.4000	Services provided or rendered by banking companies in relation to:	15%
9813.4100	Guarantee,	15%
9813.4200	Brokerage,	15%
9813.4300	Letter of credit including advance, sight or usance L/C for import and export,	15%
9813.4400	Issuance of pay order and demand draft,	15%
9813.4500	Bill of exchange,	15%
9813.4600	Transfer of money or remittance including telegraphic transfer, mail transfer and electronic transfer both domestic and foreign,	15%
9813.4700	Bank guarantee,	15%
9813.4800	Bill collection (clean or documentary) and bill discounting commission,	15%
9813.4900	Safe deposit lockers,	15%
9813.4910	Safe vaults,	15%
9813.4920	Advances and loans,	15%

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9813.4930	Other service charges as per SOBC including CIB reports, credit reports, standing instructions, training charges, security movement charges, annual subscription, POS local/ international, call centers, sale /purchase of securities (Bonds/ Shares / Debentures/ NIT etc.), investment banking, dispatch/ communication, capital market, vostro account charges, forward contracts, etc.		15%
9813.5000	Issuance, processing and operation of credit and debit cards.		15%
9813.6000	Commission and brokerage of foreign exchange dealings.		15%
9813.7000	Automated Teller Machine operations, maintenance and management.		15%
9813.8000	Service provided as banker to an issue.		15%
9813.9000	Foreign exchange companies.		15%
9813.9100	Services provided or rendered by non-banking finance companies or institutions.		15%
98.14	**Services provided or rendered by architects, town planners, contractors, property developers or promoters, landscape designers and interior decorators.**		
9814.1000	Architects or town planners.		15%
9814.2000	Contractor of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works. [1][ ]	[2][(i) 15%. provided that from July 01, 2023, 4% for all services specified at Tariff Heading 9814.2000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Federal Consolidated Fund in respect of Government civil works involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched during Financial Year 2016-17 and onwards.	
		Provided further that Zero percent (0%) for all services specified at Tariff Heading 9814.2000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Federal Consolidated Fund in respect of Government civil works involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched prior to Financial Year 2016-17.]	

[1]Explanations omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Earlier these was inserted by BRA No. PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019 dated July 25, 2019. Before omission these read as follows:-

"Excluding.- Where the construction work is funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or [1][or interest free loans] involves construction of consular buildings.

Explanation. - Notwithstanding the rate of 15% fixed in column 3 (rate of tax), the following reduced rate of 6%, will be applicable, for all services specified at tariff heading 9814.2000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from the Provincial Consolidated Fund [2][and the Federal Consolidated Fund]"

[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

[2]Clause (i) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

		[1][[2][(ii)]- Rs. 60 per square yard in case the services mentioned are rendered in relation to residential building / property; and [2][(iii)]- Rs. 50 per square feet in case the services mentioned are rendered in relation to commercial building / property.]
9814.3000	Property developers or promoters.	[1][(i)- Rs. 60 per square yard in case the services mentioned are rendered in relation to residential property; and (ii)- Rs. 50 per square feet in case the services mentioned are rendered in relation to commercial property.]
9814.4000	Landscape designers.	15%
9814.5000	Interior decorators.	15%
98.15	**Services provided or rendered by professionals and consultants, etc.**	

[1]Substituted for "15%" by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Clauses (i) & (ii) renumbered by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9815.1000	Medical practitioners and consultants.	[3][Rs. 3,000 per month or 2% of the gross amount of service provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment]
9815.2000	Legal practitioners and consultants.	[3][Rs. 3,000 per month or 2% of the gross amount of service provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment
9815.3000	Accountants and auditors.	[4][6% without input tax credit / adjustment]
9815.4000	Management consultants. [5][Excluding.- Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan.]	[4][6% without input tax credit / adjustment]
9815.5000	Technical, scientific and engineering consultants. [1][Excluding.- Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan.]	[2][6% without input tax credit / adjustment]
9815.6000	Software or IT based system developers and consultants.	[3][4%]
9815.7000	Tax practitioners and consultants. [1][Excluding. - Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan.]	[2][6% without input tax credit / adjustment]
9815.8000	Corporate law practitioners and consultants. [1][Excluding.- Where the services are rendered and funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan.]	[2][6% without input tax credit / adjustment]

[3]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[4]Substituted for "15%" by BRA No. PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019 dated July 25, 2019.
[5]Inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[1]Inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Substituted for "15%" by BRA No. PAB/Legis; V(11)/2019 dated July 25, 2019.
[3]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[4]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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9815.9000	Human resource and personal development consultants.	[4][Rs. 3,000 per month or 2% of the gross amount of service provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment]

[4]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9815.9100	Healthcare consultants.	15%
9816.0000	**Services provided or rendered in respect of manufacturing or processing for others on toll basis or job basis.**	[1][exempt from Sales Tax on services]
9817.0000	**Services provided or rendered by laboratories and medical diagnostic centers including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging, Ultrasound, etc.**	
9817.1000	Medical diagnosing of patients including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging, Ultrasound, etc.	[1][2% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.2000	Pathological laboratories.	[1][2% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.3000	Radiological laboratories.	[1][2% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.4000	Scientific laboratories.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.5000	Chemical laboratories.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.6000	Mechanical laboratories.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9817.7000	Electrical or electronic laboratories.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9817.8000	Geological laboratories.	[1][Rs. 4,000 per month or 6% of the gross amount of service provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment]
98.18	**Services provided or rendered by specialized agencies.**	
9818.1000	Security agency.	15%
9818.2000	Credit rating agency.	15%
9818.3000	Market research agency.	15%
9818.4000	Opinion poll agency.	15%
98.19	**Services provided or rendered by specified persons or businesses.**	
9819.1000	Stockbrokers, futures brokers and commodity brokers.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.1100	Underwriters,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]HS code 9819.3100 inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

9819.1200	Indenters,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment
9819.1300	Commission agents,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.1400	Packers and movers.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.2000	Foreign exchange companies, forex dealers or money changers.	15%
9819.3000	Rent-a-car or automobile rental service.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
[2][9819.3100	Cab aggregator.	[1][2% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]]
9819.4000	Prize bond dealers.	15%

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]HS code 9819.3100 inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

9819.5000	Surveyors	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.6000	Designers including fashion designers.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.7000	Outdoor photographers and videographers.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8000	Public relation services.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8100	Cable TV operators,	[1][2% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8200	TV and radio production services,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment
9819.8300	Video tape production services,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8400	Sound record services,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8500	Technical testing and analysis services,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.8600	Services provided or rendered by a registrar to an issue, depository and transfer of shares.	15%
9819.9000	Auctioneers.	15%
9819.9100	Copy right services,	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]
9819.9200	Art painters.	[1][4% of the gross amount of service provided without input tax credit or adjustment]

[1]Substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

9819.9300	Services provided or rendered by port operators and port terminal operators.	15%
9819.9400	Services provided or rendered by airport operators and airport terminal operators.	15%
9819.9500	Services provided or rendered by airport service providers and airport ground service providers.	15%
98.20	**Services provided or rendered by specialized workshops or undertakings.**	
9820.1000	Auto-workshops including motor mechanic shops, air conditioning fitting and cleaning services.	15%
9820.2000	Workshops for industrial machinery construction and earth moving machinery or other special purpose machinery etc.	15%
9820.3000	Workshops for electric or electronic equipments or appliances including computer hardware.	15%
9820.4000	Car or automobile washing or similar service stations.	15%
98.21	**Services provided or rendered in specified fields.**	
9821.1000	Healthcare center, gyms or physical fitness centers etc.	15%
9821.2000	Indoor sports and games centers.	15%
9821.3000	Baby care centers.	15%
9821.4000	Body massages and sauna centers.	15%
98.22	**Services provided or rendered for specified purposes.**	
9822.1000	Fumigation services.	15%
9822.2000	Maintenance or cleaning services.	15%
[1][9822.2100	Waste collection, transportation, processing and management services.	15%]
9822.3000	Janitorial services.	15%
9822.4000	Dredging or de-silting services.	15%
9823.0000	**Franchise services, including royalty, technical or other licensing services.**	15%

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

9824.0000	Construction services. [1][ ]	15% [2][provided that, from July 01, 2023, 4% for construction service specified at Tariff Heading 9824.0000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Federal Consolidated Fund in respect of Government civil works involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched during Financial Year 2016-17 and onwards. Provided further that Zero percent (0%) for construction service specified at Tariff Heading 9824.0000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Federal Consolidated Fund in respect of Government civil works involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched prior to Financial Year 2016-17.]

[1]Explanations omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Earlier these were inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:

"Excluding.- Where the construction work is funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or interest free loan or involves construction of consular buildings.

Explanation.- Notwithstanding the rate of 15% fixed in column 3 (rate of tax), the following reduced rate of 6%, will be applicable, for all services specified at tariff heading 9824.0000 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of contracts for which payment is made from the Provincial Consolidated Fund [1][Federal Consolidated Fund]."

[1]Inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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9825.0000	**Management services, including fund and asset management services.**	15%
9826.0000	**Technical services.**	15%
9827.0000	**Exhibition or convention services.**	15%
9828.0000	**Public bonded warehouse services.**	15%
9829.0000	**Program producers and production houses.**	15%
9830.0000	**Human resource and personal development services.**	15%
9831.0000	**Race clubs:** (a) Services of entry /admissions Rs.200 per entry ticket or entry pass of a person visiting the race events.	
	(b) Other services.	15%
9832.0000	**Labour and manpower supply services.**	15%
9833.0000	**Film and drama studios including mobile stage shows or cinemas.**	15%
9834.0000	**Brokerage (other than stocks) and indenting services.**	15%
9835.0000	**Call centers.**	15%
9836.0000	**Internet café.**	15%
9837.0000	**Ready mix concrete services.**	15%
9838.0000	**Intellectual property services.**	15%
9839.0000	**Erection, commissioning and installation services.**	15%
9840.0000	**Electric power transmission or distribution services.**	15%
9841.0000	**Evaluation services including competency and eligibility testing services.**	15%
9842.0000	**Cosmetic, plastic surgery and transplant services.**	15%
9843.0000	**Actuarial services.**	15%
9844.0000	**Car parking services.**	15%
9845.0000	**Supply chain management or distribution (including delivery) services.**	15%
9846.0000	**Notary public and stamp vending services.**	15%
9847.0000	**CMT stitching services.**	[1][Rs. 3,000 per month or 2% of the gross amount of service provided, whichever is higher, without input tax credit or adjustment]
9848.0000	**Repair and maintenance services.** [2][Excluding.– Where such service is rendered to persons involved in or having a core business activity of generating power through wind or solar energy only.]	15%
9849.0000	**Forward contract services.**	15%
9850.0000	**Packaging and handling services.**	15%
9851.0000	**Toll tax and octroi services.**	15%
9852.0000	**Broad casting services.**	15%
9853.0000	**Ride hailing services.**	15%
9854.0000	**Tuition and coaching centers.**	[1][0%]
9855.0000	**Vocational centers.**	15%
9856.0000	**Training services.**	15%
9857.0000	**Entertainment services.**	15%
9858.0000	**Amusement parks including theme and water parks.**	15%
9859.0000	**Depot for storage including cold storage services.**	15%

[1]Substituted for "Rs.3000 per month without input tax credit or adjustment" by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024, but Finance Act stated for the substitution of "15%". Earlier it was substituted for "15%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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9860.0000	**Valuation in respect of tangible or noncurrent assets.**	15%
9861.0000	**Event management services including services by event photographers, event videographers and the persons providing services related to such event management.**	15%
9862.0000	**Technical inspection and certification services, including quality control certification services and ISO certifications.**	15%
9863.0000	**Visa processing services, including advisory or consultancy services for migration or visa application filling services.**	15%
9864.0000	**Debt collection services and other debt recovery services provided or rendered by debt collection agencies or recovery agencies or other persons.**	15%
9865.0000	**Data processing and provision of information, service of engineers, handling and storage of goods.**	15%
9866.0000	**Services provided or rendered in respect of survey and exploration of minerals, oil and gas including drilling, refining and related services.**	15%
9867.0000	**Services provided or rendered in respect of snorkeling, scuba, rafting, surfing and water diving, etc.**	15%
9868.0000	**Information and technology based services including software development, software customization, software maintenance, system support, system assembly, system integration, system designing and architecture, system analysis, system development, system operation, system maintenance, system up-gradation and modification, data warehousing or management, data entry operations, data migration or transfer, system security or protection, web designing, web development, web hosting, network designing, services relating to enterprise resource or management planning (including marketing of products), development and sale of smart phone applications or games, graphics designing, medical transcription, remote monitoring, telemedicine, insurance claim processing, online retrieval and database access or retrieval service.** [1][**Explanation. -Notwithstanding the rate of 15% fixed in column 3 (rate of tax), the following reduced rate of 6%, will be applicable, for all services specified at tariff heading 9868.0000 without input tax credit or adjustment**].	15%
[1][**9869.0000**	**Online market place services.**	15%
9870.0000	**Site preparation and clearance, excavation and earth moving and demolition services.**	15%]”

[1]Inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Headings inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

[1][Third Schedule

[List of Services specified in Section 10(4)]

S. No	Description of services	Rate	Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Services provided or rendered by restaurants, including cafe, coffee houses, food huts, ice-cream shops and eateries.	8%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
		[2][4%]	(i) The registered person installs POS machine for electronic issuance of invoices or receipts and gets all such machines linked up with BRA web portal to the satisfaction of BRA; (ii) The registered person issues his tax invoice/bills of charges or receipts electronically and no lax invoice/bill of charges or receipt is issued otherwise except through the POS of the registered person; and
			(iii) Input tax credit / adjustment shall not be admissible. Provided that this reduced rate shall not apply in case of the restaurants:- a) which are located within he building, premises or precincts of a hotel, motel, guest house or club whose services are liable to tax; (b) which are franchisers or franchisees;
2	Services provided or rendered by marriage halls, lawns. mandap, pandal and shamiana. including floral and decoration. etc.	10,000 rupees per event or [2][4%] of Service fees, whichever is higher.	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.

[1]Third Schedule inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Substituted for "2%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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3	Customs Agents	1000 Rupees per Goods Declaration	Services provided by Customs Agents in respect of the issuance of a goods declaration and Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.-
4	Travel agents	100 Rupees per Air Ticket	Services provided by Travel Agents in respect of the issuance of domestic and international air Tickets Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
5	Tour operators,	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
6	Recruiting agents	5%	Standalone Recruiting Agents involved in recruitment of individuals and group of individuals for overseas employment in countries outside Pakistan
7	Services on purchase or sale or hiring of immoveable property	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
8	Services on renting of immovable property	3%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
9	Car or automobile dealers	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
10	Services provided or rendered by property developers or promoters for: a) development of purchased or leased land for conversion into residential or commercial plots.	(a) 100 rupees per square yard of land; and	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
	(b) construction of residential or commercial units	(b) 50 rupees per square foot of constructed cover area.	

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11	Service provided or rendered by persons engaged in contractual execution of work or furnishing supplies	1%	Services in relation to Government Civil Works for which the expenditure is paid out of the expenditure budget of the Federal Government or the Provincial Government or the Local Government, or the Cantonment Board Input tax credit / adjustment shall not available: [1][ ]
12	Services provided or rendered for personal care by beauty parlours, beauty clinics, slimming clinics or centres and others	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
		2%	The registered person installs POS machine for electronic issuance of invoices or receipts and gets all such machines linked up with BRA web portal to the satisfaction of BRA; The registered person issues his tax invoice / bills of charges or receipts electronically and no tax invoice / bill of charges or receipt is issued otherwise except through the POS of the registered person; and Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
13	Services provided or rendered by laundries and dry cleaners	5%	Services provided or rendered by stand-alone laundries and dry cleaners:- Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.

[1]Words "Provided that 1% shall be applicable on all projects inserted in the PSDP since promulgation of this Act including all the taxes due to be paid against those projects." omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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14	Service provided or rendered by a foreign exchange dealer or exchange company or money changer	3%	Services provided or rendered by a foreign exchange dealer or exchange company or money changer in consideration of "spread" charges as permitted by the State Bank of Pakistan in relation to the buying and selling of foreign currencies; and Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
15	Property developers or promoters. a) development of purchased or leased land for conversion into residential or commercial plots. (b) construction of residential or commercial units	100 rupees per square yard of land; and 50 rupees per square foot of constructed covered area	Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
16	Medical practitioners and consultants	2% or Rs 3000 per month whichis higher	Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
17	Legal practitioners and consultants	2% or Rs 100 per case	(i) Rs 100/- shall be deposited as fixed Sales tax at the time of filing of each case, appeal, or petition, and proof of which shall be attached with the power of Attorney/Vakalat Nama. (ii) The fixed rate specified under column (3) shall not be applicable to all services provided or rendered by Corporate Law Consultants. Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
18.	Accountants and auditors	8%	The reduced rate specified in column (3) shall apply only in relation to accounting and auditing services provided or rendered by accountants and auditors. Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.

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19	Technical, scientific and engineering consultants	[1][8%]	i) Where expenditure is paid out of the budget of the Federal Government or the Provincial Government or the Local Government, or the Cantonment Board ii) Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be available.
20	Software or IT based system development consultants	2%	The registered person electronically submits his election/option; and Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
21	Other consultants including tax consultants, human resources and personnel development consultants	8%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
22	Services provided or rendered by laboratories relating to pathological. radiological or diagnostic test of patients	2%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
23	Indenters	3%	Services provided or rendered by an indenter from a place of business in Balochistan for which he registered person receives the value of the services from a place outside Pakistan in foreign exchange through banking channels in the business bank account of the registered person in the manner prescribed by the State Bank of Pakistan; and Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
24	Commission agents	[2][8%]	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.

[1]Substituted for "6%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Substituted for "4%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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25	Money exchanger	3%	Services provided or rendered by money exchanger in consideration of "spread" charges permitted by the State Bank of Pakistan in relation to the buying and selling of foreign currencies. Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
26	Rent a car and automobile and Service	8%	Input tax credit/ adjustment shall not be admissible.
27	Cable TV Operators	2%	The reduced rate of 2% as specified in column (3) shall apply on the services of "Stand-alone Cable TV Operators". Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
28	Auctioneers	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
29	Health care center, gyms or physical fitness center, etc.	2%	The registered person installs POS machine for electronic issuance of the invoices or receipts and gets all such machines linked up with BRA web portal to the satisfaction of BRA;
			The registered person issues his ax invoices/ bill of charges or receipts electronically and no tax invoice or/bill of charges or receipt is issued otherwise except through the POS of the registered person; and
			Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
30	Janitorial services	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
31	Dredging or desilting service	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
32	Franchise service	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
33	Construction services	8%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.

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		1%	Construction services in relation to Government Civil Works for which the expenditure is paid out of the expenditure budget of the Federal Government or the Provincial Government or the Local Government, or the Cantonment Board Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible. [1][ ]
34	Services provided or rendered by corporate law consultants	8%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
35	Services provided or rendered by call centres	2%	The registered person electronically submits his election or option: Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
36	services provided or rendered by persons engaged in transportation or carriage of goods by road or through pipeline or conduit	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
		3%	Services provided or rendered by persons engaged in transportation or carriage of goods by road [2][ ] through truck *addas* or through bus/wagon stands excluding road transportation or carriage of Petroleum oils through oil tankers Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
37	Intellectual Property Services	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
38	Cosmetic and plastic surgery and Transplantations	[3][6% or Rs.50,000 per month, whichever is higher]	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.

[1]Words "Provided that 1% shall be applicable on all projects inserted in the PSDP since promulgation of this Act including all the taxes due to be paid against those projects." omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[2]Word "or" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[3]Substituted for "4%" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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39	Supply chain management or distribution (including delivery) services	10%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
40	Services provided or rendered by cab aggregator and the services provided or rendered by the owners or drivers of the vehicles using he cab aggregator services	2%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
41	Warehouse or depots for storage or cold storages	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
42	Training services	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
43	Insurance agents	5%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
44	Services provided or rendered by hospitals and clinics	2%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.]
[1][45	Education Services	0%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible.
46	Services provided or rendered by Hospitals/ Institutes and Clinics.	3%	Input tax credit/adjustment shall not be admissible]

[1]S. Nos. 45 to 46 and entries relating thereto inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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THE BALOCHISTAN SALES TAX ON SERVICES RULES, 2018

No. BRA/BSTS/02/2018, Quetta, the July 01, 2018.–In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act VI of 2015), the Balochistan Revenue Authority with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

CHAPTER – I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title, Application and Commencement.- These rules may be called the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018.

(2) They shall extend to the whole Province of Balochistan.

(3) They shall come into force on and from the first day of July, 2018.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(1) "**Act**" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act VI of 2015);

(2) "**Adjudicating Authority**" means and includes the officers competent to adjudicate and decide the cases as prescribed by section 60 of the Act;

(3) "**Aggrieved person**" means a person or a class of persons who has brought a dispute for resolution under section 71 of the Act;

(4) "**Attachment Officer**" means an officer of the Authority authorized by the recovery officer to perform any of the functions in connection with recovery of arrears;

(5) "**Authority**" means Balochistan revenue Authority established under the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

(6) "**Beaching**" means a service connected with coming or bringing out a ship from deep water onto the shore with a purpose of breaking;

(7) "**Claimant**" means any registered person who files a claim for refund of sales tax under these rules;

(8) "**Computerized Payment Receipt**" means a computer generated receipt showing payment of tax in a designated branch of the bank authorized by the Authority to receive such payment;

(9) "**Demand Note**" means a note received by the tax recovery officer from the referring officer specifying the details regarding the defaulter and the Government dues;

(10) "**E-declaration Administrator**" means an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Additional Commissioner, authorised by the Commissioner for the purpose of administration of data in computerized system of the Authority and the scheme envisaged under these rules;

(11) "**Execution**" means steps taken for the recovery of government dues in pursuance of the demand note;

(12) "**Dispute**" means a case where, for evidently valid reasons, a registered person is aggrieved in connection with the order passed by an officer of the Authority in any matter of the tax as specified in sub-section (1) of section 71 of the Act and *prima-facie* deserves relief for the elimination of possible hardship;

(13) "**Mooring**" an act of making fast a boat or aircraft with lines or anchors at secured place;

(14) "**Pilotage**" means an act connected with guiding or providing a parking slot for ship or vessel in water near the shore;

(15) "**Post-Paid Telecommunication service**" means the service in respect of which the charges are collected by the service provider after the use of the telecommunication services;

(16) "**Pre-Paid Telecommunication service**" means the service in respect of which the charges are collected by the service provider prior to the use of the telecommunication services;

(17) "**Prescribed**" means prescribed by rules made under the Act;

(18) "**Processing Officer**" means an officer of the Authority authorized to process a refund claim;

(19) "**Recovery officer**" means an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, appointed by the commissioner to effect recovery of arrears;

(20) "**Referring Officer**" means an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, desiring to recover Government dues through the recovery officer;

(21) "**Rule**" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018;

(22) "Schedule" means the schedules appended to the Act;

(23) "**Service" or "Services**" means anything which is not goods and shall include but not limited to the services listed in the First Schedule to the Act:

Explanation-I: A service shall remain and continue to be treated as service regardless whether or not the providing thereof involves any use, supply, disposition or consumption of any goods either as an essential or as an incidental aspect of such providing of service;

Explanation-II: Unless otherwise specified by the Authority, the service or services involved in the supply of goods shall remain and continue to be treated as service or services;

(24) "**Service Provider**" means a person who is engaged in the provision or providing of service or services in the course or furtherance of any economic activity;

(25) "**Ship Breaking**" means an act of ship breaking including the dismantling of an obsolete vessel for scrapping or disposal and removing all its structure and equipments that are on the vessel to cutting down and recycling the ship's infrastructure;

(26) "**Shipping Line**" means any person who owns or charters a ship and includes a person or an enterprise which operates or manages the business of shipping;

(27) "**Supportive Document**" means the documents on the basis of which refund of tax is claimed;

(28) "**Tax" means**-

(a) the sales tax, additional tax, or default surcharge levied under the Act;

(b) a penalty, fine, or fee imposed or charged under the Act; and

(c) any other sum payable or recoverable under the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder;

(29) "**Taxpayer**" means any person who, in the course of an economic activity, provides taxable services for consideration and includes any person who is liable or is required to pay or is paying tax or any sum under the Act or the rules made thereunder;

(30) "**Tax Fraction**" means the amount worked out in accordance with the following formula:-

$$\frac{a}{100 + a}$$

('a' is the rate of tax specified in Second Schedule of the Act);

(31) "**Taxable Service**" shall have the same meaning given to it under section 3 of the Act;

(32) "**Transmit**" means a transmission of data or documents through electronic means;

(33) "**Unique User Identifier**" means a unique identification name, number or password allotted by the Authority to the authorized user of the computerized system under the Act and the rules made thereunder; and

(34) "**Vessel**" means a watercraft or ship used for the conveyance by water, mainly of human beings or of goods and a caisson.

Explanation: The words and expressions used but not defined in any provision of these rules, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under the Act.

CHAPTER-II

REGISTRATION AND DE-REGISTRATION

3. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the persons required to be registered under section 25 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act VI of 2015).

4. Requirement of Registration.- (1) The persons required to be registered under section 25 of the Act or any other provisions thereof or Rules shall apply for registration in the manner prescribed in this Chapter.

(2) Where service provider, provides one or more taxable services from one or more premises or a registered person having a centralized billing system or centralized accounting system in the province, such service from more than one premises or offices, require one registration.

(3) Where a registered person is providing more than one taxable services, he may make a single application mentioning therein all the taxable services provided by him. Certificate of registration in the prescribed form shall indicate details of all taxable services provided by him.

5. Application for Registration.- (1) A person required to be registered under the Act shall apply electronically, in the prescribed manner in Form BST-01, to the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, for registration before providing or rendering any taxable service:

Provided that the person applying for registration after commencement of the taxable economic activity shall be liable to penalty, besides the liability to pay the tax and default surcharge in relation to the services provided or rendered by him before the date of his registration.

(2) While applying electronically for registration, the application shall be attached with scanned copies of the following documents:-

(i) NTN certificate;

(ii) CNIC for individual;

(iii) SECP incorporation certificate for company;

(iv) registration certificate or license issued by the concerned regulatory/ licensing authority;

(v) last paid utility bills (for electricity, gas, telephone and mobile phone);

(vi) bank account maintenance certificate(s);

(vii) documents of ownership or tenancy of the business premises; and

(viii) such other documents as may be required or necessary for registration.

(3) The Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, may cause verification or enquiry to ascertain the accuracy of information or particulars declared in the application for registration prescribed under sub-rule (1), and its supporting documents specified under sub-rule (2), and on completion of such verification or enquiry and scrutiny, it shall register the applicant and issue a provisional certificate of registration and user ID, Pin Code and Password to him, within three days of the receipt of application for registration.

(4) The Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall cause further verification, enquiry and scrutiny to satisfy that the registered person has e-filed his tax returns in the prescribed manner for the tax periods relevant from the date of his provisional registration and has also e-deposited the amounts of the tax due. Having been satisfied about the registered person's e-filing of returns and e-deposit of tax amounts due in relation thereto, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall within a period of three months from the date of issue of provisional certificate of registration issued under sub-rule (3), regularize the said provisional certificate of registration electronically and the registered person shall be informed accordingly.

(5) In case of non-regularization of the provisional certificate within a period prescribed in sub-rule (4), the provisional certificate issued under sub-rule (3), shall be deemed to have been invalidated and revoked.

(6) In case, an application for registration is rejected or in case the provisional certificate of registration is not regularized, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall inform the applicant giving the reasons for such rejection or non-regularization within ten days from the date of rejection or non-regularization:

Provided that the order of rejection shall not be issued without affording an opportunity of being heard to the applicant.

6. Automatic Grant of Registration.- The taxpayers already registered with the Federal Board of Revenue for the purposes of Sales Tax / Federal Excise Duty and providing taxable services in Balochistan, shall not be required to file application for registration. They will be automatically registered for Balochistan Sales Tax on Services and the registered persons shall be intimated through email or SMS, and by courier or post assigning them B as prefix to their NTN (B+NTN).

7. Voluntary Registration.- A person, who carries on an economic activity but is not registered, may apply for voluntary registration at any time, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, if satisfied, may register such person, after following the procedure laid down in section 26 of the Act. Application for voluntary registration shall be processed in the same manner as prescribed in the foregoing rules.

8. Compulsory Registration.- If the Authority is satisfied that a person who is required to be registered but has failed to apply for registration, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, after giving notice to such person, shall compulsorily register the said person, after following the procedure laid down in section 27 of the Act. Such person shall be liable to penalty, besides the liability to pay the tax and default surcharge in relation to the taxable services provided or rendered by him before such registration.

9. Change in Particulars of Registration.- In case there is a change in the name, address, principal service activity and other business activities, agent's particulars, particulars of directors, shareholders or partners, particulars of business branches, particulars of bank accounts or other particulars as stated in the application for registration certificate or in the particulars in the profile of the automatically registered person described in rule 6 of these rules, the registered person shall intimate the proposed change within fifteen days from the date of such change in the prescribed Form BST-01 to the Authority, and the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall after providing an opportunity of being heard to the applicant, either approve or reject the request for change within thirty days of the receipt of an application.

10. Transfer of Registration.- (1) The Authority may subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions, as it may deem fit to impose, by an order, transfer the registration of a registered person from the jurisdiction of the one Commissioner to another Commissioner.

(2) In case a registered person intends to shift his business activity from the jurisdiction of one Commissioner to another, or he has any other valid reason for such transfer, he shall apply to the Authority for transfer of his registration in the prescribed form. The Authority after verification shall take necessary action accordingly.

(3) In case of transfer of registration, the Authority shall issue intimation letter to the registered person along with a copy to the Commissioner concerned.

11. De-Registration.- (1) The Authority may de-register a registered person or class of registered persons not required to be registered under the Act.

(2) Every registered person who ceases to provide taxable service shall apply to the Authority, through an application for de-registration in a prescribed Form BST-02. The Authority after causing such inquiries or audit by an officer of the Authority as deemed appropriate, shall de-register such person from such date as may be specified, subject to payment of all dues outstanding against such person and filing of final return under section 37 of the Act. All orders for de-registration, passed under this rule, shall be placed on BRA's website and shall also be communicated to PRAL within three days from the date of such order.

(3) The application for de-registration shall be disposed of within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of application, or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the Authority may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix.

12. Inactivation, Suspension and Cancellation of Registration.- (1) Where a registered person commits any act of fraud or deliberate and intentional non-payment, short payment or evasion of tax or non-filing of returns for four consecutive tax periods, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, may without prejudice to any other action under the law, temporarily inactivate his registration.

(2) The Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf shall, within fifteen days of such inactivation give notice to the registered person stating reasons for temporary inactivation and the remedial action required to be taken by the person in such time as may be specified in the notice.

(3) In case the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, is not satisfied with the response of the person or the remedial action taken by him or does not receive any response in the specified time, the Authority may, without prejudice to any other action to be taken under the law, suspend that person's registration.

(4) The suspension of registration shall be affected by removing the name of the person from the list of registered persons published on the BRA's website.

(5) The Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall within fifteen days communicate the reasons and grounds of suspension to the person asking him to show cause as to why his registration should not be cancelled:

Provided that the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, may withdraw the suspension order if it or he is satisfied with the remedial action taken by the registered person:

Provided further that where the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, is satisfied, after examining the written defence submitted by the registered person and also after granting him an opportunity of being heard, that there are no justifiable reasons for the restoration of the suspended registration, the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf, shall issue order for the cancellation of registration. Any such order of cancellation of registration shall be appealable under the provisions of Chapter-IX of the Act. The cancellation of registration, under no circumstances shall absolve the person of his other obligations and liabilities under the Act and the rules.

(6) All orders for suspension and cancellation of registration, passed under this rule, shall be placed on BRA's website and shall also be communicated to PRAL within three days from the date of such order.

13. Restoration of Registration.- The Authority may, subject to conditions as may be prescribed, re-activate, revive, re-instate or restore any registration which has been de-activated, suspended or cancelled for any reason or under any circumstances.

CHAPTER-III

FILING OF RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF TAX

14. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all registered persons required to file the sales tax returns under section 35 of the Act.

15. Filing of Return.- Every registered person shall file his return for the tax period, as specified in Form BST-03, along with all its annexures provided therein, within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, in accordance with the instructions specified in rule 16 of these rules.

16. Electronic Filing of Return.- (1) Every registered person required to file return, shall file such return along with its annexures electronically in the manner as specified below:-

(a) a registered person shall obtain a unique User-ID and Password by e-Enrolling with Balochistan Revenue Authority web portal and electronically file a return (available on the website) on the web portal. The return data shall be filled in a web form and will be submitted online to Balochistan Revenue Authority by using e-BRA web portal at http://bra.gob.pk. The Balochistan Revenue Authority web portal would also provide instructions on how to fill this e-return; and

(b) the electronic return can be filed by a registered person (self) or through an e-intermediary appointed under rule 22 of these rules.

(2) To file the return, the registered user shall login to e-portal of Balochistan Revenue Authority at http://bra.gob.pk using the assigned User ID and Password. Step-wise procedure for electronic filing of return shall be as follows:-

(a) select Sales Tax on Services return from declaration menu;

(b) select the Tax Period, month, quarter from the drop down list;

(c) click the monthly or quarterly return link to open the return Form;

(d) return Form will be displayed which will be filled in accordance with the instructions provided;

(e) taxpayer shall fill-out the relevant annexures of return Form by providing the invoices details, amount value and sales tax charged. The uploading facility for data files is available in all annexure forms;

(f) based on the details entered in the relevant annexes of return, the total values of main return Form will be auto calculated.;

(g) the payable Sales Tax column will be showing the sales tax payable by the registered person;

(h) registered person shall verify all the details displaying in the prepared return Form; and

(i) the e-payment challan in Form BST-04, shall be generated automatically from the system after verification of the prepared return by the registered person.

(3) E-filing can be completed in the following stages-

(a) the user shall fill in all the relevant fields. (the return may be saved at any time during preparation process to avoid data loss);

(b) the return may be verified by the person having access to Personal Identification Number (PIN) code. He shall press the Verify Button given at the bottom of Form and follow the instructions; and

(c) this option may be availed by person opting to deposit tax amount in a National Bank of Pakistan Branch(s) or other designated banks which are online with Balochistan Revenue Authority server for e-payments. After verifying the return, e-payment button can be clicked which will generate the payment challan Form (BST-04) with payment slip identifier (PSID) number. Registered person should print the challan Form (PSID) and deposit the payable amount against the same. The bank shall accept the payment and provide Computerized Payment Receipt (CPR) to the registered person as an acknowledgement.

(4) The user will be required to enter the CPR ID received from National Bank of Pakistan Branch on his return Form. On entry of CPR ID the submit button on return will be enabled. The registered person will click the submit button and a message shall appear at the top of screen, stating that your return has been submitted. Acknowledgement shall be printed by clicking the Print Acknowledgement Button. The submitted return shall also be printed and saved on user's computer in PDF format. The registered person is advised to quote the computer generated number of the e-filing acknowledgement in all their future correspondence with the Authority.

(5) The responsibility for filing a return and all information contained therein is that of registered person. Registered person should keep his user ID and Password strictly confidential.

(6) The electronic sales tax return and its relevant attachments, if any, shall be kept in electronic record of the registered person and shall be produced to the officer-in-charge on demand, along with supportive documents.

17. Time, Manner and Mode of Payment of Sales Tax.- A registered person filing return electronically, as specified in rule 15 of these rules, shall make the payment of sales tax due, if any, in any of the designated branches of the National Bank of Pakistan or any other designated Banks in the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" displayed on BRA's website, on the payment challan as prescribed in Form BST-04 or through electronic payment system devised for this purpose. Unless otherwise specified, the due date for payment of sales tax shall be the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates.

18. Amendment in Computerized Payment Receipt.- Where due to any bonafide mistake, any change is required to be made in Computerized Payment Receipt (CPR), the registered person shall apply for such correction to the Commissioner having jurisdiction along with supportive documents. The Commissioner, after his satisfaction, shall grant approval for such change and will forward the same for correction in the electronic data as maintained by the Authority.

19. Mention of Number of Computerized National Identity Card.- The registered person having the status of 'individual' or 'proprietor' shall mention his computerized National Identity Card (CNIC).

20. Requirement to File Scanned Attachment.- Where, the input tax claimed on goods used, consumed, or utilized for providing services exceeds 20% of output tax, the registered person shall be required to file scanned attachment, as evidence.

21. Revised Return.- (1) where any registered person intends to revise his return, resulting in payment of tax over the tax already paid as per original return, he may file his revised return within one hundred and twenty days of filing of the original return and pay the differential amount of tax along with the default surcharge, if any.

(2) Any return not covered under sub-rule (1) of this rule shall be revised with the prior permission of the Commissioner subject to conditions or restrictions as specified under section 35(6) of the Act.

CHAPTER-IV

ELECTRONIC INTERMEDIARIES

22. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the persons appointed as e-intermediaries by the Authority under section 77 of the Act, to electronically file the return and such other documents as may be prescribed from time to time, on behalf of a person registered under the Act.

23. Appointment of E-intermediary.- (1) The following persons can be appointed as e-intermediary by the Authority:-

(a) a firm or person approved by the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Pakistan or Institute of Cost and Management Accountant of Pakistan, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) or Certified Public Accountants (CPAs);

(b) a person qualified to be an authorized representative under the Sales Tax Rules, 2006 issued under the Sales Tax Act, 1990;

(c) any person or firm approved to practice as Income Tax Practitioner under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001; or

(d) any other person approved by the Authority.

(2) The e-declaration Administrator, after receipt of application for appointment of an e-intermediary, and after verification, as aforesaid, shall forward the application along with his specific recommendations to the Authority for appointment of the applicant as e-intermediary.

(3) The Authority, after receipt of the recommendations from the e-declaration Administrator, may appoint the applicant as e-intermediary and issue him a unique identifier, subject to such conditions, restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Authority may refuse to entertain an application for appointment as e-intermediary for reasons to be recorded and conveyed in writing, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the applicant.

(4) In case of any change in the particulars or information provided by e-intermediary in the application for registration, he shall immediately inform the concerned e-declaration Administrator about such change.

24. Cancellation of Appointment of E-intermediary.- (1) Where the Authority is satisfied that e-intermediary has:-

(a) failed to comply with any of the conditions prescribed by the Authority; or

(b) acted in contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or these rules; or

(c) failed to take adequate measures for security and confidentiality of the Unique User Identifier; or

(d) been convicted in an offence under the Act or any other law for the time being in force; and

(e) the Authority may cancel the appointment of such e-intermediary after affording him an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Pending consideration whether the appointment of the e-intermediary is cancelled under sub-rule (1), the Authority may suspend the appointment.

(3) An e-intermediary who intends to surrender his appointment, shall file an application to this effect to the Authority.

(4) The Authority may, on receipt of an application referred to in sub-rule (3), cancel the appointment of the e-intermediary after necessary inquiry, as it may deem appropriate.

CHAPTER-V

ADJUSTMENT OF INPUT TAX AND TAX PAID

25. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the registered persons who claim adjustments or deductions under the provisions of section 16 of the Act in respect of the sales tax paid on purchase or receipt of goods and services used or consumed in any taxable services provided or rendered by them.

26. Determination of Input Tax.- (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 27 of these rules and other relevant provisions of the Act, rules and notifications issued thereunder, a registered person who holds a tax invoice (for the purchase of goods or services used or consumed for the purpose of providing or rendering the taxable services) in his name, bearing his sales tax registration or NTN, shall be entitled to deduct/adjust input tax paid during the relevant tax period, subject to the condition that the input tax in relation to the taxable services shall be worked out first and the amount, so worked out, shall be bifurcated for the services provided or rendered in Balochistan and also taxed in Balochistan and for those provided or rendered outside Balochistan and also not taxed in Balochistan:

Provided that where the registered person did not deduct or adjust the input tax in the relevant period, he may claim such input tax adjustment or deduction in the sales tax returns for any of the six succeeding tax periods.

(2) Input tax paid on goods and services used in providing or rendering of non-taxable or exempt services, or the services liable to reduce rate of tax or specific rate of tax where incidence of tax in *adval* terms is less than the incidence of tax on the standard rate or on the services provided or rendered outside Balochistan shall not be admissible.

(3) Input tax paid on goods and services relating wholly to the taxable services provided or rendered in Balochistan shall be admissible.

(4) In case an input is used in providing or rendering of taxable services and also nontaxable or exempt services, or the services liable to reduce rate of tax or specific rate of tax where incidence of tax in *adval* terms is less than the incidence of tax on the standard rate or on the services provided or rendered outside Balochistan, the input tax shall be apportioned according to the following formula for availing of input tax adjustment or deduction:

$$\text{Residual input tax credit on taxable services} = \frac{\text{value of taxable services}}{\text{(Value of taxable + value of non-taxable/exempt/reduce rate/specific rate services)}} \times \text{admissible input tax}$$

(5) Monthly adjustment of input tax claimed by a registered person under sub-rules (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this rule, shall be treated as provisional adjustment and at the end of each financial year, the registered person shall make final adjustment which shall be subject to reconciliation and audit by the officers of the Authority.

(6) Any inadmissible input tax adjustment, claimed or made by a registered person, shall render him liable to action under the relevant provisions of law, besides being liable to penalty and default surcharge under sections 48 and 49 of the Act respectively, in addition to his liability to pay the amount of tax involved.

27. Input Tax Credit Not Allowed.- (1) A registered person shall not be entitled to claim input tax adjustment in respect of the following goods and services, acquired otherwise than as stock in trade:-

(a) vehicles falling under Chapter 87 of the First Schedule to the Customs Act, 1969, parts (including batteries, tyres and tubes) and lubricants etc. of such vehicles;

(b) calendars, diaries, gifts, souvenirs and giveaways;

(c) food, beverages and consumption on entertainment or goods and services acquired for personal use of the registered person or his directors, shareholders, partners, employees or guests;

(d) electricity, gas and telecommunication services supplied at the residences of the employees or in the residential colonies of the employees; and

(e) crockery, cutlery, utensils, kitchen appliances and equipments, etc.

Explanation: For the purposes of this rule, the term “stock in trade” shall mean the goods purchased and the services received by a registered person in the course of business for providing or rendering of taxable services.

(2) Utility bills not in the name of registered person unless evidence of consumptions produced in the matter of such claims.

(3) Goods and services purchased or acquired before tax period July-2015 including carry forward thereof relating to the period June-2015 or earlier.

(4) Goods and services purchased or acquired 30 days before making an application for registration to the Authority under the rules.

(5) Sales tax claimed as input tax on goods or services where such sales tax amount has not been deposited by the supplier or the service provider unless payment has been made through crossed banking cheques / instruments showing transfer of the amount from the business bank account of the buyer or recipient to the business bank account of the supplier or the service provider:

Provided that online transfer of payment from the business bank account of the buyer or the service recipient to the business bank account of the goods supplier or the service provider, as well as payment through credit card or debit card, shall be treated as transaction through banking channel, subject to the condition that such transactions are verifiable from the bank statements of the buyer or service recipient.

(6) Goods and services against false, fake, forged or flying invoices or against purchases from the persons whose registration is suspended, cancelled or black listed by the Authority or the Federal Board of Revenue or any other Provincial Authority.

(7) Further tax and extra tax levied under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and the rules or notification issued thereunder.

(8) The amount of sales tax paid in excess of 17 *per cent* on the taxable goods as are used or consumed in providing of a taxable service.

(9) Goods and services used or consumed for providing a service liable to tax at a reduced rate or to a specific rate of tax where incidence of tax in *adval* terms is less than the incidence of tax on the standard rate.

(10) Services liable to a reduced rate of tax or to a specific rate of tax where incidence of tax in *adval* terms is less than the incidence of tax on the standard rate when used for providing or rendering of any service.

(11) Such other goods or services as may be notified by the Authority to be inadmissible for input tax adjustment.

28. Debit and Credit Notes.- (1) Where a registered person has issued an invoice for the taxable service, and such service or part thereof is cancelled, or where, for any valid reason, the value of service or the amount of sales tax mentioned in the invoice needs to be revised, the service provider and service recipient shall be entitled to make corresponding adjustments against output tax or input tax, respectively, in the manner provided under this rule.

(2) In case of cancellation of service, or any part thereof, the service recipient shall issue a Debit Note (in duplicate) in respect of such service or part thereof, indicating the extent of service being cancelled, as well as the following particulars, namely:-

(a) name and registration number of the service recipient;

(b) name and registration number of the service provider;

(c) number and date of the original sales tax invoice;

(d) the value and sales tax involved for the cancelled service;

(e) the reason of issuance of the Debit Note; and

(f) name, signature and seal of the authorized person issuing the Debit Note.

(3) The original copy of the Debit Note shall be sent to the service provider who had issued the invoice and the duplicate copy shall be retained for record.

(4) In case of cancellation of service provided to, or return of service by, an un-registered person, the service provider shall issue a Credit Note providing the same particulars as are specified in sub-rule (2) of this rule and keep a copy for record.

(5) On receipt of the Debit Note as aforesaid, the service provider shall issue a Credit Note, (in duplicate), providing the same particulars as are specified in sub-rule (2) of this rule. He shall send the original to the recipient and keep a copy for record.

(6) Where for any valid reason the value of service or the amount of sales tax mentioned in the invoice has increased, the service provider shall issue a Debit Note (in duplicate), containing the following particulars, namely:-

(a) name and registration number of the service provider;

(b) name and registration number of the service recipient;

(c) number and date of the original sales tax invoice;

(d) the original value and sales tax as in original invoice;

(e) the revised value and sales tax;

(f) the difference of value and sales tax;

(g) the reason for revision of value; and

(h) name, signature and seal of the authorized person issuing the Debit Note.

(7) The service recipient shall issue corresponding Credit Note (in duplicate), with the same particulars as in the corresponding Debit Note, to complete the record relating to the transaction and for verification.

(8) Where, for any valid reason, the value of supply or the amount of sales tax mentioned in the invoice has decreased, the service provider shall issue a Credit Note (in duplicate), with the same particulars as specified in sub-rule (6) of this rule. The original copy of such Credit Note shall be sent to the service recipient and the duplicate copy shall be retained for record. The service recipient shall issue a Debit Note with reference to the Credit Note issued by the service provider as an acknowledgment of the receipt of the same mentioning therein the same details as appear in the corresponding Credit Note.

(9) The service recipient shall not be entitled to claim input tax in respect of the service which is cancelled. In case of partial cancellation of service, the service recipient shall not be entitled to claim input tax proportionate to the value of service so cancelled.

(10) Where the service recipient has already claimed input tax in respect of such service, he shall increase or reduce the amount of input tax by the corresponding amount as mentioned in the Debit Note or Credit Note, as the case may be, in the return for the tax period in which the respective note was issued.

(11) Where the service provider has already accounted for the output tax in the sales tax return for the service against which the Debit Note was issued subsequently, he may increase or reduce the amount of output tax by the corresponding amount as mentioned in the Debit Note, in the return for the tax period in which the respective Debit Note was issued:

Provided that in case of return of services by an un-registered person, the adjustment as aforesaid can be made against the Credit Note issued by the service provider.

(12) The adjustments as here-in-before noted which lead to reduction in output tax or increase in input tax can only be made if the corresponding Debit Note or Credit Note is issued within one hundred and eighty days of the relevant supply:

Provided that the Commissioner may, at the request of the service provider, in specific cases, by giving reasons in writing, extend the period of one hundred and eighty days by a further sixty days.

CHAPTER-VI

REFUNDS

29. Application.- Subject to the provisions of rule 30 of these rules, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to processing and sanction of claims for refund filed by a registered person in following cases, where:-

(a) sales tax is paid on services used in export of a taxable service;

(b) sales tax is erroneously or inadvertently deposited / paid in excess of the amount due;

(c) refund becomes due as a result of an order of a court or an appellate forum; and

(d) sales tax is paid on goods and services required for rendering of advertisement services, subject to withholding by recipients of said services in Balochistan.

30. Refund Not Admissible.- The refund claims shall not be admissible if:-

(a) the claim is filed by a person other than the registered person;

(b) the claim is filed after a lapse of one year from the date of payment of sales tax, provided that where a claim is based on an order of a Court or an appellate forum, the period of one year shall be reckoned from the date of issuance of such order;

(c) the incidence of sales tax claimed for refund has been passed on to the service recipient, the burden of proof that incidence has not been so passed shall be on the refund claimant;

(d) the claimant does not submit evidence of payment of the withheld amount of sales tax by the service recipient under the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018;

(e) the claimant does not submit evidence of payment of the input tax, adjusted or deducted, against the sales tax on services provided or rendered in respect of which the refund is claimed; and

(f) the claimant does not submit the supportive documents, as required by the rules or by the authorized officer of the Authority, within a reasonable time as prescribed by the rules or the officer of the Authority, as the case may be.

31. Pecuniary Competence to Sanction Refund.- The cases of claims for refund of sales tax shall be decided by the following officers of the Authority, as authorized by name or designation by the Commissioner concerned, according to the pecuniary limit mentioned against each, namely:-

S. No.	Designation	Limit in each claim
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
1.	Assistant Commissioner	Not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees
2.	Deputy Commissioner	Not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees
3.	Additional Commissioner	Unlimited

32. Scrutiny and Processing of Refund Claim.- (1) On the receipt of refund claim, the Receipt Section of the Commisionerate shall affix a dated stamp and shall forward the claim to the concerned officer authorized in this behalf, who shall assign it a refund file number and shall enter it in the Commisionerate Refund Register maintained either electronically or manually. The officer authorized in this behalf shall scrutinize the claim and attach documents and prepare a written analysis report. Where any information or document is missing or is required, the same shall be called for from the claimant through a letter or email giving a specific date for submission thereof.

(2) Where the officer authorized in this behalf is satisfied that any further inquiry or audit is needed to establish genuineness or admissibility of the claim, he may, after seeking written approval of the Commissioner, cause the audit or inquiry to be conducted before finalizing the refund claim.

33. Sanction and Payment of Refund Claim.- (1) After preparation of the analysis report and completion of the audit / inquiry report, where the audit / inquiry was so required, the authorized officer, as specified in rule 32 of these rules, shall sanction the admissible refund and issue a Refund Sanction-cum-Payment Order indicating:-

(a) name, BNTN and address of the claimant;

(b) claimant’s bank account number with name, address and code number of the bank branch, as per registration profile of the claimant in the Authority;

(c) amount of refund claimed;

(d) amount of refund sanctioned;

(e) tax period(s) to which the refund relates; and

(f) CPR Nos., date, bank branch name and code in respect of deposit of the amount under claim.

(2) In case any arrears and dues are recoverable or outstanding against the claimant, the sanctioned amount shall first be deposited or adjusted against such dues / arrears and balance amount, if any, will be paid to the claimant.

(3) After sanction of the claim, the authorized officer shall ensure that the procedures prescribed in the Treasury Rules are duly complied with for issuance of crossed refund payment cheques. The refund cheques shall either be electronically transferred to the claimant's notified bank account or sent through registered post or courier service at the claimant's address given in his registration profile.

(4) A copy of the Refund Sanction-cum-Payment Order and intimation regarding issuance of refund cheque or electronic transfer of amount of refund, as the case may be, shall be sent to the claimant by email or through registered post or courier service at the claimant's address given in his registration profile.

34. Responsibility of the Claimant.- The processing of refund claims shall be conducted on the basis of supportive documents provided by the claimant. The claimant shall be responsible for any mistake, mis-declaration or submission of incorrect information and shall be liable for penal action, besides recovery of the amount, if erroneously refunded, along with default surcharge under the relevant provisions of the Act.

35. Post-Sanction Audit of Refund Claim.- (1) After sanctioning of the refund claim, the authorized officer shall forward the relevant file to the Post-Refund Audit Division for post-sanction scrutiny and audit.

(2) The officer-in-charge of Post Refund Audit Division shall send his findings to the Commissioner concerned for further necessary action, as required under the law.

36. Action on Inadmissible Claim.- Where the claim or any part thereof is found inadmissible for any reason, the authorized officer in this behalf, shall issue a notice requiring the claimant to show cause as to why the claim or part thereof, as the case may be, should not be rejected and as to why the claimant should not be proceeded against under the relevant provisions of the Act. Consequent upon the said proceedings, the claim of refund shall be rejected, accepted, partially rejected or partially accepted, as the case may be, through an order in writing.

CHAPTER-VII

PROCEDURE FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SALES TAX ON SPECIFIED SERVICES

37. Application.- (1) The provisions of this Chapter shall apply for collection and payment of sales tax on specified services as laid down in this Chapter.

(2) These rules are in addition to and not in derogation of the general rules for filing of returns and payment of sales tax as prescribed in the Act and Chapter-III of these rules.

38. Registration.- A service provider, providing or rendering of taxable services to its customers or clients or members or the recipient of the service, if not already registered, shall obtain registration from the Authority in the manner prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

39. Levy, Collection and Payment of Sales Tax.- (1) A service provider, providing or rendering of taxable services to customers or clients or members or the recipient of the service shall charge, collect and pay sales tax at the rate, as prescribed in Second Schedule to the Act.

(2) The sales tax due shall be deposited in the designated branches of National Bank of Pakistan or any other designated banks in the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387 - Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", in the manner as prescribed in section 18 of the Act read with rule 17 of these rules.

(3) In case a person providing or rendering of taxable services, fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, he shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

40. Filing of Return.- (1) A service provider, providing or rendering of taxable services shall file his return under the provisions of section 35 of the Act, in the prescribed Form BST-03, as per procedure laid down in Chapter-III of these rules.

(2) In case a service is provided or rendered over a period of time and bill is to be issued on completion of service, time of supply shall be the time when service is completed or the payment, or consideration partly or fully in money, in respect thereof is received, whichever is earlier.

41. Determination of Tax Liability.- (1) While determining the tax liability, a service provider shall be entitled to claim input tax credit for the tax paid on account of taxable purchases and utilities like electricity, gas and telephone consumed proportionately for furtherance of taxable activity, against its output tax liability, subject to any conditions, limitations or restrictions prescribed under the Act or the rules made thereunder.

Provided that no input tax adjustment shall be allowed against the purchase invoice or utility bill, which is not in the name of the service provider and/or does not contain his registration number however, in case the utility bill is not in the name of service provider, input tax against the same may be allowed only if the bill contains its registration number and shows the same business address as has been declared for sales tax purpose:

Provided further that the input tax credit shall be admissible only for the amount of tax that has been paid on the purchases or utilities consumed during the tax period for which return is submitted.

(2) A service provider, providing or rendering of taxable as well as non-taxable services can claim only such proportion of input tax as is attributable to the taxable services.

42. Record Keeping and Invoicing.- (1) A service provider, providing or rendering of taxable services shall issue to its customers or clients or members, or the recipients of the service a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction containing all the particulars as prescribed under section 30 of the Act, including the following:-

(a) name, address and BNTN (Balochistan Sales Tax Registration Number) of the service provider;

(b) name, address and NTN or BNTN or CNIC number of the service recipient;

(c) serial number and date of issue of the tax invoice;

(d) description, tariff heading and other details of the service provided;

(e) value exclusive of Balochistan sales tax;

(f) rate of Balochistan sales tax;

(g) amount of Balochistan sales tax; and

(h) value inclusive of Balochistan sales tax:

Provided that the customers or clients or members or the recipients of the service who have been extended credit facility by a service provider, may for the taxable services provided or rendered during the month, be issued serially numbered sales tax invoices at the end of each month.

(2) A service provider, providing or rendering the taxable services, shall maintain such account and records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act, including the following:-

(a) records of the invoices issued in terms of sub-rule (1) of this rule;

(b) records of daily POS (Point of Sale) closing report of all the cash registers of a service provider and its branches and outlets in Balochistan;

(c) records of goods and services purchased or received, showing the description, quantity and value of the goods and services, the name, address and registration number of the supplier or seller or service provider and the amount of the tax involved;

(d) records (GDs and import invoices) of goods imported, showing the description, quantity and value of goods and the amount of tax involved;

(e) records of the documents (including Debit Notes and Credit Notes), returns and statements prescribed under the Act or rules made thereunder;

(f) bank statements and the banking instruments in relation to payments made and payments received;

(g) utility bills for electricity, gas, water and telephone and other telecommunication services;

(h) lease deeds, lease agreements, tenancy agreements and rental agreements;

(i) franchise agreements including technical fee agreements or royalty agreements or distribution agreements or agency agreements;

(j) invoices/bills issued or received in respect of franchise services and the instruments of payments made or received in relation thereto;

(k) contracts/agreements made about the provision or receipts of goods and services;

(l) details (e.g. name, NTN, CNIC, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail ID, etc.) of the service provider, approved / authorized by any person for providing or rendering (whether to the said person or to any other person or service recipient) the catering services, mandap services, pandal&shamiana services, decoration services, illumination & lighting services, air conditioning services, fumigation services, event management services, event photography/ videography services, valet services, security services, advertisement services, stevedoring services, ship management services, customs agents services, and contractual services in the jurisdictional area, building, premises or precincts of such person;

(m) inventory record of the input goods or input services;

(n) financial statements and annual accounts;

(o) records justifying apportionment of input tax made in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 26; and

(p) audit observations / audit reports received, if any, from any tax jurisdiction in Pakistan or from the Revenue Receipt Audit or Commercial Audit departments of the Auditor General of Pakistan.

(3) Audit of the records of service providers for verification of correct payment of sales tax on monthly basis shall be conducted once in a year or more than once with the approval of the Authority.

Part A

Telecommunication Services Tariff Heading 98.12

43. Procedure for the Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Telecommunication Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering of telecommunication services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person engaged in providing or rendering of telecommunication services as mentioned in the Second Schedule to the Act, shall get himself registered with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter- II of these rules.

(3) Every registered person providing or rendering of telecommunication services, shall pay the amount of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387- Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", in the following manner and mode, namely:-

(a) in case of post-paid telephone services, sales tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month;

(b) in case of pre-paid telephone services, sales tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month;

(c) in case of incoming international calls, sales tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month in which the incoming international call is terminated;

(d) in case of internet or broadband services including DCNS, content services, value added services and value added data services,-

  (i) by the 21st day of the following month in case of pre-paid services;

  (ii) by the 21st day of the following month in case of post-paid services, and

(e) in case of other telecommunication services, sales tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month.

(4) Where a registered person is providing telecommunication services in respect of international incoming calls and is sharing charges with persons operating in foreign jurisdictions, the charges received by the registered person shall be treated as tax-inclusive value and tax shall be worked out and paid by such registered person on the basis of tax fraction formula, that is, the amount of tax shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of charges, with tax rate and then dividing the resultant figure by the tax rate plus one hundred.

(5) While determining the liability, subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed under the Act or rules made there-under in respect of admissibility of input tax credit / adjustment, the person shall be entitled to deduct input tax paid on procurement of any equipment or the sales tax paid on acquiring services in connection with the provision of telecommunication services in Balochistan.

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering of telecommunication services, shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering of telecommunication services, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty tax and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(8) Every registered person providing or rendering of telecommunication services shall, in addition to the prescribed tax return, submit a monthly statement in the following Form by 24th day of the month following the tax period, namely:-

MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR TELECOMUNICATION SERVICES

PROVIDED OR RENDERED BY M/S. _____

BNTN _____ FOR THE TAX PERIOD _____

Part-I

Break-up of Services Provided in Balochistan

S. No.	Description	Value	Balochistan Sales Tax
1.	Fixed line telephone service		
2.	Wireless telephone		
3.	Pre-paid Cellular telephone (cards sold/easy load/top-up etc.)		
4.	Post-paid Cellular telephone (for the previous tax period)		
5.	Wireless Local Loop telephone		
6.	Video telephone		
7.	Payphone card services		
8.	Bandwidth services		
9.	Telegraph		
10.	Telex		

11.	Telefax		
12.	Data Communication Network Services (DCNS)		
13.	Value added data services		
14.	Charges received by the Long Distance International calls license holders including Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited on international incoming calls.		
15.	Internet services, whether dial up or broadband, including e-mail services, Data Communication Network Services (DCNS) and value-added Data Services		
16.	Other taxable telecom services		
17.	Other taxable services		
18.	Exempt / Non-taxable services		
	(a) Exempt Internet Services. Valued not more than Rs.1,500/- per service recipient per month		
	(b) Exempt services used by software houses		
	(c) other exempt services		
	(d) Non-taxable services, if any		
	Total Exempt/Non-taxable services		
19.	Net Balochistan Sales Tax Payable		
20.	Input tax adjustable related to Balochistan Sales Tax (rule 26)		
21.	Net Balochistan Sales Tax payable		
22.	Add: Balochistan Sales Tax payable		
23.	Total Balochistan Sales Tax payable		
Amount of Balochistan Sales Tax deposited: CPR # _____ Date _____ NBP Branch _____ Code _____			

Part-II

Region-wise break-up of output tax

S. No.	Region/Province	Output Tax (Rs.)
1.	Balochistan	
2.	Sindh	
3.	Punjab	
4.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	
5.	Islamabad Capital Territory	
6.	Gilgit / Baltistan	
7.	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	
	TOTAL	

Part B

Hotels, Restaurants, Caterers and Clubs etc.

Tariff Heading 98.01

44. Procedure for the Levy, Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Hotels, Motels, Boatels, Resorts, Guesthouses, Farmhouses, Restaurants, Caterers, Marriage Halls, Lawns, Mandaps, Pandals, Shamiana, Clubs, Messes and Hostels etc.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services by, in or from hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses, farmhouses, restaurants, caterers, marriage halls, lawns, mandaps, pandals, shamiana, clubs, messes and hostels, etc. hereinafter called in this rule as 'Service Provider' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every service provider, providing or rendering the taxable services falling under this rule, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) Every registered service provider under this rule, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(4) Services provided or rendered by Hotels, Motels, Boatels, Resorts, Guesthouses, Farmhouses, Restaurants and Caterers: The provisions of this sub-rule shall apply for collection and payment of sales tax on all services in the matter of food, drinks (water, soft drinks and others) and other eatables served by hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses, farmhouses, restaurants and caterers whether for consumption inside the premises of such establishment or for supply or delivery for outside consumption:-

(a) in relation to hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses and farmhouses, the provisions of this sub-rule shall, in addition to the food, drinks and other eatables, apply on all the services like gym, sports, swimming, golf, events organized, exhibitions, shows, and parties etc.;

(b) in relation to restaurants and caterers the provisions of this sub-rule shall apply on all such establishments whether or not located in the premises of hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses and farmhouses and whose total annual turnover from the service of food items exceeds rupees 4 million per annum of all its outlets in the province of Balochistan. The determination of the turnover will be made on monthly turnover basis, keeping in view the area, location, city, menu served, capacity and by delivery and sale/supply, if not otherwise determinable:

Provided that the aforesaid threshold of total annual turnover shall not apply in case of following categories of restaurants and caterers:-

(i) restaurants which are air-conditioned on any day in a financial year and restaurants which are located within the building or premises of air-conditioned shopping malls or shopping plazas;

(ii) restaurants and caterers located within the building, premises or precincts, hall or lawn of any hotel, motel, boatel, resort, guesthouse and farmhouse whose services are liable to sales tax;

(iii) restaurants and caterers which are franchisers or franchisees;

(iv) restaurants and caterers having branches or more than one outlet in Balochistan; or

(v) restaurants and caterers whose total utility bills (electricity, gas and telephone) exceed Rs.40,000/- in any month during a financial year.

(c) if the supplies are made free of charge or for some other consideration or a consideration which is lower than the listed prices, the tax shall be charged as if it were supplied at the price listed in the menu card;

(d) the food served by flight-kitchens on-board the conveyance leaving for a destination outside Pakistan shall be exempt;

(e) every registered person serving / supplying food and other services, in or from the premises of hotels, motels, boatels, resorts, guesthouses, farmhouses, restaurants and caterers, shall charge and pay sales tax on the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered;

(f) every registered person (service provider), shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(g) In Annex-C of the tax return (Form BST-03), in the sub-column “Number” under the column “Documents / Invoices”, the service provider shall indicate each and every serial number of the document and invoice issued during the tax period;

(h) every registered person (service provider), shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(i) every registered person (service provider), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules; and

(j) the Authority may require, in terms of sub-section (3) of section 57 of the Act, any hotel, motel, boatel, resort, guesthouse, farmhouse, restaurant and caterer, to submit a periodical statement to the Authority containing all such particulars of the catering activity conducted in their premises as it may prescribe.

(5) Services provided or rendered by Marriage Halls, Lawns, Mandaps, Pandals, Shamiana, Messes and Hostels: The provisions of this sub-rule shall apply for collection and payment of sales tax on all services provided or rendered by marriage halls, lawns, mandaps, pandals, shamiana, messes and hostels:-

(a) in relation to marriage halls, lawns, mandaps, pandals and shamiana the value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered, including the services of catering, decoration, illumination & lighting, air-conditioning, fumigation, management, photography / videos, valet, security, etc. However, in case of messes and hostels the value of taxable services shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered. Any consideration received on account of refundable deposits or security unless the same is deducted or adjusted in full or in part as settlement or recovery of dues for the services provided or rendered shall not be included in the value of taxable services;

(b) where the marriage halls, lawns, mandaps, pandals and shamiana are owned or operated by a hotel, motel, resort, guesthouse, farmhouse, restaurant or caterer and are located within the building, premises or precincts of such hotel, motel, resort, guesthouse, farmhouse, restaurant or caterer, if already registered under this Act, separate registration is not required provided that the details of such marriage hall, lawn, mandap, pandal and shamiana may be entered in their tax registration profile in terms of rule 5 or rule 7 of these rules, as the case may be, in Form BST-01;

(c) every registered person (service provider), shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(d) every registered person (service provider), shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules;

(e) every registered person (service provider), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules; and

(f) the Authority may require, in terms of sub-section (3) of section 57 of the Act, any marriage hall, lawn, mandap, pandal, shamiana, mess and hostel, to submit a periodical statement to the Authority containing all such particulars of the catering activity conducted in their premises as it may prescribe.

(6) Services provided or rendered by Clubs:

(a) in relation to clubs, the provisions of this sub-rule shall apply for collection and payment of sales tax on all the services like gym, sports, swimming, golf, events organized, exhibitions, shows, and parties etc., used by the members or clients in addition to the food, drinks and other eatables; and

(b) the value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax on club shall be the gross amount charged or the consideration in money including fee relating to award of new membership, monthly membership fee and donations or contributions received from members or applicants for membership and all Federal or Provincial levies, if any, which the club receives from its members or clients for providing or rendering of taxable services. It shall not include consideration received on account of refundable deposit or security unless the same is deducted or adjusted in full or in part as settlement or recovery of dues for services. It shall also not include the club's voluntarily deposited

receipts on account of staff welfare like Eid gifts, bonuses and gratuity to the club staff and donations received for charitable causes subject to the condition that the amounts, so received for these purposes, are used, entirely and exclusively, for the purpose for which these are received:

Explanation: Membership includes permanent membership where it is initially given, temporary membership, associated membership, honorary membership or membership of any affiliated club using the services of the other club.

(c) every registered person (club) shall print, in his menu card or list of food items to be supplied, the price of each item or as the case may be, combination of food, inclusive of all duties and taxes, whether Federal or Provincial including the sales tax. The recipient or consumer of food shall be invoiced or billed only the price shown in the menu card or price list;

(d) every registered person (club) shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(e) every registered person (club) shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules;

(f) the service provider using computerized accounting system may issue the computer generated cash memo or tax invoice, as the case may be;

(g) every registered person (club), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services, by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules; and

(h) every registered person providing or rendering the services of club, shall in addition to the prescribed tax return (Form BST-03), submit a quarterly statement, together with its Annex-A, in the following format by the 24th day of the month following the respective quarters ending September, December, March and June.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES PROVIDD OR RENDERED BY THE CLUB

Name of the Club: _____

Balochistan Sales Tax Registration No. / BNTN: _____

Months (tax period) to which the statement relates: _____

CPR Nos. and dates: _____

Sr. No.	Services Description	Value of Services (PKR)			
		Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Total
1.	Monthly/periodically/fee/charges:-				
	a) For Members.				
	b) For Member's spouse & household.				
	c) For absentee Members.				
	d) For Non-utilization.				
2.	New Membership or Transfer Membership Fee/Charges.				
3.	Donation and contribution received from Members or Applicants for new membership.				
4.	Fee/subscription/charges for Sports/ Games/library/swimming/pool/ locker/etc				
5.	Room Rent charges,				
6.	Restaurant/Bakery/Beverages/Catering Charges.				
7.	Late-payment charges/Service charges.				
8.	Club Events/Programs/Function charges				
9.	Amount/charges received for the use of premises halls for functions (List of Caterers and the amount received from them to be provided at Annex-A).				
10.	Halls/Lawn Charges received from members/non-members for their functions/events, including marriage parties (excluding the charges at S. No. 9 above)				

11.	Arrears of other charges adjusted against refundable security deposit.				
12.	Other services provided to members/non-members.				
13.	Total amount charged for taxable services.				
14.	Non-taxable services:				
	a) Voluntary staff welfare charges, Voluntary Eid gifts for staff and voluntary bonuses and gratuity to staff.				
	b) Donations received for charitable causes.				
	c) Refundable security deposits.				
	d) Others (please specify if any				
AMOUNT OF SALES TAX					
15.	Amount of tax on services provided as per S.13				
16.	Amount of input tax claimed.				
17.	Amount of tax withheld by others.				
18.	Amount of tax withheld by the club as service recipient-cum-withholding agent.				
19.	Net amount of tax payable {(15+18)- (16+17)}				
20.	Amount of tax deposited.				

Annex "A"

Details of the Caterers

Date	Lawn / Hall Name/ Number.	Name of Caterer who provided services	BNTN / NTN of the Caterer.	No. of persons/ guests served by Caterer.	Charges Per head received by the Club for use of Club premises by Caterer.	Amount of sales tax charged, if any, by the Club from the Caterer or on behalf of the Caterer.	Remarks, if any

Advertisement Tariff Heading 98.02

45. Procedure for the Levy, Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Advertisements on Television, Radio, CCTV, Cable TV, Newspapers, Periodicals, Poles, walls, Buildings, Bill Boards, Sign Boards, Digital Boards, Banners, Web, Internet and Vehicles.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of advertisements and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) In relation to advertisements, for the purposes of this rule, the expression "taxable services" means the services in respect of the following advertisements:-

(a) broadcast or telecast by TV or radio stations based in Pakistan;

(b) booked in Pakistan for broadcasting or telecasting on TV or radio stations based abroad, whether or not possessing landing rights in Pakistan;

(c) transmitted on closed circuit TV or cable TV networks;

(d) displayed on poles, walls, buildings, cinema screens, billboards, signboards, digital boards, banners, vehicles, flyers, etc. or displayed through light, paint, sound or smoke or otherwise; and

(e) transmitted through web, internet, SMS, or any other telecommunication media.

(3) Every such person providing or rendering the taxable services of advertisement, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) The value of taxable services of advertisements, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the total consideration in money received or the gross amount, including the Federal and Provincial levies but excluding the amount of Balochistan sales tax, charged by a service provider from his clients for broadcasting or telecasting of any advertisement on television or radio or CCTV or cable TV or for transmitting or displaying the advertisement on any other media, whichever is higher.

(5) A registered person (client) whose advertisement is released on television or radio or CCTV or cable TV or on any other media and to whom the sales tax invoice is issued and routed through the advertising agency, can claim input tax adjustment for the amount of tax paid on account of such release of advertisements subject to the observance and fulfilment of the following conditions, namely:-

(a) payments for all such advertisements are made by such registered person through banking channels in such manner that payment against a particular invoice is easily verified;

(b) the service provider shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all such particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges; and

(c) the service provider shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of advertisements, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387- Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules:

Provided that payable amount of tax shall be worked out after taking due credit of the amounts withheld or to be withheld by the service recipient under withholding rules issued by the Authority.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of advertisements, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Intercity Transportation or Carriage of Goods

Tariff Heading 9804.1000

46. Procedure for the Levy, Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Persons or Transport Agencies in Relation to Intercity Transportation or Carriage of Goods by Road or through Pipeline or Conduit.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of intercity transportation or carriage of goods by road or through pipeline or conduit and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every such person or goods transport agency who provides or renders the taxable services of intercity transportation or carriage of goods by road or through pipeline or conduit, whether in, from or to Balochistan, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered by goods transport agency, including the charges for services of cargo handling like loading, un-loading, packing, un-packing, stacking and storage of the goods or the cargo.

(4) Every registered person or goods transport agency, shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. However, the serially numbered transport bilty or consignment note issued by such persons may be treated as a tax invoice subject to the condition that the same contains the following particulars, namely:-

(a) name, address and Balochistan sales tax registration number (BNTN) of the service provider;

(b) name and NTN/CNIC of the consignor;

(c) name and NTN/CNIC/telephone number of the consignee;

(d) place of transportation/carriage:

(i) from; and

(ii) to;

(e) description of the material or the goods and its quantity;

(f) transportation charges including handling charges;

(i) value of service charges exclusive of tax;

(ii) whether”pre-paid” or “to pay at destination”; and

(g) amount of Balochistan sales tax.

(5) Every registered person or goods transport agency, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. The transport bilty or consignment note issued by such person shall also be treated as a prescribed record.

(6) The amount of sales tax involved shall be paid in the Balochistan Government’s account head “B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services” in the following manner:-

(a) in case of the pre-paid transportation or carriage services, by the 15th day of the month following the tax period in which the services were provided; and

(b) in case of post-paid or "to pay at destination" transportation or carriage of goods, by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period in which the services were received.

(7) Every registered person or goods transport agency, shall file his tax return in Form (BST- 03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered person or goods transport agency, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Shipping Agents

Tariff Heading 9805.1000

47. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Shipping Agents.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of shipping agents and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the taxable services of shipping agents, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross commissions charged by the shipping agent on the net ocean freight amount of cost and freight on import or export cargo.

(4) The value of taxable services shall not include reimbursable expenses (except any fee or share in charges realized) incurred by an agent, such as freight, pilotage, berth hiring charges, port dues, cargo expenses, brokerage paid on export cargo and ship handling expenses paid to the stevedores including all ancillary charges.

(5) Every registered shipping agent shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(6) Every registered shipping agent, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered shipping agent, shall collect and pay the amount of sales tax in respect of each ship handled by him which calls at any port in Balochistan after calling on a foreign port or for sailing for any foreign port, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered shipping agent, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty, in addition to the payment of sales tax and default surcharge under the Act.

(9) The Assistant Collector of the concerned Custom Station shall not grant final port clearance to a ship unless the shipping agent furnishes proof of filing of return and proof of payment of sales tax (if shown payable in the return).

(10) Every registered shipping agent, shall in addition to the prescribed return, furnish a monthly statement, in respect of ships handled by him by the 24th day of the following month, in the following format:

GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN
BALOCHISTAN REVENUE AUTHORITY
MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY SHIPPING AGENTS

(i) Name of shipping Agent ……

(ii) Balochistan Sales Tax Registration No. / BNTN……

(iii) Customs Shipping Agent License No……

(iv) Month (Tax period) to which the Statement relates……

(v) CPR Number(s) ……..…Amount(s) ……

S. No.	Vessel's Name	IGM/ EGM/ VIR No. & date	Port of Arrival / Departure	Value of services (including commission, fee, etc.)	Amount/ Expenses paid/ payable to Stevedores		Amount of other reimbursable expenses/ charges admissible for deduction	Taxable Value {5- (6+7)}	Amount of BST payable on the amount in Column (8)	No. of BL e-FBR assigned	Amount of BST payable in relation to Column (10)	Total BST payable (9+11)
					Name & BNTN of	Amount						
					(6A)	(6B)						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)

Signature_____

Name _____

Designation _____

Official Seal _____

Stevedores

Tariff Heading 9805.2000

48. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Stevedores.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of stevedores in respect of or connection with the loading, unloading, embarkation or disembarkation of import and export cargo and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the services of stevedore, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by stevedore, for the purpose of levy of sales tax, shall be the gross amount of commissions, fees and charges reckoned for calculating the tax as are relatable or attributable to the cargo originating from or destined to the territory of the Balochistan.

(4) Every registered stevedore shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(5) Every registered stevedore, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered stevedore, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered stevedore, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(8) Every registered stevedore shall also file, in addition to the prescribed tax return, a monthly statement in respect of the services provided or rendered by it in the following format by the 24th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates:

GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN
BALOCHISTAN REVENUE AUTHORITY
MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY STEVEDORES

(i) Name of the Stevedore_____

(ii) Balochistan Sales Tax Registration No./BNTN…….….

(iii) No./Approval No. of the Operator. ……....

(iv) Month (Tax period) to which the Statement relates…….

(v) Number (s) ……. Amount(s) …….…….

S. No.	Vessel's Name	Shipping Line / Company's Name	IGM/ EGM/ VIR No. & date	Port of Arrival / Departure	Name(s) & BNTN of the Shipping Agent / NVOCC / Slot Carrier / Chatterer / Consolidator / other service recipient, etc.	Amount / Value received/ receivable by the stevedore	Amount of BST payable in relation to Column (7)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

Ship Management Services

Tariff Heading 9805.2100

49. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Ship Management Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of ship management and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Ship management services include the services of:-

(a) supervision or negotiation for the maintenance, survey and repair of ship;

(b) engagement or providing of crew;

(c) receiving the hire and freight charges on behalf of the owner;

(d) negotiating contracts for bunker fuel and lubricating oils;

(e) arranging or negotiating arrangements for loading and unloading;

(f) payment on behalf of the owners of expenses incurred in providing services or in relation to management of the ship;

(g) entry of the ship on protection or indemnity association;

(h) providing or negotiating for victualing or storing of ship;

(i) dealing with insurance, salvage or other claims;

(j) arranging of insurance in relation to ship; and

(k) any other ship management service.

(3) Every person providing or rendering the taxable services of ship management, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by ship management, for the levy of sales tax, shall be the gross amount of consideration, commissions, fees and charges determined in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Act.

(5) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of ship management, shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of ship management, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of ship management, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of ship management, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(9) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of ship management, shall in addition to prescribed return, file a quarterly statement in the form set out below, by the 24th day of the month following the quarter to which it relates:-

GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN

Balochistan Revenue Authority

QUARTERLY STATEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY SHIP MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

(i) Name of the service provider ……..……

(ii) Balochistan Sales Tax Registration No. / BNTN……

(iii) Period to which the Statement relates: from ……to ……....

Sr. No.	**Services Description**	**Value of Services (PKR)**			
		Month 1	**Month 2**	**Month 3**	**Total**
1.	Supervision or negotiation for the maintenance, survey and repair of ship;				
2.	Engagement or providing of crew;				
3.	Receiving the hiring and freight charges on behalf of the owner.				
4.	Negotiating contracts for bunker fuel and lubricating oils;				
5.	Arranging or negotiating arrangements for loading and unloading;				
6.	Payment on behalf of the owners of expenses incurred in providing services or in relation to management of the ship;				
7.	Entry of the ship on protection or indemnity association;				
8.	Providing or negotiating for victualing or storing of ship;				
9.	Dealing with insurance, salvage or other claims;				
10.	Arranging of insurance in relation to ship; and				
11.	Other ship management service				
12.	Gross Total				
13.	Value of admissible / creditable inputs				
14.	Net Total Value				
15.	CPR Number(s)				
16.	Amount(s) of sales tax paid				

Freight Forwarding Agents

Tariff Heading 9805.3000

50. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Freight Forwarding Agents.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of freight forwarding agents and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every freight forwarding agent providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority, as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by freight forwarding agent, for the levy of sales tax, shall be the gross amount of consideration, commissions, fees and charges determined in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Act.

(4) Every registered freight forwarding agent shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(5) Every registered freight forwarding agent, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) The Bills of Lading and the House Bills of Lading issued by a freight forwarding agent shall be charged to tax at a specific rate of Rs.500/- per Bill of Lading or House Bill of Lading. Other services provided or rendered by a freight forwarding agent shall be charged to tax @ 15% of the value including the fee, commission, remuneration or charges for such services.

(7) Every registered freight forwarding agent, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered freight forwarding agent, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Customs Agents

Tariff Heading 9805.4000

51. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Customs Agents.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of Customs Agents in respect of import and export cargo clearance from customs or other port agencies whether through sea-ports, dry-ports or air-ports and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) In relation to customs agents, value of taxable service for the purposes of levy of sales tax shall be the total consideration or charges received by a Customs agent for providing or rendering the service, excluding the amount of sales tax. It shall not include considerations received on account of transportation charges, demurrage, wharf-age, customs-duties, excise duty, sales tax, provincial duties or taxes, toll taxes, municipal charges, port charges, handling charges, packing charges, labour payment and such other reimbursable expenses which a Customs agent pays on behalf of his clients against a proper receipt or invoice or bill. However, if any fee or commission is realized from such service providers then the same shall be included in the base for application of the tax rate.

(3) The sales tax registration number along with license number of the customs agent shall be quoted on the Goods Declaration or the drawback or refund claim, as the case may be.

(4) Every customs agent providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(5) Every registered customs agent shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges;

(6) Every registered customs agent, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered customs agent, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered customs agent if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Advertising Agents

Tariff Heading 9805.7000

52. Procedure for Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Advertising Agents.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to a person providing or rendering the services of advertisement on television or radio or CCTV or cable TV, etc. and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) The procedure in this rule shall also apply to the advertising agents providing or rendering the services of advertisements on buildings, walls, hoarding sites, bill boards, sign boards, digital boards, poles, banners, vehicles, etc.

(3) Every advertising agent providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by advertising agents, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be:-

(a) where the services are provided or rendered on commission basis, the amount of commission charged by the advertising agent. Where any extra commission is received by the advertising agent from the media (including the print media), it shall also be included in the value of services liable to tax to be paid by the advertisement agent; and

(b) where the services are provided or rendered other than on commission basis, the gross amount of value for such services.

(5) Every registered advertising agent shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges:

Provided that where the advertising agent has one or more branches, separate set of invoices or bill of charges may be used for each such branch also indicating the location or address of such branch.

(6) Every registered advertising agent, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered advertising agent, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered advertising agent, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(9) Every registered advertising agent, shall inter-alia; ensure that he also complies with the provisions relating to the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018. Every advertising agent, issuing a release order or booking an advertisement space, in relation to an advertisement service, to any service provider resident in Balochistan, shall, inter-alia; also ensure that tax involved on the advertisement services (for which he issued the release order or booked the advertisement space) as was withheld by his client service recipient (advertiser) under the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018, is duly paid in the prescribed manner, by the service recipient (advertiser) or by the advertising agent himself.

(10) Every registered advertising agent, shall submit to the Authority a quarterly statement along with the evidence of payment of tax, before the last day of the month of November, February, May and August, in the following Form:

Quarterly Statement

For the Quarter ending ……. 20___

M/s …….(Name and complete address)

1. Amount of commissions billed during the quarter.
2. Sales tax on services paid the agent:
   (i) Bank' name.
   (ii) Bank Challan number and date.
   (iii) Amount.
3. Sales Tax on services paid by others as withholding tax (if any).
   (i) Name of the person paying the withholding tax.
   (ii) Bank's name.
   (iii) Bank Challan number and date.
   (iv) Amount.

Ship Chandlers

Tariff Heading 9805.8000

53. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Ship Chandlers.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of ship chandlers and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every ship chandler providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority, as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) In relation to ship-chandlers, value of taxable services for the purposes of levy of sales tax, shall be total consideration received or the gross amount charged by a ship-chandler for providing or rendering the taxable services, including all Federal and Provincial levies but excluding the amount of sales tax. It shall not include consideration received on other accounts such as transportation charges, toll taxes, municipal charges, port charges, handling charges, packing charges and labour charges, which a ship-chandler pays on behalf of his clients against a proper receipt or bill. However if any fee or commission is realized from such service providers then the same shall be included in the base for application of the tax rate.

(4) Every registered ship chandler shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered ship chandler, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the record prescribed in section 30 and 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered ship chandler, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered ship chandler, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Sponsorship Services

Tariff Heading 9805.9100

54. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Sponsorship Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering or receiving the services of sponsorship and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) For the purpose of this rule, the term 'service provider' shall mean the person providing the sponsorship in any manner and the term "service recipient" shall mean the person receiving the sponsorship service in any manner.

(3) A person providing or rendering or receiving the taxable services of sponsorship, having place of business in Balochistan, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) In case the service provider does not have a place of business in Balochistan and also in case where the sponsorship is received from any place or from any person outside Pakistan, the service recipient shall be responsible for payment of the tax in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these rules.

(5) The value of taxable services for sponsorship under this rule shall be the gross amount charged or paid for the services, determined in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Act:

Provided that in case the consideration for the service is received from a service provider outside Pakistan or from a service provider not having place of business in Balochistan, the charges received by the service provider shall be treated as tax-inclusive value and the tax shall be worked out and paid by the service provider on the basis of tax fraction formula, that is, the amount of tax shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of charges, so received, with the tax rate and then dividing the resultant figure by the tax rate plus one hundred.

Provided further that where the value of sponsorship is charged or paid in kind or partly in money and partly in kind, the value of the articles, supplied in kind, shall also be included in the value of sponsorship services.

(6) The provisions of section 9 read with sub-section (2) of section 18 of the Act shall inter-alia; apply in relation to the tax payable under this rule.

(7) Every such person (service provider or service recipient, as the case may be) shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(8) Every registered person providing or rendering or receiving the taxable services of sponsorship, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the record prescribed in section 30 and 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. In cases where the services are provided or rendered under an agreement or a contract between the service provider and the service recipient, records of such agreement/contract shall also be maintained.

(9) The sales tax involved on the sponsorship services shall be paid in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the service provider or the service recipient, as the case may be, by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(10) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Renting of Immovable Property

Tariff Heading 9806.3000

55. Procedure for the Levy, Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services of Renting of Immovable Property.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply in relation to the levy, collection and payment of sales tax on the services of renting of immovable property and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the services of renting of immovable property, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of renting of immovable property, shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or the bill shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(4) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of renting of immovable property, shall maintain shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. He shall also maintain the records of all agreements, contracts, leases, sub-leases, licenses, etc., relating to such renting of immovable property.

(5) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of renting of immovable property, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(6) The provisions of sections 9 and 17 of the Act shall inter-alia; apply in relation to payment of tax under this rule.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering the services of renting of immovable property if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Property Builders and Developers

Tariff Heading 9807.0000

56. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Property Builders and Developers.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services by property builders and developers and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the services as property builder and developer, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) Tax on taxable services provided or rendered by property builder and developer is to be levied at a specific rate not based on value, as may be notified through a notification issued under the Act, shall be collected and paid by the service provider in accordance with this rule at the time and in the manner as prescribed by the Act or the rules.

(4) No input tax credit or adjustment or deduction shall be allowed to the service providers governed by this rule.

(5) The fixed rate of tax, as notified, shall be paid by the service provider with reference to the time he receives payment of the value for such services preceding the event of lease or conveyance deed:

Provided that where the property is built or sold on instalment basis, the tax shall be paid by the service provider at the time he receives the respective instalments. In such cases, the total amount of tax due on a property, so built or sold on instalment-payment basis, shall be divided proportionately on the basis of the instalments as may be agreed between the service provider and the buyer/service recipient:

Provided further that where an instalment is not paid by the buyer/service recipient on the due date, the service provider may defer the payment of tax due accordingly to a date when he actually receives the payment of the instalment from the buyer:

Provided further that where the service provider refunds the amount of value or instalments thereof to the buyer for any reason, like cancellation, etc., the service provider shall be entitled to claim refund of the tax paid subject to the provisions of section 17 of the Act.

(6) Every registered property builder and developer shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(7) Every registered property builder and developer, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. He shall also maintain the records of all agreements, contracts, leases, sub-leases, licenses, etc., relating to such services.

(8) Every registered property builder and developer, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Every registered builder and developer, if fails to pay the sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Courier Services

Tariff Heading 9808.0000

57. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Providing or Rendering of Courier Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the Courier Services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) The sales tax shall be payable on the gross amount of every booking (consignment booked) through courier services in the Balochistan.

(3) A person providing the courier services in Balochistan shall get registration in the name of his headquarter office in the manner as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) A registered person providing the courier services within as well as outside the Balochistan shall designate its regional office in the Balochistan for the purpose of carrying out its obligation under the Act and rules made thereunder in respect of the services chargeable to the tax under the Act.

(5) A registered person providing the courier services shall intimate to the Authority within one month of the commencement of his registration, the particulars of his all service outlets in the Balochistan.

(6) Where one courier agency utilizes the service of another courier agency for in-transit movement of documents, goods, articles or cargo, the service provided by the co-loader shall not be charged to tax if charges thereof are included in the charges billed by the courier agency to the concerned customers:

Explanation: For the purpose of removal of doubt, it is clarified that the courier services provided by air lines, post offices, railways, road passengers or cargo transport businesses shall be liable to the tax under the Act.

(7) No input tax adjustment shall be available to such business or entities with reference to the tax payable on courier services.

(8) Where during the custody of a courier service provider, any document, goods, articles or cargo is destroyed for reason beyond human control and charges of service are refunded to the customers, the tax shall be deemed to have remitted and adjustment to that effect shall be taken in the return of relevant tax period or of the next tax period.

(9) Where a registered person besides, providing courier services also provide additional facility such as warehousing or storage or packing or inventory management, the charges of such additional facilities shall be included in the gross amount of charges for courier services for the purpose of levy of tax.

(10) A registered person providing the courier services shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges, or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(11) A registered person providing the courier services, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(12) A registered person providing the courier services, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(13) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Beauty Parlours and Beauty Clinics

Tariff Heading 9810.0000

58. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Beauty Parlours, Beauty Clinics, Slimming Clinics, Body Massage Centers, Pedicure and Manicure Centers, etc.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services by beauty parlours, beauty clinics, slimming clinics, body massage centres, pedicure and manicure centres, etc. hereinafter called in this rule as 'Beautician' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person (beautician) providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered person (beautician) shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice or the bill of charges shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges. Not more than one book of invoices or bill of charges or electronic data and evidence shall be used at one time provided that where the Beauty Parlour and Beauty Clinic, etc., has one or more branches, separate books of invoices or bill of charges may be used for each such branch also indicating the location or address of such branch.

(5) Every registered person (beautician), shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered person (beautician), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) In Annex-"C" of such tax return, in the sub-column "Number" under the column "Document / Invoice", the service provider shall indicate each and every serial number of the document and invoice issued during the tax period.

(8) Every registered person (beautician), if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Insurance or Reinsurance Companies

Tariff Heading 9813.1000

59. Procedure of Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Insurance or Reinsurance Companies.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services in respect of all kind of insurance and reinsurance and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every insurance or reinsurance company providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get itself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The sales tax shall be paid on the gross amount of premium charged on risk covered in the insurance or reinsurance policy including the gross amount of reinsurance premium, fee or charges received by a reinsurance company from any person including an insurance company or from a ceding insurance company.

(4) An insurance or reinsurance company shall not be liable to pay the sales tax in respect of contract or any part thereof, if cancelled.

(5) An insurance or reinsurance company shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or electronically generated invoice containing the particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered insurance or reinsurance company, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) A copy of annual audit report, duly audited by a chartered accountant, shall be submitted to the Commissioner within 15 days of its receipt by the insurance or reinsurance company from its chartered accountant and any short payment of sales tax found out as a result of such audit shall be paid by the insurance or reinsurance company within 15 days of the receipt of the audit report and proof of such payment shall be furnished to the Authority.

(8) The sales tax in respect of an insurance premium or reinsurance premium, fee or charges, as the case may be, shall be accounted for in the same month when the premium, fee or charges are received and shall be deposited by the insurance or reinsurance companies in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file the tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Every registered insurance or reinsurance company, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Banking & Non-Banking Financial Companies and Institutions

Tariff Heading 9813.0000

60. Procedure for Collection and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Cooperative Financing Societies, Leasing Companies, Modarabas, Musharikas, Ijarahs, Foreign Exchange Companies, Banking Companies And Non-Banking Financial Companies or Institutions.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services by banking companies and nonbanking financial companies or institutions including cooperative financing societies, leasing companies, modarabas, musharikas, ijarahs, foreign exchange companies, etc. hereinafter called in this rule as "Company or Institution", and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every company or institution shall pay the sales tax leviable on all its non-interest based services provided or rendered to any person against a consideration in the form of fee, commission or charge.

(3) The sales tax shall be paid by the registered company or institution on the gross amount of fee, commission or charges for services provided or rendered to the customers, excluding mark-up or interest.

(4) The central offices of the company or institution located in the Province of Balochistan shall get itself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(5) The company or institution shall not be required to issue tax invoices in respect of the services provided or rendered. The bill or advice issued by the company or institution, indicating the amount of sales tax charged, shall be treated as invoice for claiming adjustment.

(6) Each branch / outlet of the company or institution located in Balochistan shall maintain such account and records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. It shall also maintain the record of tax collection in such manner as will enable the distinct ascertainment of collection of sales tax on each of the services mentioned in the scope of these rules.

(7) The central office of the company or institution in the Province of Balochistan shall submit a copy of annual audited report to the Authority within 15 days of its publication and any short collection of tax found out as a result of such audit shall be paid by the registered person within 15 days of the notice received for such payment.

(8) The sales tax due for each month shall be paid by the central office of the company or institution in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file the tax return in Form (BST-03), within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

(10) Quarterly reconciliation statements in the format set out in Annex-1 and 2 of this rule shall be filed by every company or institution, in addition to the prescribed tax return, by the 24th of the month following the end of every quarter.

Annex-1

See rule 60(10)

QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION OF TAXABLE SERVICES PROVIDED OR RENDERED IN BALOCHISTAN BY THE BANKING & NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Name of the Bank/Non-Banking Financial Company/Institution_____

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Balochistan Sales Tax Registration No. / BNTN _____Quarter ended_____

Sr. No.	**Particulars of Services**	**Value of Services as per Return (in PKR)**			
		Month 1	**Month 2**	**Month 3**	**Total**
1.	L/C commission				
2.	Guarantee commission				
3.	Brokerage commission				
4.	Issuance of letters of credit				
5.	Issuance of pay orders, cashiers, cheques and demand drafts				
6.	Bills of exchange				
7.	Transfer of money including telephonic transfer, mail transfer and electronic transfer				

8.	Providing bank guarantees				
9.	Bill discounting commission				
10.	Safe deposit lockers' fee				
11.	Safe vaults				
12.	Credit and debit card issuance, processing, operation charges relating thereto				
13.	Commission and brokerage on foreign exchange dealing				
14.	Services provided as a banker to an issue				
15.	Advance & loans				
16.	Financial Leasing				
17.	Commodity or equipment leasing				
18.	Hire-purchase leasing				
19.	Other leasing				
20.	Taxable insurance services				
21.	Services in respect of exempt insurance, if any.				
22.	Services in respect of Hajj &Umrah				
23.	Services in respect of Modaraba, Musharika and Ijarah financing				
24.	Services in respect of utility bills‖ collection				
25.	Advisory services				
26.	Funds management services				
27.	Asset management services				
28.	Consultancy Services				
29.	Transfer of information data				
30.	Other services				
	TOTAL				

Annex-2

See rule 60(10)

QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION FOR PAYMENT OF TAX

			Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Total
A	**Value of Services**	Liable to tax at 15%				
		Exempt from tax / Non-taxable				
		Total				
B	15% Sales Tax on taxable services					
C	Input tax for the month					
D	Net Sales Tax (B-C)					
E	Sales Tax withheld by the buyer/recipient of service as withholding agent					
F	Sales Tax withheld by the return filer as withholding agent					
G	Sales Tax Payable {(D-E)+F}					
H	Sales Tax Amount Paid					
I	CPR No. & Date					

Professionals and Consultants

Tariff Heading 9815.0000

61. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Medical Practitioners, Legal Practitioners, Accountants & Auditors, Technical Consultants, I.T Consultants, Tax Consultants, H.R Consultants and Healthcare Consultants.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services as medical practitioners, legal practitioners, accountants & auditors, technical consultants, I.T consultants, tax consultants, H.R consultants and healthcare consultants hereinafter called in this rule as 'Service Provider' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person (service provider), shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) The provisions of sections 9 and 17 of the Act shall, inter-alia; apply in relation to the tax payable by a person under this rule.

(5) Every registered person (service provider) shall issue a serially-numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice or the bill of charges shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or the bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every registered person (service provider), shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. In cases where the services are provided or rendered under an agreement or contract between the service provider and the service recipient (client) record of copies of such agreement/contract shall also be maintained by the service provider.

(7) Every registered person (service provider), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03), within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered person (service provider), if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Toll Manufacturing

Tariff Heading 9816.0000

62. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Tax on Services Provided or Rendered in the Matter of Manufacturing or Processing for others on Toll Basis.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services in the matter of manufacturing or processing for others on toll basis or job basis, hereinafter called in this rule as 'Toll Manufacturer or Processor' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person (toll manufacturer or processor) providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered:

Provided that the value of the patent, design, raw materials and other inputs as are received by the toll manufacturer or processor from his service recipients shall be excluded from the value of such service:

Provided further that value of all other raw materials, inputs, services, etc., as are procured by the toll manufacturer or processor himself and reused in the services so provided or rendered by him shall be included in the value of the service and the input tax paid thereon by the toll manufacturer or processor shall be eligible for input tax credit or adjustment in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Act, read with the rules prescribed under Chapter-V of these rules.

(4) Every registered person (toll manufacturer or processor), shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges, or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered person (toll manufacturer or processor), shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered person (toll manufacturer or processor), shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered person (toll manufacturer or processor), if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Security Agency

Tariff Heading 9818.1000

63. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Security Agency.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of security agency and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every security agency providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get itself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services of security agency, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered security agency, shall issue a serially numbered invoices or bill of charges, or an electronically-generated invoices or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices. Not more than one book of invoices or bill or electronic data and evidence shall be used at one time provided that where the security agency has one or more branches, separate books of invoices may be used for each such branch also indicating the location or address of such branch.

(5) Every registered security agency, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered security agency, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file the tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered security agency, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Stockbrokers, Future Brokers and Commodity Brokers

Tariff Heading 9819.1000

64. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Stock Brokers, Future Brokers and Commodity Brokers.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services of stock brokers, future brokers and commodity brokers hereinafter called in this rule as 'Broker' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every broker providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross commission, fee, remuneration or charges received by a broker from his clients, customers or service recipients in respect of:-

(a) sale or purchase or subscription of securities in an exchange or over the counter market/deal;

(b) advisory or consultancy services including securities managerial services;

(c) research services; and

(d) other such identical or similar services.

(4) Where a broker has himself purchased stocks or commodity contracts from his own resources with a view to sell the same to any person other than the concerned joint-stock company or joint-commodity company, he shall pay the tax on the basis of the commission worked out on the open market rates at the time of sale of such stocks or commodity contracts.

(5) Every registered broker shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every registered broker, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered broker, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered broker, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Underwriters

Tariff Heading 9819.1100

65. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Underwriters.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services as underwriters and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every underwriter providing or rendering the taxable service, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by an underwriter, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount of consideration, including the fee or the commission, charged by the underwriter.

(4) Every registered underwriter shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered underwriter, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered underwriter, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered underwriter, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Indenters

Tariff Heading 9819.1200

66. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Indenters.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services as indenters and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every indenter providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by an indenter, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount of consideration, including the commission or fee or remuneration or royalty on a transaction received by an indenter whether from the person whom he represents or from the person to whom he provides or renders his services.

(4) Where an indenter receives any consideration, including commission or fee or remuneration or royalty on any transaction from a person resident in a country other than Pakistan. Such a consideration shall be treated as the tax-inclusive value and the amount of sales tax shall be worked out by the indenter on the basis of tax fraction formula.

(5) Every registered indenter shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every registered indenter, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. The indenter shall also maintain record of the indents issued and also of all the agreements or contracts under which he acts as an indenter.

(7) Every registered indenter, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules:

Provided that in case of transactions covered by sub-rule (4) of this rule the due date for payment of tax shall be the 15th day of the month following the month in which the consideration including commission or fee or royalty is received by the indenter.

(8) Every registered indenter shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Every registered indenter, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Commission Agents

Tariff Heading 9819.1300

67. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Commission Agents.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services as commission agents and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every commission agent providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by a commission agent, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount of consideration, including the commission or fee or remuneration or royalty on a transaction received by a commission agent whether from the person whom he represents or from the person to whom he provides or renders his services.

(4) Where a commission agent receives any consideration, including commission or fee or remuneration or royalty on any transaction from a person resident in a country other than Pakistan. Such a consideration shall be treated as the tax-inclusive value and the amount of sales tax shall be worked out by a commission agent on the basis of tax fraction formula.

(5) Every registered commission agent shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every registered commission agent, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. The commission agent shall also maintain record of the indents issued and also of all the agreements or contracts under which he acts as a commission agent.

(7) Every registered commission agent, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules:

Provided that in case of transactions covered by sub-rule (4) of this rule the due date for payment of tax shall be the 15th day of the month following the month in which the consideration including commission or fee or royalty is received by a commission agent.

(8) Every registered commission agent shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Every registered commission agent, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Auctioneers

Tariff Heading 9819.9000

68. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Auctioneers.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services as an auctioneer and shall, inter-alia; apply to cases of auction, whether public auction or auction by tender of any property or goods (including the property or goods confiscated or attached), whether or not belonging to Federal Government or a Provincial Government or a Local Government or any other Authority including a firm or a company or an autonomous corporation or a body corporate. This shall also apply to the auction of the right to collect tolls, fees and other levies by whatever name called.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the taxable services as auctioneer, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) Every registered auctioneer shall charge and collect the sales tax at the rate prescribed under the Act, on the total consideration of auction, including commission or fee or remuneration or royalty as are received by him. In case of auction of property or goods by the owner of the property or the goods, the tax shall be payable by the person (Owner).

(4) Every registered auctioneer shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered auctioneer, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered auctioneer, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file the tax return in Form (BST-03) shall be filed within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Foreign Exchange Companies, Forex Dealers and Money Changers

Tariff Heading 9819.2000

69. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Foreign Exchange Companies, Forex Dealers and Money Changers.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the services by foreign exchange companies, forex dealers and money changers hereinafter called in this rule as 'Exchange Company' and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every exchange company shall pay sales tax leviable on the services provided or rendered by them to any person in respect of currency exchange.

(3) Every foreign exchange company providing or rendering the taxable services, shall get itself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(4) The value of taxable services provided or rendered by an exchange company, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount of transactions involving exchange of currencies at the counter shall be 15 paisa for every one hundred rupees equivalent being exchanged. The actual value exceeding the aforesaid fixed value shall not constitute the taxable value in such case.

(5) The sales tax on services shall be payable at the applicable rate on the value determined in the manner provided above:

Illustration: Exchange Company buys US$100 for 10,000 rupees (say at Rs.100 per US$ unit) from a customer. The value of service shall be:

i. 15 paisa x (10,000/100) = 1,500 paisa/100 = 15 rupees.

ii. The tax at the rate of 15% shall be Rs.15 x 15%. =2.25;

(6) The above formula shall mutatis mutandis apply for sale as well.

(7) Every registered exchange company shall maintain separate account and records of all transactions and the tax collected thereon in respect of each branch or sub-office in Balochistan and shall keep consolidated record at the central or regional office in Balochistan, as the case may be, in such manner as will enable ascertainment of collection of sales tax on the services mentioned in these rules.

(8) The sales tax due for each tax period against every registered exchange company shall be paid by its central or regional office registered in Balochistan in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates.

(9) The tax return shall also be filed by the central or regional office of the exchange company registered in Balochistan in Form (BST-03), within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules. However, it shall not be required to declare each transaction detail separately in Annex-C of the return and the same may be recorded through a single entry.

(10) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Port Operators and Port Terminal Operators

Tariff Heading 9819.9300

70. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Port Operators and Port Terminal Operators.- (1) All services provided or rendered by a port operator or a port terminal operator in relation to a vessel, whether arriving or sailing, shall be liable to tax, which inter-alia; include the following, namely:-

(a) piloting and mooring;

(b) berthing;

(c) towing or haulage;

(d) wharfing or wharf-age; and

(e) services involving:-

(i) pipeline charges for liquid cargo;

(ii) hopper or evacuator charges;

(iii) charges of water supply;

(iv) outer anchorage fee/charges;

(v) port dues and charges;

(vi) delivery charges;

(vii) storage charges;

(viii) demurrages;

(ix) salvage charges;

(x) sailing or swinging charges;

(xi) bunker charges; and

(xii) cancellation charges.

(2) All services provided or rendered by a port operator or a port terminal operator in relation to the cargo imported into Pakistan or the imported cargo in transit or in transshipment through a port or terminal in Balochistan, shall also be liable to tax.

(3) The value of taxable services of port operator or port terminal operator, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every port operator or port terminal operator shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(5) Every registered port operator or port terminal operator shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every registered port operator or port terminal operator, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) Every registered port operator or port terminal operator, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered port operator or port terminal operator, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Airport Operators and Airport Terminal Operators
Tariff Heading 9819.9400

71. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Airport Operators and Airport Terminal Operators.- (1) All charges on account of the following services provided or rendered by an airport operator and an airport terminal operator shall be liable to sales tax which, inter-alia; includes the following, namely:-

(a) landing, housing, hangar age and parking;

(b) aerobridge facility;

(c) aircraft power supply;

(d) ground handling;

(e) commercial licenses of various services provided or rendered at an airport;

(f) royalties including those on meal uplift; and

(g) cargo and baggage handling and storage services:

Provided that the charges on account of aforesaid services shall not be subjected to sales tax in case of services provided or rendered to the aircrafts of the armed forces using an airport belonging to or operated by the armed forces of Pakistan.

(2) Every airport operator and airport terminal operator shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter- II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services of airport operator and airport terminal operator, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered airport operator and airport terminal operator shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered airport operator and airport terminal operator, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered airport operator and airport terminal operator, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered airport operator and airport terminal operator, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Airport Service Providers and Airport Ground Service Providers
Tariff Heading 9819.9500

72. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Airport Service Providers and Airport Ground Service Providers.- (1) All charges on account of the following services provided or rendered to airlines by airport services providers and airport ground service providers at an airport shall be liable to sales tax:-

(a) aircraft handling;

(b) passenger and baggage handling;

(c) cargo and mail handling;

(d) cabin services and maintenance;

(e) ramp handling; and

(f) services like Airport Connect Open.

(2) Every airport service provider and airport ground service provider shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services by airport service provider and airport ground service provider, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered airport service provider and airport ground service provider shall issue a serially numbered tax invoice or bill of charges or an electronically-generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of such invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy thereof shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered airport service provider and airport ground service provider, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(6) Every registered airport service provider and airport ground service provider, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387- Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered airport ground service provider and airport service provider, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Franchise Services

Tariff Heading 9823.0000

73. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Franchise Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering, or procuring or receiving the franchise services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering, or procuring or receiving the franchise services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) In case where the person providing or rendering the franchise service is a non-resident, based in a country other than Pakistan:-

(a) the liability to pay the tax shall be on the person receiving or procuring such franchise services; and

(b) the value of taxable services shall, in cases where formal agreement exists between the service provider and the service recipient, be the gross amount of consideration, known as franchise fee, royalty, technical fee, network fee, or by whatever name called:

Provided that in cases where there is no formal agreement between the service provider and the service recipient or in case where the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient does not specify the amount of the considerations, the value of taxable services shall be an amount equal to 10% of the turnover of the franchisee for the tax period for which the tax is payable:

Explanation: In case where franchise services are provided or rendered by a franchiser to franchisee and the agreement does not provide specifically for franchise and the consideration is paid as a consideration other than franchise fee, royalty, technical fee or network fee, the value of taxable services shall be an amount equal to 10% of the turnover of the franchisee, as the case may be, for the tax period for which the tax is payable.

(4) In case where the person is providing or rendering, as also procuring or receiving the franchise services, locally based in Balochistan, the liability to deposit the tax shall be on the person providing and rendering the said services and the value of taxable services shall be determined in accordance with the provision of clause (b) of sub-rule (3) of this rule.

(5) In case where the franchiser is a beverage company, whether foreign or local and the franchisee is a resident person, the value of the franchise services (i.e franchise fee, royalty, technical fee, etc.) shall be the value as laid down in agreement between the service provider and the service recipient:

Provided that in case where there is no formal agreement between the service provider and the service recipient or in case where the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient does not specify the amount of consideration, like franchise fee, royalty, technical fee, etc., the value of the services shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of the value of the beverage concentrate supplied by the franchiser to the franchisee or an amount equal to 10 per cent of the turnover of the franchisee, whichever is higher.

(6) For the food sector, in case of proper franchise or royalty agreement between the franchiser and franchisee, the assessable value for levy of tax shall be the gross amount of franchise fee or royalty remitted or paid or payable to the franchiser as laid down in the agreement. In case there is no formal agreement or where the agreement does not specify the amount of franchise fee or royalty, the assessable value shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of the turnover of the franchise goods or services of the franchisee for the tax period for which the tax is payable.

(7) The amount of sales tax shall be paid in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the payment month laid down in the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient:

Provided that in case where no agreement exists between the service provider and the service recipient or in case where the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient does not require payment or remittance of any such consideration, the amount of sales tax involved shall be paid on quarterly basis by the 15th day of the month following the quarters ending in the months of September, December, March and June.

(8) The tax return in Form (BST-03) shall be filed within 3 days from the due date for payment of sales tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Construction Services

Tariff Heading 9824.0000

74. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Construction Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the construction services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering of construction services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered person providing or rendering of construction services, shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice or bill of charges shall contain the particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom the services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered person providing or rendering of construction services, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain all the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. He shall also maintain the record of the approved building plan, drawing (electrical and structural drawings), completion certificate and the contract or agreement between the service provider and service recipient.

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering of construction services, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387- Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering of construction services, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Labour and Manpower Supply Services

Tariff Heading 9832.0000

75. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Labour and Manpower Supply Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the labour and manpower supply services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the labour and manpower supply services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered:

Provided that the amount of salary and allowances of the labour and manpower supplied by such persons to a service recipient, where reimbursed by the service recipient on actual basis, shall be excluded from the value of the services for the purpose of payment of sales tax under this rule.

(4) The provisions of section 9 of the Act, read with sub-section (2) of section 18 of the Act, shall apply in relation to the tax payable by the registered person on labour and manpower supply services.

(5) Every registered person providing or rendering the labour and manpower supply services, shall issue a serially-numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice or the bill of charges shall contain the particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or the bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom such services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges:

Provided that the tax invoice or the bill of charges issued shall clearly, specifically and separately indicate the gross amount charged for the service, the amount of salary and allowances of the labour and manpower, sought to be reimbursed by the service recipient on actual basis and the net amount of charges on which the sales tax is required to be paid.

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering of labour and manpower supply services, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records as prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. He shall also maintain the record of the contract or the agreement made between the service provider and the service recipient.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering the labour and manpower supply services, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(8) Every registered person providing or rendering the labour and manpower supply services, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Ready Mix Concrete Services

Tariff Heading 9837.0000

76. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Ready Mix Concrete Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) The value of taxable services, for the purpose of levy of sales tax under this rule, shall be the gross amount charged for the services provided or rendered.

(4) Every registered person providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services, shall issue a serially numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice or bill of charges shall contain the particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or bill of charges shall be given to the person to whom the services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges or in the electronic data relating to such invoices or bill of charges.

(5) Every registered person providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the record prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules. He shall also maintain record of copies of the contract or agreement made, if any, between the service provider and service recipient or copies of the work orders issued, if any, by the service recipient.

(6) Every registered person providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services, shall make the payment of sales tax due, in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates, and shall file his tax return in Form (BST-03) within 3 days from the due date for payment of tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(7) Every registered person providing or rendering the ready mix concrete services, if fails to pay the amount of sales tax by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

Intellectual Property Services

Tariff Heading 9838.0000

77. Procedure for the Levy and Payment of Sales Tax on Intellectual Property Services.- (1) The provisions of this rule shall apply to the persons providing or rendering, as also procuring or receiving the intellectual property services and the tax payable on the said services.

(2) Every person who provides or renders as also procure or receive the intellectual property services, shall get himself register with the Authority as prescribed under section 25 of the Act, read with the provisions of Chapter-II of these rules.

(3) In case where a person providing or rendering the intellectual property service is a non-resident, based in a country other than Pakistan:-

(a) the liability to pay the tax shall be on the person receiving or procuring such intellectual property services; and

(b) the value of taxable services shall, in cases where formal agreement exists between the service provider and the service recipient, be the gross amount of consideration, known as intellectual property transfer/usage/enjoyment fee, or by whatever name called:

Provided that in cases where there is no formal agreement between the service provider and the service recipient or in case where the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient does not specify the amount of the considerations, the value of the services shall be an amount equal to 10% of the turnover of the recipient of intellectual property services for the tax period for which the tax is payable.

(4) In case where a person is providing or rendering, as also procuring or receiving the intellectual property services, locally based in Balochistan, the liability to deposit the tax shall be on a person providing and rendering the said services and the value of the services shall be determined in accordance with the provision of clause (b) of sub-rule (3) of this rule.

(5) Every person who provides or renders as also procure or receive the intellectual property services, shall issue a serially numbered invoice or bill of charges or an electronically generated invoice or bill of charges for each transaction. The invoice shall contain all particulars as specified in section 30 of the Act and sub-rule (1) of rule 42 of these rules. A copy of the invoice or the bill shall be given to the person to whom the services are provided or rendered and one copy shall be retained by the service provider in the bound book of invoices or bill of charges.

(6) Every person who provides or renders, as also procure or receive the intellectual property services, shall maintain account of all services provided or rendered by him, and shall also maintain the records prescribed in section 31 of the Act and sub-rule (2) of rule 42 of these rules.

(7) The amount of sales tax shall be paid in the Balochistan Government's account head "02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services", by the 15th day of the month following the payment month laid down in the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient:

Provided that in case where no agreement exists between the service provider and the service recipient or in case where the agreement between the service provider and the service recipient does not require payment or remittance of any such consideration, the amount of sales tax involved shall be paid on quarterly basis by the 15th day of the month following the quarters ending in the months of September, December, March and June.

(8) The tax return in Form (BST-03) shall be filed within 3 days from the due date for payment of sales tax, as prescribed in Chapter-III of these rules.

(9) Any person responsible for making the payment of sales tax under this rule, if fails to pay the same by the due date, shall be liable to penalty and default surcharge, in addition to the payment of sales tax under the Act.

CHAPTER-VIII

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

78. Persons Authorized to 91 Represent a Taxpayer.- In terms of sections 73 and 76 of the Act, only the following persons are authorized to represent a taxpayer before the Authority or its officers, Commissioner (Appeals), Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and Appellate Tribunal, namely:-

(a) a person in the employment of the taxpayer working on a fulltime basis;

(b) an advocate entered in any rolls, and practicing as such, under the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (Act XXXV of 1973);

(c) a chartered accountant or cost & management accountant as defined under the Chartered Accounts Ordinance, 1961 (Ord. X of 1961) or as the case may be, in the Cost and Management Accountant Act, 1966 (Act XIV of 1966);

(d) a tax practitioner registered under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, Sales Tax Act, 1990 and the Customs Act, 1969; and

(e) a person who has retired or resigned after putting in satisfactory service in the Provincial or Federal tax departments for a period not less than ten years in a post or posts not inferior to that of an Assistant Commissioner:

Provided that no such person shall be entitled to represent a taxpayer for a period of one year from the date of his retirement or resignation, or in a case in which he had made or approved any order under the relevant law.

79. Disqualifications.- The following persons shall not be entitled to represent the registered person:-

(a) any person who has been convicted as a result of any criminal proceedings under any law;

(b) a person who has been dismissed, removed or compulsorily retired from Government service;

(c) a person who is an un-discharged insolvent; and

(d) a person who has been found guilty of gross misconduct while performing functions under these rules.

80. Procedure to Appoint Authorized Representative.- (1) To appoint his authorized representative, a registered person shall issue a letter of authorization in the specified Form-II below, or power of attorney, or in any other format as is acceptable by a court of law, duly signed by the proprietor, partner or director of the company or business concern, which shall be submitted by the authorized representative before the adjudicating authority or Appellate Tribunal.

(2) The authorized representative shall use the letter of authorization for a single or more hearings, or till final decision of the case, by the concerned officer, forum or the Appellate Tribunal indicated in the letter of authorization.

(3) The registered person may cancel the letter of authorization at any time under intimation to the Authority or its concerned officers, Commissioner (Appeals), Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee or the Appellate Tribunal.

FORM II

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Letter of Authorization

I, _____(Full name) _____S/o_____(Father's name) _____, holder of CNIC No._____ and NTN: _____ do hereby declare that:-

(1) I am the _____ (Designation) _____ in M/s._____ (Business name) __ having NTN_____ and office / head office/registered office at _____ (Full address) _____

(2) I am fully competent and duly authorized by M/s._____ to sign and submit this letter of authorization on behalf of it.

(3) I do hereby authorize Mr./Ms./Messers_____ holder of Balochistan Sales Tax Registration Number-BNTN: _____ to represent before the Balochistan Revenue Authority / Appellate Tribunal / Commissioner (Appeals) / Deputy Commissioner / Assistant Commissioner on behalf of M/s. _____ for representing their case (give notice/SCN/appeal/letter reference number) and for appearing for hearing on _____ / till the decision of the case (cross out whichever is not applicable) or till the withdrawal of this authorization, whichever is earlier.

(4) I hereby also affirm and certify that the authorized person fulfils the conditions of an authorized representative under Chapter-VIII of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

CNIC No._____

Tele. No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____

Date: _____

Company/Firm/Service Provider's Stamp: _____

81. Professional Responsibility.- (1) The authorized representative shall:-

(a) not participate, whether individually or in concert with others, in any plan, scheme or arrangement attempting or having as its purpose, the contravening any provision of the Act or rules made thereunder;

(b) not directly or indirectly or in any manner whatsoever lend his authorization to any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of contravening any provision of the Act or rules made thereunder;

(c) exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent persons under his supervision from engaging in conduct which may violate any provision of the Act or rules made there under;

(d) not engage in any activity that constitutes dishonesty, fraud, or gross incompetence while performing his functions and duties as authorized representative;

(e) promptly report to the Authority or its concerned officer any known violation of the Act or rules;

(f) cooperate fully with the Authority or its officers in the investigation of any alleged violation of the Act or rules;

(g) not offer or promise anything of value with the intent of inducing a person who is performing a public duty, or fail to perform any act related to such public duty;

(h) not contract for or accept compensation or anything of value for services not performed;

(i) not knowingly or intentionally engage in any false or misleading conduct or advertising with respect to client solicitation;

(j) not knowingly furnish inaccurate, deceitful, or misleading information to a client or employer, a prospective client or employer, or a public agency or representative of a public agency;

(k) not reveal information known to be confidential unless the release of such information is authorized by the source or required by law;

(l) not state or imply that he represents a person or firm that he does not in fact represent; and

(m) not solicit or advertise tax consulting services by claiming a specific result or stating a conclusion regarding such services without prior analysis of the facts and circumstances pertaining thereto.

(2) The professional responsibility stated in sub-rule (1) is in addition but not in derogation to any such responsibility or code of ethics applicable to the professional conduct of the authorized representative under any other law.

82. Power to Disqualify.- On receipt of a complaint against any authorized representative for misconduct from the Appellate Tribunal or concerned officer of the Authority or other relevant forum; the Authority may, after affording an opportunity of being heard to such representative, disqualify him from representing a registered person.

CHAPTER-IX

SPECIAL AUDIT

83. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the registered persons who are subject to special audit in terms of section 34 of the Act.

84. Special Audit.- The Authority may cause special audit by a special auditor, of the records, tax invoices and monthly returns required to be maintained, issued or furnished by any registered person, or class or classes of registered persons under section 33 and 34 of the Act.

85. Scope of Special Audit.- The scope of the special audit shall be the expression of professional opinion, in respect of service provider whose records are being audited, with regard to the following, namely:-

(a) whether the records, tax invoices and monthly returns have been properly maintained, issued or furnished correctly by the registered person;

(b) whether the monthly returns furnished by the registered person correctly reflect that:-

(i) all taxable services in the tax period as revealed by the records and tax invoices; and

(ii) all input tax, output tax, and the net amount of sales tax payable or refundable, as the case may be, are in accordance with the provision of the Act and are duly substantiated by the records required to be maintained for the purpose.

86. Form of Audit Report.- The special auditor shall submit his audit report in the Form as specified in the terms of reference.

87. Penalty.- (1) In case of violation of this Chapter or any clause of the terms of reference by the special auditor, the payment of fee as specified therein shall be withheld forthwith, without prejudice to any action that may be taken under the provisions of the Chartered Accountant Ordinance, 1961 (Ord. X of 1961), the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (Act XIV of 1966) and bye-laws made thereunder, or the Act.

(2) In case the payment has already been made in full or part thereof to the special auditor, the same shall be returned within one week of issuance, to the Authority.

CHAPTER-X

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

88. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all cases of dispute brought or specified for resolution under the provisions of section 71 of the Act.

89. Application for Alternative Dispute Resolution.- Any registered person interested for resolution of any dispute under section 71 may submit a written application for alternative dispute resolution to the Authority, stating inter-alia, the following namely:-

(a) the particulars of the case;

(b) the grounds on the basis of which a resolution of a dispute is being sought by the applicant duly supported with relevant documents;

(c) the extent or the amount of sales tax, default surcharge and penalties, which the applicant agrees to pay, if any;

(d) details of amounts already paid, if any, and

(e) the particulars of any person who will represent the applicant.

90. Appointment of Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.- (1) The Authority, after examination of the contents of an application submitted by a registered person and facts stated therein and on satisfaction that the dispute deserves consideration for resolution for removal of hardship under section 71 of the Act, may constitute a committee for examination of the issues involved in the dispute and for taking other actions as provided under sub-section (3) of section 71 of the Act.

(2) The Authority may appoint one of the members of the committee, other than a public servant, to be its chairman.

(3) The Authority shall require the committee to submit its report within 60 days of its appointment:

Provided that the time so specified may, if requested by the chairman of the committee, for reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended by the Authority to such extent and subject to such conditions and limitations as it may deem proper.

91. Working of the Committee.- The committee shall hold all its meetings at the office of the Authority or at any other venue to be decided by the Committee. The Chairman of the committee shall be responsible for deciding the procedure to be followed by the committee which may, inter-alia; include the following:-

(a) to specify date and time for conducting proceedings by the committee;

(b) to supervise the proceedings and ensure maintenance of record of proceedings of the committee;

(c) to issue notices by courier, registered post or electronic mail to the applicant and the concerned officers of the Authority;

(d) to requisite and procure relevant records or witnesses from the field offices or other concerned quarters;

(e) to ensure attendance of all concerned;

(f) to co-opt any other technical, professional or legal expert or tax consultant; and

(g) to consolidate recommendations of the committee and submission of the conclusive report to the Authority;

92. Recommendations of the Committee.- (1) The committee may determine the issue and may thereafter seek further information or data or expert opinion or make or cause to be made such inquiries or audit as it may deem fit and formulate its recommendations in respect of the matter mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 71 of the Act.

(2) The Chairman of the committee shall send a copy of the recommendations of the committee to the Authority, and the applicant.

93. Reconsideration by the Committee.- (1) The Authority on its own motion or on the request of the applicant may refer back the recommendations of the committee for rectification of any obvious error or for reconsideration of the facts not considered earlier.

(2) The committee after rectification of the error or reconsideration of the facts as aforesaid shall furnish to the Authority its fresh or amended recommendations within such period, as may be specified by the Authority.

94. Decision of the Authority.- (1) The Authority, after examination of the recommendations of the committee shall finally decide the dispute and make such orders, as it may deem fit for the resolution of the dispute under intimation to the applicant.

(2) On receipt of the Authority's order as aforesaid, the concerned field officer shall implement the order issued by the Authority in the manner provided for in sub-section (7) of section 71 of the Act.

(3) A complete record of all proceedings of the cases dealt with under this Chapter shall be maintained by the concerned field officer who shall also ensure that proper arrangements are made for the purpose of maintaining such record in an appropriate manner.

CHAPTER-XI

RECOVERY OF ARREARS

95. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the recovery of arrears to be made under the provisions of section 72 of the Act and the rules.

96. Appeal Period to be Foregone.- Where the tax has been determined through an adjudication order, recovery action shall not be initiated during the period prescribed for filing appeal against such order.

97. No Recovery in Stay Period.- Recovery action shall not be taken where a competent authority or court has granted stay against the recovery of the tax unless the stay has expired constitutionally or otherwise.

98. Recovery on Short Payment or Non-Payment.- Where a registered person has filed tax return but has either short paid or not paid the amount of tax shown in the return, immediate direct recovery action shall be taken for the principal amount of tax without issuance of any show cause notice provided that the liabilities on account of penalty and default surcharge, if any, shall be determined through an adjudication and recovered thereafter.

99. Referring Officer.- The Assistant Commissioner in whose jurisdiction the case involving recovery of the tax falls shall act as referring officer provided that in the absence of such Assistant Commissioner, the officer next higher in rank shall perform the functions of the referring officer.

100. Recovery Officer.- Every Commissioner shall nominate an officer not below the rank of the Assistant Commissioner as recovery officer for the recovery of the tax in his jurisdiction and where needed, the Commissioner may nominate more than one recovery officers specifying their respective jurisdictions.

101. Attachment Officer.- The Recovery Officer may nominate an officer of Authority as an Attachment Officer in terms of Chapter-XI of the Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 for attachment of property of a defaulter for the recovery of outstanding Government dues.

102. Issue of Certificate for Recovery.- (1) The referring officer shall issue to the recovery officer a certificate for recovery of the tax covering amongst other things, the following:-

(a) name, business address and registration number of the defaulter;

(b) CNIC number in case of sole proprietorship and CNIC numbers of all partners in case of partnership or directors in case of corporate entity along with their known residential addresses;

(c) details of the known bank accounts of the defaulter or defaulters;

(d) details of the tax separately for principal amount of tax, penalty, default surcharge, and fine, if any;

(e) particulars of the Adjudication order, Commissioner (Appeals)'s order or orders of the Appellate Tribunal or Court;

(f) full details of the properties, if available (both movable and immovable) owned by the defaulter or defaulters;

(g) clarification about the clear recoverability of the tax and non-application of any stay; and

(h) any other relevant information needed to facilitate the recovery officer.

(2) The referring officer shall maintain proper account of all the certificates issued to the recovery officer under sub-rule (1).

103. Maintenance of a Register.- (1) Every recovery officer shall maintain a register in appropriate form (in hard form as well as electronically) and shall enter all the details of the certificates together with particulars of the documents received from the referring officers.

(2) Every measure taken and results achieved by the recovery officer shall be invariably recorded in the remarks column of the register maintained under sub-rule (1).

104. Issue of Notice for Recovery.- The recovery officer shall attempt to take recovery measures specified in clauses (a) to (f) of sub-section (1) of section 72 of the Act preferably in sequential order provided that a bonafide non-observance of the sequence mentioned therein shall not vitiate the action of the recovery officer.

105. Power to Require Information.- The recovery officer may, by requisition in writing, require any person, organization, institution or department whether registered or not to furnish any information, documents or records required for proceedings under these rules.

106. Resolution of a Dispute.- Any disputed question arising between the referring officer and the recovery officer or between the defaulter and the recovery officer shall be resolved by the Commissioner in such manner as he may deem proper.

107. Issue of Notice for Attachment of Property.- For the purpose of attachment of any property, the recovery officer shall cause notice to be served upon the defaulter requiring the defaulter to pay the amount specified in the notice within seven days from the date of its service and intimate that in case of default, his property of which particulars given in the notice, may be attached.

108. Order of Attachment of Property.- If the amount mentioned in the notice issued in terms of rule 107 is not paid within seven days from the date of service of the notice, the recovery officer may proceed to realise the amount by attachment and sale of defaulter's property and for this purpose, the recovery officer may detain the defaulter's property until the amount mentioned in the notice together with the cost of detention is paid by the defaulter.

109. Reasonableness of Attachment.- Attachment of the property of the defaulter shall not be excessive, that is to say, the property attached shall be, as nearer as possible, proportionate to the amount specified in the notice.

110. Preparation of Inventory.- After attachment of the property of the defaulter, the recovery officer shall prepare an inventory of the property attached and specify in it the place where it is lodged or kept and shall hand over a copy of the same to the defaulter or the person from whose charge the property is distained.

111. Private Alienation to be Void.- (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under rule 107, the defaulter or his representative in interest, shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the written permission of the recovery officer.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under these rules, any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment shall be void as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

112. Share in Property.- Where the property to be attached consists of the share or interest of the defaulter in property belonging to him and another as co-owners, the attachment shall be made by a notice to the defaulter prohibiting him from transferring the share or interest in the property in any manner whatsoever.

113. Property in Custody of Court or Public Officer.- (1) Where the property to be attached, is in the custody of any court or public officer, the attachment shall be made by a requisition in writing to such court or officer, requesting that such property, and any interest or dividend becoming payable thereon, may be held subject to further orders of the recovery officer by whom the requisition is issued.

(2) Where such property is in the custody of a court, any question of title or priority arising between the recovery officer and any other person, not being the defaulter, claiming to be interested in such property by virtue of any assignment, attachment or otherwise, shall be determined by such court.

114. Warrant of Attachment.- A copy of warrant / notice of attachment shall be served on the defaulter in the same manner as prescribed for the service of order or decision under the Act.

115. Proclamation of Attachment.- (1) A copy of the attachment notice shall be affixed on the notice board of the office of the recovery officer and in case of immovable property on conspicuous part of the property also.

(2) The proclamation of attachment shall be published in any two of the newspapers circulated in the district where attached property is distained and cost of such publication shall be added to the cost of sale.

116. Property Exemption from Attachment.- (1) All such property as is exempted by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Code V of 1908) from attachment and sale for execution of a decree of a civil court shall be exempt from attachment and sale under these rules.

(2) The decision of the recovery officer as to what property is so entitled to exemption shall be final.

117. Sale of Property.- (1) If the amount mentioned in the notice together with the cost of detention of the property is not paid within a period of thirty days from the date of attachment of the property, the Commissioner may authorize the recovery officer to proceed to realise the amount by sale of the defaulter's property in public auction.

(2) The Commissioner shall be competent to fix the reserve price in respect of any property of the defaulter to be sold in public auction and order that any bid shall be accepted only on the condition that it is not less than such reserve price.

118. Negotiable Instruments and Shares in a Corporation.- Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, where the property to be sold is a negotiable instrument or a share in a corporation, the recovery officer may, instead of directing the sale to be made by public auction, authorise the sale of such instrument or share through a broker.

119. Proclamation of Sale.- Where any immovable property is ordered to be sold, the recovery officer shall cause a proclamation of the intended sale to be made in the national and local language.

120. Contents of Proclamation.- A proclamation of sale of immovable property shall be drawn up after notice to the defaulter, and shall state the time and place of sale, and shall specify, as fairly and accurately as possible:-

(a) the property to be sold;

(b) the amount for the recovery of which sale is ordered;

(c) the reserve price, if any, below which the property may not be sold; and

(d) any other thing which the recovery officer considers it material for a purchaser to know in order to judge the nature and value of the property.

121. Mode of Making Proclamation.- (1) A copy of the proclamation of sale shall be affixed on the notice board of the office of the recovery officer and in case of immovable property on a conspicuous part of the property also.

(2) Where the recovery officer so directs, such proclamation shall also be published in any two of the newspapers circulated in the district where such property is located and the cost of such publication shall be deemed to be cost of the sale.

(3) Where the property is divided into lots for the purpose of being sold separately, it shall not be necessary to make a separate proclamation for each lot, unless proper notice of the sale cannot, in the opinion of the recovery officer, otherwise be given.

122. Setting Aside of Sale Where Defaulter has No Saleable Interest.- At any time within thirty days of the sale, the purchaser may apply to the recovery officer to set-aside the sale on the ground that the defaulter has no saleable interest in the property sold:

Provided that the period may be extended by another 60 days by the recovery officer in extra ordinary situations, the evidence of which will be provided by the purchaser.

123. Confirmation of Sale.- (1) Where no application is made for setting aside the sale or where such an application is made and disallowed by the recovery officer, the recovery officer shall (if the full amount of the purchase money has been paid) make an order confirming the sale, and, thereupon, the sale shall become absolute.

(2) Where such application is made and allowed and where, in the case of any application made to set-aside the sale on deposit of the amount and penalty and charges, the deposit is made within thirty days from the date of the sale, the recovery officer shall make an order setting aside the sale:

Provided that no order shall be made unless notice of the application has been given to the person affected thereby.

124. Sale Certificate.- (1) Where sale of any immovable property has become absolute under these rules, the recovery officer shall grant a certificate specifying the property sold and the name of the person who at the time of sale is declared to be the purchaser.

(2) Such certificate shall state the date on which the sale became absolute.

125. Purchaser's Title.- (1) Where any property is sold in terms of these rules, there shall vest in the purchaser's right, title and interest of the defaulter at the time of the sale.

(2) Where immovable property is sold in terms of these rules and such sale has become absolute, the purchaser's right, title and interest shall be deemed to have vested in him from the time when the property is sold, and not from the time when the sale becomes absolute.

(3) The purchaser shall have a right to take possession of the immovable property sold to him under these rules and where any difficulty arises in taking such possession, the Recovery Officer shall extend all necessary assistance to the purchaser to ensure that the purchaser obtains the possession.

126. Irregularity Not to Vitiate Sale, But Any Person Injured May Sue.- No irregularity in the conduction of sale of any property shall vitiate the sale but any person sustaining substantial injury by reason of such irregularity at the hand of any other person may institute a suit in a competent court against him for compensation, or if (such other person is the purchaser), for the recovery of specific property and for compensation in default of such recovery.

127. Prohibition Against Bidding or Purchase by Officer.- No officer or other person having any duty to perform in connection with any sale under these rules, either directly or indirectly, shall bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

128. Disposal of the Sale Proceeds.- The sale proceeds of the property of the defaulter shall be utilised in the following manner:-

(a) the sale proceeds shall first be utilised for meeting the cost of sale;

(b) the balance shall be utilised for satisfaction of the tax together with the cost of detention of the property;

(c) the balance, if any, shall be utilised for recovery of any other Government dues payable by the defaulter under any other law; and

(d) the balance, if any, shall be paid to the defaulter.

129. Allied Action of the Recovery Officer.- All bona-fide and good faith allied actions and measures taken by the recovery officer towards the recovery of the tax under these rules shall be deemed to be covered under these rules.

130. Procedure on Death of Defaulter.- If at any time after the certificate has been issued by the Assistant Commissioner under rule 102, the defaulter dies, the proceedings under these rules may be continued against the legal representatives of the defaulter, and the provisions of these rules shall apply as if the legal representatives were the defaulter.

CHAPTER-XII

COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM

131. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the use of computer system by the authorized persons under the provisions of section 79 of the Act, and matters relating thereto.

132. Responsibility of the User.--Every person authorized to use or interact with the computerized system of the Authority shall be responsible for use or interaction with the system only to the extent authorized by the Authority.

133. Protection of Business Information.- No user of the computerized system shall disclose information or data relating to a registered person to any person for other than official purposes relating to the administration of the Act unless authorized by law or these rules, or permission is given by the registered person or person authorized by him.

134. Exchange of Information Between Registered Persons.- A registered person may allow the person authorized to use or interact with the computerized system to share his business information with any other person.

135. Information to Associations.- The Authority may deliver any information or data stored in or retrievable from the computerized system to any association of trade, business or industry for the purposes of helping out the Authority in formulation of its policies and carrying out its functions under the laws administered by the Authority, provided that information about tax affairs of taxpayer shall not be provided for the purpose of this rule.

136. Authorization.- (1) A person desirous to be authorized as user of the computerized system of the Authority may apply to the Authority by visiting the website https://bra.gob.pk.

(2) Upon scrutiny of the information provided by the applicant, the Authority may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it may impose, grant authorization to the applicant or refuse the application after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard through an officer of the Authority nominated in this behalf.

(3) No person shall have or attempt to have access to the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of information therefrom unless authorized as aforesaid.

137. Unique User Identifier.- (1) Every person authorized as user of computerized system shall be allotted a 'Unique User Identifier' (UUI) for his identification in relation to accessing the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of relevant information therefrom.

138. Access to Computerized System.- (1) Subject to the conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Authority, the authorized user shall access the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of information therefrom.

(2) The Authority may, at any time, impose any additional conditions upon any authorized user or class of authorized users for accessing the computerized system or to maintain confidentiality or security thereof.

(3) The Authority may require an authorized user or class of authorized users including their accredited agents to use any additional electronic security including digital certification for electronic filing of return or any other declarations or documents.

139. Responsibility of the User.- The authorized user shall be responsible for security and confidentiality of the 'UUI' allotted to him and where any information is transmitted to the computerized system using a 'UUI', the transmission of that information shall be a sufficient evidence that the authorized user to whom such 'UUI' has been issued has transmitted that information.

140. Cancellation of Authorization.- (1) Where the Authority is satisfied that any user authorized to use the computerized system has:-

(a) failed to comply with any of the conditions or restrictions prescribed by the Authority; or

(b) acted in contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder; or

(c) failed to take adequate measures for security and confidentiality of a 'UUI'; or

(d) been convicted in an offence under the Act or any other law:

Provided that the Authority may cancel the authorization of that user after affording him an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Pending consideration whether an authorization is cancelled under sub-rule (1), the Authority may suspend the authorization.

141. Recording of Transmissions.- The Authority shall keep record of each transmission sent to or received from an authorized user, for a period of five years from the date of such transmission or receipt.

142. Scrutiny of Records.- An officer or officers nominated by the Authority may examine records maintained by an authorized user, whether electronically or otherwise, in relation to a specific transaction or to verify adequacy or integrity of the system or media on which such records are created and stored.

143. Use of E-invoicing System.- Any registered person may, under intimation to the Authority, use an appropriate system of electronic invoicing in respect of taxable services provided by him.

144. Real Time Transmission of E-invoices.- On receipt of intimation under rule 143, the Authority shall take necessary software-related measures to enable the registered person to generate and transmit e-invoices to the computerized system of the Authority on real time basis.

145. Non-Inclusion of E-invoicing in Monthly Return.- Where a registered person is issuing e-invoices and transmitting the same to the computerized system on real time basis, such person shall not be required to provide summery of his sale invoices with the return.

146. E-treatment of Purchase Invoices.- Where a registered person is receiving e-invoices for his purchases or has an appropriate computer facility for the purpose, he may, with prior permission of the Authority, transmit his daily purchase invoices to the computerized system of the Authority and such person shall not be required to file summery of his purchase invoices with the monthly return.

147. Validity of Invoices.- Unless otherwise proved, the sale and purchase invoices electronically transmitted by a registered person to the computerized system of the Authority shall be treated as valid proof of sales and purchases for the purposes of the Act and rules made thereunder:

Explanation: For the purpose of this Chapter, invoice shall, where so allowed by the Authority, include cash memos, sale receipts, vouchers and similar instruments showing sale or purchase transactions provided they carry the commonly accepted necessary features of an invoice.

CHAPTER XIII

ADJUDICATION

148. Application.- The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to original adjudication under the provisions of section 60 of the Act and the matters relating thereto.

149. Show Cause Notice.- (1) Where an audit report or contravention report have been prepared, the contents of the show cause notice shall be based upon the facts contained in such reports.

(2) Where the show cause notice is to be issued for rejection of any refund of the tax, all relevant details and reasons of refund rejection shall be incorporated in the show cause notice in clear terms.

(3) Mere issuance of show cause notice for rejection of refund does not mean rejection of refund as a refund claimed by a registered person can be eventually proved and found admissible during or on the conclusion of adjudication proceedings.

150. Reference to Legal Provisions.- All relevant provisions of law relating to jurisdictional competence, vires of the show cause notice, time limitation, provisions alleged to have been contravened, grounds for refusal to accept any right, claim or entitlement and provision relating to determination or existence of un-discharged tax liability and provisions relating to fines or penalties shall be quoted in the show cause notice.

151. Clubbing of Show Cause Notices.- Where an adjudicating officer has issued more than one show cause notices to a registered person, he may club all such notices and pass a single adjudication order.

152. Group Adjudication.- An adjudicating officer may club the cases of different registered persons involving identical matters and the statutory pecuniary limit on the adjudicating officer, if any, shall not apply on the aggregate tax amount of such clubbed cases.

153. Principles of Natural Justice.- Principles of natural justice, fairness, reasonableness and neutrality shall be strictly observed in the adjudication proceedings.

154. Adjournments.- Adjournments shall be given only in such situation where request thereof has been made on genuine and bonafide grounds. The frivolous requests for adjournments aimed at avoiding early or timely conclusion of adjudication shall be declined by recording reasons.

155. Condonation.- Where any question of condonation of time limitation or other procedural condition is involved, it shall be resolved purely on merit and only in the circumstances where factors beyond human control exist, following the doctrine of bonafide inability.

156. Examination of Records and Evidences.- (1) It shall be the personal responsibility of the adjudicating officer to ensure that records and evidences produced in or relevant to the case, are properly looked into and examined before drawing any conclusion or inference.

(2) The particulars of the data, records and evidences examined in the case shall be precisely mentioned in the adjudication order.

157. Electronic Adjudication.- Where any registered person, for any bonafide reasons, requests for hearing of his case under adjudication through recordable video conferencing and other modern electronic media, it shall be honoured if found feasible and not detrimental or prejudicial to the interests of the adjudication proceedings.

158. Quasi-judicial Nature of Adjudication.- Tax adjudication shall be treated as a quasi-judicial process and it shall be the responsibility of the adjudicating officer to protect the legitimate revenue rights of the Government and give genuine relief to the taxpayer consistent with law.

159. Rationale of Penalties.- No penalty out of proportion to the nature and degree of the contravention shall be imposed, and the adjudicating officer may use his judicious discretion to soften or otherwise dispense with penalty where it is proved that un-discharging of tax liability was not based upon melafide intention.

160. Adjudication Orders.- The adjudicating officer shall issue a self-speaking order covering, amongst other things:-

(a) background details of the case;

(b) facts of contraventions quoting the relevant legal provisions;

(c) brief of the penal or other actions suggested in the show cause notice; precise description of the defence relied upon by the taxpayer;

(d) particulars of the data, information, records, documents and evidences examined;

(e) discussion and findings on departmental and defense arguments; principal inference drawn with reasons; and

(f) conclusive judgment.

161. Summary Adjudication.- Where a registered person requests for summary adjudication of his case, the adjudicating officer may adjudicate and decide the case summarily without issuance of the show cause notice. A summary adjudication of any case shall not extinguish the right of a registered person for appeal.

CHAPTER-XIV

PRESCRIBED FORMS

162. Taxpayer's Registration Form.-Application for taxpayer's registration shall be filed in Form BST-01 as specified by rule-05 of these rules, read with section 25 of the Act.

163. Taxpayer's De-registration Form.- Application for taxpayer's de-registration shall be filed in Form BST-02 as specified by rule-11 of these rules, read with section 29 of the Act.

164. Sales Tax on Services Return Form.- Sales tax on services return shall be filed in Form BST-03 as specified by rule-15 of these rules, read with section 35 of the Act.

165. Sales Tax Payment Challan Form.- Payment of sales tax shall be made in Form BST-04 as specified by rule-17 of these rules, read with section 18 of the Act.

166. Form of Appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals).- An appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals) shall be filed in Form BST-05 as specified under section 63 of the Act.

167. Form of Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.- An appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in Form BST-06 as specified under section 67 of the Act.

168. Form of Reference to the High Court.- A reference to the High Court shall be filed in Form BST-07 as specified under section 69 of the Act.

169. Form of Application for Appointment of E-Intermediary.- Application for appointment of e-intermediary shall be filed in Form BST-08 as specified by rule 23 of these rules read with section 77 of the Act.

170. Form of Certificate for Recovery.- The referring officer shall issue a certificate to the recovery officer for recovery of arrears in Form BST-09 in terms of rule 102 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

171. Form of Notice for Recovery.- The recovery officer shall issue notice to the defaulter for recovery of arrears in Form BST-10 in terms of rule 104 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

172. Form of Notice for Attachment of Property.- The recovery officer shall be issue notice for attachment of property in Form BST-11 in terms of rule 107 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

173. Form of Order for Attachment of Property.- The recovery officer shall issue order of attachment of property belonging to defaulter in Form BST-12 in terms of rule 108 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

174. Form of Warrant for Attachment of Property.- The recovery officer shall issue warrant for attachment of property belonging to defaulter through an attachment officer in Form BST-13 in terms of rule 114 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

175. Form of Order for Sale of Property.- The Commissioner of Sales Tax shall issue order of sale of property belonging to defaulter in Form BST-14 in terms of rule 117 of these rules read with section 72 of the Act.

CHAPTER-XV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

176. Service of Communications.- The officer of the Authority may, where deemed fit and appropriate, serve any communication including a notification, notice, show cause notice, requisition, decision, assessment order, upon any registered person manually or electronically through email address as recorded by the registered person on registration application (Form BST-01).

(Form BST-01)
Section-25 Rule 05/162

(Form BST-02)
Section-29 Rule 11/163

(Form BST-03)
Section-35 Rule 15/164

Annex-A to E

Annex-B to E

Annex-C to E

Annex-D to E

Annex-E

(Form BST-04)
Section-18 Rule 17/165

(Form BST-05)
Section-63 Rule 166

(Form BST-06)
Section-67 Rule 167

(Form BST-07)
Section-69 Rule 168

(Form BST-08)
Section-77 Rule 23/169

(Form BST-09)
Section-72 Rule 102/170

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form Of Certificate For Recovery

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

C.No. _____

Dated: _____

Reference _____

(e.g. Order-in-Original No.--, Bank Guarantee No.--, etc.)

WHEREAS, a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only), as Government dues (as per Schedule attached) is outstanding and needs to be recovered from the following:

M/s. _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Sales Tax Registration No. _____

NTN. No. _____

(2) The above-mentioned Government dues are on account of Sales Tax and other levies under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015. It is certified that all formalities under the Act and rules made thereunder have been completed as follows, and there exists no bar stay order against recovery.

(3) Action taken under clauses (a) to (f) of sub-section (1) of section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015.

(4) You are, therefore,, requested to recover the above-mentioned Government dues in term of section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 and rules made thereunder. The government dues may be remitted to the undersigned as soon as the same are recovered.

Referring Officer

(Name)_____

Assistant / Deputy Commissioner of Balochistan Sales Tax

Seal _____

To,

The Balochistan Sales Tax Recovery Officer,_____

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(Form BST-10)
Section-72 Rule 104/171

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form of Notice for Recovery

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

C.No. _____

Dated: _____

WHEREAS, Government dues amounting to Rs. _____(Rupees _____only), are recoverable from you (M/s._____) on account of _____

(2) AND WHEREAS, you have failed to deposit the above said Government dues recoverable from you and it is believed that the outstanding Government dues cannot be recovered from you in the manner so far followed;

(3) NOW, THEREFORE, you (M/s. _____) are hereby served with this notice in terms of section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 to pay the amount within fifteen days from the date of service of this notice, failing which following proceedings under section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 shall be initiated without any further notice:-

- Removal of goods from your business premises shall be stopped and the business premises sealed after fifteen days of the issue of this notice till such time the amount of tax is paid or recovered in full.

(4) You are also directed not to directly or indirectly, sell, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with all movable and immovable properties belonging to you except with the permission of the undersigned.

Recovery Officer

(Name)_____

Assistant / Deputy Commissioner of Balochistan Sales Tax

Seal _____

To,

(i) M/s. _____ (defaulter)

(ii) M/s. _____(clearing agent or representative).

(iii) All other concerned.

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(Form BST-11)
Section-72 Rule 107/172

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form Of Notice For Attachment Of Property

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

C.No. _____

Dated: _____

WHEREAS, Government dues amounting to Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only), are recoverable from you (M/s. _____) on account of _____.

(2) AND WHEREAS, you have failed to deposit the above said Government dues recoverable from you and no recovery could be made in term of clauses (a) to (f) of sub-section (1) of section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015.

(3) AND WHEREAS, it is believed that the outstanding Government dues cannot be recovered from you in the manner so far followed;

(4) NOW, THEREFORE, you are hereby served with this notice in term of section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 to pay the amount within fifteen days from the date of service of this notice, failing which all your movable and immoveable properties shall stand attached on the expiry of 15 days of the service of this notice. Further, following proceedings under section 72 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 and the rules made thereunder shall also be initiated without any further notice:-

(a) sale of movable or immovable property; and

(b) appointment of receiver for the management of movable or immovable property.

(5) You are also directed not to directly or indirectly, sell, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with all movable and immovable properties belonging to you except with the permission of the undersigned.

(6) Such attached properties can be seized / sold under Chapter-X1 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 or a receiver can be appointed to manage them. To avoid such a situation it shall be in your own interest to pay the Government dues within fifteen days from the date of service of this notice.

Recovery Officer

(Name) _____

Assistant / Deputy Commissioner of Balochistan Sales Tax

Seal _____

To,

(i) M/s. _____ (defaulter)

(ii) M/s. _____(clearing agent or representative).

(iii) All other concerned.

(Form BST-12)
Section-72 Rule 108/173

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form of Order For Attachment of Property

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

To

Mr. / Mrs. / M/s._____

WHEREAS, you have failed to pay a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) payable by you, for which notice under rule-107 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 read with section 72(1) of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015, dated _____ has already been served upon you.

(2) AND WHEREAS, for the said default and in pursuance of recovery of sales tax arrears the below mentioned properties belonging to you have been attached.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(3) THEREFORE, you Mr. / Mrs. / M/s. _____,is/are hereby prohibited and restrained until further order of the undersigned from transferring of above-mentioned properties or subjecting the same to a charge in any manner and, that all person including co-owners are prohibited from taking any benefit under such transfer or charge.

Given under my hand and seal at (name of city) _____ on this day of _____(month) _____ (year) _____.

Recovery Officer

(Name)_____

Assistant / Deputy Commissioner of Balochistan Sales Tax

Seal _____

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(Form BST-13)
Section-72 Rule 114/174

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form of Warrant for Attachment of Property

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

C. No. _____

Date:_____

WHEREAS Mr. _____ (Designation _____) has been nominated as Attachment Officer in terms of the Chapter-XI of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018, to attach the properties of M/s. _____ for the recovery of outstanding Government dues amounting to Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only), recoverable from the above mentioned defaulter.

2. THEREFORE, Mr._____ (Designation _____) is hereby directed to seize the movable properties belonging to the defaulter while observing the provisions of Chapter-XI of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018, save exceptions as provided under the above said rules. He is also directed to report to the undersigned about the completion of attachment formalities as soon as these are completed.

Recovery Officer

(Name)_____

Seal _____

To,

(i) The Attachment Officer.
(ii) _____, along with a copy of warrant to be served on the defaulter.
(iii) Notice Board.

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(Form BST-14)
Section-72 Rule 117/175

Government of Balochistan

Balochistan Revenue Authority

Form Of Order For Sale Of Property

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018

C.No. _____

Date:_____

To

Mr. / Mrs. M/s _____

You Mr. / Mrs. M/s _____ have failed to pay Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) which was due as sales tax arrears in-spite-of service of a notice under rules 107 and 108 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 read with section 72 (1) of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015, dated _____.

In view of the said default and in pursuance of recovery of tax arrears, it is hereby ordered to sale the attached properties belonging to Mr. / Mrs. / M/s. _____, the defaulter of the said amount.

(Name)_____

Commissioner of Balochistan Sales Tax

Seal _____

To,

(i) The Recovery Officer.
(ii) _____, along with a copy of order to be served on the defaulter.
(iii) Notice Board.

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THE BALOCHISTAN SALES TAX ON SPECIAL PROCEDURE (WITHHOLDING) RULES, 2018

No. BRA/BSTW/03/2018, Quetta, the July 01, 2018.–In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 read-with section 14 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015), the Balochistan Revenue Authority with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. Short Title, Application and Commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018.

(2) They shall apply to the taxable services that are provided or rendered to the following persons, hereby specified as "withholding agents", for the purpose of deduction and deposit of tax, namely:-

(a) offices and departments of Federal Government, Provincial Governments, Local or District Governments, and a public-sector project or programme governed by such governments; and

(b) autonomous bodies;

(c) public sector organizations including public corporations, state-owned enterprises, regulatory bodies and authorities;

(d) organizations which are funded, fully or partially, out of the budget grants of the Federal Government or Provincial Governments;

(e) companies, as defined in sub-rule (7) of rule 2 of these rules;

(f) FBR-registered or BRA-registered persons or the persons specified in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of these rules who receive or procure the services of Advertisement (Tariff Heading 98.02), Intercity transportation or carriage of goods by road (Tariff Heading 9804.1000); Advertising agent (Tariff Heading 9805.7000), Renting of immovable property (Tariff Heading 9806.3000), Consultant (Tariff Heading 98.15) and Auctioneer (Tariff Heading 9819.9000); and

(g) BRA-registered persons receiving taxable services from un-registered persons:

Provided that a person shall be treated as a withholding agent, for the purpose of these rules, only if he is resident in Balochistan or has a place of business in Balochistan:

Explanation: The accounting office responsible for making payments against invoices / bills for the taxable services received by an office or department of the Federal Government, Provincial Governments, Local or District Governments and public projects shall also be treated as a withholding agent for the purpose of these rules.

(3) They shall extend to the whole Province of Balochistan.

(4) They shall come into force with effect from the first day of July, 2018.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(1) "**Act**" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No.VI of 2015);

(2) "**Advertisement**" means the taxable services of advertisements classified under tariff heading 98.02 and the sub-heads and descriptions thereunder;

(3) "**Auctioneer**" means a person providing or rendering the services in relation to auction of property, whether movable or immovable and tangible or intangible, in any manner, classified under tariff heading 9819.9000;

Explanation: Auction of property includes calling the auction or providing facility, advertising or illustrative services, pre-auction price estimates, short term storage services, repairs and restoration services in relation to auction of property;

(4) "**Authority**" or "BRA" means the Balochistan Revenue Authority established under the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

(5) "**BRA-Registered Person**" means a person registered with BRA for providing or rendering of taxable services;

(6) "**Bank**" means the National Bank of Pakistan or any of its branches designated, by notification in the official gazette, for the purpose of payment of tax;

(7) "**Company**" means-

(a) a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2017 (Act No.. XIX of 2017);

(b) a banking company and foreign banking company as defined in the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No. LVII of 1962), and includes anybody corporate which transacts the business of banking in Pakistan;

(c) a non-banking finance company (NBFC) and the notified entities as specified in section 282A of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (Ordinance No.. XLVII of 1984), read with the Non-Banking Finance Company (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003;

(d) a body corporate formed by or under any law in force in Pakistan;

(e) amodaraba company as defined in the Modaraba Companies and Modaraba (Floatation and Control) Ordinance, 1980 (Ordinance No. XXXI of 1980);

(f) a financial institution as defined in the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No.. XLVI of 2001), including a microfinance institution licensed under the Microfinance Institutions Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. LV of 2001) and a Islamic financial institution;

(g) a body incorporated by or under the law of a country outside Pakistan relating to incorporation of companies;

(h) a trust, a co-operative society or a finance society or any other society established or constituted by or under any law for the time being in force; or

(i) a foreign association, whether incorporated or not, which the Authority has, by general or special order, declared to be a company for the purposes of the Act;

(8) "**Computerized Payment Receipt**" means a computer-generated receipt showing payment of tax to the designated branch of the National Bank of Pakistan;

(9) "**FBR**" means the Federal Board of Revenue established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act, 2007 (Act No. IV of 2007);

(10) "**FBR-Registered Person**" means a person registered with FBR under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, for the purpose of taxable supply of goods as defined in sub-section (41) of section 2 thereof and also means a person holding Balochistan Sales Tax Registration Number (BNTN), and NTN or FTN under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 2001) or the rules or procedure made thereunder;

(11) "**Form**" means the forms prescribed under these rules;

(12) "**Government dues**" means recoverable amounts of sales tax, penalty, default surcharge or any other amount of tax, duty or levy collectable under the Act or rules made thereunder and against the recovery of which there is no bar or valid stay order from the competent court;

(13) "**Person**" means-

(a) an individual;

(b) a company, an agency or an association of persons incorporated, formed, organized or established in Pakistan or elsewhere;

(c) the Federal Government;

(d) a Provincial Government;

(e) a Local Authority or Local Government in Pakistan; or

(f) a foreign Government, a political sub-division of a foreign Government, or a public international organization.

Explanation: The use of the word "he" in the Act shall be taken to refer to any or all of the persons mentioned in sub-clauses (a) to (f) above;

(14) "**Recovery Officer**" means an officer of the Authority, authorized by the Commissioner for recovery of Government dues;

(15) "**Renting of Immovable Property**" means and includes the renting, letting, sub-letting, leasing, sub-leasing, licensing or similar other arrangements of immovable property for use in the course or furtherance of business or commerce, but not include-

(a) renting of immovable property by a religious body to another religious body;

(b) renting of vacant land or premises solely used for agriculture, aquaculture, framing, forestry, animal husbandry or mining purposes;

(c) renting of land or premises solely used for outdoor games and sports;

(d) renting of buildings solely used for residential purposes or solely used as holstels and boarding homes lof a recognized educational institution; and

(e) renting of immovable property by hotels, motels, guest houses, clubs, marriage halls and lawns which are otherwise liable to tax under tariff heading 98.01 and the sub-headings thereof.

Explanation-I: where renting of immovable property is effected under a single composite contract or agreement involving part of property for use in commerce or business and part of it for residential accommodation purpose, the entire property under the contract or agreement shall he* treated, for the purpose of levy of tax under the Act, as property for use in commerce or business and, accordingly, the total value of the contract or agreement shall be treated as taxable value;

Explanation-II: For the purpose of this clause-

(a) the term "for uses in the course or furtherance of business or commerce" includes the use of immovable property as factories, offices including Government offices or public offices, warehouses, laboratories, educational institutions, shops, showrooms, retail outlets, multiple-use buildings, etc.;

(b) the term "renting of immovable property" includes allowing or permitting the use of land or space in an immovable property, irrespective of the transfer of possession or control of the said property;

(c) the term "immovable property" includes-

(i) building and part of a building and the land or space appurtenant thereto;

(ii) land or space incidental to the use of such building or part of a building;

(iii) common or shared areas and facilities relating to the property rented;

(iv) vacant land or space given on lease or license for construction or temporary structure to be used at a later stage for furtherance of business or commerce; or

(v) plant, machinery, equipment, furniture, fixture or fitting installed in or provided in or attached to the immovable property; and

(d) the term "rent" means any payment or consideration, by whatever name called, received or receivable under any lease, sub-lease, tenancy or any other contract or agreement or arrangement for use, occupation or right to use or occupy any immovable property, and includes any forfeited deposit paid under such lease, sub-lease, tenancy or other contract or agreement or arrangement;

(16) "**Rule**" means the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018;

(17) "**Schedule**" means the schedules appended to the Act;

(18) "**Service" or "Services**" means anything which is not goods and shall include but not limited to the services listed in the First Schedule to the Act:

Explanation-I: A service shall remain and continue to be treated as service regardless whether or not the providing thereof involves any use, supply, disposition or consumption of any goods either as an essential or as an incidental aspect of such providing of service;

Explanation-II: Unless otherwise specified by the Authority, the service or services involved in the supply of goods shall remain and continue to be treated as service or services;

(19) "**Service Provider**" means a person who is engaged in the provision or providing of service or services in the course or furtherance of any economic activity;

(20) "**Tax**" means-

(a) the sales tax, additional tax, or default surcharge levied under the Act;

(b) a penalty, fine or fee imposed or charged under the Act; and

(c) any other sum payable or recoverable under the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder;

(21) ''**Taxpayer**" means any person who, in the course of an economic activity, provides taxable services for consideration and includes any person who is liable or is required to pay or is paying tax or any sum under the Act or the rules made thereunder;

(22) "**Taxable Service**" shall have the same meaning given to it under section 3 of the Act;

(23) "**Transportation or Carriage of Goods**" means the transportation or carriage of goods from one place to another either by road or through pipeline or conduit, including the services of cargo handling like loading, unloading, packing, un-packing, stacking and storage of goods, classified under tariff heading 9804.1000;

(24) "**Un-registered Person**" means a person who is liable to be registered under the Act but does not hold a Balochistan sales tax registration number; and

(25) "**Withholding Agent**" means a person as specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of these rules.

Explanation: The words and expressions used but not defined in any provision of these rules, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under the Act.

3. Responsibility of Withholding Agent.- (1) The withholding agent, intending to receive taxable services, shall indicate in a notice in Form BSTW-05, that the sales tax, to the extent as prescribed in these rules, shall be deducted and withheld by him from the payment made or to be made to the service provider and shall be deposited / paid in any designated branch of the National Bank of Pakistan in the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387 – Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" in the prescribed manner:

Provided that the withholding agent shall not deduct or withhold sales tax against the invoices or bills issued by a BRA-registered service provider in respect of the services of telecommunication, banking company, insurance company (other than a re-insurance company), financial institution, port operator, airport operator, terminal operator, and airport ground services.

(2) A withholding agent who is not already registered with the Authority as service provider shall electronically apply for "Sign Up as Withholding Agent" to the Authority in Form BSTW-01 and the Authority shall issue him a User ID, Password and PIN Code for Balochistan sales tax withholding and payment purposes.

(3) A withholding agent, other than a person or a recipient of the taxable services covered by clause (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 1, shall deduct an amount equal to one-fifth of the total amount of sales tax shown in the sales tax invoice issued by a registered person and shall make payment of the balance amount to service provider as per illustration given below:

Illustration-

Value of taxable services excluding sales tax,	Rs.1000
Sales tax chargeable @ 15%,	Rs.150
Sales tax to be deducted by the withholding agent,	Rs.30 (i.e. Rs.150/5)
Sales tax payable by the withholding agent to the Service provider,	Rs.120 (i.e. Rs.150 - Rs.30)
Balance amount payable to the service provider by the withholding agent.	Rs.1120 (i.e. Rs.1000 + Rs.120):

Provided that where the invoice issued by the registered person does not indicate the amount of sales tax, the withholding agent shall deduct and withhold the amount of sales tax, at the rate applicable to the services provided or rendered to him, from the amount invoiced or billed or charged by such registered person and, unless otherwise specified in the contract between the service recipient and the service provider, the amount of sales tax for the purposes of this rule, shall be worked out on the basis of gross value of the taxable services under the tax fraction formula. However, this shall not absolve the registered service provider of his liability to the sales tax and the penalty or default surcharge thereon, as payable under the Act or the rules made thereunder.

(4) A withholding agent, having Balochistan Sales Tax Registration Number (BNTN) and National Tax Number (NTN) or Free Tax Number (FTN) and falling under sub-rule (2) of rule 1, shall, on receipt of taxable services from un-registered persons, deduct the amount of sales tax, at the tax rate applicable to the taxable services provided or rendered to him, from the amount invoiced or billed or demanded or charged by such un-registered service provider and, unless otherwise specified in the contract between the service recipient and the service provider, the amount of sales tax for the purpose of this rule, shall be worked out on the basis of gross value of taxable services under the following tax fraction formula:-

$$\frac{a}{100 + a}$$

('a' is the rate of tax specified in Second Schedule of the Act);

Provided that in case a withholding agent receives taxable services from an un-registered person, he shall be responsible to obtain and keep in record a copy of the CNIC of the un-registered service provider if he is an individual and a copy of the NTN certificate of the un-registered service provider if it is an AOP or a company. The withholding agent shall also be responsible to enter the name, CNIC and NTN of the un-registered service provider correctly in the relevant columns of the return Form BST-03 or BSTW-03, as the case may be.

(5) The persons mentioned in clause (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 1, receive or procure the services of advertisement, intercity transportation or carriage of goods by road, advertising agent, renting of immovable property, consultant and auctioneer as are provided or rendered by a person registered with the Authority or by an un-registered person resident of Balochistan or by a non-resident person based in a country other than Pakistan, shall deduct the amount of sales tax as mentioned in the invoice or the bill issued by the service provider, from the payment due to the service provider. In case the sales tax amount is not indicated on the invoice, the service recipient shall deduct the amount of sales tax at the applicable rate of tax under the tax fraction formula, from the payment made or to be made to the service provider.

(6) Where the services are received by a withholding agent, as specified in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of these rules, the following procedure shall be observed, namely:-

(a) the Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO), preparing the bill for payment by the accounting office, shall indicate the amount of sales tax to be deducted and withheld in terms of these rules. The accounting office, responsible for making the payment, shall adopt the procedure as indicated below:-

(i) in case of services received by a Federal Government department or office, the office of the Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue or the District Account Officer or the Office responsible to make the payment shall deduct and withhold the tax amount and shall transfer the tax amount, so deducted or withheld at source during a month, to the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services". Intimation about the withholding and such transfer of Balochistan Sales Tax amount shall be sent by the respective AGPR office to the Authority, by the 15th day of the following month;

(ii) in case of services received by departments or offices under the Balochistan Government or District or Local Governments thereof, the Accountant General of the Balochistan or the District Accounts Officer or the Office responsible to make the payment, as the case may be, shall deduct and withhold the tax amount and credit the tax amount, so deducted or withheld at source during a month, to the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" and send an intimation about such withholding and transfer of tax amounts to the Authority, by the 15th day of the following month;

(iii) in case of services received by the departments and office under a Provincial Government, other than the Government of Balochistan or the Districts or Local Governments in Balochistan, the Accountant General of that Province or the respective District Accounts Officer or the Office responsible to make the payment, as the case may be, shall deduct and withhold the tax amount and shall credit the tax amount, so deducted or withheld at source during a month, to the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services". Cheque for the tax amount will be prepared by the respective Accountant General or District Accounts Officer

or the office responsible to make the payment, as the case may be, in the name of the Authority, for debit to the aforesaid head of account and the same shall be sent to the Authority by the 15th day of the following month; and

(iv) Where the services are received by the departments or offices falling in purview of Military Accountant General (MAG), the MAG shall deduct and withhold the amount of tax and the tax amount, so deducted or withheld at source during a month, shall be transferred to the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services". The MAG shall send the intimation (of such deduction/withholding and its transfer to Balochistan Government's aforesaid head of account) to the Authority, by the 15th day of the following month. The tax amount, so deducted or withheld at source, shall simultaneously be reported by MAG office to Accountant General Balochistan through civil exchange accounts; and

(b) the concerned Drawing and Disbursement Officer shall prepare the return in Form BSTW-03 for each month and file the same electronically on http://bra.gob.pk, by the 18th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates.

(7) In case of persons not covered by sub-rule (6) above, the withholding agent shall pay the withheld amount of sales tax in the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387- Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" against a PSID/CPR/Challan prepared in Form BSTW-04, as prescribed in these rules, by the following due dates:-

(a) in case the withholding agent is registered as a service provider under the Act, by the prescribed due date of the month in which he claims input tax credit/adjustment in Annex-A of his tax return (Form BST-03) or the date on which payment is made to the service provider, whichever is earlier:

Provided that where such a withholding agent does not claim input tax credit for a period of four months succeeding the month in which the tax invoice was issued or is not otherwise entitled to claim input tax credit/adjustment, he shall deposit the withheld amount of tax on the date on which he makes the payment to the service provider or on a date within four months from the date of the invoice, whichever is earlier; and

(b) in case of withholding agents, not covered by clauses (a) of this sub-rule, by the 15th day of the following month in which the tax invoice was issued by the service provider or the date on which payment is made to the service provider, whichever is earlier.

(8) In case the withholding agent is a BRA-registered person, he shall file the return and deposit the withheld amount of sales tax in the manner as prescribed under Chapter-III of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 along with his other tax liability, and such person shall not be required to file the return BSTW-03, as prescribed under rule 6 of these rules:

Provided that in case the withholding agent is not a BRA-registered person but holds a National Tax Number (NTN) assigned under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), he shall file the return, as set out in Form BSTW-03 of these rules, electronically, and deposit the deducted or withheld amount of sales tax in the Balochistan Government's account head of "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" " against a withholding challan prescribed in Form BSTW-04:

Provided further that any other withholding agent may also opt to file the prescribed return electronically and deposit the deducted or withheld amount of sales tax in the manner as provided in this sub-rule.

(9) The withholding agent shall pay default surcharge, as prescribed in section 49 of the Act, in case of any delay or default in the payment of sales tax so deducted or withheld by him or liable to be deducted or withheld by him, in the Balochistan Government's account head "B-02387-Balochistan Sales Tax on Services" by the due date prescribed under these rules.

(10) The withholding agent shall furnish to the officer of the Authority such information or data as may be required by him for carrying out the purposes of these rules.

(11) A certificate, in the format set out in Form BSTW-06, showing deduction of sales tax, shall be issued to the service provider by the withholding agent duly specifying the name and registration number of service provider, description of services, invoice number and date of invoice and the amount of sales tax deducted and withheld.

(12) The authority may de-register a registered withholding agent not required to be registered under the Act in the manner as prescribed:-

(a) The withholding agent who ceases to provide taxable service or is no more required to be registered, shall apply to the Authority, through an application on prescribed Form BSTW-02. The Authority after causing such inquiries or audit by an officer of the Authority as deemed appropriate, shall de-register such withholding agent from such date as may be specified, subject to payment of all dues outstanding against such withholding agent. All orders for de-registration, passed under this rule, shall be placed on BRA's website and shall also be communicated to PRAL within three days from the date of such order; and

(b) The application for de-registration shall be disposed of within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of application, or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the Authority may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix.

4. Responsibility of Registered Service Provider.- (1) The registered service provider shall issue tax invoice, as specified in section 30 of the Act, in respect of every taxable service provided or rendered to a withholding agent.

(2) The registered service provider shall ensure that he allows withholding of sales tax to only such of his service recipients as are withholding agents in terms of sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of these rules and also that such service recipients have provided, to the service provider, the prescribed notice in Form BSTW-05.

(3) The registered service provider shall file monthly return, as prescribed in the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 and shall adjust the admissible input tax against the output tax in terms of the provisions of section 16 of the Act, taking due credit, in his return, of the amount of sales tax deducted by the withholding agent, in the manner as prescribed in Chapter-III under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018.

(4) Where service provider allows withholding of sales tax by a person who is not covered by the definition of "Withholding agent" under these rules, the service provider shall be liable to pay the sales tax involved along with the default surcharge thereon.

5. Application of Other Provisions.- All the provisions of the rules and notifications made or issued under the Act, shall apply in relation to the taxable services, the service providers and the service recipients or withholding agents covered by these rules, to the extent that these are not inconsistent with the provisions of these rules.

6. Forms Prescribed for Withholding Agents.- The forms, in Form BSTW-01 to Form BSTW-06, as annexed to these rules, are prescribed for the purpose of these rules.

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BSTW-01 Section-14 Rule-3(2)

BSTW-02 Section-14 Rule-3(12)

BSTW-03 Section-14 Rule-3(6)(b)

BSTW-04 Section-14 Rule-3(7)

BSTW-05 Section-14 Rule-3(1)/4(2)

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BALOCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
THE BALOCHISTAN REVENUE AUTHORITY ACT, 2015

to provide for the establishment of Balochistan Revenue Authority

Preamble:

[1][WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Balochistan Revenue Authority and to regulate matters relating to the fiscal and related economic policies; administration, management, imposition, levy and collection of taxes, duties, cess and other levies by establishing an organization, capable of enforcing the tax system through application of modern techniques of information and developing automated system of collection and assessment of taxes, duties, cess and other levies.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to reform and modernize, the system of taxation, to provide assistance to taxpayers, to promote compliance with fiscal laws, to establish a progressive and professionally efficient tax management organization, and to provide for ancillary matters thereto.]

Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

1. (1) This Act shall be called the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015.

(2) It extends to [2][the] whole of Balochistan [3][ ].

Definitions:

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "Act" means the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015.

(b) "Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council of the Authority constituted under section 13 of the Act;

(c) "Appellate Tribunal" means the Appellate Tribunal established under the Act;

(d) "Authority" means the Balochistan [4][Revenue] Authority [5][established under section 3 of the Act];

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[1]Substituted for "Whereas it is expedient to reform and modernize, the system of taxation, to provide assistance to tax payers, to promote compliance with fiscal laws, to establish a progressive and professionally efficient tax management organization, and to provide for ancillary matters thereto. It is hereby enacted as follows:-" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[2]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Substituted for "except its Tribal Areas" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[4]Substituted for "Revenues" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[5]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

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(e) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Authority [1][appointed under sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Act];

(f) "Committee" means a committee of the Authority [2][formed under clause (s) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act];

[3][(ff) "Corruption" means-

(i) Accepting, obtaining or offering any gratification or valuable things directly or indirectly which deem to be unauthorized or illegal; or

(ii) Dishonestly or fraudulently misappropriate, or indulge in embezzlement of funds including unauthorized drawl from the Authority's Bank Account or unauthorizedly using the property or resources of the Authority including all classes of fixed assets; or

(iii) Entering into plea bargain under any law for the time in force, voluntarily returning the assets or gains acquired through corruption or corrupt practices;]

(g) "Employee" means a person in the employment and service of the Authority [4][and in the employment and service of Authority's offices, with whatever names, established under the Authority];

(h) "Federal Board of Revenue" means the Federal Board of Revenue established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act 2007 (IV of 2007);

(i) "Fiscal law" means the law of Balochistan relating to tax duty or charge including stamp duty, excise duty on alcoholic liquors, opium and other narcotics, land revenue, sales tax on service, taxes on agricultural income, motor vehicles, immovable property and entertainments, capital gains tax on immovable property, capital value tax, asset tax, tax on professions, trades, callings or employment [5][, workers' welfare fund, workers' profits participation fund, infrastructure development cess] or such other law imposing any tax, levy, cess, duty, fee, charge or surcharge as the Government my specify;

(j) "Government" means Government of Balochistan;

[6][(jj) "Government Servant" means a person in the service of the Federal Government or in the Provincial Government;]

[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[3]Inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]Word inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[5]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[6]Clauses (jj) & (jjj) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

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[1][(jjj) "Human Resource Policy" means the policy related to employees for the purpose of enhancing efficiency in the functioning of the Authority, which has been approved by the competent [2][Authority] from time to time;]

(k) "Member" means any person appointed as a member of the Authority [3][under sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Act];

[4][(kk) "Misconduct" means a conduct prejudicial to good order or service discipline, and includes any of the following activities:

(i) Any action without the approval of the competent authority; or

(ii) engage, take part, assist, aid, convince or interfere in any political activity and election other than discreetly casting vote; or

(iii) submission of fake documents; or

(iv) breach of contract or accepted terms and conditions by any public servant; or

(v) conviction for an offence by a court of law' or

(vi) absence from duty without prior approval of leave including foreign visits whether official or un-official; or

(vii) unauthorized or ineligible usage of assets including vehicle, equipment etc. owned by the Authority; or

(viii) theft, fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement in connection with the Authority's property or assets; or

(ix) violation or deviation from the Act, rules, regulations or policy of the Authority; or

(x) call, attempt, threat or induce for strike.]

(l) "Person" includes-

(i) an individual;

(ii) a company or association of persons;

(iii) the Federal Government;

(iv) a Provincial Government;

(v) a local authority or local government; and

(vi) a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, or an international organization;

(m) "Prescribed" means prescribed by the rules or regulations;

(n) "Public Account" means the Public Account of the Province in terms of Article 118 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

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[1]Clauses (jj) & (jjj) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[2]Substituted for "authority" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]Word inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[4]Inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[1][(nn) "Public Servant" means a person in the service of the Authority as defined in section 24 of the Act;]

(o) "Provincial Consolidated Fund" means the Provincial Consolidated Fund in [2][terms of] Article [3][118] of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

(p) "Regulations" means the regulations framed under the Act; and

(q) "Rules" means the rules made under the Act.

The Authority

3. (1) The Government shall, by notification, establish an Authority to be called the Balochistan Revenue Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to enter into agreements, acquire, hold, manage and, subject to sub-section-3, dispose of property and to sue and be sued in its name.

(3) The Authority shall not dispose of any immovable property except with the prior approval of the Government and through competitive bidding.

[4][(3A) The Authority shall exercise all powers and functions assigned to it under this Act and the rules made thereunder.]

(4) The Authority shall consist of the Chairperson and not less than four members, [5][Including Member Operations-I (BSTS), Member Audit, Member (ICT, Data Management and Data Security), and Member Operations-II (Policy, Legal)]. The Chairperson and members shall be appointed by a Government Committee. The Committee shall comprise of the Chief Secretary, Secretary Finance, Secretary Services and General Administration Department, for the Chairperson and include the Chairperson for appointment of the members. These vacancies shall be filled through vacancy announcement and based on open competition. The appointments shall be made in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, including performance based market salaries [6][or salaries as fixed by the Government]. The [7][Chairperson and Members] shall be appointed for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a similar term [8][in accordance with the same procedure, as stated in this sub-section]:

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[1]Clause (nn) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[2]Substituted for "terns if" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[3]Substituted for "188" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]Sub-section (3A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[5]Substituted for "including a Tax Operations Member, an Audit Member, an Information Technology Member, and a Human Resource Member" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[6]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[7]Substituted for "Members" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[8]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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[1][ ]

(5) No person shall be appointed as the Chairperson [2][through open competition] [3][ ] unless he / she [4][ ]:-

[5][(a) is a Pakistani citizen;

(b) has Balochistan Local/domicile;

(c) is Physically and mentally fit;]

[6][(d)] has at least a Master's or equivalent degree in Economics, [7][Taxation, Finance, Mathematics, Human Development, Commerce] Political Science, Law, Public Administration, Accounting or Public Financial Management from a University or Institution duly recognized by Higher Education Commission (HEC);

[6][(e)] has at least [8][twenty] years experience in the relevant field, including five years' experience in tax administration, financial management, accounting, auditing at a senior position;

[6][(f)] is not more than sixty-five years of age on the date of appointment; and

[6][(g)] possesses such other qualifications which the Government may prescribe.

[9][(5A) The Government or the Chief Minister, Balochistan may delegate any of its/his powers to the Chairperson on such terms and conditions as the Government or the Chief Minister may determine.]

[10][ ]

[11][(6)] The qualifications, experience and other requirements for appointment as Members [12][appointed through open competition] [13][ ] would amongst other include;.

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[1]Proviso omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Before omission it read as follows:-
"Provided that there shall be no further re-appointment of such person on expiry of second term."

[2]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[3]Comma and sing ", (i)" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[4]Word "possesses" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[5]Clauses inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[6]Existing clauses (a) to (d) renumbered by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[7]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[8]Substituted for "twenty-five" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[9]Sub-section (5A) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[10]Clause (ii) omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[11]Clauses (iii) & (iv) renumbered as (6) & (7) by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[12]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[13]Words "shall be such as may be prescribed by the Government and" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

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- A Pakistani citizen;
- Have Balochistan domicile;
- Physically and mentally fit;
- Has a Masters degree or its equivalent
- At least [1][fifteen] years of experience;
- Is at least forty years old and at most sixty-five years old during the year of selection;
- Is competent, honest, has a high moral integrity, and is of good repute;
- Is not a caretaker of a political party;
- Relinquishes all other offices while being a member of the Authority;
- Does not pursue his/her profession while a member of the Authority.

[2][(6A) The [3][Member Operations-I (BSTS)] shall have following additional qualifications and experience:

(a) Master degree or equivalent in Taxation, Law, Economics, General/ Business Administration, Accountancy, Finance, Mathematics;

(b) has at least ten years of experience in the relevant field, five years of shall be at a senior position;

(6B) The Audit Member shall have following additional qualifications and experience:

(a) Master degree or equivalent in Taxation, Law, Economics, General/ Business Administration or Accountancy, Mathematics, Corporate Finance;

[4][(b) A fellow member of a recognized professional body (such as FCCA, FCA, or FCPA), or a member of a recognized professional body with at least 10 years of relevant experience, or an individual possessing a minimum of 20 years of experience in tax or revenue audit.]

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[1]Substituted for "twenty" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Sub-sections (6A), (6B), (6C) & (6D) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "Tax Operations Member" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[4]Sub-section (6B)(b) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(b) has at least ten years of experience in the relevant field, five years of shall be at a senior position in a Chartered Accountant Firm or in a Public Sector/Government Organization;"

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(6C) The [1][Member (ICT, Data Management and Data Security)] shall have following additional qualifications and experience:

(a) Master degree or equivalent in Computer Science, Information Technology, Database Administration, Network Administration, Software Development or Software Engineering or Software Designing;

(b) has at least ten years of experience in the relevant field, five years of shall be at a senior position;

(6D) The [2][Member Operations-II (Policy, Legal & Other Taxes)] shall have following additional qualifications and experience:

[3][(a) ACCA, ACA / ICAEW, CPA, Master degree or equivalent in Taxation, [4][ ] Economics, Business Administration, Accountancy, Finance, Mathematics [5][with a mandatory bachelor's degree in law];]

(b) has at least ten years of experience in the relevant field, five years of shall be at a senior position;]

[6][(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Chief Minister may, appoint a suitable civil servant of BPS-20 or above of the Government of Balochistan by transfer / posting basis as Chairperson, for a period of three years and shall be eligible for [7][extension by the Chief Minister, Balochistan, subject to satisfactory performance during first term,] for a similar term, against the consideration as may be specified in Authority's pay structure or as fixed by the Advisory Council. However, if the office of any Member is vacant, the Chief Minister may, appoint a suitable civil servant of the Government of Balochistan by transfer / posting basis as Member against the consideration as may be specified in Authority's pay structure or as fixed by the Advisory Council and subject to relevant qualification and experience [5]*[*under this Act or as prescribed in Rules or in Regulations made thereunder*]*.]

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[1]Substituted for "Information Technology Member" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]Substituted for "Human Resource Member" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Sub-section (6D)(a) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(a) Master degree or equivalent in Public Administration, Business Administration, Human Resource Management or Human Resource Development, Finance, Economics;"

[4]Word etc. "Law," omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[5]Word etc. inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[6]Sub-section (7) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021. Earlier it was substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020 & clauses (iii) & (iv) renumbered as (6) & (7) by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(7) If office of the Chairperson or of any Member is vacant owing to any cause, the Chief Minister may, on the recommendations of the Government Committee, appoint a suitable officer of BPS-20 or above of the Government of Balochistan on transfer / posting basis for a temporary period but not exceeding one year, as Chairperson or Member as per Authority's pay structure and subject to relevant qualification and experience.

Provided that the Government shall fill in the vacant post of Chairperson or of any Member, as the case may be, within a reasonable period but not exceeding one year.

[7]Substituted for "re-appointment" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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[1][(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder, the Government Committee, with the approval of Chief Minister, may initiate an inquiry and thereafter on its basis, it may terminate the contract of the Chairperson or of any Member with other penalties as may be prescribed if, such contractual employee, is involved in any corruption or any subversive activity, or involved in any misconduct under the Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder.]

Powers and Functions of the Authority

4. (1) The Authority shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as are necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers mentioned in sub-section (1), the Authority shall have powers to:-

(a) administer and collect such taxes, duties, cesses and other levies as are assigned to the Authority under a fiscal law;

(b) implement, with the approval of the Government, the tax administration reforms;

(c) promote voluntary tax compliance;

(d) implement comprehensive policies and [2][programmes] for education and facilitation of taxpayers, stakeholders and employees to improve the quality of the performance of the Authority as a service oriented entity;

(e) adopt modern effective tax administration methods, information technology systems [3][, including POS,] and policies to consolidate assessments, improve processes, organize registration of tax payers, widen the tax base, and make departmental remedies more efficient including enforcement of, or reduction or remission in duty, penalty [4][, default surcharge] or tax, in accordance with the relevant fiscal law;

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[1]Sub-section (8) inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Substituted for "programmers" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[4]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

Provided further that, in case of deputation, the Government Committee, may appoint a suitable officer of BPS-20 or above of the Government of Balochistan on deputation basis for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a similar term, as Chairperson or Member as per Authority's pay structure and subject to relevant qualification and experience."

Before substitution by F. Act, 2020, it read as follows:-

"[(7)] If the office of the Chairperson is vacant or he is absent or is unable to perform the functions of the Chairperson owing to any cause, the senior most Member, as designated by Government, shall perform the functions of the Chairperson;

Provided that the Government shall fill in the vacant post of Chairperson and Members within two months."

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(f) improve productivity through a comprehensive and effective human resource strategy;

(g) identify and select in a transparent manner, qualified work force on such terms and conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(h) grant [1][, with the approval of Advisory Council,] such performance based additional allowances or incentives [2][, bonuses] and rewards to the employees [3][ ] of the Authority as may be prescribed;

(i) take appropriate measures including internal controls to combat corruption in the organizations under the Authority and to provide checks to ensure that the integrity of the employees is [4][verified] periodically through applicable procedures and the said verification shall constitute one of the criteria for purposes of grant of incentives and consideration for promotion;

(j) direct or advise, where necessary, investigation or inquiry into suspected duty or tax evasion and tax or commercial fraud;

(k) introduce and maintain a system of accountability of performance, competence and Conduct of the employees;

(l) implement the mandate and provisions of a fiscal law if so authorized by such law;

(m) establish, with the approval of the Government, a foundation for the welfare of the present and retired employees and their families, and for creating, establishing, organizing and assisting them in the social and cultural facilities;

(n) frame regulations, policies, [1][programmes], strategies in order to carry out the purposes of the Act;

(o) set up mechanism and processes for remedying the grievances and complaints of the tax payers;

(p) develop a website and adopt, in the prescribed manner, electronic communication in respect of all taxation matters such as e-filing, e-payment, e-notice, e-notification, digital imaging, protocols or agreements;

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[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[3]Words "and members" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[4]Substituted for "defied" by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[5]Substituted for "programmers" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

(q) practice transparency and public participation as a norm for all its processes and policies;

[1][ ]

(s) [2][form] a committee and assign or delegate functions to the committee; [3][ ]

(t) perform such other functions as may be prescribed or are incidental to the above functions or assigned by the Government [4][;]

[5][(u) to carry out any other functions, activities and acts, etc., as decided and determined by the Authority; and

(v) establish [6][, with the approval of Advisory Council,] such offices, regional offices or field formations as deemed necessary for the effective functioning of the Authority.]

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the relevant fiscal law, the Authority may, where appropriate, issue notifications, circulars and instructions for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act or any other fiscal law administered by the Authority

Human Resource Management

5. (1) The Authority may, in respect of employees:-

(a) develop and implement human resource management policies [7][and strategies and introduce [8][ ] reforms];

[9][(b) assess and identify, for the approval of Advisory Council, creation or abolition or re-designation of posts, and prepare internal job posting regime against the posts so approved by the Advisory Council]

(c) lay down qualifications and criteria for the posting of employees against specialized or available posts;

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[1]Clause (r) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before omission it read as follows:-
"(r) review the existing fiscal laws and suggest improvements, if necessary;"

[2]Substituted for "from" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Word "and" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[4]Substituted for full stop by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[5]Clauses (u) & (v) inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[6]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[7]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[8]Word "tax" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[9]Clause (b) substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"(b) assess, identify, create, increase, decrease or designate or re-designate posts and prepare and execute the internal job posting regime;"

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(d) implement a transparent and objective evaluation process to determine that an employee is qualified for posting against a specialized or available post;

(e) make assessment of integrity and proficiency of the employees for purposes of evaluation, posting, promotion, transfer or other incidental matters;

(f) transfer, select or post any employee against any post on the basis of transparent criteria of selection in any entity administered by the Authority;

(g) take action, issue orders, regulations, guidelines code of conduct to achieve the purposes of this Act;

(h) appoint [1][, with the approval of [2][the Chief Minister Balochistan],], with or without remuneration, such advisers, [3][officers and staff], consultants, experts, interns, liaison officers and other staff as may be prescribed;

[4][(hh) appoint, on the Authority's pay structure, an employee of the Government of Balochistan through deputation as advisor, consultant, expert, commissioner or additional/deputy commissioner subject to his relevant qualification in Accountancy, Commerce, Finance or Law and having an experience, of at-least ten years, in tax or audit or law;]

(i) fix, [5][ ], an honorarium or remuneration for the Services rendered by adviser, consultants, experts, fellows, interns, officers and staff of the Authority, liaison officers and other staff engaged by the Authority; and

(j) impart the requisite training to its employees for purposes of better tax administration.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, an appointment of a person to a post in the Authority shall not confer any right on such person to continue to serve in the said post.

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[1]Words inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Substituted for "advisory council" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Substituted for "commissioners" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[4]Clause (hh) inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[5]Words "with the approval of Advisory Council" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023. Earlier it was substituted for "as may be prescribed under section 32 of the Act" by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020, was substituted for "with the approval of the Advisory Council" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

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[1][ ]

Integrity Management System

6. The Authority shall develop and implement a robust Integrity Management System having the following features:

(1) A separate, independent Integrity Management Cell headed by senior officer [2][not below the rank of Deputy Commissioner] shall chalk out a comprehensive code of conduct for the employees;

(2) The Cell, shall spearhead an Integrity Management Framework with zero tolerance for the corrupt practices in all entities of the Authority.

(3) Automated system shall be developed to trail all transactions to pinpoint use of discretion by employees for subsequent investigation if needed.

(4) Code of conduct shall spell out standards of behavior of all employees.

(5) An online web-based complaint registration system as well as dedicated phone lines shall be maintained to receive complaints from aggrieved taxpayers and other stakeholders.

Meetings

7. (1) The Authority shall meet at least once in a month but the Chairperson may, at any time, call a meeting of the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall conduct its meetings, take decisions and keep record of the proceedings of the meetings in such manner as may be prescribed, and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Authority.

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[1]S. 5(3) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019. Before substitution by F. Act. 2026, it read as follows:-

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law, rules or judgement of any court, the [1][Chief Minister] shall be competent to re-designate or regularize employees of the Authority working on contract or temporary basis, in basic pay scale 1 to 20 through its selection committee, to be notified, and further the Government shall not be required to refer such employees to and consult the Balochistan Public Service Commission for making such appointments, or on matters relating to qualifications for such appointments and methods of their recruitment.

[1]Substituted for "Government" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

Before substitution by F. Act. 2020, it read as follows:-

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law, rules or judgment of any court, the Authority shall be competent to re-designate or regularize its employees working on contract or temporary basis, in basic pay scale 1 to 20, through a Selection Committee to be notified by Government or, as the case may be, the Authority, and Government or Authority shall not be required to refer such employees to and consult the Balochistan Public Service Commission for making such appointments or on matters relating to qualifications for such appointments and methods of their recruitment."

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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Ex-Officio Status of Secretary

8. (1) Chairman BRA shall have the Status of Secretary, Government of Balochistan.

Validity of Proceedings

9. No act, proceeding, decision or order of the Authority or a committee of the Authority shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the Authority or a committee.

Data Bank

10. (1) The Authority shall create and maintain a data bank containing [1][database of taxpayers and] information from third parties necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall use the data, amongst other things, to increase the taxpayers' base, ensure accuracy of information, financial analysis and to evaluate the performance of the employees.

(3) The Authority may share its data with, or request for data from, the Government or any of its statutory body, law enforcement entity or utility company, stock exchange, State Bank of Pakistan bank financial institutions or other organizations including any ministry, body or authority of the Federal Government or of any other Province.

Properties and Assets to Vest in the Authority

11. (1) All properties, assets and records transferred to, or purchased or acquired by, the Authority and all intellectual property rights arising from technical or professional reports, analysis, or system, written, prepared or developed by the employees of the Authority or procured by the Authority shall vest in the Authority and shall be the property of the Authority.

(2) The Authority may create its own logo, insignia, stationary, forms, returns, challans and online communication mechanism.

Authority May Impose any Fee or Charges

12. The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, levy any fee or charges for provision of additional or enhanced facilities to the taxpayers, or may direct reimbursement of such cost or expense as is incurred by the Authority on that account.

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Advisory Council

13. (1) There shall be an Advisory Council of the Authority consisting of the following:-

(a) Chief Minister; Chairman

[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[1][(b) Minister Finance; Member]

[1][(c) Chief Secretary of the Government; Member]

(d) Secretary to the Government, Finance Department; Member

(e) Senior Member Board of Revenue; Member

(f) Secretary to the Government, Excise and Taxation; Member

(g) Chairperson of BRA; [2][Members and Secretary]

[3][(h) Six private members to be nominated by the [4][Chief Minister], on the recommendations of the administrative department of the Authority, from amongst the eminent Economists, Tax Experts, Bankers, Chartered Certified Accountants or Chartered Accountants, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Industry or civil society organizations, at a minimum comprising of, an Economist with a PhD in Economics from any HEC recognized university, a Chartered or Chartered Certified Accountant with fifteen years of experience, a Lawyer who has LLM degree with a minimum of ten years of Tax experience, and a tax expert with ten years of experience; Member; and]

(i) any other member co-opted by the Authority.

(2) The Advisory Council shall be an advisory body of the Authority and shall [4][advise] to the Authority appropriate recommendations and guidelines pertaining to policy, planning, reforms, budget and any other matter referred to it by the [4][Authority].

(3) The Chief Minister and, in [5][his] absence the [6][Minister Finance] Chief Secretary, shall be the Convener of the Advisory Council.

(4) The Advisory Council shall perform its functions in such manner as may be prescribed.

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[1]Clauses (b) & (c) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(b) Chief Secretary of the Government; Member"

"(c) Minister Finance; Member"

[2]Substituted for "Secretary" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Clause (h) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(h) Six private members to be nominated by the Government from amongst the eminent economists, tax experts, bankers, chartered accountants, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Industry or civil society organizations, at a minimum comprising of, an Economist with a PhD in Economics from an international university, a certified Chartered Accountant with fifteen years of experience, a Lawyer who is a Barrister or has LLM degree with a minimum of fifteen years of Corporate Tax experience, and a tax official of the Federal Board of Revenue, serving or retired, who is in Grade 21 or above from Balochistan; Member; and"

[4]Substituted for "Government" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[5]Substituted for "propose" & "Government" respectively by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[6]Substituted for "this" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[7]Substituted for "Chief Secretary" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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(5) The policies formulated by the Council shall be binding upon the Authority.

[1][(6) The Council shall meet at least once every six months or as and when required by the Authority or the Government.]

[2][(7) The private members shall be nominated for a period of two years and shall be eligible for further nomination for a similar term, as the Government may deem appropriate.]

[3][ ]

14. A person registered or to be registered, licensed or to be Licensed under the relevant fiscal law administered by the Authority, shall be deemed to be validly registered for purpose of this Act or relevant fiscal laws administered by the Authority.

[4][ ]

Fund

16. (1) There shall be established a Fund to be known as, "the Balochistan Revenue Authority Fund" [5][ ] which shall be autonomous and utilized to meet the expenses including the payment of salaries and other remuneration to the staff and be administered and controlled by the Authority.

(2) The Fund shall consist of-

(a) budgetary releases from the Government;

(b) grants made by the Government, the Federal Government or any other authority or Agency;

(c) fee and charges collected and profits earned by the Authority; and

(d) income from any other source.

Budget and Accounts

17. (1) The Authority shall, before the commencement of a financial year, prepare a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Authority for the financial year in the prescribed manner and submit it to the [6][Finance Department Government of Balochistan] for consideration and approval.

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[1]Sub-section (6) substituted by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(6) The Council shall meet at least once every six month."

[2]S. 13(7) substituted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Heading "Registration of Taxpayers" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[4]S. 15 & heading "Assessment, Collection and Returns of Taxes" omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[5]Words "which shall" being duplicate omitted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[6]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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[2][1-a. Once the budget has been approved, the Authority shall have the full powers to incur expenditure, or re-appropriate funds, subject to any general or specific instruction that may, be issued time to time, in this regard by Finance Department;]

(2) The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other records relating to its financial affairs including its income and expenditures and its assets and liabilities in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(3) As soon as may be, after the end of each financial year, the Authority, in the manner prescribed, shall cause to be prepared for that financial year statements of account of the Authority, which shall include a balance-sheet and an account of income and expenditure.

(4) The Authority may open and maintain its accounts at such scheduled banks as it may determine.

Audit

18. (1) The Auditor General of Pakistan or such other authority as the Provincial Government may appoint in this behalf shall annually audit the accounts of the Authority.

(2) The [3][The Secretary Finance], in addition to the audit under sub-section (1), may cause the annual account of the Authority audited, in the prescribed manner, by a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants.

Staff

19. (1) The Authority may employ such persons as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The employees of the Authority shall hold office during the pleasure of the Authority and shall be liable to such disciplinary action as may be prescribed.

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[2]Sub-section 1.a inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. *it should be (1a)

[3]Substituted for "Government" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[4]S. 19(3) & (4) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Before substitution by F. Act. 2026, it read as follows:-

"(3) The Authority may, in the manner prescribed, absorb in its service an employee who is on deputation with the Authority, subject to prior approval of the Government or the employer and consent of the employee."

"(4) The terms and conditions of service of an employee, on absorption, shall not be less favorable than those admissible to such employee immediately before his absorption in the service of the Authority."

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Delegation by the Government

20. The Government may delegate any of its powers to the Authority on such terms and conditions as the Government may determine.

(2) The Government may, by notification, assign or delegate to the Authority any powers or functions under any fiscal law.

Directions from the Government

21. The Government may, from time to time give such general or specific directions to the Authority as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and achieving the objectives of the Act and the Authority shall implement such directions.

Delegation [1][**of Powers and Functions**] **by the Authority**

22. [2][ ] The Authority may, with the concurrence of the Government, delegate any of its functions and powers to any department, agency or employee of the Government.

[3][ ]

Annual report

23. (1) The Authority shall, within [4][four] months of the close of a financial year, submit to the Government an annual report [5][, whether audited or not].

(2) The report shall consist of:-

(a) the statement of accounts;

(b) a comprehensive statement of the work, activities and performance of the Authority during the preceding financial year; and

(c) such other matters as may be prescribed and as the Authority may consider appropriate.

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[1]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[2]Figure (1) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was renumbered as (1) by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[3]Sub-section (2) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(2) The Authority may, subject to such conditions as it deems necessary, delegate any of its functions and powers to the Chairperson."

[4]Substituted for "three" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

[5]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(3) The Government [1][ ], within two months of receiving the report from the Authority, shall give notice for laying the report in the Provincial Assembly of the Balochistan, and shall lay the report before the Assembly in its first available session.

Public Servants

24. The Chairperson [2][ ], members, officers, employees and other persons authorized to perform or exercise any function or power under this Act or render services to the Authority as agents, advisors or consultants shall be deemed to be public servants within the meanings of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (XLV of 1860).

Indemnity

25. (1) No prosecution, suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Authority, Appellate Tribunal, Chairperson, members officers and other employees of the Authority or of the Appellate Tribunal for anything done in good faith for carrying out the purposes of the Act, rules or regulations.

(2) No Government department or agency shall initiate any enquiry or investigation against the official conduct of any of the employees of the Authority without prior approval of the Authority.

Representation [3][**to the Chairperson**]

26. (1) Any person aggrieved by any action or decision taken for the enforcement of the relevant fiscal law or by any act of maladministration, corruption and misconduct by any employee of the Authority or by any unnecessary delay or hardship caused due to any administrative process may file a representation to the Chairperson.

(2) The Chairperson or any other officer designated by the Chairperson shall, after affording an opportunity of hearing to both the parties, make such order as may be necessary and inform the applicant accordingly.

(3) Pending final action or order on the representation, the Chairperson may stay further proceedings in the matter at any subordinate level.

Power to Conduct Surveys

27. The Authority may conduct or cause to be conducted such surveys as it may deem necessary to broaden the tax-base and to widen tax coverage under any fiscal law [4][and for such purposes the Authority may hire as many tax surveyors as required, for a period of not more than six months, on remuneration as deemed appropriate by the Authority, to undertake the task efficiently and successfully.].

[1]Words "shall" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[2]Words ", Secretary" omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.
[3]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[4]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

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Assistance to the Authority

28. All department, agencies, organizations, entities, formations and bodies of the [1][Federal and Provincial] Government shall, on request, be under obligation to extend necessary and due cooperation and assistance to the Authority in the performance of its functions under this Act, rules or regulations.

Directorates

29. (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, establish such directorates for such [2][tax-related] specialized functions like intelligence and investigation, internal audit and inspection, or training and research as may be necessary.

(2) The Authority shall assign and regulate the powers and functions of the said Directorates in such manner as it may deem proper.

Act to Override Other Laws

30. The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law.

Rules

31. The Authority may [3][, with the] approval of the Government, [4][and] by notification [5][in the official Gazette], make rules to carry out the purposes of the provisions of this Act.

Regulations

32. [6][ ] Subject to this Act and the rules, the Authority may frame regulations for giving effect to the provisions of the Act.

[7][ ]

Removal of Difficulties

33. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to or applying the provisions of this Act, rules or regulations, the Government may make such order, not inconsistent with the Act or the rules and regulations, as may be necessary to remove the difficulty.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]Substituted for "tax-relator" by BRA Finance Act No.2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[3]Substituted for "after obtaining" by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[4]Substituted for "may," by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[5]Words inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.
[6]Figure (1) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[7]Sub-section (2) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing powers, such regulations may provide for appointment of its officers, staff, employees and other persons, terms and conditions of their Service and performance of functions by the Authority."

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[1][**34. Validation**.- Notwithstanding any omission, discrepancy or defect in the establishment or composition of the Authority or anything to the contrary contained in this Act or the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015), or the rules made thereunder-

(a) any action of the Chairperson on behalf of the Authority or anything to the contrary contained in any decree, judgment or order of any court, the sales tax or any other amount levied, charged, assessed, adjudged, collected, realized or recovered by the functionaries of the Authority from any person shall be deemed to have been validly levied, charged, assessed, adjudged, collected, realized or recovered under this Act; and

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[1]S. 34 inserted by BRA amendment Act No.1 dated January 15, 2019.

[2]Clause (b) omitted by BRA Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(b) any action taken by the Chairperson till the establishment or constitution of the Authority under section 3 of the Act shall be deemed to be the action taken by the Authority."

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BALOCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

[1][THE BALOCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE CESS ACT, 2021

No.PAB/Legis;V(08)/2021, dated Quetta, the 09th April, 2021.- The Balochistan Development and Maintenance of Infrastructure Cess Bill, 2021 (Bill No.08 of 2021), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 29th March, 2021 and assented to by the Governor, Balochistan on 07th April, 2021 is hereby published as an Act of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

THE BALOCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE CESS ACT, 2021

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ACT

[2][to provide for levy, collection and administration of infrastructure development cess in the Province of Balochistan.

Preamble.- WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for levy, collection and administration of infrastructure development cess on transportation or movement of goods manufactured, produced, traded or consumed in, imported into or exported out of or transited through the Province of Balochistan;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to provide internal resources for the development, maintenance and improvement of the infrastructure to cater for the ever increasing load of 'goods' traffic and to deal with other purposes, matters and affairs connected herewith or allied thereto; It is hereby enacted as follows:-]

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[1]Balochistan Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2019 (Act No. III of 2019) has been repealed by No.PAB/Legis: V (08)/2021 dated April 09, 2021.

[2]Substituted the following by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025:-

"To levy a cess on goods, transported through carriage by roads using infrastructure, provided as service by the Government, entering into and leaving the Province.

Preamble:

WHEREAS, it is expedient to consolidate the law relating to the levy of a cess on goods, transported through carriage by roads using infrastructure provided as service by the Government, entering into and leaving the Province from or for outside the country through rail or road or air or sea, for development and maintenance of infrastructure of the Province;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-"

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Chapter-I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Balochistan Development and Maintenance of Infrastructure Cess Act, 2021.

(2) It extends to the whole of Balochistan Province.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "Act" means the "Balochistan Development and Maintenance of Infrastructure Cess Act, 2021".

(b) "Additional Commissioner" means the Additional Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(c) "Assistant Commissioner" means Assistant Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(d) "Authority" means the Balochistan Revenue Authority established under the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

(e) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

[1][(f) "cess" means the infrastructure development cess levied, collected and administered under Section 3 of this Act and unless the context requires otherwise, includes default surcharge or penalty or any other sum payable under this Act and the rules, regulations or notifications issued thereunder;]

(g) "Commissioner (Appeals)" means the Commissioner (Appeals) of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

(h) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

[2][(hh) "Customs Act" means the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) and, so far as the collection or administration of the cess is concerned, includes rules. notifications, general orders or public notices made or issued thereunder;]

(i) "Deputy Commissioner" means the Deputy Commissioner of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

[1]Clause (f) substituted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(f) "cess" means the cess payable under section 3 of the Act and includes penalty or any other amount payable under the Act or the rules made thereunder;"

[2]Clause (hh) inserted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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[1][(ii) "FBR" means Federal Board of Revenue, established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act,2007 (IV of 2007);]

(j) "Goods" means goods classified under the First Schedule to the Customs Act, 1969 (Act No. IV of 1969);

(k) "Government" means the Government of Balochistan;

[1][(kk) "Infrastructure" means roads, streets, bridges, culverts, lights on passages, [2][plantation] on passages, public parks, places of public recreation and convenience, eating places, landscape, forests, fisheries, delta conservation, lake, breeding places of aquatic life, wild life and its sanctuaries, public schools, vocational and technical training centres and projects, libraries, museums and similar institutions controlled and financed by the province, control of traffic for smooth flow and safer movement of goods, public order, police force, patrol for safety of goods, street lights, stands for loading and unloading of goods, parking places, markets, water supply, hospitals, dispensaries, medical emergency response centres 122 and development, improvement maintenance and protection of such [3][infrastructure];]

(l) "Member" means the Member of the Balochistan Revenue Authority;

[4][(m) "owner" means a person who owns the goods or, as the case may be, the vehicle relevant to the assessment, payment or recovery of cess under this Act;]

(n) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

(o) "person" includes an individual, entity, any company or association or body of persons, whether incorporated in Pakistan or elsewhere, the Federal Government, the Provincial Government, the Local Government or any local authority, company, department, attached department, autonomous body constituted by any tier of the Government in Pakistan;

[1][(oo) "PSW" means Pakistan Single Window established under the Pakistan Single Window Act, 2021 (Act III of 2021);]

(p) "Province" means the Balochistan Province;

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[1]Clauses inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[2]Substituted for "planation" by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Substituted for "matters" by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[4]Clause (m) substituted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(m) "owner" means the person in whose name the goods are entering or leaving the Province from or for outside the country by rail or road or air or sea and includes the clearing agent;"

(q) "rules" means rules made under this Act; and

(r) "Schedule" means Schedule appended to this Act.

[1][(s) "Sales Tax Act" means the Balochistan Salea* Tax Act, 2015 (Act VI of 2015);]

[1][(sss) "Trade Organization" means Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Chamber of small Traders, Association of small traders, Women's Chamber, and Town Association licensed under Trade Organization Act, 2013;]

[2][(t) "value" means value of goods, being transported or transited, as determined for purposes of the Customs Act, and in case of goods, manufactured, produced, traded or consumed in Pakistan, the value shall be as determined or determinable by reference to the value determined or determinable under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 for purposes of levy and payment of sales tax thereunder and where required, the concept of open market price shall also, with necessary modifications, apply in this regard.]

[1]Clauses inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.
[2]Clause (t) inserted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
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Chapter-II

Scope of Cess

[1][**3. Scope of cess and allied matters**.- (1) Subject to this Act and the rules or regulations, there shall be levied, collected and administered a cess on transportation, carriage or movement of goods [2][ ] or sea,-

(a) manufactured or produced in;

(b) traded or consumed in;

(c) imported into or goods exported out of; or

[3][(d) transited through the Province by any means including a pipeline or slurry pipeline;]

at the rate determined on the basis of their value, net weight and distance in accordance with the Schedule.

Provided that for goods manufactured or produced in the province rate or rates shall be as, Government may, through a notification, specify either at ad valorem, specific or fixed rate or rates and either on the basis of value of goods or otherwise.

Provided further that cess on gold shall be charged at the rate of 0.125% of the value of gold.

(2) The cess shall be deposited in the Provincial Consolidated Fund, to be utilized by Government exclusively for the maintenance and development of infrastructure and other activities, ancillary to the maintenance, in such manner as may be determined by the Government.

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[1]S. 3 substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"3. Levy of cess.- There shall be levied and collected a cess for maintenance and development of infrastructure, provided by the Government as service, on goods at the rate determined on the basis of their value, net weight and distance in accordance with the Schedule, for carriage by road and smooth and safer movement in the Province upon entering or before leaving the Province from or for outside the country, through rail or road or air or sea:

Provided that cess on gold shall be charged at the rate of 0.125% of the value of gold.

Explanation: for the purpose of this section, the word "infrastructure" includes roads, streets, bridges, culverts, lights on passages, plantation on passages, beaches, public parks, place of public recreation and convenience, eating places, landscape, forests, fisheries, delta conservation, lakes, breeding places of aquatic life, wild life and its sanctuaries, public schools, vocational and technical training centers and projects, libraries, museums and similar institutions controlled and financed by the Province, control of traffic for smooth flow and safer movement of goods, public order, police force, patrol for safety of goods, street lights, stands for loading and unloading of goods, parking places, markets, water supply, hospitals, dispensaries and Medical Emergency Response Centers 1122 and development, improvement, maintenance and protection of such matters."

[2]Words "through rail or road or air" omitted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[3]Clause (d) substituted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(d) through pipeline transportation including slurry pipeline;"

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(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), Government may, where deemed appropriate, specify the rate or rates of cess in case of any goods or class or category of goods either with reference to the type or types of vehicle or vehicles, including their other features or characteristics.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Authority shall monitor, control, oversee, administer the collection of cess under this Act and shall as such be empowered and competent to take all steps, actions and measures as necessary or required to be taken in this behalf;]

[1][**4. Person liable to pay cess**.- (1) Every person,-

(a) manufacturing, producing or trading goods for consumption in the Province;

(b) transported goods into or transported goods out of the Province through any port, dry-port, airport or custom stations including bonded warehouse, located therein: or

(c) transporting goods out of; or

(d) transiting goods through the Province:

shall be liable to pay cess under this Act and the rules or regulations.

(2) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent Government to collect cess from a different person, if that person is made separately, jointly or severally liable for payment of the cess under this Act and the rules or regulations or otherwise.

(3) Where cess has not been paid on any goods, the owner of the goods and owner of the vehicle, loaded with such goods including the person in-charge of the vehicle, shall be severally and jointly responsible for the payable cess and other liabilities.

(4) The Authority may, with consultation of Finance Department Government of Balochistan , develop and apply a scheme or schemes of payment of cess for any-

(a) goods or class or category of goods; or

(b) person or class or category of persons through withholding mechanism or collection agent.]

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[1]S. 4 substituted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"4. Person liable to pay cess.- (1) The owner shall be liable to pay the cess levied on the goods entering or leaving the Province from or outside the country by rail or road or air or sea under section 3.

(2) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the collection of cess from a person who is made separately, jointly or severally liable for payment of the cess under this Act or the rules.

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[1][**5. Payment of cess**:- (1) In case of goods transported into or transported out of the Province, whether after or, as the case may be, before their transportation, carriage or movement therein, cess shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time, as if it were a customs duty under the Customs Act, regardless whether or not the goods are liable to such duty.

(2) In case of goods manufactured, produced or goods otherwise traded for consumption in the Province, cess shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time, as if it were a sales tax payable under the Sales Tax Act:

Provided that where sales tax is not payable on such goods, the cess shall be payable in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed.

(3) The cess, in case of goods transited through the Province, shall be collected and paid in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed.

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[1]S. 5 substituted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution by F. Act, 2025, it read as follows:-

"5. Payment of cess.- (1) In case of goods transported into or transported out of the Province, whether after or, as the case may be, before their transportation, carriage or movement therein, cess shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time, as if it were a customs duty under the Customs Act, regardless whether or not the goods are liable to such duty.

(2) In case of goods manufactured, produced or goods otherwise traded for consumption in the Province, cess shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time, as if it were a sales tax payable under the Sales Tax Act:

Provided that where sales tax is not payable on such goods, the cess shall be payable in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed.

(3) The cess, in case of goods transited through the Province, shall be collected and paid in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed.

(4) The amount of cess shall be deposited in the head of account "B-03030-Infrastructure Cess or such other head of account as may be specified by the Government from time to time.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Authority may-

(a) specify any other manner or time or mode of payment of cess, after approval from Government, and by a notification, in the official Gazette, in respect of any goods, category or class of goods and subject to such conditions, restrictions or limitations as it may impose, if any; or

(b) allow for a specified time and as a temporary measure, any person or class of persons to pay cess in any different manner in situations, involving emergency or circumstances of unforeseen or exceptional nature;"

Before substitution by F. Act, 2024, it read as follows:-

"5. Payment of cess.- (1) In case of goods entering or leaving the Province from or for outside the country, cess shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time as it were a custom duty regardless whether or not the goods are liable to such duty.

(2) The amount of cess shall be deposited in such head of account as may be specified by Government."

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(4) Filly percent of the total cess collected from a district, specifically determined based on the exact point of collection, movement, entry, or transit of goods within the jurisdictional boundaries of that district shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Finance Department, in consultation with the Balochistan Revenue Authority, to a designated infrastructure fund account maintained by the respective local council under Section 96 of the Balochistan Local Government Act, 2010.

(5) The amount of cess deposited in local fund of a local council shall be kept in a scheduled bank and expended exclusively for development of infrastructure ,as defined in clause (k-a) section 2 of this Act, in respective area with approval of a Committee chaired by elected representative of the council and with membership one each from treasury and opposition benches and shall also have at least two members nominated to represent the Trade Organization, with whatever name it may be, of that local council.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Authority may-

(a) specify any other manner or time or mode of payment of cess, after approval from Government, and by a notification, in the official Gazette, in respect of any goods, category or class of goods and subject to such conditions, restrictions or limitations as it may impose, if any; or

(b) allow for a specified time and as a temporary measure, any person or class of persons to pay cess in any different manner in situations, involving emergency or circumstances of unforeseen or exceptional nature;]

6. Exemptions.- Notwithstanding anything contained in section 3 and 5, the Government by a notification in the official Gazette, for reasons to be recorded, may exempt any goods or category or class of goods from payment of whole or any part of the cess payable under the Act subject to such conditions and limitations as may be specified in such notification.

[1][(1) All foreign investment of US$ 1.5 Billion or more, made into the province of Balochistan, in any section, industries or projects, shall be exempted from provision Balochistan Development and Maintenance of infrastructure cess act 2021.]

[2][(2) Such goods or category or class of goods, are exempted from payment of whole or any part of the cess payable under this Act, transported into or transported out of the province:

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[1]S. 6(1) inserted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.
[2]S. 6(2) inserted by Balocistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

provided that such goods are related to any factory or industry, or industrial undertaking owned by any foreign investor and operating in any Federal Government's notified Export Processing Zone.

Provided further that, this exemption shall take effect from the date of commencement of operations by such factory, or industry, or industrial undertaking as notified by the Government.

Explanation: the expressions "factory", "industry" and "industrial undertaking" used in this provision, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Balochistan Industrial Development and Regulations Act, 2025 (Act No. X of 2025).]

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Chapter-III

Offences and Penalties

[1][**6A. Default Surcharge**.- (1) Where any person has not paid any amount of cess, due under this Act or the rules or regulations or notification issued thereunder, he shall, in addition to the cess due or any other penalties payable under this Act, pay default surcharge at the compound rate of five percent of the payable amount of the cess per month.

(2) Where the period of default is less than one month, the amount of default surcharge shall be prorated in terms of days.

EXPLANATION. For the purposes of this section,-

(a) the cess due, shall not include penalty: and

(b) default surcharge shall not be treated or deemed as penalty.]

[2][**7. Penalty**.- Where a person has failed to pay any amount of cess, he shall be liable to pay a penalty, not exceeding twenty percent of the amount of cess due and payable.]

8. Waiver of penalty.- (1) The Authority may, subject to such conditions as it deem appropriate and for reasons to be recorded in writing, waive the payment of penalty up to an amount of Rs.200,000 imposed under section 7 in any case or class of cases.

(2) Where the amount of penalty imposed under section 7 exceeds Rs.200,000, the Authority may after obtaining approval from the Government, subject to such conditions as it deem appropriate and for reasons to be recorded in writing, waive the payment of penalty.

[1][**8A. Extent of relevancy of other applicable laws**.- Where under this Act, cess is collected or collectable in terms of the provisions of the Customs Act or, as the case may be, the Sales Tax Act, such provisions shall be deemed to be the provisions of this Act, so far as they relate to the matters pertaining to-

(a) manner, time and mode of payment;

(b) declarations, processing and management thereof;

(c) keeping of records, accounts and documents;

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[1]S. 6A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

[2]S. 7 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"7. Penalty.- (1) Where the goods are removed, transported or shipped without payment of cess, after one month the owner shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him, be liable to a penalty not more than the amount of cess evaded."

[3]S. 8A inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

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(d) enforcement including recovery and adjudication and appeals;

(e) detention, seizure and confiscation of goods;

(f) penalties and prosecution; and

(g) all other allied and ancillary matters;]

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Chapter-IV

Miscellaneous

[1][**9. Appeals**.- Any person aggrieved by an order passed by any Authorized Officer of the Authority in pursuance of this Act or the rules, may file an appeal or reference under Chapter-IX of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015.]

10. Revision.- The Authority may, at any time, on his own motion, or on an application made to him within ninety days of passing of any order, call for the record of any case pending before, or disposed of by any Officer under his control.

11. Claim of refund.- No refund of the cess claimed to have been paid or over-paid through inadvertence, error or misconstruction shall be allowed unless such claim is made within three months of the date of payment of such cess.

12. Utilization of cess.- The proceeds of the Cess shall be utilized for maintenance and development of Infrastructure and other activities ancillary thereto in such manner as may be prescribed.

[2][**13. Assumption and exercise of jurisdiction by the Authority**.- (1) This Act and the rules, shall be treated as fiscal law for the purpose of clause (i) of section 2 of the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act,2015.

(2) The Authority may, through its authorized officer or officers, take any action or measure in respect of cess, including default surcharge and penalty, in so far as such action or measure relates to-

(a) assessment or determination of any non-paid or short-paid amount of payable cess, including default surcharge and penalty through adjudication or otherwise;

(b) calling of or collecting information, access to records, accounts and other relevant documents of the persons liable to pay cess;

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[1]S. 9 substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"9. Appeals.- Any person aggrieved by an order passed by any Authorized Officer of the Authority in pursuance of this Act or the rules, may within thirty days of the receipt of such order prefer an appeal against such order, to the Commissioner Appeal."

[2]S. 13 substituted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"13. Validation. Notwithstanding anything contained in any law, rules or judgment, order or decree of any court, the Infrastructure cess, penalty or any other amount levied, assessed, charged, adjudged, realized and collected in pursuance of Balochistan Infrastructure development Cess Act, 2019 and amendments thereof, before the coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to have been validly levied, assessed, charged, adjudged, realized or collected."

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(c) audit and investigation;

(d) summoning of persons and recording of statements and evidences;

(e) recovery of defaulted amounts and arrears;

(f) tax fraud deemed as fraud with respect to nonpayment or evasion of cess;

(g) arrest and prosecution; and

(h) all other allied or ancillary matters;

(3) If any sum due on account of the tax levied under section 3 or as a penalty imposed under this Act, is not paid within the time allowed for its payment, the amount payable shall be recovered by the Authority in the manner prescribed under the Laws of the Balochistan Revenue Authority but not limited to Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 and rules and regulations or procedures made thereunder.]

[1][**13A. Seizure and confiscation of goods and vehicles and matters relating thereto**.- (1) Where the Authority has initiated any action or measure under sub-section (2) of section 13 of this Act, its authorized officer or officers may check, inspect, detain, seize or confiscate any goods or vehicle, carrying goods in or within the Province, if there is a reasonable doubt or belief that the cess, due and payable thereon, has not been paid or has been under-paid; provided that reasonable opportunity shall be given to the owner of the goods or the person in-charge of the vehicle to prove through documents in his possession that the cess due has been paid.

(2) Goods or vehicle shall not be confiscated, unless the owner or the person in-charge thereof, has been served with a notice to show cause by the authorized officer of the Authority to explain his position and where upon request made of such person reasonable opportunity of hearing may be given to him either in person or through his authorized representative. All principles of natural justice shall be observed for the adjudication of the case.

(3) All provisions of this Act and rules or regulations made thereunder, relating to revision and appeals, shall apply to the cases decided under sub-section (2).

(4) The goods or vehicles, confiscated under this Act, shall be disposed of through open or public auction after prior permission from the Authority and the sale proceeds shall be utilized sequentially for the purposes stated below:

(a) recovery of payable cess, default surcharge and penalty to be deposited in the relevant head of account;

(b) recoupment of all expenses incurred on auction;

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[1]S. 13A inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

(c) settlement of bonafide claims, if any, lodged by any other Government department or institution for recovery from the owner; and

(d) balance proceeds, if any, to be paid to the owner against proper receipt.

(5) A vehicle, seized under this Act, may be temporarily released against a bank guarantee, covering the value of the vehicle in the manner specified by the Authority and every such bank guarantee shall be encash able, in case the vehicle is not surrendered on its confiscation under this Act or otherwise.

(6) Perishable goods and the vehicle carrying the goods shall not be seized or confiscated under any circumstances and recovery of unpaid cess etc, shall be made by detaining the original registration documents of such vehicles, including the original driving license of the driver and original Computerized National Identity Card of the owner of the goods and such detained documents, licenses, cards etc, shall be released within twenty-four hours of the discharge of all the cess liabilities in every such case;]

14. Indemnity.- No suit, prosecution, or other legal proceeding shall be instituted against any officer or official of the Authority for anything that is done in good faith or intended to be done in good faith under this Act or the rules made thereunder.

15. Jurisdiction barred.- No provision of this Act or any order made thereunder shall be called in question by or before any Court.

[1][**15A. Inter-system connectivity**.- (1) The Authority may make or enter into such arrangements or setup for real time connectivity of its computerized system with the system of FBR, PSW or any other department, organization, institution etc of Government or Federal Government as it may deem proper for the purpose of regular and efficient monitoring of the collections and receipts of the cess.

(2) the Authority may, in respect of the arrangements or setup under subsection (1), enter into any agreement with FBR or its subsidiary Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited or PSW any other quarters on such cess collection charges and terms and conditions as may deem appropriate.

(3) The Authority may outsource any work relating to the assessment, collection, documentation, enforcement, recovery, audit or any other allied or related function or assignment to any person from the private sector, having proper experience and capacity to carry out such function or assignment, subject to such terms and conditions, including payment of service charges, if any, as it may specify and agree with such person under the arrangement;]

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[1]Ss. 15A, 15B, 15C inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[1][**15B. Assistance to the Authority**.- All departments, organizations and institutions of Government, by whatever name called, shall, whenever so requested by the Authority or its any officer deputed or working to serve the purposes of this Act and the rules or regulations, shall be under official obligation to assist the Authority, so as to enable it, to carry out its functions amicably under this Act;]

[1][**15C. Ratification.-** The entrustment of functions and powers to the officers and officials of the FBR or PSW under this Act and Rules or Regulations made thereunder shall be deemed to have been ratified by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan for the purposes of Article 147 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan;]

16. Power to make Rules.- Government may, by a notification in an official Gazette, make rules for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act and such rules may amongst other matters, prescribe the procedure for the assessment collection, payment of and exemption from the Cess levied under this Act.

[1][**16A. Powers to make regulations.-** (1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations in respect of the matters relating to the-

(a) establishment of check posts and cess facilitation and service centers and management and operations thereof;

(b) mobile checking squads and management thereof;

(c) enforcement and audit;

(d) storage or warehousing of detained or seized goods and vehicles;

(e) auction of confiscated goods and vehicles including registrations of auctioneers;

(f) provisional release of seized vehicles against bank guarantees; and

(g) any other allied or ancillary matter.

(2) The Authority may issue general orders, circulars or instructions, directions or clarifications for the operational purposes of this Act and the rules or regulations issued thereunder, including prescribing standard forms, declarations, statements and other documents necessary for such purposes.]

Overriding Effect.- This Act shall have overriding effect notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, for the time being in force.

[1]Ss. 15A, 15B, 15C, 16A inserted by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

17. Repeal.- The Balochistan Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2019 (Act No. III of 2019) is hereby repealed.

18. Savings.- Where the Government or the Authority takes any action, makes any decision or orders, issues any instructions, directions, clarifications or notifications in pursuance of or in exercising of powers conferred under any provision in respect of any matter relating to the cess and allied issues covered under this Act or the rules, such actions, decisions, orders, instructions, directions, clarifications and notifications shall be deemed to have been validly issued to serve the purposes of this Act and the rules.

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[1][SCHEDULE

(see section 2(r) and 3)

Net Weight of Goods (in Kilograms)	Rate of Infrastructure Cess
Upto 1250 Kilograms	1.80 % of total value of goods (as assessed by the Custom Authorities) + 1 paisa per km
Exceeding 1,250 kg but not exceeding 2,030 kg	1.81 % of the total value of goods + 1 paisa per km
Exceeding 2,030 kg but not exceeding 4,060 kg	1.82 % of the total value of goods + 1 paisa per km
Exceeding 4,060 kg but not exceeding 8,120 kg	1.83 % of the total value of goods + 1 paisa per km
Exceeding 8,120 kg but not exceeding 16,000 kg	1.84 % of the total value of goods + 1 paisa per km
Exceeding 16,000 kg	1.85 % of the total value of goods + 1 paisa per km

[1]Schedule substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"SCHEDULE

(See Section 2(r) & 3)

NET WEIGHT OF GOODS	RATE OF CESS ALONGWITH DISTANCE
Upto 1250 Kilograms	1.10 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.
Exceeding 1,250 Kilograms but not exceeding 2,030 Kilograms.	1.11 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.
Exceeding 2,030 Kilograms but not exceeding 4,060 Kilograms.	1.12 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.
Exceeding 4,060 Kilograms but not exceeding 8,120 Kilograms.	1.13 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.
Exceeding 8,120 Kilograms but not exceeding 16,000 Kilograms.	1.14 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.
Exceeding 16,000 Kilograms.	1.15 % of total value of goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities plus 1 Paisa per Kilometer.

[1][***Explanation-I***: For the purpose of this Schedule, the "value" means total value of Goods as assessed by the Custom Authorities upon entering in and using the Infrastructure of the Province and "distance" means the distance covered within the Province.

Explanation-II: Notwithstanding the provision of section 3, the cess on the goods leaving the Province for outside the country, through rail or road or air or sea, shall be charged at the rate of zero percent.]

[1]Explanations inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

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Explanations:

1. "Value" means the total value of goods as assessed by the Customs Authorities upon entering or exiting or transiting through the Province of Balochistan.
2. "Distance" means the distance covered within the Province as determined or declared through transport documentation, geotagging, or any method prescribed by the Authority.
3. This cess shall be collected at the point of entry, transit, or exit, and paid by the person liable under Section 4 of the Act.]

(TAHIR SHAH KAKAR)
Secretary.

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The Balochistan
Public Finance Management Act, 2020

(I of 2020)

[29th June, 2020]

An

Act

to continue and revise certain taxes and fees and enacting the law of public finance management in the Province of Balochistan.

No. PAB/Legis:II(01)/2020, Quetta, the July 15, 2020.– The Balochistan Finance Bill, 2020 (Bill No.01 of 2020) having been Passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 29th June, 2020 was sent to the Hon'ble Governor Balochistan on the same date for assent under Article 116 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Since the Hon'ble Governor has not assented to the Bill within the stipulated period of ten days, therefore, the same is deemed to have been assented to in terms of provisions of Article 116 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Hence, the Balochistan Finance Bill, 2020 (Bill No.01 of 2020) is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

Public Finance Management Act, 2020

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to continue and revise certain taxes, fees and public finance management Balochistan Province and for the matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

Enactment of Public Financial Management Act, 2020. It is hereby enacted the Public Finance Management Act, 2020, in the manner as follows:-

to strengthen management of public finances with the view to improve definition and implementation of fiscal policy for better macroeconomic management, to clarify institutional responsibilities related to financial management, and to strengthen budgetary management;

WHEREAS matters mentioned above are pivotal for reducing public debt and management of public finances;

AND WHEREAS as defined under Article 119 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, it is expedient to provide for regulating the custody of the Provincial Consolidated Fund, the payment of moneys into that Fund, the withdrawal of moneys therefrom, the custody of other moneys received by or on behalf of the Government, their payment into, and withdrawal from, the Public Account of the Province, and all matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

AND WHEREAS to give elaborate mechanism of public finance management as envisaged in Articles 118 to 127 and 160 to 171 of the Constitution and to guide budgetary management processes, financial and fiscal controls, cash and banking arrangements, and financial oversight of public entities;

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It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Chapter I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Balochistan Public Finance Management Act, 2020.

(2) It shall apply to all matters of the Provincial Consolidated Fund and Public Account of the Province and all other matters of the Government connected therewith or ancillary thereto.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- [1][(1)] In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) "**appropriation**" means the, assignment to meet specified expenditure of funds at the disposal of the assigning authority;

(b) **"Auditor-General"** means Auditor-General of Pakistan appointed under Article 168 of the Constitution;

(c) **"authorization of expenditure"** means payments and withdrawals from the Provincial Consolidated Fund and Public Account of the Province against approved budgetary provisions deemed to be duly authorized unless it is specified in the schedule of authorized expenditure;

(d) **"bank"** means the State Bank of Pakistan or any office or agency of the State Bank of Pakistan and includes any bank acting as an agent of the State Bank of Pakistan in accordance with the provisions of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 (XXXIII of 1956);

[2][(da) "Budget Grant or Grant" means the amount granted or deemed to have been granted by the Provincial Assembly in respect of a demand for grant;]

[3][(daa) "**B-Pay**" (Balochistan E-Pay) means the digital revenue platform designated by the Finance Department by notification in the official Gazette, through which Payment System Identification numbers (PSIDs) and Digital Challans are generated in respect of Government receipts and the corresponding payments are processed, settled, and reconciled through any channel recognized by the State Bank of Pakistan.]

[2][(db) "Charged Expenditure or Expenditure Charged upon the Provincial Consolidated Fund" means such items of expenditure as are enumerated in Article 121 of the Constitution and are not submitted to *vote* in the Provincial Assembly under Article 122 (1) of the Constitution;]

[1]S. 2 renumbered as 2(1) by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Clauses (da), (db) inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.
[3]Clause (daa) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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[1][ ]

[2][(dd) "**Chief Secretary**" means Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan.]

(e) **"commitment"** means an obligation to make a future payment, the funds for which are reserved against the allocated budget of an entity during the current financial year where the unutilized amount will lapse at the close of financial year and is subject to re-allocation for the following financial year;

[2][(ea) "**Company**" means a company having the meaning assigned to it in the Companies Act, 2017 (Act No. XIX of 2017).]

(f) **"constitution"** means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973;

(g) **"Controller General of Accounts"** means the person appointed under the Controller General of Accounts (Appointment, Functions and Powers) Ordinance, 2001 (XXIV of 2001);

[2][(g1a) "**Covered Entity**" means any department, authority, board, company, corporation, autonomous body, institution, or other body that collects any Government Receipt and is under the administrative control of, funded by, or established by the Government of Balochistan.]

[3][(ga) "Demand for Grant" means a proposal made to the Provincial Assembly on the recommendation of the Government for withdrawal of certain sum out of Provincial Consolidated Fund for expenditure which is granted or deemed to have been granted under Article 122, of the Constitution;

(gb) "Development Project" means a project or scheme or program involving developmental expenditure;

[4][(gba) "**Digital Challan**" means any challan, receipt, or payment instrument generated through B-Pay bearing a unique PSID or other unique digital identifier.]

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[1]Clause (dc) omitted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(dc) "Chief Finance Officers and Junior Finance Officers" the positions of Chief Finance Officers and Junior Finance Officers shall be created within Finance Department having distinct roles, responsibilities functions, term & condition may be prescribe as referred to in Section 26B"

[2]Clauses (dd), (ea), (g1a) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

[3]Clauses (ga) to (gd) inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[4]Clause (gba) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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[1][(gbb) "**Government Receipt**" means any amount, by whatever name called, collectible by or on behalf of the Government of Balochistan or any Covered Entity including any tax, duty, levy, cess, fee, fine, penalty, royalty, rent, toll, surcharge, license or permit fee, registration charge, stamp duty, court fee, or user charge whether now existing or hereafter created.]

(gc) "Pre-Audit" means and include a process whereby the concerned Accounts Office or the officer as stated in section 32, ensures that all the applicable laws relating to any certain transaction have been complied with, before the occurrence of transaction, by the concerned Principal Accounting Officer (PAD) or any of its authorized sub-ordinate officer, to whom such financial powers have been delegated from the Government;

(gd) "Provincial Assembly" means the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan;]

(h) **"Provincial Consolidated Fund"** means the Provincial Consolidated Fund of the Government of Balochistan created under Article 118 of the Constitution;

(i) **"financial propriety"** means the compliance of law, rules, regulations, maintaining high standard of prudence, vigilance, due diligence and ensuring value for money while incurring expenditure and collecting government receipts;

(j) **"financial year"** means the financial year as defined under Article 260 of the constitution;

(k) **"Government"** means the Government of Balochistan;

(l) **"medium-term"** means budgetary estimates for a rolling three-year budgetary horizon. This includes current estimates, which are to be appropriated by Provincial Assembly, and two additional or "outer" years' estimates;

(m) **"outcomes"** means the effects of outputs on targeted audience;

(n) **"outputs"** means service delivered;

(o) **"prescribed"** means prescribed by rules [3][or regulations] made under this Act;

(p) **"principal accounting officer"** means the secretary of a Department or any official notified as principal accounting officer, responsible for exercising financial propriety in management of public funds and having accountability to Provincial Assembly for the economic, efficient and effective use of resources.

[1]Clause (gbb) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.
[2]Clauses (ga) to (gd) inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.
[3]Words inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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[*Explanation*.- The term "secretary" shall include the additional chief secretary, principal secretary, secretary or acting secretary to the Government of Balochistan in charge of a department and where there is no secretary, the special secretary or additional secretary in charge of a department];

(q) **"Public Account"** means the Public Account of the Province as defined under Article 118(2) of the Constitution [2][ ];

(r) **"public moneys"** mean the moneys forming part of the Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Public Account of the Province;

(s) **"public servant"** means a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860);

(t) **"re-appropriation"** means transfer of funds from one head of account of appropriation to another such head of account within the same budget grant;

[3][(ta) "Regulations" means the regulations framed under this Act and the rules made thereunder;

(tb) "Rules" means the rules made under this Act;

(tc) "Schedule of Authorized Expenditure" means the Schedule prepared following consideration by the Provincial Assembly of the Annual or Supplementary or Excess Budget Statement in respect of a financial year and authenticated by the Chief Minister by his signature under Article 123, of the Constitution;]

(u) **"supplementary grant"** means budget grant within the meaning of Article 124 of the Constitution;

(v) **"technical supplementary grant"** means surrender of funds from one budget grant and supplementary budget authorization in another grant. Technical supplementary grant shall not result in increase of overall government expenditure;

(w) **"tax expenditure"** means the revenue which Government foregoes through the provisions of tax laws that allows deductions, exclusions or exceptions, exemptions from the taxpayer's taxable expenditure income or investment, deferral of a tax liability or preferential tax rates;

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[2]Words "and includes moneys, other than Provincial Consolidated Fund, received by or on behalf of the Government or a Public Entity; moneys received by or deposited with the Supreme Court or any other court established; and moneys received by a Public Entity as a trust account, conditional grant, contribution or donation from the general public or public servants, or from a foreign donor agency or organization and is payable on demand or fulfillment of an obligation on the part of the payee or the beneficiary, as the case may be" omitted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[3]Clauses (ta) to (tc) inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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[1][(wa) "Technical Approval" means approval accorded by the competent forum to a PC-I/ PC-II which are compliant with the standards and procedures set by the Planning Commission of Pakistan and Planning & Development Department, Government of Balochistan;]

(x) **"treasury single account"** means the Provincial Consolidated Fund Account with a banking arrangement for the consolidation of government financial resources in one bank account or multiple bank accounts linked to one main account through which the government transacts all its receipts and payments; and

(y) **"voted expenditure"** means expenditure other than the charged expenditure specified in the annual budget statement referred to in Article 122(2) of the Constitution.

[2][(2) Terms and expressions used and not defined in this Act shall have the same meaning as assigned to such terms and expressions in the relevant laws and rules or are generally understood among the legal fora.]

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[1]Clause (wa) inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.
[2]Sub-section (2) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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Chapter II

Budget Management

Budget Preparation and Presentation

3. Budget strategy paper.- (1) The Government shall approve the annual budget strategy paper containing quantified macroeconomic and fiscal projections for the medium-term by fifteenth of March of each year. The paper shall indicate strategic priorities of the Government revenue and spending policies and specify indicative levels of spending in various Sectors and Departments. Upon approval of the paper, the Finance Department shall issue indicative budget ceilings to various Sectors and Departments.

(2) The Government may extend the deadline mentioned in sub-section (1) in case of extreme requirement.

[1][**3A. Revenue**.– (1) Every Department responsible for collecting tax or non-tax revenue shall prepare a Revenue Plan and update it on annual basis.

(2) The Revenue Plan shall encompass the next three financial years and contain annual revenue targets and the key measures to achieve those targets. The Revenue Plan shall also include measures for enforcing the relevant laws, annual reviews of respective laws, reviewing rates of different levies and collection of the revenue in an efficient and effective manner.

(3) The concerned department while formulating a Revenue Plan including its contents and considerable measures, provided under sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section, shall consult the Finance Department.

(4) The relevant Departments shall, within fifteen days of the close of each quarter or as directed otherwise by the chair of the committee, submit a performance report to the Provincial Revenue Supervision Committee established under chairmanship of Chief Secretary of Balochistan. The report shall mention, in addition to the measures under sub-section (2) of this section, the performance concerning the targets set in the Revenue Plan or the budgetary targets and explain reasons for deviations, if any, from the targets.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, rule, regulation, or administrative instruction for the time being in force, every Covered Entity shall, with effect from the date notified by the Finance Department, generate all Government Receipts exclusively as Digital Challans through B-Pay, and process and settle all corresponding payments exclusively through B-Pay. A Digital Challan shall be the sole valid instrument evidencing a Government Receipt; payment made against it through any channel recognised by the State Bank of Pakistan shall constitute full and valid discharge of the corresponding liability; and after the notified date no receipt or payment made outside B-Pay shall be valid.

[1]Section 3A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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(6) The Finance Department shall develop and circulate detailed Standard Operating Procedures for the implementation and operationalization of B-Pay Balochistan, including procedures for regular reconciliation with the Accounting Offices.

(7) The Finance Department may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules and give such directions as it considers necessary or expedient to carry out the purposes of this Part — including specifying Covered Entities and classes of Government Receipt and the dates from which they shall adopt B-Pay; prescribing settlement, reconciliation, reporting, compliance, and penalty provisions and matters of transition and saving; and progressively extending the application of this Part until all Government Receipts of the Province are collected and processed through B-Pay.]

4. Annual Budget Statement.- (1) The Government shall, in respect of every financial year, cause to be laid before the Provincial Assembly, Annual Budget Statement consistent with Articles 120 and 121 of the Constitution including a statement of the purpose and estimates divided into detailed items for each item of receipts and demand for grant.

(2) Each item of receipts and Demand for grant shall indicate budget estimates of the ensuing year, initial budget estimates and revised estimates of outgoing year and actual expenditure of year Prior to outgoing year.

5. Plan based Government's expenditure estimates.- All government expenditures, whether from a recurrent or development demand for grant, shall be based on well-defined plans.

6. Grant-in-aid.- The Government may approve grant-in-aid for individual, public and private institutions, local bodies and other non-political institutions and associations as it may consider appropriate in the manner as may be prescribed.

7. Receipt of grants and loans by the Government.- (1) Grants or a loan made to the Government by a federal government or foreign Donor Agency through Economic Affairs Division or by any other person shall be received by the Finance Department on behalf of the Government.

(2) The Planning and Development Department [1][and the Finance Department] may, with the approval of Government, enter into grant and loan agreements with donor agencies in collaboration with representatives of concerned departments.

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[1]Words inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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[1][(3) The Government shall approve rules, regulations or such policy instrument as debt management strategy to steer, manage and/or control the entry into loan or grant; and, the functional, institutional or methodical means of consequential utilization of such loan and/or grant as specified in Subsection 2 above.]

[2][**7A**. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, the Finance Department may, with the approval of Government, take any appropriate action for management, including improving the respective legal framework, making strategies and policies for increasing revenues, automation or any other relevant action, as deemed necessary of provincial revenues.]

8. Tax expenditure.- The Government shall, in respect of every financial year cause to be laid before the Provincial Assembly, Finance Bill consistent with Article 115 of the Constitution including a statement of estimated tax expenditure of the Government.

9. Mode of budgeting.- The Government shall, in respect of every financial year, cause to be laid before the Provincial Assembly a budget including the Annual Budget Statement based on any reasonable approach of budgeting as it may deem appropriate.

10. Changes in schedule of authorized expenditure.- If in respect of any financial year it is found-

(a) that the amount authorized to be expended for a particular service for the current financial year is insufficient, or that a need has arisen for expenditure upon some new service not included in the Annual Budget Statement for that year; or

(b) that any money has been spent on any service during a financial year in excess of the amount granted for that service for that year,

the Government shall have power, as prescribed, to authorize expenditure from the Provincial Consolidated Fund, whether the expenditure is charged by the Constitution upon that Fund or not, and shall cause to be laid before the Provincial Assembly a Supplementary Budget Statement or, as the case may be, an Excess Budget Statement, setting out the amount of that expenditure, and the provisions of Articles 120 to 123 shall apply to those statements as they apply to the Annual Budget Statement.

11. Re-appropriation of funds.- Principal Accounting Officers may sanction, in consultation with Finance Department, at any time before the close of the financial year, re-appropriation of funds from one detailed expenditure item to another within a budget grant in the manner and subject to such conditions and limitations, as may be prescribed.

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[1]Sub-section (3) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(3) Any endorsement, under sub-section (2), shall be given after obtaining prior concurrence of Finance Department."

[2]S.7A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2021 dated June 29, 2021.

12. Surrender of savings.- (1) All Departments, their attached departments and sub-ordinate offices and autonomous organizations shall surrender to the Finance Department by 15th May each year all anticipated savings in the grants or assignment accounts or grant-in-aid controlled by them.

[*Explanation*: In case of autonomous organizations, surrender of any savings from their grant-in-aid are subject to provisions of their respective enactments.]

(2) The Finance Department shall communicate the acceptance of such surrenders before close of the financial year and where requirement is justified, shall provide for equivalent amount in the next financial year budget.

Chapter III

Development Projects and Maintenance and use of Public Assets

13. Conception and preparation of development projects.- [1][(1) All development projects may be conceived and prepared as per the applicable planning and development processes and templates.]

[1][(2) All development project proposals, in excess of a threshold size prescribed by the Planning and Development Department, may undergo a feasibility study.]

14. Quality assurance.- Development project proposals which exceed in their total cost thresholds defined by the Planning and Development Department [2][may] be subject to clearance by a committee of experts, aimed to ensure quality assurance, to be notified by the planning and development department prior to its placement before the relevant competent forum for approval.

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[1]Sub-sections 13(1) & (2) substituted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(1) All development projects shall be conceived and prepared in conformity with procedures, processes, templates and guidelines defined by the Planning Commission or Planning and Development Department, as the case may be."

"(2) Cost and benefit analysis and risk assessment of all development project proposals, in excess of a threshold size prescribed by the Planning and Development Department, shall be undertaken."

[2]Substituted for "shall" by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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15. Technical approval.- [1][(1) All development project proposals shall be subject to a technical approval process from the relevant fora.]

[1][(2) The Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) shall have the powers to rectify errors in all provincially funded development projects other than change in cost, scope or shifting of a project from one location or site to another location or site.]

16. Inclusion of development projects in demands for grants.- (1) [2][Within a period not exceeding [3][seven] years from the date of promulgation of this Act,] [4][no] development project shall be considered for inclusion in demands for grants that has not been granted technical approval.

(2) No development project shall be considered for inclusion in demands for grants unless it is provided with a budget allocation of [5][by the government for] its [6][operating cost] for the coming year.

17. Monitoring and evaluation of development projects.- [7][(1) Development Projects shall be subject to the Monitoring and Evaluation processes as per the Planning and Development Department guidelines.]

(2) Timelines, forms and formats and guidance on conducting monitoring and evaluation and reporting shall be as may be prescribed.

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[1]Sub-sections 15(1) & (2) substituted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(1) All development project proposals shall be subject to a technical approval process. Technical approval shall only be granted to projects which are compliant with the standards and procedures set by the Planning Commission or Planning and Development Department, as the case may be."

"(2) Findings and recommendations of the quality assurance reports, required under section 15, and cost and benefit analysis and risk assessment, where required as per sub-section (2) of section 14, shall be taken into account by these forums while considering the development project proposals."

[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[3]Substituted for "five" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was substituted for "four" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025, it was substituted for "three" by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024 and it was substituted for "two" by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2023 dated June 12, 2023.

[4]Substituted for "No" by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[5]Substituted for "at-least [twenty] percent of" by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Earlier it was substituted for "thirty three" by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[6]Substituted for "total cost" respectively by BRA Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July, 2024.

[7]Sub-section 17(1) substituted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) Development projects shall be subject to the following forms of monitoring and evaluation, namely:-

(a) monitoring of progress during implementation;

(b) evaluation of the project on completion; and

(c) in case of the projects with a total cost exceeding a threshold to be set by the Planning and Development Department, an independent impact assessment within five years after completion of the projects."

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[1][ ]

19. Records and Utilization of public assets.- [2][(1) Within a period not exceeding two years from the date of promulgation of this Act, the Principal Accounting Officers (PAOs) shall develop a data bank / asset management software for recording and utilization of all public assets including moveable but not limited to fixed assets in the manner as prescribed.]

[3][ ]

(3) Each Principal Accounting Officer [4][may] send updated report of such [4][all public assets] periodically as prescribed to Finance Department for compilation and other purposes but not later than 31 August following the close of current financial year.

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[1]Section 18 omitted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before omission it read as follows:-

"18. Budgetary provision for maintenance of assets.- (1) Every Department shall include in its demands for grants adequate funds dedicated for operation and maintenance of the physical infrastructure assets under its supervision.

(2) The Finance Department, in consultation with concerned department, shall define adequacy requirements for different categories of physical infrastructure expressed as the ratio of the annual provision for maintenance and the current market value of the asset."

[2]Sub-section 19(1) substituted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) Principal Accounting Officers shall ensure a comprehensive and updated fixed-assets register on the form as prescribed and that the maximum possible returns are achieved on each and every asset falling under the oversight of the Department."

[3]Sub-section 19(2) omitted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(2) The returns on a public asset may include utilization of the asset for delivery of one or more public services or a financial return accruing to the Government from utilization of the potential of the asset."

[4]Substituted for "shall" & "fixed assets register" respectively by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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Chapter IV

Control of Provincial Consolidated Fund and Public Account

20. Provincial Consolidated Fund.- (1) All Departments, their attached departments and subordinate offices and all public entities if so required by their statutes, shall arrange remittance in the Provincial Consolidated Fund, without delay, of all revenues including all grants received by the Government, all loans raised by the Government including sub-lent loans by the federal government and all moneys received by it in repayment of any loan and all other moneys into the Public Account of the Province as required under Article 118 of the Constitution.

(2) All loans or grants made to the Government by a foreign donor agency or federal government or otherwise shall be remitted to the Provincial Consolidated Fund.

21. Custody of the Provincial Consolidated Fund and Public Account of the Province.- The operation of the Provincial Consolidated Fund and the Public Account of the Province shall vest in the Finance Department under the overall supervision of the Government.

22. Expenditure from Provincial Consolidated Fund.- (1) No authority shall incur or commit any expenditure or enter into any liability involving expenditure from the Provincial Consolidated Fund and Public Account of the Province until the same has been sanctioned by a competent authority duly empowered and the expenditure has been provided for the financial year through-

(a) schedule of authorized expenditure; or

(b) supplementary grant and technical supplementary grant as per Article 124 of the Constitution; or

(c) re-appropriation as per section 10.

(2) No authority shall transfer public moneys for investment or deposit from government account to other bank account without prior approval from the Government.

(3) Every grant approved by the Provincial Assembly for a financial year and every other authority or sanction issued under this Act in respect of a financial year, shall lapse and cease to have any effect at the close of that financial year.

23. Withholding of authorized appropriations.- The Finance Department may, with the prior approval of the Provincial Assembly, suspend, withdraw, limit or place conditions on any budget appropriation or other authority issued by it if the Finance Department is satisfied that such action is required by reason of a financial exigency or is in the public interest.

24. Excess expenditure.- (1) The expenditure in excess of the amount of budget grant as well as the expenditure not falling within the scope or intention of any budget grant, unless regularized by a supplementary grant, shall be treated as excess expenditure.

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(2) Excess expenditure shall not become a charge against the Provincial Consolidated Fund except when-

(a) The Provincial Assembly approves an additional amount equivalent to overspending as a direct charge against the Provincial Consolidated Fund as voted or charged expenditure; or

(b) it decides-

(i) to recover the excess expenditure from the public servants who are found to be involved to incur such an expenditure. In this case, the Finance Department may take appropriate measures; or

(ii) to take disciplinary proceedings against the principal accounting officer.

(3) If the provincial Public Accounts Committee recommends the excess expenditure to stand as a charge to Provincial Consolidated Fund, then it shall be included in the statement of excess expenditure required under Article 124 of the Constitution.

25. Commitment control system.- The Finance Department in consultation with the Auditor General shall approve and issue guidelines related to annual and multi-annual commitment control systems.

26. Delegation of financial powers.- The Finance Department [1][, with the approval of Government, shall make rules] for the delegation of financial powers based on the following principles, namely:-

(a) financial powers accorded to the principal accounting officers to balance financial authority with responsibility for financial propriety as per the applicable financial rules and regulations;

(b) financial powers are accorded with the view to enhance public service delivery; and

(c) allowing the principal accounting officers to delegate financial powers to sub-ordinate officials. The delegation shall not diminish the responsibility and accountability of the principal accounting officers.

[2][**26A.** The Finance Secretary, Government of Balochistan, shall hire or engage such experts, professionals or firms for discharging such affairs in connection with the provisions of this Act in the prescribed manner.]

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[1]Substituted for "shall approve regulations" by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[2]Section 26A substituted by Blochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

Before substitution by BRA F. Act, 2026, it read as follows:-

"**26A. Establishment of Specialized Units**.- Within a period not exceeding two years from the date of commencement of this Act, the Government shall establish specialized units including but not limited to an Internal Audit, Provincial Revenues and Fiscal Policy Management, Debt Management, Risk & Investment Management and Budget Reform Management within the Finance Department having distinct roles, responsibilities, functions, powers, terms and conditions as may be prescribed."

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27. Fiscal Management Targets.- In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Government shall-

(a) strive for achieving zero budgeting deficit through gradual annual reduction gradual reduction in deficit [1][ ];

[2][(b) The Government shall take appropriate measures to keep the Public Sector Debt and Guarantees by observing the following quantitative limits:

(i) The total stock of Public Sector Debt and Guarantees shall not, at any time, exceed 200% of the average revenue of three preceding financial years.

(ii) The Government Debt and Guarantees shall not, at any time, exceed 160% of the average revenue of three preceding financial years;

(iii) The public corporations (autonomous bodies, regulatory authorities & others) Debt and Guarantees shall not, at any time, exceed 40% of the average revenue of three preceding financial years.

(iv) interest expense on Government Debt shall not, in any financial year, exceed 15% of the average revenue of three preceding financial years.]

(c) also strive for an annual gradual decrease in the percentage of non-development expenditure, with a specific preference to expenditure for pay and allowances and its related expenditure and increase development expenditure with the same ratio;

[3][**27A. Assessment and upgradation of Public Financial Management (PFM) System**,*- (1) For continuous upgradation of the PFM System in line with the international standards and best practices, the Finance Department shall carry out an assessment of its Public Financial Management System in accordance with the international Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) framework on a regular basis.

(2) The assessment shall be carried out at least once in every three years through a qualified and independent organization.

(3) The assessment report shall be presented to the Government and shall be subject to consequential public disclosure.]

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[1]Words "by Rs.10 billion" omitted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

[2]Section 27(1)(b) substituted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(b) restrict its total outstanding debt up to a threshold as prescribed by the Government;"

[3]Section 27A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025. *there should be full stop instead of comma

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[1][**27B. Fiscal Risk Management Framework**.- (1) The Finance Department shall prepare a Fiscal Risk Statement on an annual basis along with the revisions in the same from time to time and submit it to the Government for approval.

(2) The Statement shall contain information on:

(a) major sources of risk that can result in significant deviations between actual and expected fiscal outcomes;

(b) estimates of Tax Expenditure for the next financial year prepared with the assistance of all Departments and agencies engaged in collection of taxes;

(c) fiscal risks posed by explicit as well as implicit contingent liabilities;

(d) compliance status of fiscal and debt rules contained in this Act along with the relevant figures, and, in case of non-compliance, the reasons thereof.

(e) assessment of the implementation status and effectiveness of the Fiscal Risk Management Framework; and,

(f) measures needed to strengthen the management of fiscal risks.]

Chapter V

Treasury Management

28. Cash management.- (1) The Finance Department, with the approval of the Government, shall notify policy and rules under this Act to prescribe an effective cash management system for all public entities and special purpose funds leading to treasury single account. Fundamental principles and objectives of such policy and rules shall be-

(a) to anticipate cash needs of Government;

(b) to ensure availability of cash when it is required;

(c) to manage cash balance in the Government bank accounts effectively; and

(d) to neutralize impact of the Government's cash flows on the domestic banking sector.

(2) the policy and rules under this section, inter alia, shall provide for-

(a) establishing institutional and administrative arrangements needed to manage an effective cash management system;

(b) availability of funds in accordance with schedule of authorized expenditure or supplementary grant;

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[1]Section 27A inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

(c) availability of foreign exchange, where required, from within the allocation of foreign exchange sanctioned for the Departments concerned;

(d) placement of all public moneys into the treasury single account;

(e) quarterly revenue, expenditure, cash requirement and debt plan within sanctioned budget;

(f) gradual expansion of budgetary and accounting framework to all autonomous entities;

(g) usage of idle cash of the autonomous entities;

(h) require all principal accounting officers to provide the information deemed necessary for effective operation of the cash management and treasury single account system. This may include the unused cash balances of any entity operating under the administrative control of that principal accounting officer; and

(i) The Finance Department, with the approval of Government, may advise, in writing, the State Bank of Pakistan to direct all conventional and non-conventional banks and other financial institutions, to debit their bank accounts and credit the same into Provincial Consolidated Fund for purposes of formulation and management of single treasury account system.

29. Government banking arrangements.- (1) The Government shall maintain its Provincial Consolidated Fund Account in the State Bank of Pakistan and it may open its such other bank accounts as may be required by the Finance Department, from time to time, in accordance with the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 (XXXIII of 1956).

(2) These accounts shall be operated by such authorized signatories as may be prescribed by the Finance Department.

(3) For the purpose of effective financial management and taking corrective measures to ensure financial discipline, all banks in Pakistan shall provide such information of all accounts maintained by Departments, attached departments and subordinate offices and public entities as shall be required by the Finance Department, from time to time, through State Bank of Pakistan.

(4) Finance Department may give any instructions, in respect of regulating and operating the bank accounts pertaining to provincial consolidated fund and public account, to State Bank of Pakistan or any other bank acting on its behalf.

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Chapter VI

Special Purpose Funds

30. Special purpose funds.- (1) If monies have been appropriated by the Provincial Assembly to establish a fund, the Finance Department shall notify rules or regulations and issue directives for the management and control of such a fund. Any statutory instrument shall-

(a) state the purposes for which the special fund has been established;

(b) revenue generation capacity of such fund as a source of provincial revenues and transfer of such proceeds into provincial consolidated fund;

(c) identify the principal accounting officer responsible for its operations; and

(d) specify that the cash balances of such funds shall form part of Public Account of the Province.

(2) Such funds shall be subject to audit by the Auditor-General of Pakistan.

(3) Where the Government is satisfied that either-

(a) the purposes for which any special fund was established have been fully served; or

(b) it is in the public interest to wind up a special fund,

it shall notify dissolution of the said special fund and any credit balances in such fund shall be transferred to the Provincial Consolidated Fund. An evaluation report and regulation of such funds shall be notified by the Finance Department.

Chapter VII

Accounting and Reporting

31. Accounts of the province.- The Accountant General, Balochistan shall prepare Financial Statements and Appropriation Accounts of the province in accordance with Accounting Framework as prescribed by the Auditor General of Pakistan.

32. Pre-audit and Payments of expenditure from the Provincial Consolidated Fund Account.- The Finance Department, with the approval of Government, may delegate powers for pre-audit and authorization of expenditure from the Provincial Consolidated Fund Account to the Accountant General, Balochistan or District Account Officers, as it deems appropriate;

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(2) The Finance Department, with the approval of Government, shall delegate following functions to the Accountant General, Balochistan at provincial level and to District Account Officers at district level:

(a) collection and record keeping of subscription of Government employees towards General Provident Fund, Group Insurance, Benevolent Fund and any other employee contributory scheme notified by the Government;

(b) settlement and authorization of payment of General Provident Fund or any other employee contributory scheme authorized by the Finance Department with the approval of Government;

(c) Preparation of Government employee salary-slips including fixation of pay as prescribed by the Government;

(d) Preparation, record keeping and endorsement of work / development cheques;

(e) Record keeping and maintaining accounts of receipts of the province;

(f) Verification of service books; and

(g) Opening of assignment accounts on the advice of Finance Department.

(3) The District Accounts Officers shall report monthly accounts to Accountant General, Balochistan for compilation and preparation of the consolidated monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual accounts of the province.

(4) The Accountant General, Balochistan shall prepare and report monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual accounts including Financial Attest Audit Report to Finance Department.

33. Mid-year reporting of budget developments.- By twenty-eighth February each year, the Government shall place mid-year review report before the Provincial Assembly. The report shall provide budget and actual comparison of revenues, expenditure and financing.

Chapter VIII

Public Entities

34. Public entities.- (1) Where-

(a) any board, commission, company, corporation, trust or other fund or account is established by or under any law which is fully or substantially funded either from the Provincial Consolidated Fund or by way of taxes, levies, duties or other public monies accruing to it in terms of any laws; or

(b) any entity other than a state enterprise is established by or under any law, the activities of which may result in a financial commitment or other liability being incurred by the Government, the Government may declare such entity to be a public entity for the purposes of this Act.

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(2) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, classify public entities as-

(a) Government's business enterprises, including public limited companies or registered companies under the law regulating companies or banking; or

(b) autonomous entities, which include all public entities that are not Government's business enterprises, which have been established to provide regulatory, research, development and training or are producing goods or services on non-commercial basis.

(3) The Finance Department shall be responsible for notifying the policy framework and guidelines for financial management of Government's business enterprises and autonomous entities, including those related to internal controls, borrowing, cash management, accounting, reporting and external audit.

[1][(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, all funds of all the autonomous bodies, authorities, companies, or any other corporate body established under the administrative control of any department shall be centralized, managed and invested by the Finance Department, with a provision that only the accrued market proceeds or profit shall be transferred back to such bodies or department through budgetary allocation or otherwise as the Finance Department may think fit to be utilized for their designated purposes.

Explanation-I: For the purposes of this sub-section autonomous bodies means and includes all the autonomous bodies, authorities, corporations, companies, or any other corporate body established under the administrative control of any department or established directly through an Act of provincial assembly, ordinance, executive order or notification or otherwise established by the Government.

Explanation-II: Market proceeds means and include profit, mark-up, interest or any similar return arising therefrom such investment of funds.]

35. Self-generated revenues.- The Finance Department shall, with approval of the Government, notify policy and guidelines and may issue regulations on the utilization of revenues generated by autonomous entities which may arise from any act or statutory instrument of the government.

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[1]Section 34(4) inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2026 dated June 29, 2026.

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36. Preparation of accounts.- (1) Financial Statements including detailed accounts of its financial affairs of Government's business enterprises shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the relevant law. Copy of the annual audited financial statements shall be made available to the Finance Department within three months of their certification.

(2) Financial Statements including detailed accounts of its financial affairs of autonomous entities shall be prepared in accordance with instructions issued by the Finance Department. Copy of annual audited financial statements and auditor's certificate in respect of any other statement if required, shall be made available to the Finance Department within three months of their finalization.

(3) Audited financial statements and annual accounts referred to in sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) shall be laid before Provincial Assembly along with other accounts of Government not later than one month after the same are submitted by Auditor-General, except that, if Provincial Assembly is not in session, then the accounts shall be laid before it on the first day of the following session.

(4) Any reports laid before Provincial Assembly under sub-section (3) shall be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of Provincial Assembly.

37. Audit.- (1) The audit of all public business enterprises shall be in accordance with the provisions of the relevant law.

(2) The audit of autonomous entities classified shall be in accordance with instructions issued by the Auditor-General.

38. Dissolution of public entity.- Where the public entity established under any law or legal instrument stands dissolved or has been wound up, any monies or other resources standing to the credit of the public entity at the time of dissolution or winding up shall be paid into the Provincial Consolidated Fund.

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Chapter IX

Removal of Difficulty and Power to Make Rules

39. Removal of difficulty.- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, Government may make such order, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as it may consider necessary for removal of such difficulty.

40. Power to make rules.- (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) All existing instruments shall continue in force [1][:]

[1][provided that existing instruments, contrary to the provisions of this' Act and the rules made thereunder, shall have no legal effect.]

(3) Without prejudice to anything contained in this Act, the existing instruments shall include [2][but not limited to the following]-

(a) The General Financial Rules;

(b) Federal Treasury Rules;

(c) Fundamental Rules and Supplementary Rules;

(d) Civil Service Regulations;

(e) Provident Fund Rules;

(f) Civil Pension Rules;

(g) Methods and procedures prescribed by the Auditor-General of Pakistan with reference to deposit and withdrawal of public money;

(h) Public Works Department Code;

(i) the New System of Financial Control and Budgeting, 2018;

(j) the Central Public Works Account Code;

(k) the New Accounting Model including Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual;

(l) other Financial Regulations consistent with the above rules; and

(m) all amendments, schedules, manuals, notifications, forms, appendixes, orders, circulars, codes, instructions, directives, guidelines, clarifications and any other supplementary legal instruments relating to any of those rules, in each case as in force in the Government before commencement of this Act.

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[1]Colon and proviso substituted for words “until altered, amended or repealed by such authority competent to alter, amend or repeal the same.” by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.
[2]Words inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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(4) All the existing public finance management and administration including the rules, regulations and all amendments, schedules, manuals, notifications, forms, appendixes, orders, circulars, codes, instructions, directives, guidelines, clarifications and any other supplementary legal instruments relating to any of those rules, in each case as in force in the Government before commencement of this Act shall be made consistent with this Act through appropriate amendments where required.

[1][**40A. Power to make Regulations**.- Subject to this Act and the rules made thereunder, the Finance Department may frame regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder.]

41. Budget manual.- Within a period of one year from commencement of this Act, the Finance Department shall approve a budget manual, to be published as well as placed on the Government's website.

42. Implementation and improvement.- The Government shall constitute a committee to oversee implementation of this Act and its secondary legislation. The committee shall also enlist international best practices of the public finance management and shall recommend improvements in this Act and its secondary legislation from time to time.

43. Overriding effect.- This Act shall have overriding effect over all other laws and any law inconsistent with this Act in contradiction with this Act shall be amended to the extent of the inconsistency.

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[1]Section 40A inserted by Balochistan Public Finance Management (amendment) Act, 2021 dated May 30, 2021.

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The Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules, 2019 (Amendment Rules, 2021)

No. BRA/HQ/274/2021, Quetta, the December 21, 2021.– In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 read with section 14 and sub-section (4) of section 3, sub-section (3) of section 11 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015), the Balochistan Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government of Balochistan, (cabinet meeting minutes dated 06th December 2021 Agenda No. 10 conveyed through letter vide No. FD.SO (MPR) 2-60/0il Tanker/2020-2021/290-95 dated 21st December, 2021) is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title, application and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules, 2019 (Amendment Rules, 2021).

(2) These rules shall apply to such of a service or the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road as are provided or rendered through oil tankers and are classified under tariff heading 9804.1000 of the Second Schedule to the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015).

(3) These rules shall come into force at once and shall apply in relation to such of a service or the services as are provided or rendered on or after the 6'h day of December, 2021.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "Act" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015);

(b) "Authority" means the Balochistan Revenue Authority established under section 3 of the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

(c) "Form" means the form prescribed under these rules;

(d) "Inter-Province service or services" means a service or the services originating in or from any place in the province of Balochistan and terminating at any place outside the Province of Balochistan;

(e) "Intra-Province service or services" means a service or the services originating in or from any place in the Province of Balochistan and also terminating at any place within the Province of Balochistan;

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(f) "Invoice" includes bill, billy, consignment note, cash memo, credit memo, advice or any other such transaction related document containing the particulars mentioned in section 30 of the Act read with rule 42 and sub-rule (4) of rule 46 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018;

(g) "Non-tariff area" in relation to inter-province service or the services, means the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and other similar territories or areas where sales tax on a service or the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers has not been levied under the reverse charge mechanism;

(h) "Petroleum oils" means the petroleum oils classified under heading 27.10 of the Pakistan Customs Tariff, as given in the First Schedule to the Customs Act,1969 (Act No. IV of 1969);

(i) "Registered Person" means a person who is registered with the Authority under sections 25, 26 or 27 read with clause (134) of section 2 of the Act;

(j) "Sales Tax" or "Tax" means the Balochistan Sales Tax as defined in clause (167) of section 2 of the Act;

(k) "Service" or "services" means such of a service or the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers, as are classified under tariff heading 9804.1000 of the Second Schedule to the Act;

(l) "Service provider" means a person registered with the Authority under the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No.VI of 2015), for providing or rendering such of a service or the services as are mentioned in clause (k) of these rules;

(m) "Service recipient" means the person receiving a service or the services, to whom the service provider issues the invoice or invoices;

(n) "Un-registered person" means a person liable to be registered under the Act but is not registered;

(o) "Withholding agent" means a person as defined in sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018; and

(p) "Withholding Rules" means the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018.

Explanation: The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined herein; shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under the Act.

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3. Rate of tax.- The rate of tax on inter-province and intra-province service or services shall be 15% of the value of the services.

4. Registration.- The service provider for the purpose of these rules, shall get himself register with the Authority.

5. Tax invoice.- The service provider, shall in relation to a service or the services provided or rendered, shall issue an invoice to the service recipient.

6. Withholding of tax.- The services recipient being withholding agent, shall withhold fifty percent of the amount of sales tax and shall deposit fifty percent of withheld amount in the Balochistan Government's head of account "B-02387" in the manner prescribed in the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018:

Provided that, in relation to the tax on inter-Province service or services, other than the services provided in non-tariff areas, the withholding agent shall, in accordance with the agreement recorded in paragraph 3 of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2017, as circulated under the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Islamabad's letter No. DOM1(24)/2015-111 dated 22nd September, 2017, deposit 50% of the withheld amount of the tax in Balochistan Government head of account "B-02387" in the aforesaid prescribed manner and the balance of the amount of sales tax shall be deposited in the jurisdiction of the Tax Authority of the respective Province in the manner as may be prescribed by that Authority:

Provided further that in case the services have been provided by an un-registered person, the service recipients shall withhold the whole of the amount of the sales tax involved for depositing such withheld amount in terms of the above Proviso:

Also provided further that the service recipient shall not release the amount of sales tax withheld by it in terms of this rule in case the service provider does not provide, to the service recipient, the evidence of having complied with the provisions of this rule for the previous month.

7. Return.- (1) The service provider shall e-file the tax return, as defined in clause (141) of section 2 of the Act, in the prescribed manner:

Provided that where a service recipient agrees with the service provider to e-file the prescribed return on behalf of the service provider, such a service recipient shall e-file the prescribed return of the service provider.

(2) The service recipient shall e-file his own return in the manner as prescribed in the withholding rules and he shall also issue the prescribed certificate of deduction / withholding in Form BSTW-06, to the service provider, besides complying with the other provisions of the withholding rules.

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8. Application of other provisions.- In relation to a service or the services, all the provisions of the rules and notifications issued under the Act, shall for consistency with these rules mutatis mutandis apply to the service providers, service recipients or withholding agents covered by these rules, to the extent that these rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of these rules.

9. Form of certificate prescribed for withholding agents.- A form annexed to these rules is prescribed for deduction/withholding of sales tax on services by the withholding agents for the purpose of these rules.

FORM

Ref No. _____ **Dated _____**

CERTIFICATE OF DEDUCTION / WITHHOLDING OF THE BALOCHISTAN SALES TAX ON SERVICES OF INTER-CITY TRANSPORATION OR CARRIAGE OF PETROLEUM OILS THROUGH OILTANKERS.

I/We _____ BNTN _____, STRN _____, located at _____ do hereby certify that we deducted/withheld the following amount of Balochistan sales tax on the services provided to us by

M/S _____(BNTN/NTN) _____ or CNIC _____

Sr. No.	Tax invoice No.	Tax invoice Date	Value of taxable services	Amount of tax involved	Amount of tax deducted / withheld	Tax period of the tax return / withholding return in which this tax was paid, by the service recipient	CPR No. & date in which the deducted/ withheld tax amount was include in payment under Balochistan Government's head of account "B-02387"	Remarks, if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

This certificate is issued in pursuance of rule 3(11) of the Balochistan Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2018.

Signature _____
Name _____
CNIC _____
Designation _____
Official seal _____

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The Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal Regulations, 2022

[12th January, 2022]

No. BSTS/AT/Reg: 2022, Quetta, the January 12, 2022.– In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (15) of Section 66 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act. 2015 (Act No VI of 2015), the Appellate Tribunal is pleased to make the following regulations namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These Regulations may be called the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal Regulations. 2022.

(2) These shall come into force with effect from 1st January, 2022.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these Regulations unless, there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

(a) "Act" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015.

(b) "Authorized Representative" means:-

(i) In relation to a taxpayer a person duly authorized by the tax payer under Section 76 of the Act, including a representative under Section 77 of the Act, to appear, plead and act before the Tribunal;

(ii) In relation to Balochistan Revenue Authority, a person duly authorized by the Chairperson of the Authority to appear, plead and act as a departmental representative, subject to paragraph (3) of Regulation 17, or a legal advisor for such authority and any other person acting on behalf of the person so authorized;

(c) "Bench" means a Bench of the Tribunal constituted under sub-sections (7), (9) and (10) of Section 66 of the Act and includes the Chairperson or any other member sitting singly under sub-section (9) of the said section;

(d) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Tribunal;

(e) "member" means a member of the Tribunal;

(f) "prescribed form" means the form as prescribed in the rules made by the Authority under Section 78 of the Act or under these Regulations;

(g) "Registrar" means the person who is for the time being discharging the functions of the Registrar of the Tribunal, as may be assigned by the Chairperson and includes Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar;

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(h) "Rules" mean the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 made under section 78 of the Act;

(i) "Tribunal" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal established under Section 66 of the Act.

(2) All other expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Act or Rules made thereunder.

3. Sitting of Bench.- A Bench shall hold sitting at its headquarter or such other place as the Chairperson may consider expedient.

4. Power of Bench.-·(1) A Bench shall hear and dispose of ·such appeals and applications made under the Act as are assigned by the Chairperson or any member authorized by the Chairperson in this behalf.

(2) In the absence of Chairperson and the member designated for the purpose, the senior member may transfer an appeal or an application from one Bench to another Bench.

5. Dress, office hours and holiday.-·(1) The Chairperson and members of the Tribunal shall wear the same dress as prescribed for the Judges of the High Court.

(2) The Tribunal shall, subject to any special order of the Chairperson observe the same office hours, holiday and period of recess as the High Courts at respective places observe.

6. Language of the Tribunal.-·The language of the Tribunal shall be Urdu or English.

7. Procedure for filing appeals.-·(1) A memorandum of appeal to the Tribunal shall be in the Form BSTS-06 as prescribed under rule 167 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2018 and presented to the Registrar or an officer authorized by the chairperson or the Registrar, in this behalf, or sent by means of registered post or courier services addressed to the Registrar.

(2) A memorandum of appeal sent by post under sub-Regulation (1) shall be deemed to have been presented to the Registrar or to the officer authorized by the Registrar or the chairperson, on the day on which it is received in the office of the Tribunal.

8. Date of presentation and registration of appeals.- The Registrar or an officer of the Tribunal authorized by the chairperson or the Registrar, in this behalf shall endorse on the front page of every memorandum of appeal the date on which it is presented or deemed to have been presented under Regulation 7, sign the endorsement and the appeal so endorsed shall be entered in a book to be kept for this purpose.

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9. Who may be joined as respondent- In an appeal by a person aggrieved of an order of the Authority, Commissioner (Appeals), or any other Officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority, the Commissioner concerned shall be made a respondent or where the Commissioner objects to an order passed by the Authority, the Commissioner (Appeals) or any other Officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority, the person in whose favor an order by the Authority, Commissioner (Appeals) or any other Officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority has been passed, shall be mode a respondent to the appeal.

10. Contents of memorandum of appeal.-·Every memorandum of appeal shall be written in Urdu or English and shall set forth concisely and under distinct heads, the specific grounds of appeal without any arguments or narrative and such grounds shall be numbered consecutively.

11. Documents to accompany memorandum of appeal.-·(1) Every memorandum of appeal shall be in triplicate and shall be accompanied by three clear and legible copies of (one of which shall be certified copy)-

(a) the order appealed against (Impugned Order);

(b) order of Assistant Commissioner / Assessing Officer Balochistan Revenue Authority, or as the case may be, officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority (Order in Original);

(c) copy of the grounds of first appeal;

(d) proof of payment of appeal fee;

(e) proof of payment of admitted tax liability; and

(f) as certificate in Regulation 12.

(2) In an appeal by the Commissioner, there shall be appended a certificate to the memorandum of appeal-

(a) showing the date of communication of the impugned order to the Commissioner; and

(b) in case of an appeal signed by an officer of Balochistan Revenue Authority, a certificate to the effect that he has been so authorized in this behalf.

(3) The Tribunal may, in its discretion, showing sufficient cause by the Appellant and recording reasons, accept a memorandum of appeal which is not accompanied by all or any of the documents referred to in these Regulations.

(4) In case an appeal is accepted under clause (3) of Regulation 11, the object ion imposed, if any by the Tribunal or an Officer Authorized in this behalf shall be removed within a reasonable rime as may be stipulated by the Tribunal or the Officer Authorized in this behalf.

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(5) The appellant shall annex an index on the face of the memorandum of appeal, showing the documents filed under this Regulation with paging in paper book form in triplicate.

(6) The Appeal, as well as replies thereof by respondents shall accompany a concise statement of facts and legal points involved in the appeal.

12. Intimation of filing of appeal to the respondent.- The appellant shall before filing of appeal send a copy of the memorandum and grounds of appeal to the respondent and a certificate to this effect shall be appended with the appeal.

13. Filing of affidavit.- Where a fact, which cannot be borne out by or is contrary to the record is alleged, it shall be stated clearly and concisely by a duly sworn affidavit and shall have to be filed with the memorandum of appeal.

14. Grounds which may be taken in appeal.- The appellant shall not, except by leave of the Tribunal, urge or be heard in support of any ground not set forth in the memorandum of the appeal but the Tribunal in deciding the appeal shall not be confined to the grounds set forth in the memorandum of appeal or by leave of the Tribunal under these Regulations.

15. Defective appeals etc.- (1) Where a memorandum of appeal is not filed in the manner specified in these Regulations and / or Rules, the Registrar or the officer authorized under Regulation 7 may require the appellant or his authorized representative, if any, to bring the same in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations and l or the Rules within such time, not exceeding fifteen days, as he may specify.

(2) Where the appellant or his authorized representative does not meet the requirement under sub-Regulation (1), the Registrar or the authorized officer shall place the matter before the Bench for such orders us the Bench may deem fit.

16. Appellant to explain delay.- (1) Upon the presentation of memorandum of appeal, the Registrar or the officer authorized under Regulation 7 shall examine the copy of the order appealed against and shall calculate whether, after allowing the time given by the relevant law, the memorandum of appeal has been presented within time.

(2) If the memorandum of appeal to be presented after the time prescribed by relevant law, a note to this effect shall be recorded by the Registrar or, as the case may be by the officer so authorized.

(3) Where the appellant has not tendered, with the memorandum of appeal, any explanation in writing setting out the reasons for the delay, the Tribunal may allow the appellant to submit an explanation in writing and upon sufficient cause having been shown, and reasons to be recorded may admit the appeal for hearing.

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17. Power of attorney etc., by authorized representative.- (1) Where a memorandum of appeal is also signed by an authorized representative, such representative shall annex with the memorandum, the document which shall be in the Form II prescribed under rule 80 of the Rule showing his authority and his acceptance thereof, which shall be signed and dated by the representative and shall also specify his capacity in which he is acting as such:

Provided that in case of an appeal by the Commissioner Balochistan Revenue Authority, the memorandum of appeal need not be accompanied by a letter of authority.

(2) In case of appearance of an authorized representative on behalf of respondent, the authorized representative shall abide by the provisions of sub-Regulation (1) with regard to power of attorney constituting his authority as such.

(3) The representative of the department shall not be an officer below the rank as specified by the Chairperson.

18. Authorization to be filed.-·(1) An authorized representative appearing at the hearing of an appeal shall, unless the document referred to in Regulation 17 has already been appended, file such document before the commencement of the hearing.

(2) The authorized representative and the departmental representative shall be dressed in black sherwani, coat or lounge sui I except the advocates who shall wear the dress prescribed for them, and a lady representative shall appear in while dress and black short coat.

19. Date and place of hearing of appeal.- The Tribunal shall notify to the parties the date and place of hearing of appeal in the form annexed as Form "'A", However, mere issuance of notice may not be deemed to be the admission of appeal for regular hearing.

20. Preparation of cause list for hearing.- (1) For any working day, a daily cause list mentioning the appeals or applications shall be prepared in the form annexed as Form “B”.

(2) Cause list for the day shall be prepared by the bench official under intimation to the bench concerned and be displayed on the notice board before the close of working hours on the day preceding the date of hearing.

(3) Separate cause lists shall be prepared and displayed on notice board for each Bench and for each member in case the appeal is to be heard by a single member.

21. Hearing of appeal or application.- On the day fixed for hearing or any other day to which the hearing is adjourned, the appellant or applicant shall be heard in support of the appeal or application and the Tribunal shall then if necessary, hear the respondent against the appeal or application and in that case the appellant or the applicant shall have a right to reply.

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22. Ex parte decision and recall of order.- (1) Where on the date fixed for hearing or any day to which the hearing is adjourned, any or both the parties fail to appear when the appeal or application is called for hearing, the Tribunal may if it deems fit, dismiss the appeal or application in default or may proceed ex- parte to decide the appeal or application on the basis of the available record.

(2) The Tribunal may recall the order passed under sub-Regulation (1) if the party in default applies within fifteen days of the date of communication of the order and satisfies the Tribunal that the party was prevented by some sufficient cause to appear when the appeal or application was called for hearing.

(3) Upon recalling the order, the Tribunal shall fix a date for hearing of the appeal or application;

Explanation: In this Regulation the word "appear" means appearance in person or through an authorized representative.

23. Continual ion of proceedings after the death or insolvency of an aggrieved person.- Where a taxpayer or registered person dies or is adjudged insolvent or in the case of a company under liquidation, the appeal shall not abate and hearing may continue by or against the executor, administrator, successor or other legal representative of the taxpayer, registered person, assignee, receiver or liquidator, as the case may be.

24. Respondent may support order on grounds decided against him.- The respondent, though he may not have appealed, may support the order appealed against on any of the grounds decided by the forums below.

25. Production of additional evidence before the Tribunal.- (1) No party to the appeal shall be entitled to produce additional evidence either oral or documentary before the Tribunal except after obtaining permission from the Tribunal.

(2) If the Tribunal requires any document to be produced or any witness to be examined or any affidavit to be filed to enable it to pass orders, or for any other substantial cause or if the case has been decided by any of the Officers of Balochistan Revenue Authority without giving sufficient opportunity to adduce evidence either on points specified by them or not specified by them, the Tribunal may allow such document to be produced or witness to be examined or affidavit to be filed or may allow such evidence to be adduced.

26. Mode of producing additional evidence.- (1) Such additional evidence may be produced or such witness examined either before the Tribunal or before such other person authorized in this behalf as the Tribunal may direct.

(2) In case of any direction to on authorized person, such person shall comply with the directions of the Tribunal and after compliance send tile document or the record of the deposition of the witness to the Tribunal.

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27. Adjournment of appeal.- The Tribunal may, if sufficient cause is shown, adjourn the hearing of appeal or application on a request being made by the party or authorized representative and no request for adjournment sent through post, fax or e-mail may be entertained.

28. Remaud of the case by the Tribunal.- Where the Tribunal is of the opinion that the case should be remanded, it may remand, with such directions as the Tribunal may deem fit, to the competent authority.

29. Order to be signed and dated.- (1) The order of the Tribunal shall be in writing and shall be signed and dated by the member or the members, as the case may be, constituting the Bench.

(2) Where a case is referred under sub-sections (12) of Section 66 of the Act the order of the member or the members to whom it is referred shall be signed and dated by him or them as the case may be.

30. Proceedings not open to the public.- The proceedings before the Tribunal shall not be open to the public and no person except the party, its employees, authorized representative or counsel or the officer of the Balochistan Revenue Authority shall, without the permission of the Tribunal, remain present during proceedings.

31. Order to be communicated to the parties. The Tribunal shall cause its order to be communicated to the parties and to the Commissioner (Appeals) Bolochistan Revenue Authority concerned through on mode or manner recognized by law.

32. Procedure for filing and disposal of stay application.- (1) Every application for stay against recovery of demand of tax or ancillary proceedings shall be presented in the same manner as provided in Regulations 7, 8, 9, 11, 21 and 22 relating to appeals.

(2) On receipt of stay application, the Registrar or any other officer authorized to act on his behalf shall fix the application for hearing as early as possible.

33. Scale of copying fee.- (1) Copying fee shall be as follows:-

(a) for the first live pages or part thereof .. .. Rs.500/-; and

(b) for every additional page or part thereof .. .. Rs.50/-.

(2) Fee shall be recovered in advance by way of depositing in Government treasury through bank challan.

(3) The copy shall be made available to the parties within four (04)) days from the date of payment of prescribed fee.

(4) Where a party applies for urgent delivery of a copy of order or any document, the fee chargeable shall be two times of the rate prescribed by sub-Regulation (1)

(5) A certified copy on urgent fee will be made available to the parties within two working days from the date payment or prescribed fees.

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34. Procedure and fee for inspection of record.- (1) For inspection of record an application in writing shall be made by either party in appeal to Registrar or any person authorized by the Chairperson.

(2) Fee for inspecting records and registers of the Tribunal shall be one thousand rupees payable in advance by way or depositing in government treasury through bank challan.

35. Reconciliation of copying and inspection fee.- The Registrar or any officer authorized by the Registrar shall, by the fifth day of each month, obtain the progressive total of receipts from the treasury regarding inspection and copying fee.

36. Arrangement of Record.- (1) The record or appeals, and other petitions shall consist of two parts, namely 'Part-A' and 'Part-B'.

(2) The document specified in Schedule-I shall form 'Part-A' or the record unless otherwise directed by the Chairperson, all other documents shall form 'Part-B' of the record.

(3) Before consigning the record of an appeal and other petition to the record room-

(a) the record shall be arranged into 'Part-A' and 'Part-B'; and

(b) every document shall be marked according to arrangement referred to in clause (a) with letter 'A' or, as the case may be, letter 'B'.

Explanation: The expression documents used in this Regulation includes all forms of electronic record.

37. Preservation of record.- The documents farming part of appeals, and other petitions specified in Schedule-II shall be preserved for the period specified therein, which shall be reckoned from the date of final order of the bench.

Provided that the Bench or Chairpersons may for reasons to be recorded in writing order preservation of any document beyond such period.

38. Manner of destruction of record.- (1) After the expiry of the period or preservation specified in Schedule-II, the record of the appeals and other petitions shall be destroyed in the manner hereinafter prescribed under the directions and supervision or the Registrar or any officer authorized by the Chairperson in this behalf.

(2) All court fee stamps, affixed to documents which ore to be destroyed, shall be cancelled in such a way that the same cannot be re-used.

(3) The record shall be destroyed by tearing or otherwise so that no document may be used again.

(4) After destruction of the record, the officer under whose supervision the record was destroyed shall certify that the destruction has rendered such record of no use.

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(5) All papers which are rendered of no use after destruction shall be sold as waste under the order of the Registrar and the proceeds of the sale shall be credited to the Government Treasury.

39. When Part 'B' of the record to be destroyed.- Unless otherwise directed by the Bench, part 'B' of appeal and other petitions filed therewith shall be destroyed before the record is consigned to the record room:

Provided that where an application for reference lies before a High Court, Part 'B' of appeal or miscellaneous petition shall be preserved until the period of its limitation has expired or where such application has been filed or a leave to appeal has been preferred to the Supreme Court and has been admitted till the order of the High Court, as the case may be is communicated to the Tribunal:

Provided further when an appeal is dismissed for default or is heard ex-parte, Part 'B' of such appeal shall not be destroyed until the expiry of six months from the date of the final order of the High Court or Supreme Court as the Case may be.

40. Fact of the destruction to be recorded.- The fact of destruction of appeals and other petitions shall be recorded under the signatures of the Registrar or the officer/official authorized as such be the chairperson immediately after their destruction in the register in which such appeals, applications for reference and petitions are entered and also in the index prefixed to the record.

41. Classification, maintenance and preservation of registers.- (1) The registers of the Tribunal shall be maintained in the language of the Tribunal and divided into the following classes, namely:-

(a) primary registers maintained for showing institution and disposal of appeal, petitions;

(b) subsidiary registers maintained for administrative purposes; and

(c) statistical registers maintained for preparing monthly and annual returns of the Tribunal.

(2) The registers of the Tribunal specified in column (2) of Schedule III shall be preserved for period as is specified in column (3) thereof.

42. Preservation and destruction of returns and other papers.- (1) The periodical returns, correspondence, personal files of members, officers and employees of the Tribunal and other papers not specified in Schedule II and Schedule III shall be preserved for such period as is specified in Schedule IV and destroyed thereafter.

(2) The Period for which the return or the other papers are to be preserved shall be reckoned from the first January following the date which it bears.

Illustration: Papers of 2022 which under this Regulation have to be retained for one year shall become liable to destruction after the 31st December 2023.

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(3) Where any payer is destroyed, the letter 'D' shall be marked in red ink against the entry in the register in which such paper is entered.

43. Seal of the Tribunal.- (1) There shall be a seal of the Tribunal on which shall be inscribed its name and insignia.

(2) The seal shall remain in the custody of the Registrar or such other officer as the Chairperson may direct and shall be affixed on every order passed by the Tribunal.

44. Notice to be signed by the Registrar.- Every notice shall be signed by the Registrar or any other officer of the Tribunal authorized by the Chairperson in this behalf and shall bear the seal of the Tribunal.

45. Review of the Regulations.- The members may meet after two years or earlier as may be deemed appropriate by the Chairperson, to review the existing Regulations.

46. Computerization.- For the purpose of effective and efficient case management, the Chairperson may from time to time, subject to the availability of resources, direct the Registrar or an officer / official of the Tribunal for enforcement of these Regulations through computerization.

This issues with the approval of the chairperson, Balochistan sales tax on services Appellate Tribunal.

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Schedule-I

[See Regulation 36]

Part "A"

(a) Folder containing the particulars of appeals, petitions and brief abstract of the orders of the Bench;

(b) order sheet or chronological abstract of orders;

(c) original copy of memorandum of appeal;

(d) original copies of petitions;

(e) affidavits;

(f) interlocutory orders of the Benches;

(g) judgment impugned or any other final order;

(h) all notes in the handwriting of the Members; and

(i) judgments and orders of High Courts and Supreme Court.

Schedule-II

[See Regulation 37 and 38]

Preservation of Record

(a) Documents to be preserved permanently:

(i) Part "A" of the appeals and petition; and

(ii) Judgments of the High Court and Supreme Court in constitutional petitions.

(b) Documents to be preserved for ten twelve years:

Part "B" of the appeals and any other documents as directed by the Chairperson.

(c) Destruction of Record, alter the prescribed period as provided in Clause (b), shall be in the manner as directed by the Chairperson.

Schedule-III

[See Regulation 41]

Maintenance and Presentation of Registers

(a) Primary Registers

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S. No.	Name of Register	Period for which to be preserved
1.	Institution and disposal register of appeals	Forever
2.	Institutional and disposal register of miscellaneous petitions	-do-

(b) Subsidiary Registers

S. No.	Name of Register	Period for which to be preserved
1.	Receipt Diary of letters	Forever
2.	Index Registers	-do-
3.	Deposit Accounts Books	-do-
4.	Payment Order Book	-do-
5.	Charge reports of officials	-do-
6.	Diary Receipt Registers	-do-
7.	Service Appeal Registers	-do-
8.	Receipt Diary	Ten years
9.	From Stock Book	Ten years
10.	Stationery Stock Book	-do-
11.	Typewriter, Computer, Photostat, fax machine, Stock books	-do-
12.	Dispatch register	-so-
13.	Cause register	Six years
14.	Ledger of Stamp Accounts	Five years
15.	Deposit Order Books (Copying charges)	-do-
16.	Casual Leave folder for official of the Tribunal	Three years
17.	Check Book	Two year
18.	Outstation Dak Book (Files)	One year
19.	Outstation Dak Book (Letters) etc.	-do-
20.	Postal receipts	-do-
21.	Register of Benches	-do-
22.	Inspection of Record	-do-
23.	Cause Lists (Weekly and daily)	-do-
24.	Work Performed by copyist	-do-
25.	Distribution of cases of Copyists	One year
26.	Copies supplied to the Editors Pakistan Tax Decisions, Taxation etc.	-do-
27.	Register showing supply of objection to the parties	-do-
28.	Check books showing the receipts of stationery and its consumption	-do-

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29.	Daily receipt Register	-do-
30.	Cash Book (Daily)	-do-
31.	Distribution of books	-do-

(c) Statistical Registers

S. No.	Name of Register	Period for which to be preserved
1.	Institution Disposal by Bench or Benches	Ten years
2.	Register of pending appeals and reference applications and petitioners	-do-
3.	Work done by members	-do-

Schedule-IV

[See Regulation 42]

Preservation of Return and other papers

(a) Return, ----------

to be preserved for two years, ----------

(i) Index of judicial correspondence; and

(ii) Budget estimates;

(b) Correspondence to be, preserved for one year,------

(i) Reminders;

(ii) Charge certificate; and

(iii) Letters asking for circulars, copies of rules, petitions for employment private letters and petitions asking for information regarding rules, Regulations or the outstanding claims of the Tribunal etc.;

(c) Personal files of official of the Bench, ----------

(i) Who die while in service shall be preserved until their death, provided that no file shall be destroyed before three years from the date of retirement even if death occurs within three years of retirement;

(d) Account Statements, ----------

(i) To be preserved for one year, --- sub-vouchers for twenty five rupees or less which are not submitted to audit;

(ii) To be preserved for three years,---- Bills and vouchers for over twenty five rupees counterfoils and miscellaneous account papers;

Note: It shall be ensured that no bill or voucher is destroyed, even after expiry of the period mentioned above until all objection, if and relating to it have first been settled; and

(iii) to be preserved permanently unless otherwise directed by the Bench; Cash books, journals and ledger accounts.

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Form - A

[See Regulation 19]

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal

To

Name _____

Cell Number _____

E-mail _____

Postal Address _____

Appeal/ Application No. _____

Re: _____ Appellant / Applicant

Versus

_____ Respondent

Whereas an Appeal/ Application/ under section _____

Against the order of Commissioner (Appeals) Balochistan Revenue Authority No._____ dated _____ for the Tax Period(s) _____ was received in this tribunal and whereas the _____ day of _____ has been fixed for the hearing of said appeal / application at 09.00 A.M. at Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal _____

Please take notice that you may appear at the said place in person or through an authorized person. You are also informed that in case of default on the said day, the appeal / application shall be heard ex-parte / dismissed in default.

Issue under the seal of the Tribunal, this day _____ of _____

By order, etc.

(Registrar/ authorized Official of Tribunal)

Form - B

[See Regulation 20]

Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Appellate Tribunal

Cause List of Cases Fixed for Hearing on: _____

Single Bench / Division Bench

Before: _____

S. No.	Appeal / Application No.	Tax Periods	Title of the Case

Residing Officer / Assistant Registrar (Roster)

_____

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The Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Special Procedure (Online Integration of Business) Rules, 2022

[12th September, 2022]

No. BRA/Rules/026/2022, Quetta, the September 12, 2022.– In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 78 of the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015), read-with, sub-section (1) of section 14, sub-section (3) and (4) of section 31 and section 60A of the said Act and ·also section 12 of the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015), the Balochistan Revenue Authority with the approval of Government of Balochistan is pleased to make the following rules, namely:

1. Short title, application and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Special Procedure (Online Integration of Business) Rules, 2022.

(2) These rules shall apply to the registered persons providing any of the services or class of services, specified in the Schedule to these rules.

(3) These rules shall also apply to an online marketplace acting as a facilitator in transactions that occur between a buyer and a seller or between a service provider and a service recipient in respect of the services specified in the Schedule.

(4) These rules shall come into force ·at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

(a) "Act" means the Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015);

(b) "Authority" or "BRA" means the .Balochistan Revenue Authority established under the Balochistan Revenue Authority Act, 2015 (Act No. VII of 2015);

(c) "Integrated person" means a registered person who has integrated the business with the Authority's computerized system for real-time reporting of sales as per these rules;

(d) "Electronic Fiscal Device" or "EFD" mean's a software or a software-enabled hardware designed for use by the business for recording and reporting of sales and the tax involved thereon conforming to the requirements specified by the Act and the rules made thereunder;

(e) "Point of Sale" or "POS" means a software-based terminal, physical or virtual, which is capable of generating invoice, either in print or electronically, where a transaction for provision of services is' recorded;

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(f) "Sales Data Controller" or "SOC" means a software which is designed to communicate with the EFD, receive and validate transaction data and generate and transmit BRA's invoice number to EFD and transmit the invoice date and invoice number to the Authority's computerized system;

(g) "Business establishment" means an enterprise carrying out an economic activity and providing or rendering taxable services; and

(h) "Notified business establishment" means a business establishment integrated with the Authority's computerized system under these Jules.

(2) The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as .assigned to them in the Act.

3. POS integration.- A registered person providing the services specified in the Schedule and an online marketplace acting as facilitator for such services, shall integrate all their points of sale, including the ones providing services through internet, with the Authority's computerized system for real-time reporting of sales in the manner prescribed herein within 30 days from the date of notification of these rules.

4. Rate of tax.- The rate of tax on the services provided by the integrated persons, shall be the rate as prescribed under the Act or a notification issued thereunder.

5. Service fee.- There shall be levied a fee of one rupee on every invoice generated .by an integrated POS and the same shall be deposited in the specified bank account in the prescribed manner by the integrated person providing the services specified in the Schedule:

Provided that no service fee shall be charged separately from an online marketplace acting solely and exclusively as a facilitator for such services.

6. Tax invoice.- (1) The integrated persons shall issue a tax invoice through Integrated POS for every transaction bearing, inter-alia, the following particulars:-

(a) Basic information of service provider:-

(i) Business name or brand name;

(ii) Complete address of the business branch; and

(iii) BRA's registration number;

(b) Basic Information of Online Marketplace, where relevant:-

(i) Name of Online Marketplace;

(ii) Business Name; and

(iii) BRA's registration number;

(c) POS Invoice details:-

(i) POS ID generated by BRA computerized system;

(ii) Unique sequential invoice number;

(iii) Date and time of the issuance of invoice;

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(iv) In case of business to business (B2B); name of the person receiving or procuring the service or class of service, BRA Registration Number/NTN and complete address of the service recipient; and

(v) Unique order number generated by online marketplace (if any)

(d) Transaction details:-

(i) Total value of service or services;

(ii) Tax rate charged;

(iii) Total tax charged en the invoice;

(iv) Discount or discounts, if any;

(v) POS service fee of Rs.1 and

(vi) Total payable amount;

(e) BRA details:-

(i) BRA tax invoice number (xxxxxx-DDMMYYIIIIMMSS-0001);

(ii) Logo of BRA POS invoicing system;

(iii) Verifiable QR cede, dimensions: 7x7MM; and

(iv) Statement in legible font and size: "*Verify this invoice through BRA Mobile App or SMS and win exciting prizes in draw*".

(2) A sample invoice, in terms of requirements set out above, is attached as "Annex-I" to these rules.

(3) The integrated person providing the services as specified in the Schedule to these rules shall issue only the invoice specified in sub-rule (1) and as per Annex-I to these rules, and shall not issue any katcha or provisional invoice, by whatever name called, to the customer.

7. Obligations and requirements:- (1) The integrated person shall install the prescribed EFD and software, as approved by the Authority as Per the details available on the Authority's website with complete technical instructions of installation, configuration and integration.

(2) The integrated person shall notify to the Authority, through the FORM provided on the Authority's website, details of all business establishments, from which they intend to carryon business and shall integrate each POS by providing the following information, namely:-

(a) POS registration number (to be provided by the System);

(b) Business name or Brand name;

(c) Branch name;

(d) Branch address;

(e) POS identification number; and

(f) Registration date.

(3) A sample of aforesaid online form available at BRA's website is attached as "Annex-II" to these rules.

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8. Requirements and obligations for the POS vendor: Integrated persons, while installing POS, shall ensure that POS vendor shall have the following accreditations:-

(a) The POS vendor shall have its place of business in Balochistan as defined under clause (115) of section 2 of the Act.

(b) The POS vendor shall provide the required information as and when required in writing by an officer of the BRA or any officer authorized by the Chairperson under the relevant provisions of the Act.

9. Record, Access and Examination:- (1) The integrated person shall maintain the record of all the invoices and transactions made from a notified establishment. The integrated person shall also provide access to such notified business establishment, and the related record as required by any officer of the BRA or an officer authorized by the Chairperson under the relevant provisions of the Act.

(2) All provisions of the Act, and rules made thereunder, regarding record maintenance and access thereto, and otherwise: shall be applicable.

(3) The Authority, through an authorized officer may conduct an inquiry and investigation or require integrated person to provide relevant information and documents as necessary to ensure-functioning and operation of the POS which may include following:

(a) Checking if the valid invoices are being generated;

(b) Checking if the EFD is accredited;

(c) Checking if the POS complies with the requirements set out in these rules;

(d) Ensuring compliance of procedures specified in relation to POS integration;

(e) Checking if the POS is tampered; and

(f) Checking and inspection of system logs and storage logs.

10. Consequences of non-compliance or contravention:- A person failing to integrate with the Authority's computerized system in terms of these rules or an integrated person found to have tampered with the system or to have issued an invoice otherwise than through the integrated POS or any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be 'liable to penalty or prosecution in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

11. Reporting of failure to transfer sale or bill data to the Authority:- (1) A facility shall be provided to the customers of an integrated person, to verify that the Invoice issued to him has been duly communicated to the Authority's computerized system. Such facility shall be provided on Authority's - website, or through mobile application or by sending invoice number to the Authority through SMS.

(2) In case of non-verification, the customer may upload the image of invoice through the said mobile application or through the Authority's website.

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(3) The Authority or an officer of the BRA authorized by the Authority in this behalf, shall conduct inquiry against, such unverified invoices and take appropriate necessary action under the provisions of the Act.

12. Prize scheme:- (1) From the date to be decided by the Authority, the customers holding the verified invoices of an integrated person, who follow the procedure prescribed herein and whose name and CNICs are selected through random computerized draw shall be entitled to prizes in respect of service or services received or procured from an integrated Person.

(2) The customer having verified invoice of the integrated person in the manner as provided in the preceding rule, shall be entitled to enter in the lucky draw, if he provides the following particulars through SMS or through the aforesaid mobile application:-

(a) Name;

(b) CNIC;

(c) Contact/Mobile number; and

(d) Email Address (*optional*).

(3) The aforesaid mobile application shall notify the customer regarding the status of invoice either as “verified” or “unverified”.

(4) The computerized draw for the prizes shall be held, with the approval of the Authority in a transparent manner.

(5) The lucky draw winner shall be informed through SMS or mobile application regarding his win. A list of all lucky winners shall be made available on Authority’s website.

(6) Draw winners shall be entitled to receive the respective prizes subject to bio-metric verification and in case of cash prizes, the provision of IBAN (International Bank Account Number) of winner’s bank account through the aforesaid mobile application or through SMS.

(7) Any officer or official of the Authority, or owner, partner, director or employee of the integrated person shall not be eligible for the participation in the prize scheme.

13. Mystery shopping:- (1) Mystery shopping shall be conducted by a person, firm or an officer of the Authority, duly authorized by the Authority, on random basis from an integrated person.

(2) The person, firm or an officer of the BRA as authorized by the Authority under sub rule (1) of this rule, shall verify the invoices in the manner prescribed as above and in case of unverified invoice, report the matter to an officer of the Authority, authorized in this respect, for necessary action as per relevant provisions of the Act, and the rules made thereunder.

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SCHEDULE

[See rule 3]

ANNEX-I

S. No.	**Tariff Heading**	**Description of services**
1	98.01	Services provided or rendered by restaurants located in Hotels
2		Services provided or-rendered by international restaurant Who are franchisers or franchisees
3		Services provided or rendered by all restaurants having more than one branch in Balochistan
4		Services provided or rendered by all restaurant outlets located at air-conditioned shopping malls
5		Services provided by restaurants through an online marketplace platform

YOUR LOGO
Business Name
Branch Address
BRA Registration No.
POS ID No.

Invoice #

Date & Time:

Unique Order No (For Online Order):

Name/NTN of Buyer: (Optional)

Qty	Item	Rate	Amount
Amount (exclusive BSTS)			
BSTS@			
POS Service Rs.			
Discount (if any)			
Total Amount (inclusive BSTS)			

BRA Invoice No#

BRA

POS

Verify this invoice through BRA Mobile
App or SMS and win exciting prizes in draw

Annex-II

Create Point of Sale (POS)

Branch Name: Branch Name

Location: Branch Location

Email: _____ Contact: _____

City: Select

Longitude: Latitude

Cloud

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Access Code: _____ **Generate**

Create User for BRA POS:

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[1][Gwadar District (Tax Exemptions) Act, 2023

to give effect to the proposals of the provincial government for awarding exemption from various provincial taxes to the Gwadar Special Economic District

WHEREAS it is expedient to promote business, investments and other port related activities including tourism, real estate, hoteling and boosting overall business competitiveness in the Gwadar Special Economic Zone, which, among various reforms, also requires extending tax incentives in the form of exemptions from various provincial taxes;

It is hereby enacted as follows;

(1) Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Gwadar Special Economic District (Tax Exemptions) Act, 2023.

(2) It extends only to the Gwadar Special Economic Zone as demarcated under the declaration for Gwadar Special Economic District.

(3) This Act shall come into force at once, and shall keep in-force for a period of 35 years unless the said period is reduced or extended by the Government through notification in the Official Gazette.

(2) Definitions.- (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) **"Act"** means the Gwadar Special Economic District (Tax Exemptions) Act, 2023;

(b) **"Beneficiaries"** mean and include those businesses or economic activities including industrial establishments and undertaking setup within the jurisdiction of this Act and are declared by the Governments as eligible businesses or services for exemptions;

(c) **"Delimitation"** means the delimitation, by the Government in consultation with the Federal Government, of the Gwadar Special Economic District and Gwadar Special Economic Zone falling within the jurisdiction and premises of the Gwadar Special Economic District;

(d) **"Exemption"** means and is limited to the exemptions from tax specifically provided under Act;

(e) **"Government"** means the Government of Balochistan and the "Governments" mean both the Federal Government of Pakistan and the Provincial Government of Balochistan;

(f) "**Gwadar Special Economic Zone**" means the area with the Gwadar Special Economic District delimited by Government;

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[1]Inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2023 dated June 27, 2023.

(g) "**Rules**" mean the rules made under this Act and;

(h) "**Taxes**" means provincial taxes promulgated through provincial acts having jurisdiction and applicability defined in each of the respective acts;

(2) The words and expressions used and not defined in this Act but defined in the relevant provincial or federal acts shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts.

(3) Exempt Provincial Taxes.- The Gwadar Special Economic Zone falling under the jurisdiction of Gwadar Special Economic District shall be exempt from taxes and fees chargeable under the following Acts and Regulation of Balochistan, namely:-

(i) The Stamp Act, 1899;

(ii) The Excise Regulation, 1915;

(iii) The Balochistan Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1958 (West Pakistan Act V of 1958);

(iv) The Balochistan Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1958 (XXXII of 1958);

(v) the Balochistan Entertainments Duty Act, 1958 (West Pakistan Act X of 1958);

(vi) Section 11 "Tax on trades, professions, callings and employment" under Section 11 of the Balochistan Finance Act, 1964 (W.P. Act XXXIV of 1964);

(vii) Section 12 "Tax on Hotels" of the Balochistan Finance Act, 1965 (West Pakistan Act I of 1965);

(viii) The Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 (Act XVII of 1967);

(ix) Section 5 "Trade Tax on Business/Services" under the Balochistan Finance Act, 1996;

(x) The Balochistan Sales Tax on Services Act, 2015 (Act No. VI of 2015);

4. Extent and Procedure for seeking Exemptions.- (1) Any taxes or fees, exempted under this Act, shall only and only be limited to the Gwadar Special Economic Zone and on business situated with that premises for goods and services or other economic activities undertaken within the said jurisdiction:

Explanation: Any services provided beyond the jurisdiction of the Gwadar Special Economic Zone from within the premises of the Zone shall be taxable according to the applicable laws and rules.

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(2) Exemptions under this Act shall not be construed as general exemptions, therefore, at the time of registration of business the application for exemption from above taxes shall also be submitted for award of specific exemption to the applicant.

(5) Power of Provincial Government to make Rules.- The Government shall have power to make rules for the matters under this Act required to be prescribed;

Provided that the Government shall circulate draft rules for eliciting opinion of the other departments and authorities before finalizing and notifying the said rules.

(6) Removal of Difficulties.- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Government may make such order, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose removing the difficulty.

(7) Act to override.-The Provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything Inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.

(TAHIR SHAH KAKAR)
Secretary.

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THE BALOCHISTAN TAX ON LAND AND AGRICULTURAL INCOME ORDINANCE, 2000

(Baln Ordinance II of 2000 dated 30th June, 2000)

This Ordinance was promulgated by the Governor of Balochistan on 30th June, 2000; published in the Balochistan Gazette (Extraordinary) No.20, dated 30th June, 2000. Saved and validated by P.C.O. 1 of 1999, further declared continue to be inforce under Article 270AAA of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 (as amended vide 18th Amendment).

Preamble

An Ordinance to provide for imposition of tax on Land and Income from Agricultural Land situated in the Province of Balochistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for imposition of tax on Land and Income from Agricultural Land in the Province of Balochistan;

And WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan stand suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Governor of Balochistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order, 1999 (Chief Executive's Order No 9 of 1999), and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of Balochistan on the instructions of the Chief Executive of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

Chapter I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Ordinance may be called the Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income Ordinance, 2000.

(2) It extends to the whole of Balochistan except the Tribal Areas.

(3) It shall come into force with effect from the first day of July, 2000.

2. Definitions.- [1][(1)] In this Ordinance unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "agricultural income" means-

(i) any rent or revenue derived from land which is situated in the Province of Balochistan and is used for agricultural purposes;

(ii) any income derived from such land by agriculture or the performance by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind or any process ordinarily employed by cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind to render the produce raised or received by him fit to be taken to market or in respect of which no process has been performed other than a process of the nature described here in above;

[1]Inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

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(iii) the sale by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in–kind of the produce raised or received by him in respect of which no person has been performed other than a person of the nature described in paragraph (ii);

(iv) any income derived from any building owned and occupied by the receiver of the rent or revenue of any such land, or occupied by the cultivator or the receiver of rent-in-kind of any land with respect to which, or the produce of which, any operation mentioned in sub clause (ii) is carried on:

Provided that the building is on, or in the immediate vicinity of the land, and is a building which the receiver of the rent or revenue of the cultivator, or the receiver of the rent-in-kind by reason of his connection with the land, requires as a dwelling house, or a storehouse, or other out building;

(b) [1]["tax payer"] means a person by whom any tax or any other sum of money is payable under this Ordinance, and includes:-

(i) every person in respect of whom any proceeding under this Ordinance has been taken for the assessment of his agricultural income or, as the case may be, the agricultural income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable or of the amount of refund due or to such other person;

(ii) every person who is required to file a return of total agricultural income under this Ordinance; and

(iii) every person who is deemed to be an assessee or an assessee in default under any provision of this Ordinance;

(c) "assessment" includes reassessment and additional assessment and the related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

(d) [1]["tax year"] means the period of twelve mounts beginning on the first day of July next following the income year and includes any such period which is deemed under any provision of this Ordinance, to be the assessment year in respect of any agricultural income or any agriculture income year;

(e) "Board of Revenue" means the Board of Revenue established under the Balochistan Board of Revenue Act, 1957 (XI of 1957);

(f) "Collector" means the Collector of a district appointed under the Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967);

[2][(fa) "company" means a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), a body corporate formed by or under any law in force in Pakistan, a modaraba, a trust, a body incorporated by or under the law of a country outside Pakistan relating to incorporation of companies, a co-operative society, a finance society or any other society;]

[1]Substituted for "assessee" & "assessment year" respectively by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.
[2]Inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

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(g) "Society" means a society registered under the Co-operative Society Act, 1925 (VII of 1925) or under any other Law for the time being inforce in Pakistan for the registration of societies;

(h) "Government" means the Government of Balochistan;

(i) "Agriculture income year" means:-

(i) The agricultural year as defined in Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967;

(ii) such period as the Board of Revenue may, in the case of any person or class of persons specify by notification in the official Gazette;

(j) "matured orchard" means orchards of the age of seven years or more in the case of mango orchards and of the age of five years or more in the case of other orchards;

[1][(k) "cultivated land" means any area of land which was sown at least once during the tax year. Including land under matured orchard which bore fruit during the tax year, but excluding land under planted forest or forest nursery;]

[2][(ka) "Ordinance" means the Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income Ordinance, 2000;]

(l) "owner" includes a mortgagee [3][or lessee in possession of Government as well as private lands and also the tenants of Government lands;]

Explanation I. Where any land is owned by more than one person whether as member of a firm or association or otherwise, every one of these persons individually to the extent of his share in the said land, shall be deemed to be an owner.

Explanation II. Every ward whose estate is managed by a Court of Wards shall be deemed to be the owner of such estate.

Explanation III. A share holder of a joint stock company or member of a co-operative farming society shall be deemed to be the owner of such portion of the land possessed by the company or the society as is proportionate to his share or interest as a share holder or member, as the case may be;

[2][(la) "person" means an individual or a company;]

(m) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

(n) "rules" means ruled made under this Ordinance;

(o) "agriculture income tax" means tax on land or agricultural income leviable under this Ordinance and includes any penalty, fee or other charge or any sum or amount payable under this Ordinance.

[1]Clause (k) substituted by Ordinance XXI of 2001.
[2]Inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.
[3]Substituted for "in possession or tenant of Government lands" by Ordinance XXI of 2001.

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[1][(p) "small company" shall mean a company as defined in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001;

(q) "taxpayer" means any person who derives an amount chargeable to tax under this Act and includes–

(i) every person in respect of whom any proceeding under this Act has been taken for the assessment of his total cultivated land or for the assessment of his agricultural income or the agricultural income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable or of the amount of refund due to him or to such other person;

(ii) every person who is required to file a statement of his total cultivated land or return of total agricultural income under section 4 read with section 3 of this Act; and

(iii) every person who is deemed to be a taxpayer , or a taxpayer in default, under this Act;

(r) "total agricultural income" means the total amount of agricultural income, computed in the manner laid down in this Ordinance.]

[1][(2) Terms and expressions used in this Ordinance but not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 or the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, as the case may be.]

Chapter II
Land Tax

3. Tax on Land.- Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance tax shall be charged, levied and paid for every assessment year as land tax in respect of cultivable land of an owner at the rates specified in the First Schedule to this Ordinance [2][-

Provided that out of the two taxes assessed under section 3 and sub-section (l) of section 6 of this Ordinance, an assessee shall be liable to pay one tax the amount of which is greater.]

4. Liability to pay Land Tax.- The land tax shall be payable by the owner of land in, respect of cultivable land in such manner as may be prescribed.

[3][**5. Assessment and Collection of Tax**.- (1) The tax shall be assessed and collected by the Collector in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) In the case of assessment regarding an owner holding land in more than one patwar circle, the owner shall file a statement regarding the location of his land in the Balochistan, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Every person whose…….

[1]Inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.
[2]Section 5 substituted by Ordinance XXI of 2001.
[3]Full stop substituted and proviso inserted by Balochistan Finance Act, 2025 dated June 27, 2025.

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(4) No assessment on the basis of return shall be made by the Collector after the expiration of [1][four] years from the end of the assessment year in which the total agricultural income was first assessable.]

[2][**5A. Computation of agricultural income**.- In computing agricultural income of an assesee, the following allowances and deductions shall be made, namely:-

(a) any expenditure on account of labour for-
  (i) tilling the land;
  (ii) sowing the seed;
  (iii) ploughing/planting;
  (iv) tending /pruning;
  (v) rendering the produce fit to be taken to market;
  (vi) any other agricultural operation;

(b) any expenditure incurred on purchase of-
  (i) seed;
  (ii) fertilizers and pesticides;

(c) any expenditure incurred on-
  (i) hiring animals, tractors, agricultural machinery and implements used for earning agricultural income;
  (ii) repair and maintenance of water courses;

(d) any expenditure incurred on-
  (i) harvesting of agricultural produce;
  (ii) marketing of the agricultural produce;

(e) any sum paid on account of-
  (i) usher;
  (ii) local cess and other cesses;
  (iii) water-rate (Abiana);
  (iv) electricity bills in respect of tubewells and lift pumps used for agricultural;
  (v) fuel charges in respect of tubewells and lift pumps used for agricultural;
  (vi) rent of land used for agricultural;
  (vii) obtaining of agricultural loans;
  (viii) mark-up on agricultural loans;

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[1]Substituted for "two" by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.
[2]Section 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D inserted by Ordinance No. XXI of 2001.

(f) in respect of depreciation of such buildings, machinery and plant being the property of the [1][a taxpayer] used for the purpose of earning agricultural income, allowance at the rate of 15 percent of the written down value; and

(g) any other expenditure not being in the nature of capital expenditure of personal expenses of the [1][a taxpayer] laid out or expended wholly and exclusively for the purposes of agriculture.]

[2][**5B. Allowances to be treated as deduction from income**.- Any allowance admissible under this Ordinance shall be included in the total agricultural income but may be deducted from such income for the purpose of computing the tax payable by [3][a taxpayer] under this Ordinance.

5C. Liability in the case of deceased person.- (1) Where a person dies, his legal representatives shall be liable to pay tax which the deceased would have been liable to pay if he had not died, in the like manner and to the same extent as the deceased.

(2) For the purpose of making an assessment of the agricultural income of the deceased and recovery of tax-

(a) any proceeding taken against the deceased before his death shall be deemed to have been taken against the legal representatives and may be continued against the legal representatives from the stage at which it stood on the date of the death of the deceased; and

(b) any proceeding which could have been taken against the deceased if he had survived may be taken against the legal representatives, and all the provisions of this Act shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly.

(3) The legal representatives of the deceased shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance be deemed to be [3][a taxpayer].

Explanation:- For the purposes of this section, "legal representative" includes an executor, administor and any person administering the estate of a deceased person.

5D. Liability of agents representing [3][**taxpayer**].- (1) Every agent shall, in respect of the agricultural income for which he is, or is declared to be, or is treated as, an agent be deemed to be [3][a taxpayer] for the purposes of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the same obligations and liabilities as if he were the [3][taxpayer], and shall be liable to assessment in his own name in respect of that income.

(2) Every agent who pays any tax under this Ordinance shall be entitled to recover the tax so paid from the person on whose behalf it is paid, or to retain an equivalent amount out of any moneys due or belonging to the said person which may be in his possession or come into his possession at any time.

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[1]Substituted for "assessee" by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.
[2]Section 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D inserted by Ordinance No. XXI of 2001.
[3]Substituted for "an assessee" & "assessee" respectively by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

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(3) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent either the direct assessment of the person on whose behalf or for whose benefit, any such income is receivable, or the recovery from such person of the tax payable in respect of such income.

Explanation:- For the purposes of this section, "agent" includes-

(i) in respect of the income of a minor, lunatic or idiot, the guardian or manager who is entitled to receive, or is in receipt of, such income, on behalf or such minor, lunatic or idiot;

(ii) in respect of income, which the Court of Wards, the Administrator General, the Official Trustee or any receiver or manager appointed by or under any order of a Court receives or is entitled to receive on behalf of or for the benefit of, any person, such Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, receiver or manager; and

(iii) in respect of income which a trustee, appointed under as trust declared by a duly executed instrument in writing whether testamentary or otherwise including any Wakf deed which is valid under the Mussalman Wakf Validating Act, 1913 (VI of 1913), receives or is entitled to receive on behalf, or for the benefit of any person, such trustee or trustees.]

[1][**5-E Zoning**.- The Board of Revenue may group districts into various zones with the approval of the Government, for the purpose of assessment of tax under sub-section (1) of section 5.]

Chapter III
Agriculture Income Tax

[2][**6. Charge of Agriculture Income Tax**.- (1) Subject to this Ordinance, there shall be charged, levied, and paid a tax in respect of agricultural income on every owner of agricultural land situated in the Balochistan Province or agricultural income of every person being a cultivator, or receiver of rent-in-kind of such land, at the rate specified in Division I or II of the Second Schedule, for each tax year.

(2) The land owner shall be charged to tax at the rate specified in first Schedule in case the tax payable under sub-section (1) is less than the tax computed under of the First Schedule.

(3) The tax chargeable under sub-section (2) shall be minimum tax.]

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[1]S. 5E inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

[2]S. 6 substituted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"**6. Charge of Agriculture Income Tax**.- (1) Subject to the provision of this Ordinance, in addition to the land tax charge for any year, there shall be charged, levied, assessed and paid for each assessment year commencing from 1st day of July, 2001 Agriculture Income Tax in respect of Agriculture income of the agriculture income year of an owner of land at the rates specified in Second Schedule of this Ordinance.

(2) The Government may by notification in the official Gazette required an owner having cultivable land above a certain limit to file return of his agriculture income of the agriculture incone year."

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[1][**6A. Super tax on high earning persons**.- (1) A super tax shall be imposed for tax year 2025 and onwards at the rates specified in Division III of the Second Schedule, on income of every person.

6-B. Tax on the basis of income tax return.- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, where any person has declared agricultural income for any assessment year in the return filed under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), the person shall pay the tax on such income as per the provisions of this Ordinance.]

7. Liability to pay Agriculture Income Tax.- The Agriculture Income Tax shall be payable by the owner of land in such manner as may be prescribed.

8. Assessment and Collection of Agriculture Income Tax.- Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, agricultural income tax shall be assessed and collected by the Collector in such manner as may be prescribed.

Chapter IV

Miscellaneous

9. Penalty for Concealment of Cultivated land etc.- Where in the course of any proceedings under this Ordinance, the Collector or the appellate or revisional authority is satisfied that any owner as, either in the said proceedings or in any earlier proceedings relating to an assessment in respect of any agriculture income tax year, concealed the particulars of cultivable land or furnished inaccurate particulars of such cultivable land, he or it may impose upon such owner a penalty equal to the amount of land tax which the said owner sought to evade by concealment of his cultivable land or furnishing of inaccurate particulars of such cultivable land as aforesaid.

10. Penalty for Concealment of Agriculture Income etc.- Where, in the course of any proceedings under this Ordinance the Collector, or the appellate or revisional authority is satisfied that any person has, either in the said proceedings or in any earlier proceedings relating to an assessment in respect of agriculture income year, concealed his agricultural income or furnished inaccurate particular of such income, he or it may impose upon such person a penalty equal to the amount of tax which the said person sought to evade by concealment of his agricultural income or furnishing of inaccurate particulars of such income, as aforesaid.

[2][**10A. Penalty for failure to furnish statements or retrun, etc**.- (1) Where taxpayer is required by the Collector to furnish any statement or required to file return under sub-section 2 of section 6 of this Ordinance, the Collector, if the taxpayer fails to do so, may impose upon such person a penalty of equal to-

(a) 0.1% of the tax payable in respect of that tax year for each day of default; or

[1]Ss. 6A & 6B inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

[2]S. 10A & 10B inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

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(b) rupees one thousand for each day of default, which ever is higher:

provided that minimum penalty shall be-

(i) ten thousand rupees in case where the agriculture income does not exceed twelve hundred thousand rupees;

(ii) twenty thousand rupees in case where the agricultural income exceeds twelve hundred thousand rupees but does not exceed forty million rupees; and

(iii) fifty thousand rupees where the agricultural income exceeds forty million rupees.

(2) No penalty under sub-section (1) shall be imposed on any taxpayer unless such taxpayer has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]

[1][**10-B. Default surcharge for non-payment or late payment of tax**.- (1) Where any taxpayer is in default in making payment of any tax, the Collector may impose on him a default surcharge at the rate of twelve percent or KIBOR plus three percent per annum, whichever is higher of the amount of tax overdue for the period of default:

Provided that the total amount of default surcharge imposed under this section shall not exceed fifty per cent of the amount of such tax.

(2) No penalty under sub-section (1) shall be imposed on any taxpayer unless such taxpayer has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]

11. Personal hearing.- No penalty shall be imposed on any person by the Collector or the appellate or revisional authority unless such person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

12. Refund.- Refund of tax where due shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed.

13. [2][Deleted]

14. Maintenance of Accounts.- Accounts regarding demand and recovery of tax shall be maintained by the Collector in such manner as may be prescribed.

15. Application of Act XVII of 1967.- Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of Section 13 and 14 of the Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967), shall apply to cases of land tax and agricultural income tax under this Ordinance.

16. Appeal, Review or Revision.- For the purposes of appeal, review or revision, and order passed under this Ordinance regarding land tax and agricultural income tax shall be deemed to be an order of a Revenue Officer within the meanings of Sections 161, 162, 163 and 164 of Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967).

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[1]S. 10A & 10B inserted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025.

[2]Section 13 deleted by Balochistan Ordinance XXI of 2001.

[3]Substituted for "the Balochistan Land and Agriculture Income Tax Rules, 2001" by Balochistan Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 153, dated 20th September, 2001.

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17. Bar of jurisdiction.- No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction in any matter relating to the assessment or collection of the agriculture income tax leviable under this Ordinance and no order passed or proceedings taken by any authority under this Ordinance shall be called in question in any Civil Court.

18. Rules.- The Government may make rules[3] to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

19. Repeal.- The Balochistan Agricultural Income Tax Act, 1996 (II of 1996), is hereby repealed.

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[1][THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See Section 3 & Section 5-E)

RATES OF LAND TAX

for Zone-I

(1)	Slab of total cultivated land, computed Rate of tax per acre as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acre of un-irrigated land, excluding mature orchards.	Rate of tax per acre
	i. Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil.
	ii. Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.1,200/-
	iii. Exceeding 25 acres but not exceeding 50 acres	Rs.2,500/-
	iv. Exceeding 50 acres	Rs.3,500/-
(2)	Mature orchards	
	i. Irrigated	Rs.3,500/-
	ii. Un-irrigated	Rs.1,750/-

RATES OF LAND TAX

For Zone II

(1)	Slab of total cultivated land, computed Rate of tax per acre as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acre of un-irrigated land, excluding mature orchards.	Rate of tax per acre
	i. Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil.
	ii. Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.900/-
	iii. Exceeding 25 acres but not exceeding 50 acres	Rs.1,700/-
	iv. Exceeding 50 acres	Rs.2,500/-
(2)	Mature orchards	
	i. Irrigated	Rs.2,500/-
	ii. Un-irrigated	Rs.1,250/-

[1]First Schedule substituted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See Section 3)

RATES OF LAND TAX

(I) Irrigated land (excluding matured orchards)	Rs.50/- per acre per annum
(II) Matured orchards; (irrigated)	Rs.200/- per acre per annum
(III) Unirrigated land	Exempted."

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RATES OF LAND TAX
For Zone III

(1)	Slab of total cultivated land, computed Rate of tax per acre as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acre of un-irrigated land, excluding mature orchards.	Rate of tax per acre
	i. Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil.
	ii. Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.500/-
	iii. Exceeding 25 acres but not exceeding 50 acres	Rs.1,000/-
	iv. Exceeding 50 acres	Rs.1,500/-
(2)	Mature orchards	
	i. Irrigated	Rs.1,500/-
	ii. Un-irrigated	Rs.750/-

RATES OF LAND TAX
For Zone IV

(1)	Slab of total cultivated land, computed Rate of tax per acre as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acre of un-irrigated land, excluding mature orchards.	Rate of tax per acre
	i. Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil.
	ii. Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.300/-
	iii. Exceeding 25 acres but not exceeding 50 acres	Rs.600/-
	iv. Exceeding 50 acres	Rs.900/-
(2)	Mature orchards	
	i. Irrigated	Rs.900/-
	ii. Un-irrigated	Rs.450/-]

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[1][THE SECOND SCHEDULE

[see section 6 (1)]

Division I

RATES OF TAX ON AGRICULTURAL INCOME

The rate of tax on total agricultural income for small farmers shall be as under:

(1)	Where the total income does not exceed Rs.600,000/-	0%
(2)	Where total income exceeds Rs.600,000/- but does not exceed Rs.1,200,000/-	15% of the amount exceeding Rs.600,000/-
(3)	Where total income exceeds Rs.1,200,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 1,600,000/-	Rs.90,000 + 20% of the amount exceeding Rs.1,200,000/-
(4)	Where total income exceeds Rs.1,600,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 3,200,000/-	Rs.170,000 + 30% of the amount exceeding Rs.1,600,000/-
(5)	Where total income exceeds Rs.3,200,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 5,600,000/-	Rs.650,000 + 40% of the amount exceeding Rs.3,200,000/-
(6)	Where total income exceeds Rs.5,600,000/-	Rs.1,610,000+45% of the amount exceeding Rs.5,600,000/-

[1]Second Schedule substituted by Balochistan Tax on Land and Agricultural Income (Amendment) Act, 2024 dated February 19, 2025. Earlier it was substituted by Ord. XXI of 2001.Before substitution it read as follows:-

"THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(See Section 6)

RATES OF AGRICULTURAL INCOME TAX

In the case of every owner, the agricultural income tax shall be charged on the agricultural income.

(1)	Where the net agricultural income does not exceed Rs: 1,00,000/-	5% of the taxable income
(2)	Where the net agriculture income exceeds Rs.1,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-plus 7½ % of the amount exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-
(3)	Where the net agriculture income exceeds Rs. 2,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 3,00,000/-	Rs. 12,500/- plus 10% of the amount exceeding Rs. 2,00,000/-
(4)	Where the net agriculture income exceeds Rs.3,00,000/- Provided that, (a) no agriculture income tax shall be payable by an assessee where net Agriculture total income does not exceed Rs. 80,000/-, and (b) the agriculture income liable to tax would be net of costs as prescribed in rules.]	Rs: 22,500/- plus 15% of the amount exceeding Rs. 3,00,000/-"

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Division II

The rate of tax on agricultural income for corporate farming shall be as under:

Type of Company	Rate of Tax
Small company	20%
Any other company	29%

Division III

S #	Income under section 6-A	Rate of Tax For the assessment year 2025 and onwards
1.	Where income does not exceed Rs.150/- million	0% of the income
2.	Where income exceeds Rs.150/- million but does not exceed Rs.200/- million	1% of the income
3.	Where income exceeds Rs.200/- million but does not exceed Rs.-250/- million	2% of the income
4.	Where income exceeds Rs.250/- million but does not exceed Rs.300/- million	3% of the income
5.	Where income exceeds Rs.300/- million but does not exceed Rs.350/- million	4% of the income
6.	Where income exceeds Rs.350/- million but does not exceed Rs.400/- million	6% of the income
7.	Where income exceeds Rs.400/- million but does not exceed Rs.500/- million	8% of the income
8.	Where income exceeds Rs.500/- million	10% of the income]

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No. F. 7(4)/ KPRA/ CIRCULAR/2014-143
Circular No. 1 of 2014
dated May 21, 2014

Subject: KHYBER PAKHTUNKWA REVENUE AUTHORITY SALES TAX ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY HOTELS & RESTAURANTS ETC CLARIFICATION REGARDING

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act 2013 provides for chargeability of Sales Tax on Services rendered or provided in the province by all hotels, marriage halls, lawns, clubs, caterers and services ancillary thereto (such ancillary services obviously includes restaurants) with effect from 01-07-2013. Accordingly it is mandatory for such services providers to file monthly Sales Tax Returns with the KPRA [located on 8-Shami Road, Peshawar] and pay their due tax liability by 15th of each month in the designated branches of National Bank of Pakistan.

2. One of the reasons given by some of the restaurant owners for not filing the Returns with KPRA is the issuance of notices by the RTOs, which is not in line with the spirit of the constitutional amendments and Sales Tax Acts on Services passed by the provinces thereafter. Given such constitutional jurisdiction and authority of the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to charge Sales Tax on Services, the notices issued by the federal functionaries need to be ignored.

3. It is worthwhile to mention that issue of chargeability of Sales Tax on Services on restaurants by provinces has already been sorted out by the Punjab Revenue Authority and the Sindh Revenue Board. The restaurant businesses falling in the jurisdiction of Punjab and Sindh are fully compliant and are filing the Sales Tax on Services Returns and are depositing the monthly tax in respective provinces. Same treatment is to be meted out to the tax payers of this Province and providers of the restaurant services are required to pay Sales Tax on their turnover directly or indirectly related/attributed to such services accordingly.

4. In view of above, it is hereby brought to the notice of the owners of restaurant business that Sales Tax on Services is payable in KPRA only and payment to any other agency constitutes a default in filing of Return and deposit of tax. They are advised to file the Returns henceforth with KPRA failing which they will be liable to penal action under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 for such default.

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Circular No. 1 of 2017
dated May 04, 2017

There exists misunderstanding among the stakeholders and the public at large about the difference between the Construction Services and Contracting Services appearing at S# 30-A and S# 31 respectively of the Schedule II to the Khyber Pakhlunkhwa Finance Act, 2013. Relevant parts of these entries are reproduced as under:

S#	Description of Service	Rate of Tax
30-A	Const ruction Services	Five percent (5%) Without any input adjustment
31	(i) Contracting services rendered or provided by the contractors of buildings, electro- mechanical works, turnkey projects and similar other works, excluding construction projects having value not exceeding Rs. 50 Million, construction of industrial estates and zones, consular buildings and construction works under international tenders based on foreign grants.	Fifteen percent (15%)

Persons providing Construction Services and those providing Contracting Services are engaged in different types of services and obviously have very different relationship with the client. In order to streamline accurate collection of sales tax from these services and avoid any misunderstanding and confusion in future, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to explain difference between the two entries as follows:

S# 30-A: Construction Services:- The provision and the rate of sales tax under this entry shall be applicable in situation where the service provider or contractor carries out construction of the project with material provided by the client or recipient of service and the contractor bills for the work only without the cost of material.

S# 31: Contracting Services:- When the service provider or contractor buys the material and carries out construction and bills for the whole, sales tax is payable on the material used which is transferred to client in the form of constructed structure, The amount paid to the contractor thus has a component of material and a component of service. The contractor falling in this category shall be entitled to adjustment of input tax paid on material in terms of SRO 814(1)/2016 dated 02.09.2016 read with Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad.

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C.No.16(2)/KPRA/Circulars/2017/632
Circular No. 2 of 2017
dated May 04, 2017

Having observed a substantial number of incomplete profiles of taxpayers registered with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA), the KPRA has undertaken measures to update the available records. It may be noted that any change in particulars of registration is required to be intimated to the KPRA. All registered persons are, therefore, required to update the particulars in their KPRA registration profiles as provided at the time of e-enrolment/e-registration. The updating of profiles should, inter-alia, incorporate the changes (if any), including any change in principal service or activity, other activity, business branches, bank accounts (including the bank accounts added to the existing accounts), the details relating to the particulars of principal officer, authorized representative, business address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, mobile numbers, e-mail IDs, etc.

2. the updating of the existing profiles should be complete by the registered persons by May 30, 2017, failing which necessary penal action shall be initiated against non-compliant taxpayers.

3. All registered persons are, accordingly, advised to please visit KPRA web-portal to update their registration profiles, or call KPRA online taxpayer facilitation Centre at 091-9216112, or visit the KPRA House for any assistance in this regard.

F.No.6(11)/KPRA/Tax Correspondence/2016/853
Circular No. 4 of 2017
dated August 03, 2017

Subject: Criteria for Declaration of a registered person as Active Taxpayer or Non-Active Taxpayer

An active taxpayer means a registered person who doesn't fall in any of the following categories:

i. Whose registration is suspended by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority in terms of section 45 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013; and

ii. Who fails to file the monthly sales tax return under section 52 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 by due date for three consecutive tax periods.

2. Any person who does not fulfil any of the conditions prescribed above shall automatically become a non-active taxpayer and his name shall be removed from the Active Taxpayer list maintained by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority.

3. A non-active taxpayer shall not be entitled to:

   i. issue Sales Tax invoices;

   ii. claim input tax or refund or avail any concession under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013

4. No person, including Government Departments, autonomous bodies and public sector organisation shall not procure services from a non-active taxpayer.

RESTORATION AS AN ACTIVE TAXPAYER:

5. Non-active taxpayer may be restored as active taxpayer, if:

   i. the registered person files the return along with payment of any tax due along with penalty and default surcharge under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.

   ii. The Collector on satisfying himself after conducting such audit or other investigation as may be necessary, recommends to the authority for restoration.

F. No.7(2)/KPRA/ Circular/2019/5121-34
dated November 06, 2019

According to Rule 37A of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014 all bidders are required to be registered with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, established under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXI of 2013), for works, consulting and non-consulting services as listed in Schedule-II of the Act ibid.

It has been observed by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa revenue Authority that bidders obtain registration from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority but remain non-compliant afterwards.

Therefore, all the Procuring Entities are required to ensure that the participating bidders are on the Active Taxpayer's List of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority and file regularly their monthly returns with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority. Status of taxpayer can be checked by following the steps as under:

   i. Open internet browser and type https://kpra.gov.pk/

   ii. go to Search Taxpayer and click on Active Taxpayers

   iii. Type the NTN and Enter Image characters

   iv. Click on search button

Note: The condition regarding Active Taxpayer's List of KPRA may also be inserted in the Notice Inviting Tender and Bid Solicitation document.

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No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/ Circular/2019/298-301
Circular No. 1 of 2020
dated February 13, 2020

Subject: Active compliant status of tax consultants and Legal Practitioners etc for appearance in adjudication or other cases under the KP Finance Act, 2013 – Instruction Regarding

Regulatory framework about the appointment, qualifications, responsibilities and disqualification etc. of authorized representatives is covered under Chapter-VI (paras 48 to 52) of the KPRA Sales Tax on Services Regulation, 2017 read with section 92 of the KP Finance Act. 2013, Such representatives usually appear before the officers of KPRA, Collector (Appeals), KPRA and the Appellate Tribunal in connection with different adjudication or other proceedings under the said Act and rules or regulations issued thereunder.

2. As provided under serial number 19 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013, services provided or rendered by the practitioners, professionals, consultants and advisors of different field or disciplines (by whatever name called) are chargeable to KP sales tax. The general lower net tax rate applicable in this regard is 5%. However, the services provided by special or specialized profession persons from medical (including dental) and legal profession fields are entitled to ultra-reduced net sales tax rate of 2% only.

3. Under section 41 of the KP Finance Act, 2013, every person who provides taxable services in the KP province is mandatorily required to get registration, file tax returns and make tax payments as provided under the KP sales Tax law. Taxable services cannot be provided without registra1ion and compliance to KP sales tax law. The KPRA officers and forums before whom legal practitioners or tax consultants appear to rep resent in the tax or related matter, are, as a matter of duty, required to invariably ensure preferably after proper verification through the KPRA's computer system, that no unregistered or inactive legal or tax professional is authorized or allowed to represent in tax matters before them. However, where such professional is a regular employee of any legal or tax consultancy firm and as such is not engaged in his own private professional practice, the registration of such firm will be relevant and taken into account for the purpose of this circular. The registration numbers of the professionals or as the case may be, firms shall be cited in the adjudication orders, judgements, reports or other instruments issued in consequence of the proceedings represented by such professional or the firm.

3. This circular shall not apply in cases where a representative authorized by a registered person (including not registered but aggrieved person or a person related 10 the tax matter under consideration) is a bonafide regular employee of such registered person.

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No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/2019/186
Circular No. 2 of 2020
dated March 18, 2020

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period February, 2020

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of February, 2020 as per the following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.03.2020 or 21.03.2020	25.03.2020
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.03.2020 or 25.03.2020	28.03.2020

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/2019/720
Circular No. 3 of 2020
dated April 20, 2020

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period February, 2020 and March, 2020

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of sales tax and filing of return for the tax period of February, 2020 and March, 2020 as per the following Schedule.

Description	Tax Periods	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	February-20	15-03-2020 or 21-03-2020 extended to 25-03-2020	28-04-2020
	March-20	15-04-2020 or 21-04-2020	
Filing of Sales Tax return	February-20	18-03-2020 or 25-03-2020 extended to 28-03-2020	30-04-2020
	March-20	18-04-2020 or 25-04-2020	

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No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/Circular/2019/633
Circular No. 01 of 2021
dated May 17, 2021

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period April, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of April, 2021 as per the following Schedule, due to Eid-ul-Fitr holidays.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.05.2021	21.05.2021
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.05.2021	25.05.2021

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/ADC(HQ)/Circular/2019/689
Circular No. 04 of 2021
dated July 19, 2021

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period June, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of June, 2021 as per the following Schedule, due to Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.07.2021 or 21.07.2021	27.07.2021
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.07.2021 or 25.07.2021	30.07.2021

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/ADC(HQ)/Circular/2021/694
Circular No. 05 of 2021
dated July 30, 2021

Subject: KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCE ACT, 2021 -EXPLANATION OF IMPORTANT AMENDEMENTS IN KP FINANCE ACT, 2013.

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(A). CORRECTIVE AND STREAMLINING MEASURES:

Certain provisions of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as KPFA, 2013) were amended through Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2021. Basic aim of the amendments is to ensure "ease of doing business" including removal of areas of disputes for Registered Persons.

Furthermore, some drafting errors have also been corrected besides corrections and streamlining of procedures. All such measures are explained in simple terms as under:

S. No.	Section of KPFA, 2013	Reason / Rationale
1	2(1)	The replacement of the word "established" with the word "constituted" has emanated from the fact that the Appellate Tribunal is primarily constituted with the posting of a Chairman and Members and it automatically stands established once constituted.
2	2(15)	In the definition of "default surcharge", the section under which default surcharge is actually levied and worked out has been cited.
3	2(57)	The expression "withholding agent" has been defined within the body of the statute so as to forestall any disputes about the distinctness of the withholding agent as service recipient vis-e-vis registered person as service provider at the time of determining tax liabilities on account of services provided charging of tax and service received with withholding of tax thereon to remove confusion. This concept already existed in section 30(2) of the KPFA, 2013.
4	26A(1)	A proviso added in the section in order to facilitate the already effectively regulated corporate sector under both non-tax and tax laws, corporate taxpayers have been procedurally facilitated to voluntarily opt for paying tax at standard rate only under intimation to KPRA on a condition not to revert back to lower/reduced rate without KPRA's prior approval.
5	30(3)	A new subsection has been added. The concept of personal liability in case of withholding agents was expressly missing in KP Finance Act 2013, although otherwise impliedly present in the statute in terms of section 30(2) of the Act. The proposed amendment will remove all chances of future controversies in this regard at adjudicatory and judicial stages because other provincial jurisdictions have already made such amendment in their respective sales tax laws.
6.	32(3)	Correction made in subsection 32(3) and proviso added for the reason to link time limitation for adjustment of input tax relating to other jurisdiction (FBR) with the regulatory process of KPRA Sales Tax on Services Regulation, 2017 dealing with varied operational subjects including tax adjustments.

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7	35	The provision has been harmonized with the statutory definition of registered person which includes not only actually registered person but also a person liable to be registered so that people may not escape tax liability just for want of the registration formality (non-substantive requirement aimed at system-based identification and accounting).
8	40(2), 40(3), 40(4) and 40(6)	Correction of drafting error and section 40(4) made more elaborative and explanatory for facilitation of both taxpayer and the department.
9	40(8)	The scope of the section has been rationalized to avoid disputes surfacing in appellate jurisdictions between the taxpayers and the department about inclusion of external audit as basis for assessment and explanation (containing a clear guiding principle) has been added distinguishing the application of two parallel sections 40 and 68 both dealing with determination of tax liabilities through departmental adjudication. Besides, the un-withheld tax amounts have been expressly reckoned as short payment for the purpose of departmental assessments which was otherwise implied in the statute.
10	58(3)	Correction of cross-referencing only.
11	64	Scope of penalties has been categorically extended to the violations of withholding tax regime to overcome the controversies raised and manipulated at appellate forums.
12	65(3)	New subsection added for rationalization of the calculation of default surcharge in line with forex exchange rate announcement and certification system of SBP.
13	66(2)	A correction of the language to lay the decisions of the government before highest forum (Provincial Assembly) for information instead of a lower forum of Policy Making Council of KPRA.
14	68(1)	Harmonization of time limitations for initiating action towards the assessment and realization of undischarged tax liabilities and adjournment periods on two relevant sections 40 and 68.
15	68(5)	Drafting error has been corrected.
16	71(1)	Correction of section number citation.
17	76(3)	This change eliminates an overlapping provisions prone to misinterpretation because when general overriding provision is available, there remains no need for inserting any special provision. However, the correction has been made through cross referencing and readjusting the scope of the special provision to regulate the financial limits (powers) of adjudication at different designation levels of tax organization's operational hierarchy.

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18	80(1)	The concept of the departmental representative have been introduced saving the time and energy of the adjudication officer from invariably appearing in appellate forums in every case of appeal which was adversely hurting the carrying-out of their other revenue collection-related core functions.
19	81(2)	The powers of remanding the case has been given to Collector (Appeals) on genuine grounds involving re-examination or re-determination of the case facts at original stage to meet the principles of justice and correct upon the salient judgmental omissions and inadvertences at original adjudication stages.
20	84(1)	The concept of the departmental representative have been introduced saving the time and energy of the adjudication officer from invariably appearing in appellate forums in every case of appeal which was adversely hurting the carrying-out of their other revenue collection-related core functions.
21	87(1)(g)	Proviso added to make it possible to recover money from the third party owing the money on behalf of defaulter. Earlier only notice could be issued and no enabling provision for recovery of tax arrears from such third party sources was available. Recovery process will become more efficient in future due to the proposed amendment.
22	99(2)	This amendment simplifies the process of condonation of time limits delinking it from the default surcharge and penalty for re-condonation hearing purposes as the default surcharge varies with time and penalties always depend upon the mens-rea decidable through the adjudication process.
23	99(3)	Reference correction.
24	99(3)	A proviso and explanation has been added to eliminate ambiguities about the application scope of the sectional provisions.
25	111(2A)	The common law principle has been made part of the statute so that the departmental representatives may contest and argue the cases with higher degree of professional confidence.

(B) REVENUE AND RELIEF MEASURES

The rates and description in the Second Schedule to the KPFA, 2013 has been rationalized to remove any ambiguities and streamline the rate of tax as per the demand of the taxpayers.

I. INCLUSION OF SECTIONS IN THE DESCRIPTION:

All the sections that are relevant to the domains covered in the Second Schedule have been added. It has been more rationalized and all the provisions of section 19, 21, 26, 27, 28 has been added.

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II. RATIONALIZATION OF THE TAX RATES AND DESCRIPTION

A. APPLICATION OF STANDARD RATE IN ONLY CORPORATE SECTOR BUSINESSES:

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in the Second Schedule or under any notification issued under the Act, the corporate sector entities providing or rendering services liable to reduced rates of tax against serial numbers 9, 11, 13, 17, 18, 21, 22, 27, 28 (other than public sector entities providing services covered therein), 39 and 44 of the said Schedule shall pay tax at standard rate of tax of 15% and all benefits of the admissible input tax adjustment shall be available to them. The reason to bring the corporate sector under standard tax rate regime is to encourage economic documentation and make the provincial sales tax system ready to conveniently operationally integrate with the national system in consequence of the forthcoming GST harmonization coupled with Common Portal and Single Return System with real time input tax reconciliation and settlement between FBR and provinces. This measure will go a long way to bring unimaginable revenue gains to the KP province. The other reason is to allow them for easing their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages so that taxpayers may be facilitated.

The changes made in the second schedule are hereby given below with rationale.

S # of Second Schedule	Description of Service Category	Rate of Tax Prior to Finance Act, 2021	Rate of Tax After Finance Act, 2021		Reasons / Rationale
			Corporate Service Providers	Non-Corporate Service Providers	
1	Services by non-corporate standalone local chain of hotels	15%	15%	8%	Phrasal correction of description of non-corporate category of hotels to cover both stand-alone and chain hotels under reduced rate of 8%.
1	Clubs	15%	15%	8%	Equalization of tax treatment of non-corporate clubs with non-corporate hotel.
1	Hospitality sector of Hill Station (with conditional ties)	Multiple rates of 1%, 5%, 10%, 15%	15%	5%	To promote tourism in KP province through encouraging post-COVID revival of hospitality sector at popular hill stations through reduced sales rate and recycling of the tax yield to develop pro-tourism infrastructure through inclusive development planning.

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5	Business Support services	5%	15%	5%	Business support services generally operate in corporate world for which reason demand for applying standard rate was increasing day by; day. Hence, it has been brought under standard tax system so that their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages may be eased out.
5	Labour and manpower supply (recruitments for overseas jobs)	5%	15%	15%	To encourage economic documentation and address the demand from taxpayers to bring· the service in standard rate regime to ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages
5	All other type of agents	8%	15%	8%	To bring corporate sector· under standard tax rate -regime to encourage economic documentation and make the provincial sales· tax system ready to conveniently operationally integrate with the national system in consequence of the forthcoming GST harmonization coupled with Common Portal and Single Return System with real time input tax reconciliation and settlement between FBR and provinces. This measure will go a long way to bring unimaginable revenue gain to the KP province.
6	Advertisement (Print Media)	5%	1%	1%	To support the print media's survival in this digital age advertising industry which has very adversely impacted the print media advertisements' demand
8	Property dealers, unauthorized automobile dealers and bargain centres (all sorts of dealers)	1%	15%	2%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses in claiming backward & forward input tax adjustment.

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9	Industrial workshops, car wash (other than standalone car wash), Authorized automobile dealers workshop and all type of dealers	2%, 5%, 10%	15%	2%, 5%, 10%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses in claiming backward & forward input tax adjustment.
9	Stand-alone Car Wash services	2%	15%	1%	To encourage the business to come forward for tax compliance and be part of economic documentation and play due role in policy formulation for their businesses and standard rate for corporate sector to facilitate and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.
10	Franchise services / copy rights	10%, exemption to education related franchises	15% (Exemption to education and health related franchises)	15% (Exemption to education and health related franchises)	Franchise businesses generally operate at high ends of the market and usually belong to corporate and multinational regimes. Hence standard rate applied as per practice in vogue in other jurisdictions. However, the exemption has been extended to health related franchises along with already exempted education sector franchises.
11	Security & Specialized agencies	10%	15%	10%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.

13	Contractual execution or performance of works	5%	15%	5%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages. The description has been made more inclusive
14	Construction services (other than government Funding) private sector	2%	5%	5%	To equate with the tax rates in other sales tax provincial jurisdictions which are otherwise still higher, paving way for implementation of harmonized rates among all jurisdictions under auspice of NTC for taxpayers facilitation and ease of doing business.
14	Construction services relating to Government Funded Project	2%	2%	2%	Equalization of ADP-funded and PSDP-funded projects with clean past slate till 30-06-2021 with conditions, and prospective tax collection to enforce tax m letter and spirit to facilitate the economic documentation.
14	Construction services relating to Hydro Power Project	1%	2%	2%	Equalization of Hydropower construction projects with other ADP/PSDP-funded project to remove disparity between the rates for government funded project and Hydropower projects. The hydropower construction rate is still lowest in the country.
14	Construction related to land development and commercial construction	Rs.100 per square yard in case of land develop-ment and 50 per	Rate is same with exemption given to areas allocated for common use of	Rate is same with exemption given to areas allocated for common use of	The rate has. been rationalized by excluding the areas which are ,used for public good such as graveyards, medical dispensaries, parks, inside passage of buildings etc. for

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		square foot for highrise buildings	public at large as schools, mosques etc	public at large as schools, mosques etc	facilitation of the businesses and implementation of theme of ease of doing business
16	Mines & Minerals (tax on leases, licences, fee, royalty received by government)	15%	15%	2% for Mines and Minerals Depart-ment only	To address the demand made by the Minerals Department to lower the tax rate with exemption to previous liabilities so that the tax implementation may be made in true spirit with clean slate.
17	Airport services	10%	15%	10%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.
18	Dryport services	10%	15%	10%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.
19	Practitioners, professionals, consultants and advisers other than legal & medicine related	5%	15%	5% except non-corporate businesses having foreign affiliation (branch, subsidary, in collobor-ation)	To bring regulated business in standard rate regime and facilitating the process of economic documentation and true spirit of VAT forward tax input adjustment linkages
20	Cinemeto-graphic services (production houses)	2%	1%	1%	To facilitate the sector to grow and ensure compliance with the Authority in true spirit.
21	Event management services	8%	15%	8%	To facilitate the sector to grow and ensure compliance with the Authority in true spirit.
22	Exhibition, convention services	8%	15%	8%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.

26	Banking & Insurance	15%, (exemption on life and health insurance)	15% (Health insurance services and insurances services involved in Sehat Card Plus rate is 1%)	15% (Health insurance services and insurances services involved in Sehat Card Plus rate is 1%)	The exemption on health and life insurance withdrawn for the reason of economic documentation and bring in line with other jurisdiction where the rate on health insurance is still higher. The health insurance and Sehat Card Plus program services taxed at 1% under the reduced rate regime. The life insurance shall be taxable at standard rate.
27	Storage and warehousing services / packer & movers	10%	15% for all corporate sector businesses 1% for cold storage	10% for all other storage and warehou-sing services, 1% for cold storage	To facilitate corporate sector businesses. The rate has been reduced in case of cold storage for revival and growth of the sector
28	Container terminal services	10%	15% except for public sector entities providing services	10%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.
34	Services provided or rendered by under writers	2%	1%	1%	To facilitate the sector to grow in the province and ensure compliance with the Authority.
36	Services provided or rendered by auctioneers	2%	1%	1%	To facilitate the sector to grow in the province and ensure compliance with the Authority.
39	Services relating to quality assurance, quality control, quality inspection	2%	15%	1%	To facilitate the sector to grow in the province and ensure compliance with the Authority.

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44	Installation, erection, commiss-ioning	2%	15%	1%	To facilitate corporate sector businesses and ease out their backward and forward tax input adjustment linkages.
47	All allied, auxiliary, ancillary, substitutive, comparable and match-ableable entries of the schedule	Multiple rates of 1%, 2%, 5%, 8%, 10%, 15%	Multiple rates of 1%, 2%, 5%, 8%, 10%, 15%	Multiple rates of 1%, 2%, 5%, 8%, 10%, 15%	The wordings have been improved and became more inclusive.

III. PRINCIPLES OF APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION

a. In para 3, the drafting error has been corrected

b. Para 18 has been added, which is related to the registered service providers and they are now allowed to issue tax invoices at standard rate to corporate sector service providers.

c. The power to issue exemption notification in cases of the commitments of Government under international conventions etc. has been granted to the Authority after taking concurrence from Finance Department.

d. Rate of 2%·shall be applicable on all type of services provided or relating to dealers of agriculture machinery and equipments, commission agents of agriculture produce, agriculture-specific market research, human resource development or management in agricultural fields, exhibitions of agricultural products or products usable exclusively in agriculture sector, and warehousing of agriculture products).

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/Circular/2019/706
Circular No. 06 of 2021
dated August 16, 2021

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period July, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of July, 2021 as per the following Schedule. The extension is granted due to the maintenance activity of the online system of the Authority.

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Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.08.2021	24.08.2021
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.08.2021	27.08.2021

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/Circular/2019/717
Circular No. 07 of 2021
dated August 27, 2021

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period July, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of July, 2021 as per the following Schedule. The extension is granted due to the maintenance activity of the online system of the Authority.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.08.2021 extended to 24.08.2021 or 21.08.2021	30.08.2021
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.08.2021 extended to 27.08.2021 or 25.08.2021	31.08.2021

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/HQ/Circular/2022/853
Circular No. 01 of 2022
dated February 18, 2022

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period January, 2022

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of January, 2022 as per the following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.02.2022	23.02.2022
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.02.2022	25.02.2022

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/ADC(HQ)/Circular/2022/6785
Circular No. 02 of 2022
dated May 18, 2022

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period April, 2022

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of April, 2022 as per the following Schedule.

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Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.05.2022 or 21.05.2022	26.05.2022
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.05.2022 or 25.05.2022	30.05.2022

No. F. 7(2)/ KPRA/ADC(HQ)/Circular/2022/609
Circular No. 05 of 2022
dated June 15, 2022

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the tax period May, 2022

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of May, 2022 as per the following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.06.2022	17.06.2022
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.06.2022	21.06.2022

2. This extension in time is granted due to internal system upgradation of KPRA and is applicable only for those registered persons who are required to deposit sales tax on services and file monthly sales tax returns on 15-06-2022 and 18-06-2022 respectively.

No. KPRA/Dir/Rev-2023/2937-41
dated April 07, 2023

Subject: Various clarifications regarding tax exemptions

Circular

It was brought to the notice of this Authority that various clarifications regarding tax exemptions were issued which were misinterpreted by various Staff/ contractors. To streamline the process further and to avoid any anomaly, the already laid down criteria in respect of sales tax on services exemption available to the erstwhile Federally or Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (FATA and PATA) is reproduced here as under:

a. the service providers are the bonafide residents of,
b. their service providing businesses are located in, and
c. they are providing services for consumption exclusively within the territory of, the said areas.

Explanation

i. The above provisions provide that the services are consumed within the territory means that services originate and terminate within the tax exempted area(s).

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ii. All clarification letters regarding tax exemptions interpreted against any of the above criteria shall stand superseded/cancelled by the criteria mentioned above for all sort of contracts of taxable services in future.

iii. This circular should not be treated as a blanket approval, rather all fresh applications will be decided on case to case basis and as per the directions of the provincial government.

iv. Moreover, the concerned departments shall first verify the letters about tax exemption from this Authority before processing the requests of the persons claiming such tax exemption."

Circular No. 02 of 2023
dated August 11, 2023

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the period July 2023

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 90 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022, the Management Committee of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return for the Tax period of July, 2023 as per following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.08.2023	18.08.2023
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.08.2023	21.08.2023

Circular No. 04 of 2023
dated August 18, 2023

Subject: Further Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the period July 2023

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 90 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022, the Management Committee of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of return, to all persons registered with this Authority, for the Tax period of July, 2023 as per following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date	Further Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.08.2023	18.08.2023	22.08.2023
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.08.2023	21.08.2023	25.08.2023

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Circular No. 03 of 2024
dated April 15, 2024

Subject: Extension in date of payment of Sales Tax and submission of return for the period March 2024

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 90 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022, the Management Committee of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax and filing of preturn, to all persons registered with this Authority, for the Tax period of March, 2024 as per following Schedule.

Description	Due Date	Extended Date
Payment of Sales Tax	15.04.2024	17.04.2024
Filing of Sales Tax return	18.04.2024	22.04.2024

No. KPRA/Clarifications/2024/7051-54
dated May 22, 2024

Subject: Exemption of Provincial Sales Tax on Remuneration paid to Examiners and Invigilating Staff of Various Exemptions

Please refer to your office letter no. 00007393, dated 25-04-2024, on the subject cited above.

2. Contents of request in above referred letter have been thoroughly examined. The services as mentioned in the under-reference letter in Annexture-B including invigilators and supervisory staff, are covered under Entry No.32 of the Second Schedule of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022, which provides for "*Valuation or assessment services including competency and eligibility testing services and services involving written tests with or without interviews for job or work recruitment of selection for any other purposes. Explanation: For the purpose of this entry, valuation or assessment includes revaluation, reassessment or repetition thereof".*

3. It is further clarified that the mentioned services are taxable @5% instead of @15% as per Entry No.32 of Second Schedule Kyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022.

4. KPRA would be pleased to provide any further clarification in the subject matter as and when required.

KPRA/C/STS/Clarifications/2024/934-35
dated January 03, 2025

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Subject: Request for resolution of tax deduction issue in FABS System.

Please refer to your office letter no. Nil dated 09-12-2024 on the subject cited above;

2. The Government had granted exemption vide the exemption notification dated 25-07-2023 effective from 1st July, 2023 to erstwhile federally and

provincially Administered Tribal areas (ex. FATA and PATA) with certain conditions. All the conditions must be met simultaneously for the purpose of availing exemption from Sales Tax on Services. In the instant case, condition No. iv is not met by the service provider. For case of reference, all the conditions are reproduced below,

i. The service providers are natural persons and bonafide residents of the above mentioned areas;

ii. the service providing businesses are located in the said areas;

iii. the services exclusively originate and terminate within the said areas; and

iv. the component of sales tax is not included in the gross value of the service.

3. Further, the service recipient i.e. Food Department had clearly mentioned in their tender notice (A) and (B) at S. No. 11 and 9 respectively, that the contractor shall be bound to pay KPRA sales tax on services *(condition iv of the exemption)*, hence it is crystal clear that the activity carried out by M/S Malakand Traders i.e. transportation service of wheat is **taxable** at the rate of **15% under Serial No. 29 of the Second Schedule to KP Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022**.

4. The above mentioned clarification is provided on the basis of specific circumstances and facts. Therefore the same shall be not be adopted or construed by any other person as a reference.

5. KPRA would be pleased to provide any further assistance in the subject matter as and when required.

No. KPRA/STS/Clarification/2026-27/3324-27
dated July 28, 2026

Subject: Application for stoppage of illegal deduction of KPRA Sales Tax and Re-imbursement of amount deducted

Reference in invited to letter No. KP-TEVTA/F&A/Misc/A-04/3558 dated 14-07-2026 on the subject cited above and to state that the matter has been examined in light of the relevant provisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 and the Second Schedule thereto,

2. The application has been examined, in light of Serial No. 16 of the Second Schedule of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act 2022. The Serial No. 16(b) expressly covers that “In case of practitioners, professionals, consultants or advisers of medical (including dental) and legal professions or fields, the rate of tax shall charge” at the rate of 2%.

3. Therefore, in view of the above provisions, the legal services provided falls under Serial No. 16(b) and is taxable at the applicable rate of 2% without any input tax adjustment of the act ibid.

4. The clarification is provided on the basis of specific circumstances and acts. Therefore, the same shall not be adopted or construed by any other person as a reference.

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No. 1(1)/DGKPRA/2014/417
dated Peshawar, the August 15, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to extend the date of payment of Sales Tax on Services and filing of Returns upto 22nd August, 2014, for the tax period July 2014, for all persons registered or liable to be registered with the Authority.

No. 1(1)/DGKPRA/2014-15
dated Peshawar, the August 21, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 99 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to further extend the date of payment of Sales Tax on Services upto 28th August, 2014, for the tax period July 2014, for all persons registered or liable to be registered with the Authority.

Those registered person who deposit the tax by 28th August, 2014, are allowed to file the return for the said period July 2014 upto 4th September, 2014.

No. KPRA/LIN/2018
dated May 03, 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 27(3) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to specify that the liability to pay sales tax on the ride hailing services shall be upoin the Company/AOP/Individual providing the digital platform for connecting the passengers with the taxi drivers. The transactional amount shall be considered as tax-inclusive value and tax shall be worked out on the basis of tax fraction formula, that is, the tax shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of charges with tax rate and dividing the resultant by tax rate plus hundred.

No. 506-15/2018
dated August 31, 2018

In exercise of powers under section 26(2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, with the prior approval of the Government, is pleased to reduce rate of sales tax from 15% & 5% to 1% on contracting and construction services falling under classification 9814.2000 & 9824.0000 respectively of the First Schedule read with S.No. 31 & 30-A of the Second Schedule to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 rendered or provided to hydropower projects executed in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

No. 7(9)KPRA/Exemption/2016
dated November 08, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred by clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 28 the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Authority, with prior approval of the Government, is pleased to exempt the following services provided or rendered by registered persons in relation to the donations and contributions made for the "Supreme Court of Pakistan-Diamer Bhasha & Mohmand Dams-Fund":-

1) Advertisements falling under S.No. 06, 06A & 07 of the Second Schedule to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.
2) Advertising Agents falling under S.No. 17 of the Second Schedule to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.
3) Telecommunication Services falling under S.No. 04 of the Second Schedule to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.
4) Banking Services falling under S.No.10 of the Second Schedule to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.

No.F-2(1)/KPRA-Apptt/Rect/2018/1392-1402
dated November 19, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred under sub section 1 of Section 56 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act 2013, and in supersession of Authority Order NO. No.F·2(1)/KPRA·Apptt/Rect/2018/1525-36, the Khyber Pakhtukhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to authorize the following officers to perform functions and exercise powers relating to the respective jurisdiction of taxable services vide Order of Jurisdiction No.F·2(1)/KPRA·Appointment/Recruitment/2018/1500-12. Dated: 22·02·2018

S. No	Name of Officer	Designation
1	Ms. Sana Imtiaz	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit I)
2	Mr. Khalid Riaz	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit II)
3	Mr. Abdul Raziq Khan	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit III)
4	Mr. Raheel lqbal	Assistant Collector (Northern Region)
5	Mr. Mehran Ahmad	Inspector (Northern Region)

No.F-2(1)/KPRA- Appointment/ Recruitment/ 1530-35
dated November 26, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred by the provisions of sections 5, 56 read with sections 76 and 109 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act 2013, and in supersession of all earlier orders and notifications, the Authority, in respect of jurisdiction of the Collectorate of Sale Tax, is pleased to direct that the Officers of the Authority specified in Column No. (2) shall exercise the powers and functions as specified in Column o. (3) in respect of their jurisdiction as specified in Column No. (4) of the table provided here in under, respectively.

Table

S. No.	Officer of the Authority	Powers & Functions	Jurisdiction
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
01	Collector Sales Tax	The officer shall exercise all powers and functions as arc conferred upon him under the KP Finance Act, 2013 and shall perform all administrative functions and coordination with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority.	All cases or classes of cases or persons or classes of persons falling with in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.
02	Additional Collector (Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit-I)	The officer shall exercise all powers and functions under the KP Finance Act, 2013	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below: S. No. 2, 4, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 33, 48, 50. 51, 53. 55, 58, 59. 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 91 of the Second Schedule to the KI' Finance Act. 20 13. 2. All public sector Withholding Agents
03	Additional Collector (Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit-II)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below: S. No: I, 9, 10, 13, 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38,40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 62, 75, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 20 13.

			2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "A to M"
04	Additional Collector (Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit-III)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned be low: S. No: 3, 5, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30A, 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 52, 54, 56, 57, 61, 64, 71 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83, 89, 80 and 90 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013. 2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "N to Z"
05	The Additional Collector Sales Tax (Legal)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	All legal matters in respect of cases or classes of cases or persons or classes of persons or areas falling with in KP Province including: 1. Submitting proposals to Collector (Sales Tax) for filing of Second Appeals to the Sales Tax Tribunal and reference to the High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan under the KP Finance Act 2013. 2. Submitting proposals to Collector (Sales Tax) for filing of Civil Miscellaneous
			Applications (CMAs) and comments before the Courts including Sales Tax Tribunal, High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan under the KP Finance Act 2013. 3. Appearing on behalf of the Collector (Sales Tax)

			before the Sales Tax Tribunal, High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan if required. 4. Submitting proposals to Collector Sales Tax for appointment and issuance of Power of Attorney (PoA) to the private Councils from the market in the cases pending adjudication under the KP Finance Ac1 2013. 5. Submitting proposals to Collector (Sales Tax) for determination of normal or special fee as per specified procedure.
06	Deputy Collector Sales Tax (Central, Southern & Region Unit-I)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below: S. No. 2, 4, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 33, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 91 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013. 2. All public sector Withholding Agents
07	Deputy Collector Sales Tax (Central,	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below: S. No: 1, 9, 10, 13, 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 62, 75, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013. 2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "A to M"

08	Deputy Collector Sales Tax (Central.	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below: S. No: 3, 5, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30A, 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 52, 54, 56, 57, 61, 64, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83, 89, 80 and 90 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013. 2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "N to Z"
09	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region Unit-I)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. AI! cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below except those registered persons assigned to Assistant Collector Northern Region: S. No. 2, 4, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 33, 48, 50, 51, 53. 55, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68. 69, 70 and 91 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013. 2. All public sector Withholding Agents
10	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region Unit-II)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act. 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below except those registered persons assigned to Assistant Collector Northern Region: S. No: 1, 9, 10, 13, 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 62, 75, 81, 82, 84, 85. 86, 87 and 88 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013.

			2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "A to M"
11	Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region Unit-III)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as are conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	1. All cases of registered persons engaged in the services as mentioned below except those registered persons assigned to Assistant Collector Northern Region: S. No: 3, 5, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30A. 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 52, 54, 56, 57, 61, 64, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83,89, 80 and 90 of the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act. 2013. 2. Private sector Withholding Agents whose name starts from the alphabet "N to Z"
12	Assistant Collector (Northern Region)	The officer shall exercise powers and functions as arc conferred by the KP Finance Act, 2013.	All cases of Individual or Association of Persons (AoP) engaged in the services mentioned in the Second Schedule to the KP Finance Act, 2013 located in the Revenue Division of Hazara.

2. This notification shall take effect immediately.

No.F-2(1)/KPRA-Apptt/Rect/2018/1518-29
dated November 28, 2018

In supersession of Authority's Notification of even dated 22nd February, 2018, in order to streamline the official work of Authority and to enforce the provisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the following units are created in the Central Region & Southern Region with immediate effect and till further orders.

S. No	Unit	Powers and Functions
1	Central, Northern & Southern Region Unit-I	Audit & Enforcement

2	Central, Northern & Southern Region Unit-II	Audit & Enforcement
3	Central, Northern & Southern Region Unit-III	Audit & Enforcement

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No.F-2(1)/KPRA-Appointment/Recruitment/2018/1536-47
dated November 28, 2018

In supersession of Authority's Notification of even No. dated 22nd February, 2018, and in exercise of the powers conferred under subsections (1) and (3) of section 56 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (Act XXI of 2013) read with section 56-A thereof, the Authority is pleased to assign the powers and functions as provided at column (3) exercisable or to be exercised thereunder to the officers holding the charge of the persons or cases or class of cases or services or class of services as specified in column (4) of the following Table with immediate effect and till further orders.

Table

Sr. No.	Name of Region	Functions Assigned	Jurisdiction of taxable services
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
1	Central Region & Southern Region	Audit & Enforcement	(1) All cases of corporate sector. (2) All cases of registered persons (Individuals, AOP) falling in the territorial jurisdiction of Revenue Division of Peshawar, Mardan and Malakand. (3) All cases of registered persons (Individuals, AOP) falling in the territorial jurisdiction of Revenue Division of Kohat, Bannu and D.I.Khan except corporate sector. (4) All cases of Withholding Agents.
2	Northern Region	Audit & Enforcement	All cases of registered persons (Individuals, AOP) falling in the territorial jurisdiction of Revenue Division of Hazara except corporate sector.

2. The description classification and scope of services covered in the notification shall be interpreted with reference to the Second Schedule of the aforesaid Act, rules and regulations made thereunder.

No.F-2(1)/KPRA-Apptt/Rect/2018/1548-59
dated November 28, 2018

In supersession of Authority's Notification or even No. dated 22nd February, 2018, and in order to stream line the official work of the Authority and to enforce the provisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 in more effective manner, following territorial regions along with the respective area of jurisdiction noted against each are hereby created with immediate effect and till further orders.

S. No	Region	Jurisdiction over Revenue Division
1	Northern Region	Hazara
2	Southern Region	Kohat, Bannu, D.I.Khan
3	Central Region	Peshawar, Mardan and Malakand

No. KPRA/GN/2018/1581-92
dated November 29, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 70 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, Mr. Abdull Raziq Khan, Assistant Collector to perform power to arrest und prosecute persons who have committed a tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.

No. KPRA/GN/2018/1593-04
dated November 29, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 43 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, and in the supersession of the Authority Order No. No. KPRA/GN/2018/2176-87, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to authorize the following officers to perform functions of compulsory registration in terms of para 06 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sales tax on services regulation, 2017 and exercise such powers as are conferred upon them by the provisions of section 43 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 in the respective jurisdiction of taxable services already assigned vide Order of Jurisdiction No. F-2(1)/KPRA.Appointment/recruitment/2018/1530·35 dated: 28nd November, 2018.

1) Ms. Sana Imtiaz Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit I)
2) Mr. Khalid Riaz Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit II)
3) Mr. Abdul Raziq Khan Assistant Collector (Central & Southern Region- Unit III)
4) Mr. Raheel lqbal Assistant Collector (Northern Region)

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No.F-2(1)/KPRA-Apptt/Rect/2018/1381-91
dated December 06, 2018

In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section 1 of section 56 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, and in supersession of Authority Order No. F-2(1)/KPRA-Apptt/Rect/2018/1525-36, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to authorized jurisdiction of taxable services vide Order of Jurisdiction No. F-2(1)/KPRA-Appointment/Recruitment/2018/1500-12 dated: 22.02.2018

S. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Units
1	Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan	Additional Collector	Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit I
2	Mr. Fazal Amin Shah	Deputy Collector	
3	Mr. Imran Ahmad	Inspector	
4	Mr. Rooh Ullah	Inspector	
5	Mr. Mehmood Jan	Senior Auditor	
6.	Mr. Akhtar Rasool	Senior Auditor	
7.	Mr. Rashid Javaid Rana	Additional Collector	Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit II
8.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmad	Deputy Collector	
9.	Mr. Khalid Mansoor	Inspector	
10.	Mr. Shah Nawaz Hassan	Inspector	
11.	Mr. Zia ur Rehman	Senior Auditor	
12.	Mr. Abdul Haleem Khan	Additional Collector	Central, Southern & Northern Region Unit III
13.	Mr. Sharif Ullah	Deputy Collector	
14.	Mr. Saud Khan	Inspector	
16.	Mr. Abdul Wahab	Senior Auditor	
17.	Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan	Additional Collector	Unit IV

2. This supersedes all previous notifications regarding appointments and posting of the officers of KPRA.

No. KPRA/Gen/2019/534-38
dated March 15, 2019

In exercise of powers conferred under clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (No XXI of 2013), the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, with the prior approval of the Government, is pleased to grant exemption from the whole of sales tax leviable thereunder, to the service providers of the erstwhile Federally or Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (FATA and PATA) subject to the following conditions, namely:-

a. the service providers are the bonafide residents of,

b. their service providing businesses are located in, and

c. they are providing services for consumption exclusively within the territory of, the said areas;

2. This notification shall be deemed to have taken effect from the date on which the Constitution (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Act, 2018 (XXXVII) received assent of the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and shall remain in force till the day of June 30th, 2023.

3. The exemption under this notification shall not apply on telecommunication services.

No. KPRA/Gen/2019/619
dated February 06, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (3) of section 27 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (No. XXI of 2013), the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to direct that the liability to pay sales tax on all such taxable services specified in the Second Schedule of the said Act as are provided or rendered in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by a non-resident person having no physical place of business or any other physical presence in Pakistan, shall be upon the authorized agent or authorized representative of such person, by whatever name called, located, present or resident anywhere in Pakistan.

2. Benefit or facility of this notification shall also be available to all such cases where taxable services have already been provided or rendered but liability for payment of due sales tax has not been discharged for the reasons of this notification having not been in the field.

No. KPRA/G.Admin/2020/676-80
dated March 18, 2020

In the wake of recent outbreak of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) and in order to prevent the spread of the virus by human contact/interaction, the following instructions are hereby notified for strict compliance:

i. The e-registration, e-filing and e-payment procedure to be followed in letter and spirit. In case of any query or assistance required, the following staff can be contacted throguh the contact numbers given as under during office hours in addition to the helpline:

1.	KPRA Helpline:	091-9219202
2.	Mr. Awais Ahmed	0346-9194984
3.	Mr. Jawad Rauf Kayani	0333-9216463

ii. All the hearings already scheduled with Additional Collectors, Deputy Collectors and Assistant collectors are hereby postponed and all concerned are directed to re-fix the date of hearing after 02.04.2020.

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iii. All concerned are advised to restrict the entry of visitors into KPRA Headquarters and regional offices, unless and until, such interaction is inevitable after exhausting the above channels, in which case, the visitors should be allowed on appointment basis.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and will remain effective for fifteen days i.e. from 18th March to 2nd April, 2020.

No. 7(3-2)/KPRA/Exemption/2019/709-11
dated April 07, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 28 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXI of 2013) and to encourage construction activities and works in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to smoothly recover from the undesirable economic implications of COVID 19, the Authority, with the approval of Government is pleased to exempt all construction and allied services, specified at Serial No. 14 of the Schedule II of the Act ibid, from whole of the sales tax, leviable thereon either under the said Serial No. or under any Notification, issued under the said Act, subject to the following conditions, namely,-

Conditions:

(i) No input tax incurred at standard or higher rate during the currency of this Notification shall be allowed to be adjusted against any future standard or higher rate output tax.

(ii) Every registered person engaged in providing exempt services as aforesaid shall be required to file monthly return under the said Act showing aggregate monthly value of such services.

(iii) It shall be mandatory on a person providing exempt services to get registration in terms of the aforesaid Act and regulations issued thereunder despite this Notification being in the field and such person shall also likewise file return without any tax liability.

(iv) An option to operate under standard rate of sale tax of 15% shall remain open and available provided that once exercised, the business concerned shall not be entitled or allowed to discountinue the option during the currency of this Notification.

(v) This Notification shall remain valid till the 30th June, 2020 unless rescinded earlier or extended further.

No. KPRA/Exemption/712-19/04/2020
dated April 15, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 28(1) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act. 2013 (XXI of 2013) and after approval from Government the Khyber Paktuunkhwa Revenue Authority is pleased to exempt

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the payment of sales tax on such services as are provided or rendered exclusively by the branchless banking operators (retailers) in respect of distribution of emergency cash assistance under the Ehsaas Emergency Cash Transfer Initiative (EECTI) undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the framework of Ehsaas Kafaalat Program (EKP) under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) subject to the following conditions, namely,-

(i) The banks (Bank Alfalah and Habib Bank Limited) who have entered into arrangements with the branchless banking operators will neither charge or pay, nor withhold any sales tax on the service charges (commission charges) paid or payable to the concerned branchless banking operators for or on account of the relevant service transaction(s) under the said emergency cash distribution scheme;

(ii) Benefit of this Notification shall not be admissible or available to the banks themselves in respect of the charges or commission (or portion thereof) retained, received by or paid, payable to them exclusively on account of their own banking services rendered or provided in respect of or under the aforesaid emergency cash distribution scheme;

(iii) No input tax adjustment shall be admissible against the output tax exempted under this Notification as already barred under para 3 of the Principles of Application and Interpretation end-noted to the Second Schedule read with section 26(4) of the said Act; and

(iv) This Notification shall remain valid till the 30th [1][September] 2020 unless rescinded earlier or extended further.

F. No. KPRA/Opt to Standard Rate/2020/405
dated January 28, 2021

Subject: Permission to Operate under Standard Rate of Tax (15%) in Terms of Section 26-A of the KP Finance Act, 2013.

Several applications were received in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) from registered persons providing/rendering services liable to KP sales tax at different reduced rates under the Second Schedule of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 each containing request for grant of permission to operate under standard rate of tax (15%) under section 26A of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013. These cases were considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 29-10-2020. The Authority was pleased to constitute a committee to examine all the applications on merit. The committee accordingly submitted its recommendations to the Authority. In the light of recommendations of the committee, the Authority is pleased to approve and grant permission to only twenty eight (28) cases as per list duly attested and attached herewith as an integral part of this communication subject to the following conditions.

[1]Substituted for "June" by F. No. 7(3-2)/KPRA/Exemption/2019/1348-50 dated August 06, 2020.

i. The permission shall take immediate effect and shall remain valid unless reversion to reduced rate of tax is allowed by the Authority or it is otherwise withdrawn by the Authority as provided under section 26A of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013.

ii. On conversion to standard rate of tax in terms of this permission, registered person shall be entitled for adjustment of input tax paid or to be paid at standard rate from the date of approval of the Authority i.e. 28th January, 2021, subject to all such conditions, limitations and restrictions applicable in this regard under relevant provisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 read with KPRA Sales Tax on Services Regulation, 2017 or as prescribed elsewhere under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sales tax on services law.

iii. The registered person shall not be entitled for any adjustment of input tax paid before the date of effect of this permission i.e. 28th January, 2021, whether in respect of tangible inputs (goods) or intangible goods (services), in any case. Furthermore, no adjustment of any input tax paid or to be paid at reduced rate whether in respect of tangible inputs (goods) or intangible inputs (services) shall be admissible in any case under any circumstances.

iv. On the expiry of the year 2020-21, the Director (Inquiry & Investigation) KPRA, shall conduct audit of the registered person to confirm the genuineness of the use of the permission as aforesaid and ascertain the accuracy of the trends of tax payments by such registered person during the year 2020-21. The outcome of the audit report shall be communicated to the Director General, KPRA for his information and such further action as may be deemed necessary by him.

v. Where during the course or in consequence of the audit as aforesaid, it is suspected, believed or found that the case demands proper or formal investigation to ascertain the nature, details and extent of deliberate evasion of tax involving tax fraud as defined under section 2(53) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Director (Inquiry & Investigation) shall prepare investigation report for the Director General. Necessary legal action in each such case, as and if required, shall be initiated/taken by the competent officer without any loss of time.

vi. Under no circumstances, the permission granted hereinabove shall be construed to confer any right on any registered person to continue to operate at standard tax rate indefinitely unless the law applicable in this regard is amended conferring such right.

End: as above *(not reproduced here the list of registered persons)*

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F. No. KPRA/Opt to Standard Rate/2020/625
dated April 28, 2021

Subject: Permission to Operate under Standard Rate of Tax (15%) in Terms of Section 26-A of the KP Finance Act, 2013.

Several applications were received in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) from registered persons providing/rendering services liable to KP sales tax at different reduced rates under the Second Schedule of the KP Finance Act, 2013 each containing request for grant of permission to operate under standard rate of tax (15%) under section 26A of the KP Finance Act, 2013. These cases have been examined thoroughly and considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 13-04-2021. The Authority was pleased to approve and grant permission to only nine (09) cases as per list duly attested and attached herewith as an integral part of this communication subject to the following conditions.

i. The permission shall take immediate effect and shall remain valid unless reversion to reduced rate of tax is allowed by the Authority or it is otherwise withdrawn by the Authority as provided under section 26A of the KP Finance Act, 2013.

[1][ii. On conversion to standard rate of tax in terms of this permission, registered person shall be entitled for adjustment of input tax paid or to be paid at standard rate from the date of approval of the Authority i.e. 28th April 2021, subject to all such conditions, limitations and restrictions applicable in this regard under relevant provisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013 read with KPRA Sales Tax on Services Regulation, 2017 or as prescribed elsewhere under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sales tax on services law.

iii. The registered person shall not be entitled for any adjustment of input tax paid before the date of effect of this permission i.e. 28th April, 2021, whether in respect of tangible inputs (goods) or intangible inputs (services), in any case. Furthermore, no adjustment of any input tax paid or to be paid at reduced rate whether in respect of tangible inputs (goods) or intangible inputs (services) shall be admissible in any case under any circumstances.]

iv. On the expiry of the year 2020.-21, the Director (Inquiry & Investigation) KPRA, shall conduct audit of the registered person to confirm the genuineness of the use of the permission as aforesaid and ascertain the accuracy of the trends of tax payments by such registered person during the year 2020.21. The outcome of the audit report shall be communicated to the Director General, KPRA for his information and such further action as may be deemed necessary by him.

v. Where during the course or in consequence of the audit as aforesaid, it is suspected, believed or found that the case demands proper or formal investigation to ascertain the nature, details and extent of deliberate evasion of tax involving tax fraud as defined under section 2(53) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2013, the Director (Inquiry & Investigation) shall prepare investigation report for the Director General, Necessary legal action in each such case, as and if required, shall be initiated/taken by the competent officer without any loss of time.

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Para ii & iii substituted by No. KPRA/Admin/Notification/ 2019/ 3197-3200 dated May 24, 2021.

vi. Under no circumstances, the permission granted hereinabove shall be construed to confer any right on any registered person to continue to operate at standard tax rate indefinitely unless the law applicable in this regard is amended conferring such right.

2. The Authority however, regrets for having not granted permission to fifty (50) number of applicants to whom necessary individual letters/intimations shall be issued separately."

End: as above *(not reproduced here the list of registered persons)*

No. KPRA/Admin/Notification/2019/3197-3200
dated May 24, 2021

Subject: Office working hours.

In order to continue efforts for achieving the assigned targets and to facilitate taxpayers in filing their tax returns, the Competent Authority is pleased to direct that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority Headquarters and its Regional Offices shall remain open and observe normal working hours on Saturdays till 30th June, 2021.

NO. BO(Res-III)/FD/2-2/2019-20/vol-IV
dated September 07, 2021

The Competent Authority is pleased to approve the inclusion of KP Sales Tax in Market Rate System (MRS) 2021 in light of the decision of the Provincial cabinet in its 39th meeting held on 21st July, 2020 as per following details:-

a. KPRA Sales Tax @ of 2% on construction services to be included in the un-approved ADP Scheme with effect from 01-07-2021.

b. KPRA Sales Tax @ of 2% may be included in all item codes of MRS 2021 on analogy of Income Tax already included in MRS 2021 and will be paid to KPRA as specified under Serial No. 14 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Act, 2021.

NO. BO(Res-III)/FD/3-2/2022
dated August 19, 2022

In exercise of powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2022 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2022), the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is pleased to notify that Infrastructure Development Cess shall be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) of the value of goods imported into the Province, with immediate effect.

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NO. KPRA/Exemption//2023/3677
dated July 25, 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 (No XIX of 2022), the Policy Board of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, with the prior approval of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is pleased to grant exemption from the whole of sales tax leviable thereunder in respect of the services provided in the erstwhile Federally and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex FATA and PATA) subject to the following conditions, namely:-

i. the service providers are natural persons and bonafide residents of the above-mentioned areas;

ii. the service providing businesses are located in the said areas;

iii. the services exclusively originate and terminate within the said areas; and

iv. the component of sales tax is not included in the gross value of the service.

2. The exemption under this notification shall not apply to the Telecommunication and allied services, and all projects of PSDP and ADP.

3. Provisions of this notification shall be applicable to the businesses / contracts as on 1st day of July, 2023 as well as businesses / contracts carried in these areas, subsequently.

4. This notification shall take effect from the 1st day of July, 2023 and shall remain in force till the 31st day of October, 2023, if not withdrawn earlier.

NO. BO(Rev-II)/FD/3-4/2024
dated April 03, 2024

In exercise of powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2022, and in supersession of all previous Notifications issued in this behalf, the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is pleased to notify that Infrastructure Development Cess shall be charged at the rate of two percent (2%) of the value of goods imported into the Province, with immediate effect.

2. The Government is further pleased to endorse the Notification No.BO(Rev-I)FD/12-1/2024 dated 23.02.2024.

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No. KPRA/Admin/GN/2025/3337
dated June 16, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 3 of section 10 read with section 14-A of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 (Act No. XIX of 2022), the Policy Board of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, for the purpose of ensuring collection and deposit of sales tax on

services into the Government treasury under the Act No. XIX of 2022 read with rules, regulations and notifications made thereunder, is pleased to specify the services as mentioned in Column 1, in respect of which the liability to pay tax shall be on the person (other than the person providing the taxable service or the person receiving the taxable service) as mentioned in Column 2 and at the applicable rate of tax as mentioned in Column 3 of the table given below:

Table				
1			2	3
Taxable Service				
S. No of the Second Schedule	Heading	Description	Person (other than service provider or service recipient)	Rate of Tax
5	9806.3000	Customs or Custom House Agents	Pakistan Single Window	Fixed rate of Rs.3,000/- per goods declaration

2. This notification is issued with immediate effect. The person made liable to pay tax (other than the person providing the taxable service or the person receiving the taxable service), as mentioned under Table above, shall ensure timely collection and payment of sales tax on services (not later than the 15th day of the following tax period in which collection of tax is made) at the applicable rate of tax.

3. All the provisions of the Act, rules, regulations and notifications made thereunder shall mutatis mutandis apply in relation to payment of tax, including non-payment or short-payment, assessment of tax, recovery of tax not levied or short levied, e-filing of return, maintenance of record, imposition of penalty and default surcharge and recovery of tax to the extent that those are not inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations.

No. KPRA/Admin/GN/2026/3637
dated September 01, 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (a) and (c) of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XIX of 2022), the Policy Board, with the approval of Government, is pleased to grant exemption from the whole of sales tax leviable under the Act ibid, in respect of services provided in the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA), subject to the following conditions, namely:

(i) the service providers are natural persons and bona fide residents of the said areas;

(ii) the service providing businesses are established, located and ordinarily carried on within the said areas;

(iii) the services exclusively originate and terminate within the said areas;

(iv) the component of sales tax is not included in the gross value of the taxable service; and

(v) the service providing businesses are not providing services in relation to Government funded projects.

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Explanation.- For the purposes of this Notification, "bona fide resident" means a person, who, ordinarily, resides in the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA), and maintains his therein, and possesses a valid Computerized National Identity Card, reflecting an address within the said areas.

2. The exemption under this Notification shall be available to such service providers as are engaged in the following businesses or activities, namely:

i. hotels, guest houses, lodges and other accommodation services, including restaurants, cafes, tea houses and other food service establishments, including wedding halls, clubs and similar community recreational establishments;

ii. rental or leasing services in respect of own or leased immovable property, including real estate services involving own or leased property;

iii. construction and related allied services, including electrical, mechanical, plumbing, flooring, plastering, painting, steel work and other finishing works, excluding construction services provided in relation to Government funded projects;

iv. health care services provided by local private hospitals, doctors, clinics and medical diagnostic laboratories;

v. intra-city passengers and goods transportation services or businesses;

vi. beauty parlours, barber shops, salons and similar personal care services;

vii. vehicle repair, maintenance and automobile workshop services, including care washing and allied maintenance services, including laundry and dry-cleaning services;

viii. industrial, mechanical, electrical and electronic repair workshop services, including installation, creation and commissioning services relating to industrial, mechanical and electrical equipment, including quality inspection, quality assurance, quality verification and certification services;

ix. electrical, plumbing, welding, fabrication and allied technical services;

x. photography, videography and allied photographic services;

xi. event management services, including exhibition, convention and carnival services;

xii. consultancy and professional services provided by resident practitioners and professionals;

xiii. travel agents, tour-operator services, property dealers distributors and other intermediary services relating to the distribution of goods; and

xiv. such other services as may, from time to time, be notified by Government.

3. The exemption under this Notification shall not apply to-

(i) telecommunication and allied services, Government funded projects, projects included in the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) or entity established or incorporated for the execution of a specific project, scheme or venture; or

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(ii) services provided by any service provider operating as a franchise, branch, subsidiary, division, satellite office or any other constituent establishment of a person carrying on the same or substantially similar business in the settled areas of the Province or elsewhere in Pakistan, except private hospitals and medical diagnostic laboratories; or

(iii) services provided under any contract or arrangement in which the component of sales tax on services was included in the contract price, bid price or total consideration under any contract or arrangement entered into before the commencement of this Notification.

4. This Notification shall take effect from the 1st day of August, 2026 and shall remain in force till the 30th day of June, 2027, if not withdrawn earlier.

Clarification: for the removal of doubt, it is hereby clarified that every service provider, satisfying the conditions specified in paragraph-1 and engaged in the activities specified in paragraph-2, shall be entitled to the exemption under this Notification and shall not be liable to charge, collect or pay sales tax on the taxable services covered by this Notification.

No. KPRA/Admin/GN/2026/3638
dated September 01, 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (b) and (c) of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XIX of 2022), the Policy Board, with the approval of Government, hereby exempts every eligible industrial undertaking, established and carrying on commercial activities within the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA), from the payment of the whole of sales tax on taxable services, received by it, subject to the following conditions, namely:

(i) the industrial undertaking is physically situated and carrying on commercial activities within the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA);

(ii) the industrial undertaking is registered solely as a withholding agent under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 and is liable to deduct tax as a withholding agent under the aforesaid Act;

(iii) the taxable services are received exclusively for carrying on the commercial activities of such industrial undertaking;

(iv) the taxable services are physically rendered, performed and consumed within the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Area (ex-FATA and PATA):

Provided that no exemption shall be available in respect of any taxable service rendered or performed from outside the said areas, including transportation of goods, insurance services, security services or any other service which, by its nature, is not confined to the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA), or services provided through electronic, digital, virtual,

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online or any other remote means, notwithstanding that such services are received, consumed or utilized by the eligible industrial undertaking within the erstwhile Federal Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA); and

(v) the eligible industrial undertaking shall declare and disclose, complete particulars of all taxable services received, in the sales tax return or withholding statement, together with such records, information and documents as may be prescribed or specified by the Authority. Where the Authority is satisfied that any condition specified herein has not been fulfilled, or that any material fact has been concealed, mis-declared or incorrectly reported, the exemption shall stand withdrawn in respect of the relevant tax period and the tax so exempted shall become recoverable in accordance with the provisions of the Act, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under the Act.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this paragraph, "eligible industrial undertaking" or "industrial undertaking" means an independently owned and managed industrial unit established and carrying on industrial activities within the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (ex-FATA and PATA), engaged in manufacturing, mineral processing, agro-based, forestry and wood-based, engineering and farication industries as are engaged in the manufacture, production or processing of edible oil and ghee, flour, marble, granite, soapstone, chromite, limestone, gemstones, pharmaceuticals, furniture, dairy products, fruits, olives, spices, herbal products, steel re-rolling, steel or aluminium fabrication and engineering products, but does not include any undertaking operating as a franchise, branch, subsidiary, division, satellite unit or any other constituent establishment of a person having, directly or indirectly, another industrial undertaking engaged in the same or substantially similar industrial activities in the settled areas of the Province or elsewhere in Pakistan.

2. This Notification shall take effect from the 1st day of August, 2026 and shall remain in force till the 30th day of June, 2028, if not withdrawn earlier.

3. No eligible industrial undertaking shall be entitled to claim any refund or adjustment in respect of any amount of tax deducted and deposited into Government treasury before the commencement of this Notification.

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THE PUNJAB SALES TAX ON SERVICES ACT, 2012

(XLII of 2012)

[27th June, 2012]

An

Act

to provide for the levy of a tax on services provided, rendered, initiated, received, originated, executed or consumed in the Punjab.

Preamble.– Whereas it is expedient to provide for the levy of a tax on services provided, rendered, initiated, originated, executed, received or consumed in the Punjab and to deal with ancillary matters;

It is enacted as follows:

Chapter I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Punjab.

(3) This Act shall come into force on and from such date as the Government may, by a notification in the official Gazette, specify.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-section (3), the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify services or class or classes of services in respect of which tax shall be collected and paid with effect from the date subsequent to and different from the date of the commencement of this Act.

2. Definitions.–In this Act:

[1][(1) "active taxpayer" means a registered person who does not fall in any of the following:

(i) whose registration has been suspended or blacklisted by the Authority; and

(ii) who has failed to file the return by the due date for the last two consecutive tax periods;]

[1]Sub-section (1) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) "active taxpayer" means a registered person:

(i) whose registration has not been suspended or blacklisted by the Authority; and

(ii) who has filed his tax return for at least one of the preceding three consecutive tax periods;"

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[1][(1A)] "Additional Commissioner" means a person appointed as Additional Commissioner of the Authority;

[1][(1B)] "Appellate Tribunal" means the Appellate Tribunal established under Punjab Revenue Authority Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012);]

(2) "arrears", in relation to a person, shall mean, on any day, the tax due and payable by the person under the Act or the rules before that day but which has not yet been paid;

(3) "Assistant Commissioner" means a person appointed as an Assistant Commissioner of the Authority;

(4) "associates" or "associated persons" refer to:

(a) two persons, where the relationship between them is such that one may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of the other, or both persons may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of a third person but two persons shall not be associates solely by reason of the fact that one person is an employee of the other or both persons are employees of a third person;

(b) without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a) and subject to paragraph (c), the following persons shall always be treated as associates:

(i) an individual and a relative of that individual;

(ii) members of an association of persons;

(iii) a member of an association of persons and the association, where the member, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this section controls fifty per cent or more of the rights to income or capital of the association;

(iv) a shareholder in a company and the company, where the shareholder, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this section, controls either directly or through one or more interposed persons:

a. fifty per cent or more of the voting power in the company;

b. fifty per cent or more of the rights to dividends; or

c. fifty per cent or more of the rights to capital; and

[1]Sub-section (1) & (1A) renumbered as (1A) & (1B) respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021. Earlier sub-section (1) substituted & (1A) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) "Appellate Tribunal" means the Appellate Tribunal established under any law and notified by the Government as the Appellate Tribunal for purposes of the Act;"

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(v) two companies, where a person, either alone or together with an associate or associates under another application of this section, controls either directly or through one or more interposed persons:

a. fifty per cent or more of the voting power in both companies;

b. fifty per cent or more of the rights to dividends in both companies;

c. fifty per cent or more of the rights to capital in both companies; and

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(c) two persons shall not be associates under sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (b) where the Commissioner is satisfied that neither person may reasonably be expected to act in accordance with the intentions of the other.

Explanation.- The expression 'relative in relation to an individual' means:

(i) an ancestor, a descendant of any of the grandparents, or an adopted child of the individual or of a spouse of the individual; or

(ii) a spouse of the individual or of any person specified at (i);

(5) "association of persons" includes a firm, any artificial or juridical person and body of persons formed under a foreign law, but does not include a company;

(6) "Authority" means Punjab Revenue Authority established under [1][the Punjab Revenue Authority Act, 2012 (XLIII of 2012)];

(7) "banking company" means a banking company as defined in the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (LVII of 1962) and includes any body corporate which transacts the business of banking in the Punjab;

(8) "Commissioner" means a person appointed as Commissioner of the Authority;

(9) "Commissioner (Appeals)" means a person appointed as Commissioner (Appeals) of the Authority;

[2][(9A) "commission" includes any consideration in whatever form received or receivable directly or indirectly, by a person acting on behalf of another person for services rendered, not being professional services, in the course of buying or selling of goods or services or in relation to any transaction relating to any asset, valuable article or thing, not being securities;

(9B) "commission agent" means a person who acts for consideration on behalf of another person for sale or purchase of goods or provision or receipt of services, and includes any person who, while acting on behalf of another person:

(a) deals with goods, services or documents of title of such goods or services;

(b) collects payment in lieu of such goods or services;

(c) guarantees for collection or payment for such goods or services; or

[1]Substituted for "any law" by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Clauses (9A) & (9B) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

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(d) undertakes any activity relating to sale or purchase of such goods or provision or receipt of services.]

(10) "common taxpayer identification number" means the registration number or any other number or identification code allocated to a registered person;

(11) "company" means:

(a) a company as defined in the [1][Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017)];

(b) a body corporate formed by or under any law;

(c) a modaraba and any other Islamic financial institution;

(d) a body incorporated outside Pakistan;

(e) a trust, a co-operative society or a finance society or any other society established or constituted by or under any law; or

(f) a foreign association, whether incorporated or not, which the Authority has, by general or special order, declared to be a company for purposes of the Act;

(12) "computerized system" means any comprehensive information technology system, including its development, upgradation or updation, to be used by the Authority or any other office as may be notified by the Authority, for carrying out the purposes of the Act;

(13) "default surcharge" means the default surcharge levied under the Act;

(14) "defaulter" means a person and, in the case of company or firm, every director of the company or partner of the firm and includes guarantors or successors, who fail to pay the arrears of tax under the Act and the rules;

(15) "Deputy Commissioner" means a person appointed as a Deputy Commissioner of the Authority;

(16) "document" includes any electronic data, computer programmes, computer tapes, computer disks, micro-films or any other medium or mode for the storage or conveyance of such data;

(17) "due date" in relation to the furnishing of a return under Chapter VI means the 15th day of the month following the end of the tax period, or such other date as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify [2][and different dates may be so specified for furnishing different parts or annexures of the return];

[1]Substituted for "Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984)" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

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(18) "economic activity" shall have the meaning given to it in section 6;

(19) "e-intermediary" means a person appointed as e-intermediary under the Act;

(20) "exempt service" means a service which is exempt from the tax under section 12;

(21) "FBR" means the Federal Board of Revenue established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act, 2007;

(22) "financial year" means the period from 1st July of a year to 30th June of the following year;

(23) "firm" means the relation between persons who have agreed to share the profits of a business carried on by all or any of them acting for all;

(24) "goods" include every kind of movable property other than actionable claims, money, stocks, shares and securities but does not include a service defined under the Act;

(25) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;

(26) "inter-bank rate" means the Karachi inter-bank offered rate prevalent on the first day of each quarter of a financial year;

[1][(26A) "non-banking financial institution" includes a company licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan to carry out any one or more of the following forms of business:

(i) investment finance services;

(ii) leasing;

(iii) housing finance services;

(iv) venture capital investment;

(v) discounting services;

(vi) investment advisory services;

(vii) asset management services; and

(viii) any other form of business which the Federal Government may, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette specify;]

(27) "officer of the Authority" means any officer of the Authority;

(28) "open market price" shall have the meaning as given to it in section 8;

[1]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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(29) "person" means:

(a) an individual;

[1][(aa) an association of persons;]

(b) a company;

(c) Federal Government;

(d) a Provincial Government;

(e) a local authority or local government; or

(f) a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, or public international organization;

Explanation: The use of the word "he" in the Act shall be taken to refer to any or all mentioned from (a) to (f) as required in the context of the relevant provision;

(30) "place of business" means that a person:

(a) owns, rents, shares or in any other manner occupies a space in the Punjab from where he carries on an economic activity whether wholly or partially; or

[2][(b) carries on an economic activity, wholly or partially through any other person such as an agent, associate, franchise, branch, office, or otherwise in the Punjab or through virtual presence or website or a web portal or through any other form of e-Commerce by whatever name called or treated.]

(31) "prescribed" means prescribed by the rules [3][or the regulations made or framed under this Act];

(32) "registration number" means the number allocated to a registered person for purposes of the Act;

(33) "registered person" means a person who is registered or is liable to be registered under the Act but the person liable to be registered and has not registered shall not be entitled to any benefit available to a registered person under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules;

[3][(33A) "regulations" means the regulations framed under this Act;]

(34) "return" means any return required to be furnished under Chapter VI of the Act;

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[1]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[2]Substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(b) carries on an economic activity whether wholly or partially through any other person such as an agent, associate, franchise, branch, office, or otherwise in the Punjab but does not include a liaison office;"

[3]Inserted by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

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(35) "resident" means:

(a) an individual who, in a financial year, has:

(i) a place of business, whole or part thereof, in the Punjab in any mode, style or manner; or

(ii) his permanent address, as listed in the individual's national identity card, in the Punjab; or

(iii) a permanent representative to act on his behalf or to provide service on his behalf in the Punjab.

(b) an association of persons or a company which, in a financial year, has:

(i) its registered office in the Punjab; or

(ii) its place of business, whole or part thereof, in the Punjab in any mode, style or manner;

(iii) a permanent representative to act on its behalf or to provide service on its behalf in the Punjab; or

(iv) the control or management of the affairs of the association of persons is situated in the Punjab at any time during the financial year;

(36) "rules" means the rules made under the Act;

(37) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to the Act;

(38) "service" or "services" means anything which is not goods or providing of which is not a supply of goods and shall include but not limited to the services listed in First Schedule [1][or Second];

Explanation: A service shall remain and continue to be treated as service regardless whether or not rendering thereof involves any use, supply [2][, disposition] or consumption of any goods either as an essential or as an incidental aspect of such rendering;

(39) "short-paid" means where a registered person pays an amount of tax less than the tax due owing to miscalculation or incorrect assessment of the tax amount due for a tax period;

(40) "similar service" means any other service which is the same as, or closely resembles with, the other service in character, quality, quantity, functionality, materials, or reputation;

(41) "Special Judge" means a Special Judge appointed under section 42;

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[1][(41A) "Standard Rate" means sixteen percent;]

(42) "tax" means and includes:

(a) the tax, additional tax, or default surcharge levied under the Act;

(b) a fine, penalty or fee imposed or charged under the Act; and

(c) any other sum payable or recoverable under the Act or rules;

[2][(42A) "taxpayer" means any person who, in the course of an economic activity, provides taxable services for consideration;]

(43) "tax fraud" means knowingly, dishonestly or fraudulently and without any lawful excuse:

(a) doing of any act or causing to do any act; or

(b) omitting to take any action or causing the omission of any action, including providing of taxable services without being registered under the Act; or

(c) falsifying or causing falsification of tax invoices or other tax documents or records; or

(d) acting in contravention of the duties or obligations imposed under the Act or rules or instructions issued thereunder -- with the intention of understating or suppressing the tax liability or underpaying [3][or not paying] the tax liability;

(44) "tax period" means a period of one month or such other period as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify;

(45) "taxable service" shall have the meaning as given to it in section 3; and

(46) "value of a taxable service" shall have the meaning as given to it in section 7.

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[1]Clause (41A) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.

[2]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[3]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

3. Taxable service.– (1) Subject to [1][section 3A, all services are taxable under this Act, including but not limited to the services] listed in Second Schedule, which is provided by a person from his office or place of business in the Punjab in the course of an economic activity, including the commencement or termination of the activity.

Explanation: This subsection deals with services provided by a person regardless whether such services are provided to a resident person or a nonresident person.

(2) If a service [2][, including but not limited to the services] listed in Second Schedule is provided to a resident person by a non-resident person in the course of an economic activity, including the commencement or termination of the activity, it shall be treated as a taxable service.

Explanation: This subsection deals with services provided by a non-resident person to a resident person whether or not the end consumers, if any, of such services are identifiable for purposes of this Act or the rules.

(3) For purposes of subsection (2), where a person has a registered office or place of business in the Punjab and another outside the Punjab, the registered office or place of business in the Punjab and that outside the Punjab shall be treated as separate legal persons.

(4) The Authority may, with prior approval of the Government, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe rules for determining the conditions under which a particular service or class of service shall be considered to have been provided by a person from his registered office or place of business in the Punjab.

(5) For purposes of this Act and the rules, providing of service shall, where the context so requires, include rendering, supply, initiation, origination, execution, reception, consumption or termination of a service whether in whole or in part.

[3][ ]

[4][**3A. Tax-free services**.– Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and subject to any condition and to the extent specified therein; all services mentioned in the First Schedule shall be tax-free services under this Act.]

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[1]Substituted for "such exclusion as mentioned in Second Schedule, a taxable service is a service" by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

[3]S. 3(6) omitted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(6) The services mentioned in the First Schedule are not exhaustive and all the services mentioned in the Second Schedule, rules and circulars shall be taxable services."

[4]S. 3A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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4. Application of principles of origin and reverse charge in certain situations.– (1) Where a person is providing taxable services in a Province other than the Punjab but the recipient of such services is resident of the Punjab or is otherwise availing such services in the Punjab and has charged tax accordingly, the person providing such services shall pay the amount of tax so charged to the Government.

(2) Where the recipient of a taxable service is a person registered under the Act, he shall deduct the whole amount of tax in respect of the service received and pay the same with the Government.

(3) Where a person is providing taxable services in more than one Province or territory in Pakistan including the Punjab, such person shall be liable to pay tax to the Government to the extent the tax is charged from a person resident in the Punjab or from a person who is otherwise availing such services in the Punjab.

(4) Where rendering of a taxable service originates from the Punjab but terminates outside Pakistan, such person shall be required to pay tax on such service to the Government.

(5) Where a taxable service originates from outside Pakistan but is received or terminates in the Punjab, the recipient of such service shall be liable to pay the tax to the Government.

(6) The persons who are required to pay the tax to the Government in terms of subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) shall be liable to registration for purposes of this Act and the rules.

(7) All questions or disputes relating to the application of the principle of origin given in this section shall be resolved in terms of the already recorded understanding between the Federal Government and the Provincial Governments on the implementation of reformed General Sales Tax provided that pendency of any such question or dispute shall not absolve the concerned person from his obligation to deposit the tax.

(8) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the rules and the Government may specify special procedure to regulate the provisions of this section.

5. Amendment in [1][ ] **Schedule**.– (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make an amendment in [2][First or] Second Schedule by modifying, adding or deleting any entry or entries with reference to the classification, if any, description of any service or class of services and the rate or rates of tax chargeable on any service or class of services not exceeding the maximum rate prescribed in [2][Serial No. 1 of the Part-I of] Second Schedule.

[1]Word "Second" omitted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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(2) A notification issued under subsection (1) shall be effective from such date as may be specified in the notification but such date shall not be prior to the date on which the notification is published in the official Gazette.

(3) The Government shall at the time of presenting the Annual Budget Statement for the next financial year, lay before the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab all the notifications relating to the amendments in the [1][First or] Second Schedule during the current financial year.

6. Economic activity.– (1) An economic activity means any activity carried on whether continuously, regularly or otherwise by a person that involves or is intended to involve the provision of services to another person and includes:

(a) an activity carried on in the form of a business, including a profession, calling, trade, or undertaking of any kind, whether or not the activity is undertaken for any consideration or profit;

(b) the supply of movable [2][or immovable] property by way of lease, license or such similar arrangement; and

(c) a one-time transaction or concern in the nature of a business or trade.

(2) Anything done or undertaken during the commencement or termination of an economic activity shall be construed as part of the economic activity.

(3) An economic activity does not include:

(a) the activities of an employee providing services in that capacity to an employer; or

(b) a private recreational pursuit or hobby of an individual.

7. Value of a taxable service.– (1) The value of a taxable service is the [3][gross amount of] consideration (by whatever name called such as charges or price) in money including all the Federal and the Provincial duties, taxes or charges, if any, which the person providing a service receives from the recipient of the service but does not include the amount of the tax.

(2) In case the consideration for a service is in kind or is partly in kind and partly in money, the value of the service shall mean the open market price of the service as determined under section 6 excluding the amount of the tax.

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[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[2]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[3]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

(3) In case the person who provides the service and the recipient of the service are associated persons and the service is supplied for no consideration or for a consideration which is lower than the price at which the person provides the service to other persons who are not associated persons, the value of the service shall mean the price at which the service is provided to such other persons but does not include the tax.

(4) In case a person provides a service for no consideration or for a consideration which is lower than the price at which such a service is provided by such person, the value of the service shall mean the open market price for such a service.

(5) In case of trade discounts, the value of the service shall mean the discounted price, excluding the amount of the tax, provided the invoice shows that the discounted price and the related tax and the discount allowed is in conformity with customary business practice.

(6) In case there is reason to believe that the value of a service has not been correctly declared in the invoice or for any special nature of transaction it is difficult to ascertain the value of a service, the value of the service shall be the open market price.

(7) Notwithstanding anything in subsections (1) to (6), where the Authority deems it necessary, it may, by notification in the official Gazette, fix the value of any service or class of services and for that purpose fix different values for different classes or descriptions of the same or similar types of services but if the value at which the service is provided is higher than the value fixed by the Authority, the value of the service shall, unless otherwise directed by the Authority, be the value at which the service is provided.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section, the value of the utilities or facilities, if any, ancillary to providing of taxable services shall be included in the value of such services.

(8) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, issue valuation rules for any service or class of services for purposes of assessment or determination and payment of tax under this Act and prescribe threshold, parameters, standards, methods, formula, criteria or bases for the determination of value of any taxable service or class of taxable services and the assessment of the tax on any service or class of services.

8. Open market price.– (1) The open market price of a service is:

(a) the price, the service would fetch in an open market transaction freely entered into between persons who are not associated persons; or

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(b) if it is not possible to determine an amount under paragraph (a), the price a similar service would fetch in an open market transaction freely made between persons who are not associated persons, adjusted to take account of the differences between the similar service and the actual service,

(c) determined on the basis of the market conditions prevailing at the time and place at which the service is provided.

(2) If the open market price of a service cannot be determined under subsection (1), it may be determined by using any method or formula specified by the Authority for calculating an objective approximation of the price, the service would fetch in an open market transaction freely made between persons who are not associates.

9. Provision of services over a period of time.– (1) Where a service is provided over a period of time and payment for the same is made on a periodic basis, the service shall be treated as comprising two or more separate and distinct services each corresponding to the part of the service to which each separate part of the consideration relates.

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(a) Where services are provided for a two year period and payment is made on a semi-annual basis, the provision of services for each six month period constitutes a separate service.

(b) Where an insurance company provides an insurance policy over a five year period and receives a premium on an annual basis, each premium relates to a separate service.

Note: The above illustrations are merely explanatory and shall not be construed as conclusive in any manner whatsoever.

(2) This section does not apply to services for which payment is made on installments basis.

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Chapter II

Scope of Tax

10. Scope of tax and allied matters.– (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, there shall be charged, levied, collected and paid the tax on the value of a taxable service at the rate or rates specified in the Second Schedule.

(2) The Government may, on the recommendation of the Authority and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Government may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that in respect of any taxable service provided by a registered person or a class of registered persons, the tax shall be charged, levied and collected at such higher, lower, fixed or specific rate or rates as may be specified in the said notification.

(3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government and by notification in the official Gazette and subject to the conditions, restrictions, limitations or otherwise, fix the limit or threshold of annual turnover of any service or class of services provided by any person or class of persons below which such person or class of persons shall be exempt from payment of tax under the Act.

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[2][**10A. Option to charge tax at standard rate**.- (1) Where any service or class of services is chargeable at a reduced rate under [3][Part-III of] the Second Schedule, any person or class of persons providing such service or services may, with the permission of the Authority, opt to charge sales tax at the standard rate subject to such conditions, restrictions and limitations as may be specified by the Authority.

(2) The permission granted under subsection (1) shall be irrevocable except with the permission of the Authority.

(3) Where the Authority has reasons to believe that the taxpayer has misused the option, the Authority may withdraw the permission granted under subsection (1) at any time after affording an opportunity of being heard.]

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[1]S. 10(4) & (5) deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016. Earlier sub-section (5) was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before omission, it read as follows:-

"(4) A person required to pay tax under this Act shall be entitled to deduct from the payable amount, the amount of tax already paid by him on the receipt of taxable services used exclusively in connection with taxable services provided by such person subject to the condition that he holds a true and valid tax invoice not older than six tax periods, showing the amount of tax earlier charged and paid under the Act on the services so received but the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, disallow or restrict such deduction in case of any service or services as it may deem appropriate."

"(5) For purposes of subsection (4), the amount of tax entitled to be deducted shall not include any amount of additional tax, default surcharge, fine, penalty or fee imposed or charged under the Act."

[2]S. 10A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.

[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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11. Person liable to pay tax.– (1) Where a service is taxable by virtue of subsection (1) of section 3, the liability to pay the tax shall be on the registered person providing the service.

(2) Where a service is taxable by virtue of subsection (2) of section 3, the liability to pay the tax shall be on the person receiving the service.

(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify the service or services in respect of which the liability to pay tax shall be on any person, other than the person providing the taxable service, or the person receiving the taxable service.

(4) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the collection of tax from a different person if that person is made separately or jointly or severally liable for the tax under section 19.

[1][**11A.Liability of a registered person.**- Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 11, where a registered person receiving the taxable service fails to make payment of the tax to a service provider within one hundred and eighty days from the date of the tax invoice and such service provided has also not made the payment thereof within the prescribed due date, the person providing and the person receiving taxable service shall, jointly and severally, be liable for payment of such tax.

Explanation I: The tax shall include the total amount of the tax and also the tax as was liable to be withheld or deducted by service recipient as notified under section 14 of the Act.

Explanation II: The registered person shall include a person covered by the "withholding agent" as notified under section 14 of the Act.]

12. Exemptions.– (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3 and 10, the Authority may, with the approval of the Government and subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as it may impose, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt:

(a) taxable service or services from the whole or any part of the tax;

(b) taxable service or services provided by a person or class of persons from the whole or any part of the tax;

(c) recipient or recipients of service or services, including international organizations and institutions, from the payment of the whole or any part of the tax; and

(d) a class of persons, any area or areas of the Punjab from the whole or any part of the tax.

(2) The exemption under subsection (1) may be allowed from any previous date specified in the notification issued under subsection (1).

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[1]S. 11A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

13. Effect of change in the rate of tax.– If there is a change in the rate of tax, the taxable services shall be charged to tax at such rate as is in force at the time the service is provided.

14. Special procedure and tax withholding provisions.– (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe a special procedure for the payment of tax, registration, book keeping, invoicing or billing requirements, returns and other related matters in respect of any service or class of services, as may be specified.

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(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Authority may require any person or class of persons whether registered or not for the purpose of this Act to withhold full or part of the tax charged from such person or class of persons on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and to deposit the tax so withheld, with the Government within such time and in such manner as it may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

[1][*Explanation*: The word "charged" used in this subsection means and includes the tax liable to be charged under this Act or the rules made thereunder.]

[2][(3) Where a person or class of persons is required to withhold or deduct full or part of the tax on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and either fails to withhold or deduct the tax or having withheld or deducted the tax, fails to deposit the tax in the Government treasury, such person or class of persons shall be personally liable to pay the amount of tax to the Government in the prescribed manner.]

[3][**14A.Special procedure for collection of tax, etc.-** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, Authority may require any other person or class of persons, not necessarily being a service provider or service recipient in a particular transaction, to collect full or part of the tax charged from another person or class of persons on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and to deposit the tax so collected, in the Government treasury within such time and in such manner as the Authority may be notification in the official Gazette, specify.

(2) For purposes of sub-section (1), the special procedure prescribed for collection and payment of tax may also provide for registration, book keeping, invoicing or billing requirements, returns and other related matters in respect of any service or class of services, as may be specified.

(3) Where a person or class of persons is required to collect full or part of the tax on the provision of any taxable service or class of taxable services and either fails to collect the tax or having collected the tax, fails to deposit the tax in the Government treasury, such person or class of persons shall be personally liable to pay the amount of tax to the Government in the prescribed manner.]

15. Delegation of power to collect, administer and enforce tax on certain services.– (1) The Government may, in accordance with Article 147 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, authorize the Federal Board of Revenue or any other Federal agency or person to administer, collect and enforce the levy of tax on such taxable services as it may notify and in such mode and manner and for such period as may be prescribed and subject to such limitations, restrictions and conditions as it may deem appropriate.

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[1]Explanation inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[2]S. 14(3) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[3]S. 14A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

(2) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, authorize any Provincial agency, department, organization or person to administer, collect and enforce the levy of tax on such taxable services as it may notify in such mode and manner and for such period as it may prescribe and subject to such restrictions and conditions as it may impose.

(3) At the end of the period prescribed under subsection (1), the tax on taxable services notified under subsection (1) shall be administered, collected and enforced by the Authority in the same mode and manner as all other taxable services.

[1][**16. Deduction and adjustment of tax on inputs to the business**.- (1) A person required to pay tax under this Act shall be entitled to deduct from the payable amount, the amount of tax payable or already paid by him on the receipt of taxable services exclusively used in connection with the taxable services he provides, subject to the condition that he holds a true and valid tax invoice not older than six tax periods, showing the amount of tax charged under the Act on the services so received, but the Authority may disallow or subject to additional conditions may restrict such deduction in cases or with respect to taxable services or goods specified in section 16A or section 16B or the rules.

[2][(2) Subject to provisions of section 16A or section 16B or to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, the Authority may allow a registered person to claim adjustment, deduction, or refund in respect of the tax paid or payable under any other law in for any taxable service or goods or class of taxable service or goods used in connection with the provision of a taxable service by such person, [3][if he holds a valid tax invoice or declaration of import of goods not older than six tax periods bearing his name and National Tax Number].]

(3) For purposes of subsection (2), the Authority may adopt the principles or concepts laid down in such other law in respect of adjustments, deductions or refunds including zero-rating principle.

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[1]S. 16 substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016. Before substitution, it read as follows:-

"16. Adjustments.– (1) The Authority may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as it may specify, allow registered persons to claim adjustments or deductions, including refunds arising as a result thereof, in respect of the tax paid under any other law on any account in respect of any taxable service or goods or class of taxable services or goods provided by them.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1), the Authority may adopt the principles or concepts laid down in such other law in respect of adjustments, deductions or refunds including zero-rating principle.

(3) For the purpose of removal of any doubt it is clarified that no adjustment or deduction of any tax payable under any other law shall be claimed by any person except in the manner and to the extent specified in the notification issued under subsection (1)."

[2]Sub-section (2) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

[3]Substituted for "on his furnishing a tax invoice or declaration of import of goods in his name which bears his National Tax Number" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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[1][(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules made thereunder, the Authority, with the approval of the Government, may, by notification in the official Gazette and subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or class of persons to deduct such amount of input tax from the output tax as may be specified in the notification.]

[2][(5) For purposes of subsection (1) or subsection (2), the amount of tax to be deducted or adjusted shall not include any amount of additional tax, further tax, extra tax, default surcharge, fine, penalty or fee imposed or charged under this Act or any other law.]

[3][**16A. Certain transactions not admissible**.– (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, [4][payment of amounts of one or more transactions made to the same person in one tax period where the aggregate of such amounts exceeds fifty thousand rupees including the amount of sales tax but excluding any payments made on account of utilities], shall be made by a crossed cheque drawn on a bank or by crossed bank draft or crossed pay order or any other crossed banking instrument showing transfer of the amount of the sales tax invoice in favour of the service provider from the business bank account of the service recipient.

(2) Online transfer of payment from the business account of service recipient to the business account of service provider as well as payments through credit card shall be treated as transactions through the banking channel, subject to the condition that such transactions are verifiable from the bank statements of the respective service recipient and the service provider.

(3) The service recipient shall not be entitled to claim input tax credit, adjustment or deduction, or refund, repayment or zero-rating of tax under this Act if payment for the amount is made otherwise than in the manner prescribed in subsection (1), provided that payment in case of a transaction on credit is transferred within one hundred and eighty days of issuance of the tax invoice.

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[1]Sub-sections (2) & (4) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution, it read as follows:-

"(2) The Authority may, subject to section 16A or section 16B or to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, allow registered persons to claim adjustments or deductions, including refunds arising as a result thereof, in respect of the tax paid or payable under any other law in respect of any taxable service or goods or class of taxable services or goods used in connection with the taxable services such persons provide."

"(4) For purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount of tax to be deducted or adjusted shall not include any amount of additional tax, default surcharge, fine, penalty or fee imposed or charged under this Act or any other law."

[2]Sub-section (5) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

[3]Ss. 16A & 16B inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[4]Substituted for "payment of the tax amount for a transaction exceeding value of fifty thousand rupees" Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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(4) The amount transferred in terms of this section shall be deposited in the business bank account of the service provider; otherwise, the service provider shall not be entitled to claim input tax credit, adjustment or deduction, or refund, repayment or zero-rating of tax under this Act.

***Explanation*.-** For purposes of this section, the term "business bank account" means a bank account utilized by the registered person for business transactions, declared to the Authority in the prescribed manner.

[1][**16B. Tax credit not allowed**.– (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules, a registered person shall not be entitled to claim input tax adjustment in respect of:

(a) capital goods (plant, machinery, equipment and others) not exclusively useable or used in providing taxable services;

(b) goods and services already in use on which the tax is not paid, or, where paid, the input adjustment has been taken before the commencement of the Act or where the input related goods and services were purchased or acquired before such commencement;

(c) utility bills not in the name of registered person with reference to his registered premises unless evidence of consumption is produced in the matter of such claims;

(d) the tax claimed as input tax on services where such tax amount has not been deposited by the supplier or the service provider or where the evidence of such payment is not produced;

(e) carry forward of the input tax adjustment relating to the period prior to the commencement of the Act;

(f) goods and services received against false, fake, forged, flying, untrue, unreal or unrelated invoices or against purchases from the persons black listed or suspended by the Authority or by the Federal Board of Revenue or by any other Provincial authority;

[2][(ff) the goods and services received against invoices issued by the persons not appearing in the active taxpayers list of the Authority or FBR;]

(g) goods and services liable to a tax rate lesser than [2][fifteen] per cent of the charges or to a specific rate of tax not based on value when used for providing or rendering any service;

(h) goods and services used or consumed in a service liable to a rate of tax lesser than the [3][fifteen] per cent of the charges or to a specific rate of tax not based on value;

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[1]Ss. 16A & 16B inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[2]Clause (ff) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[3]Substituted for "sixteen" by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.

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(i) vehicles including three and two wheelers;

(j) food, beverages, garments, fabrics or others and consumption on entertainment, amusement, recreation or enjoyment;

(k) gift and giveaway;

(l) goods or services used or to be used for any purpose other than for taxable supplies made or to be made by him;

(m) goods and services acquired for personal or non-business consumption;

[1][(n) goods and services not related to the taxable supplies made or services rendered by the registered person;]

[2][(nn) tax free services including rendering and consumption of goods or services;]

(o) goods and services in respect of which input tax adjustment is barred under the respective federal and provincial sales tax law;

(p) sales tax paid to the Federal Government or any other Provincial Government for supply of goods or provision of services, if the sales tax law of the Federation or the Province concerned does not allow adjustment of tax paid under this Act;

(q) from the date to be notified by the Authority, such goods and services which, at the time of filing of return by the buyer, have not been declared by the supplier in his return;

(r) further tax, extra tax and value addition tax levied under the Sales Tax Act, 1990, and the rules or notifications issued thereunder;]

[3][(rr) an amount of sales tax paid on goods or services exceeding the following limits, in case of:

(i) telecommunication services, nineteen and a half percent *ad valorem*;

(ii) carriage of goods by rail or road, fifteen percent *ad valorem*; and

(iii) all other goods or services, sixteen percent *ad valorem*;]

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[1]Clause (n) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(n) goods and services not related to the taxable supplies made by the registered person;"

[2]Clause (nn) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

[3]Clause (rr) substituted by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(rr) amount of sales tax paid on:

(i) telecommunication services in excess of nineteen and a half percent ad valorem;

(ii) carriage of goods by rail or road in excess of fifteen percent ad valorem; and

(iii) other services in excess of sixteen percent ad valorem;"

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(s) goods used in, or permanently attached to, immoveable property, such as building and construction material, paints, electrical and sanitary fittings, pipes, wires, cables, glass products and furniture, furnishings, office equipment, excluding those directly used in the economic activity of registered persons paying sales tax at a rate of not less than sixteen per cent; and

(t) such goods or services as are notified or specified by the Authority to be inadmissible for input tax adjustment.

(2) No person other than a registered person shall make any deduction or reclaim input tax in respect of taxable services made or to be made by him.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or any decision of any court, for purposes of this section, no input tax credit shall be allowed to the persons who paid fixed tax under any provisions of this Act or under the respective federal or provincial sales tax law.]

[1][**16C. Extent of adjustment of input tax**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a registered person shall not be allowed to adjust input tax in a tax period in excess of [2][eighty] percent of the output tax for that tax period.

(2) The Authority may by notification in the official Gazette exclude any person or class of persons from the purview of sub-section (1).]

[3][**16CC. Adjustment of input tax on certain goods and services**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in section 16C and subject to section 16B, input tax on capital goods, machinery, and fixed assets shall be adjusted against output tax in twelve equal monthly instalments.]

[3][**16CCC. Input tax management through risk-based evaluation system**.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules, the Authority may establish, administer, and implement a risk-based evaluation system for the purpose of identifying, analyzing, evaluating, and monitoring the risks associated with the input tax claims, adjustments, credits, and refunds.

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[1]S. 16C substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"16C. Adjustment of input tax paid on certain goods and services.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the input tax paid on acquisition of such of the capital goods, machinery and fixed assets as are classified under section XVI, Chapters 84 and 85 of the First Schedule of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) shall be adjustable against the output tax in twelve equal monthly instalments."

[2]Substituted for "ninety" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026. Earlier it was substituted for "eighty" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

[3]Ss. 16CC & 16CCC inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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(2) The Authority may, on the basis of risk parameters, data analytics, or any other relevant information, establish and maintain a risk register for the categorization and profiling of taxpayers, suppliers, transactions, or classes thereof, for the purposes of risk assessment, compliance monitoring, and enforcement under this Act.

(3) Where any input tax claim or adjustment is identified as carrying risk, the Authority may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing and subject to such procedure as may be prescribed:

(a) defer the admissibility of such claim pending for verification; or

(b) disallow input tax credit or adjustment, in whole or in part; or

(c) require the registered person to furnish additional information or evidence; or

(d) select the case for audit or investigation.

(4) All input tax claims, credits, adjustments, or refunds shall be subject to verification, evaluation, and determination through the risk management system established by the Authority under this Act.

(5) No adverse action under this section shall be taken without providing an opportunity of being heard to the person to be affected thereby.

(6) The person, aggrieved by the action taken under this section, may contest such action by filing application along with relevant documents before the Commissioner concerned, who shall decide such application within thirty days.

(7) The Authority may prescribe the manner of operation, risk parameters, safeguards, and governance framework of the risk management system.]

[2][**16D. Refunds**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and subject to the conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, the Authority or any officer authorized by the Authority, may allow a registered person refund of the tax claimed to have been paid through inadvertence, error or misconstruction.]

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[1]Ss. 16CC & 16CCC inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[2]S. 16D inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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Chapter III

Payment and Collection of Tax on Taxable Services

17. Collection of excess tax.– (1) Any person who has collected or collects the tax or charge, whether under misapprehension of any provision of this Act or otherwise, which was not payable as tax or charge or which was in excess of the tax or charge actually payable and the incidence of which had been passed on to the person to whom the service was provided, shall pay the amount of tax or charge so collected to the Government.

(2) Any amount payable to the Government under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be an arrear payable under the Act and shall be recovered accordingly.

(3) The burden of proof that the incidence of tax or charge referred to in subsection (1) has been or has not been passed to the person to whom the service is provided shall be on the person collecting the tax or charge.

18. Time, manner and mode of payment.– [1][(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, tax in respect of a taxable service provided during a tax period shall be paid by a person at the time of filing the return in respect of that period under Chapter VI.]

(2) For purposes of subsection (1), a taxable service shall be considered to have been provided in the tax period during which:

(a) it was provided to the recipient;

(b) an invoice for the value of the taxable service was issued or was due to be issued or sent or due to be sent to the recipient; or

(c) consideration for the same was received-,

whichever is earlier.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), the Authority may, by a notification in the official Gazette, direct that the tax in respect of any taxable service or such class of taxable services shall be charged, collected and paid in any other way, mode, manner or time as may be specified in the notification.

(4) The tax due on taxable services shall be paid by any of the following modes:

(a) through deposit in a bank designated by the Authority; or

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[1]Sub-section (1) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) The tax in respect of a taxable service provided during a tax period shall be paid by a person at the time of filing the return in respect of that period under Chapter VI."

(b) through such other mode and manner as may be specified by the Authority.

19. Joint and several liability of registered persons where tax unpaid.– (1) Where a registered person receiving a taxable service from another registered person is in the knowledge of or has reasonable grounds to suspect that some or all of the tax payable in respect of that taxable service provided would go unpaid as against the requirements of this Act, such person as well as the person providing the taxable service shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of such unpaid amount of the tax.

(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt any person, service or transaction or class of persons, services or transactions from the provision of subsection (1).

20. Sales of taxable activity or transfer of ownership.– (1) Where the ownership of any business providing taxable services is sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of as an ongoing concern or activity, the fact of such sale, transfer or other disposition shall be intimated to the Commissioner within one month of the occurrence of such fact by the former owner.

(2) The tax chargeable on the taxable services provided in the business referred to in subsection (1) shall be accounted for and paid by the person to whom sale or other disposition of such business is made or ownership thereof is transferred and every such person shall be liable to registration under this Act.

21. Estate of deceased person.– The tax liability of a deceased registered person under this Act shall be the first charge on his estate in the hands of his successors.

22. Estate in bankruptcy.– (1) Where a registered person is declared bankrupt, the tax liability under this Act shall pass on to the estate in bankruptcy if it continues to operate the business.

(2) Where the tax liability is incurred by an estate in bankruptcy, the tax shall be deemed to be a current expenditure in the operations of the estate in bankruptcy and shall be paid before the claims of all other creditors are settled.

23. Liability for payment of tax in case of private companies or business enterprises.– Where any private company or business enterprise is wound up and any tax chargeable on or payable by the company or business enterprise, whether before, or in the course, or after its liquidation, in respect of any tax period cannot be recovered from the company or business enterprise, every person who was an owner of, or partner in, or director of the company or business enterprise during the relevant period shall, jointly and severally with such persons be liable for payment of such tax.

24. Assessment of tax.– (1) Where on the basis of any information acquired during an audit, inquiry, inspection or otherwise, an officer of the Authority is of the opinion that a registered person has not paid the tax due on taxable services provided by him or has made short payment, the officer shall make an assessment of the tax actually payable by that person and shall impose a penalty and charge default surcharge in accordance with sections 48 and 49.

(2) No order under subsection (1) shall be made unless a notice to show cause is given to the person in default within [1][eight] years from the conclusion of the tax period to which the assessment relates [2][for tax periods ending before 1st of July 2022, and within five years from the end of the financial year in which the tax period to which the assessment relates falls for tax periods ending on or after 1st July 2022] specifying the grounds on which it is intended to proceed against him and the said officer shall take into consideration the representation made by such person and provide him with an opportunity of being heard if the person so desires.

[3][(3) An order under subsection (1) shall be made within one year from the end of the financial year in which the show cause notice is issued.]

(4) In computing the period specified in subsection (3), any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 69 [4][ ] shall be excluded.

(5) An order passed by an officer under subsection (1) may be further amended as may be necessary when on the basis of any additional information acquired during an audit, inquiry, inspection or otherwise, the officer is satisfied that:

(a) any tax has been under-assessed or assessed at a low rate; or

(b) any taxable service provided by the person has escaped assessment.

(6) The provisions of subsections (2), (3) and (4) shall be applicable to an order passed under subsection (5).

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[1]Substituted for "five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

[3]Sub-section (3) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(3) An order under subsection (1) shall be made within one hundred and twenty days of issuance of the show cause notice or within such extended period as the officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix provided that such extended period shall ordinarily not exceed sixty days."

[4]Words "or the time taken through adjournments by the person" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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[1][**24A**. **Determination of minimum tax liability**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in section 24, where a registered person fails to file a return, an officer of the Authority, shall, subject to such conditions as specified by the Authority, determine the minimum tax liability of the registered person.]

[1]S. 24A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2018.

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Chapter IV

Registration

25. Registration.– (1) A person shall register under this Act, who:

(a) provides any taxable service from his office or place of business in the Punjab; or

(b) is otherwise required to be registered under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules; or

(c) fulfills any other criteria or requirements which the Authority may prescribe under subsection (2).

(2) The registration under this section will be regulated in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe.

(3) A person who receives a service, which is a taxable service by virtue of subsection (2) of section 3, and is not a registered person shall be deemed to be a registered person for the purposes of the tax period in which:

(a) such person receives the service;

(b) an invoice for the value of the service is issued or sent to or received by the person; or

(c) consideration for the service is paid by the person-

whichever is earlier and all the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be applicable to such person for that particular tax period and any matters relating to, arising out of, or concerning that tax period as if that person had provided the service.

(4) The Authority may publish on its website a list of persons registered under this Act.

(5) It shall be reasonable for a person to believe that another person is registered under this Act if that other person is on the list placed on the website of the Authority.

[1][*Explanation*.- Unless otherwise specified, no person shall be absolved of any tax liability for want of registration under this Act or the rules.]

26. Voluntary registration.– (1) A person who carries on an economic activity but is not required to be registered may apply for voluntary registration at any time.

(2) If a person who is not required to be registered applies for voluntary registration, the Authority may register the person if the Authority is satisfied that:

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[1]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

(a) the person is providing, or shall provide a service that is taxable service if the person was registered;

(b) the person has a place of business at which he carries on an economic activity;

(c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person shall keep proper records and file regular returns as prescribed under this Act and the rules; and

(d) if the person has commenced carrying on an economic activity, the person has:

(i) kept proper records in relation to his economic activity; and

(ii) complied with his obligations under other applicable taxation laws.

27. Compulsory registration.– (1) If the Authority is satisfied that a person who is required to be registered and has not applied for registration, the [1][Commissioner] shall register the person and shall, not later than fifteen days before the day on which the registration takes effect, notify the person of the registration, the day on which it takes effect, and the registration number issued to the person.

(2) No person shall be registered compulsorily without being given an advance notice and an opportunity of being heard in such manner as the [1][Commissioner] may specify.

[2][(3) [3][The Commissioner may, by an order in writing], authorize any other officer to perform any of the functions under this section relating to compulsory registration of a person for any of the taxable services.]

28. Suspension of registration.– (1) Subject to subsection (3), the [4][Commissioner] may temporarily inactivate the registration of a person if [5][he] is satisfied that the person:

(a) is not entitled to be registered; or

(b) has failed to comply with obligations under this Act or the rules.

(2) The [4][Commissioner] shall give notice to a registered person stating the reasons for temporary inactivation of the person's registration and the remedial actions required to be taken by the person in such time as may be specified in the notice.

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[1]Substituted for "Authority" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

[2]Sub-section (3) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, authorize any officer to perform any of the functions under this section relating to compulsory registration of a person for any of the taxable services."

[3]Substituted for "The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

[4]Substituted for "Authority" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

[5]Substituted for "it" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

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(3) In case the [1][Commissioner] is not satisfied with the response of the person or the remedial action taken by him or does not receive any response in the specified time, the [1][Commissioner] may suspend that person's registration.

(4) The suspension of registration shall be effected by removing the name of the person from the list of registered persons published on the Authority's website.

(5) At any time within a period of sixty days of suspension, the [1][Commissioner] may withdraw the suspension if [2][he] is satisfied with the remedial actions taken by the person.

(6) Where, after sixty days, the suspension has not been withdrawn, the [1][Commissioner] may:

(a) institute proceedings against the person in respect of the alleged non-compliance under this Act;

(b) reinstate the person's registration; or

(c) if neither of the actions in clauses (a) and (b) is done, cancel the person's registration.

(7) No registration shall be cancelled unless the [1][Commissioner] either through enquiry, investigation or audit is satisfied that circumstances exist necessitating such cancellation and under no circumstances, the cancellation of registration shall absolve the person of his other obligations and liabilities under the Act or the rules.

29. De-registration.– (1) The [3][Commissioner] may de-register a registered person or such class of registered persons not required to be registered under this Act.

(2) Where any person registered under this Act believes that he does not satisfy the requirements for registration specified in section 25, he may make an application to the [3][Commissioner] to be de-registered.

(3) If upon receiving such an application, the [3][Commissioner] is satisfied that the person is not required to be registered under this Act and has fulfilled the obligations under the Act, it shall de-register such person.

(4) Where the [3][Commissioner] receives an application under subsection (2), it shall dispose of the application within a period of three months from the date of the receipt of the application, or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the [3][Commissioner] may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix.

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[1]Substituted for "Authority" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.
[2]Substituted for "it" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.
[3]Substituted for "Authority" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[1][**29A. Restoration of registrations**.– The Authority may, subject to conditions as may be prescribed, reactivate, revive, reinstate or restore any registration which has been de-activated, suspended or cancelled for any reason or under any circumstances.]

[1]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

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Chapter V

Book Keeping and Audit Proceedings

30. Issuance of tax invoices.– (1) A registered person providing a taxable service shall issue a numbered and dated tax invoice containing the following particulars:

(a) name, address and registration number of the service provider;

(b) name, address and registration number, if any, of the service recipient;

(c) description of service or services;

(d) value exclusive of the tax;

(e) amount of the tax; and

(f) value inclusive of the tax.

[1][(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify a format of invoices to be issued by a registered person or a class of registered persons and prescribe a procedure for authentication of such invoices.

(3) The Authority or an officer authorized by the Authority in this behalf, may require a registered person or a class of registered persons to issue invoices electronically in such manner as may be prescribed, and to transmit such invoices to the Authority, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may specify by notification in the official Gazette.]

31. Records.– (1) A registered person providing taxable service [2][or a person required to pay tax under this Act or rules] shall maintain and keep at his business premises or registered office in English or Urdu the following records of taxable service (including [3][exempt or tax free services]) provided by him or by his agent acting on his behalf in such form and manner as would permit ready ascertainment of his tax liability during a tax period:

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[1]Sub-sections (2) & (3) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution, these read as follows:-

"(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify such modified invoices for different services or persons and prescribe the manner and procedure for regulating the issuance and authentication of tax invoices.

(3) A registered person providing a taxable service may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify, issue invoices to another registered person or other recipient of taxable service electronically and transmit images or statements of such invoices to the Authority as well as to the Commissioner, as may be specified."

[2]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Substituted for "exempt service" by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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[1][(a) record of services provided, including [2][exempt or tax free services], indicating the description, quantity and value of service, name, registration number and address of the person to whom services were rendered and the amount of tax charged;

(b) record of goods and [2][exempt or tax free services] received, including exempt goods and services, indicating description, quantity and value of goods and services, name, address and registration number of the service provider or supplier of goods and the amount of the tax charged;

(c) record of goods imported indicating the description, quantity and value of goods and the amount of tax paid on imports;

(d) double entry accounts;

(e) bank statements and banking instruments;

(f) inventory records, utility bills, salary and labor bills, rent deeds and agreements;

(g) record required to be maintained and the declarations filed under any other law for the time being in force; and

(h) such other record as may be specified by the Authority.]

(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require a registered person or class of registered persons to declare and use as many number of business bank accounts as may be specified by the Authority in such notification to make or receive payments on account of providing [2][or receiving] services for the purpose of this Act and the rules and to make payment of due tax from such accounts.

(3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify that any person or class of persons registered under this Act shall use such electronic fiscal cash registers in such manner as are approved by the Authority.

[3][(3a) The officer authorized under subsection (1) may conduct audit proceedings electronically through video links or any other facility as may be notified by the Authority.]

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[1]Clauses (a) to (c) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution, these read as follows:-

"(a) records of taxable service provided indicating:
  (i) the description and type of service;
  (ii) the value of the service;
  (iii) the particulars of the person to whom the service was provided; and
  (iv) any other information as may be specified by the Authority;
(b) records of exempt service; and
(c) such other records as may be specified by the Authority."

[2]Substituted for "exempt services" & "services" respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.
[2]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[3]Sub-section (3a) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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(4) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe the procedure or software for electronic invoicing or billing, maintenance of records, filing of tax returns and for any other matter or approve any software for electronic invoicing or billing, maintenance of records and filing of returns by a registered person or class of such persons under this Act.

(5) The registered persons, whose accounts are subject to audit under the [1][Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017)], shall be required to submit a copy of the annual audited accounts, along with a certificate by the auditors certifying the payment of the tax due and any deficiency in the tax paid by the registered person.

32. Retention and production of records and documents.– (1) A person, who is required to maintain any record or documents under this Act, shall retain the record and documents for a period of [2][eight] years after the end of the tax period to which such record or documents relate [3][for tax periods before July 2022, and six years from the end of the financial year to which such record or documents relate for tax periods after 1st July 2022] or till the final decision in any proceedings including proceedings for assessment, appeal, revision, reference or petition, whichever is later.

(2) A person who is required to maintain any record or documents under this Act or any other law shall, as and when required by an officer not below the rank of the [4][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer], produce records or documents which are in his possession or control or in the possession or control of his agent, and where such records or documents have been stored as electronic data, he shall allow to such officer full and free access to, and use of, such data of any machine.

33. Audit proceedings.– (1) An officer authorized by the Authority or the Commissioner may, on the basis of the return or returns submitted by a registered person or the records maintained [5][or obtained] under this Act and the rules, conduct an audit of such person.

(2) In case the Authority or the Commissioner has any information showing that any registered person is involved in tax fraud or evasion of tax, it or as the case may be, he may authorize an officer not below the rank of the [4][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer], to conduct an inquiry or investigation, which may or may not be in addition to any audit carried out for the same period.

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[1]Substituted for "Companies Ordinance, 184 (XLVII of 1984)" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[2]Substituted for "six" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018. Earlier it was Substituted for "five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[4]Substituted for "Assistant Commissioner" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.
[5]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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(3) Where the officer is to conduct an audit under subsection (1), he shall issue a notice of audit to the person informing him of the audit proceedings and direct him to produce any records or documents which such officer may require for conducting the audit.

(4) The officer shall conduct audit and issue an audit observation or observations pointing out the contraventions of this Act or the rules and the amount of the tax evaded or short paid, and the registered person may, within a period of twenty one days of the receipt of the audit observation, submit his reply in writing.

(5) If no reply is received within the specified time or the reply furnished by the registered person is found unsatisfactory, the officer shall issue an audit report specifying the amount of the tax or charge that has not been levied or has been short levied or any other violation of any provision of the Act or the rules.

(6) After completion of the audit under this section or any other provision of this Act or the rules, an officer having pecuniary jurisdiction in terms of section 60 shall, if required, pass an order determining the correct amount of payable tax, charging default surcharge and imposing a penalty.

(7) Notwithstanding the penalties prescribed in section 48:

(a) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of the tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge voluntarily, whenever it comes to his notice, he may, before receipt of notice of audit, file a revised return and may deposit the amount of tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge, in which case no penalty shall be recovered from him;

(b) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of the tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge during the audit, or at any time before issuance of show cause notice in lieu of the audit report, he may file a revised return and may deposit the short paid or evaded amount of the tax, default surcharge under section 49 and twenty per cent of the penalty payable under section 48, in which case the show cause notice in lieu of the audit report shall not be issued in the matter;

(c) if a registered person wishes to deposit the amount of tax short paid or evaded along with default surcharge after issuance of show cause notice, he may file a revised return and may deposit the short paid or evaded amount of the tax, default surcharge under section 49, and fifty per cent of the penalty payable under section 48 and, thereafter, the show cause notice shall abate.

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34. Special audit by chartered accountants or cost accountants.– [1][(1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint a Chartered Accountant as defined under Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961) or a firm of Chartered Accountants or a Cost and Management Accountant within the meaning of the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966), or a firm of Cost and Management Accountants or a person or a firm having expertise in forensic audit, for conducting a special audit or forensic audit or both of the records of any registered person.]

(2) Notwithstanding that the records of a registered person have been audited by an officer appointed under section 39, the Authority or a Commissioner may direct an auditor appointed under subsection (1) to audit the records of any registered person for the same period.

(3) An auditor appointed under subsection (1), shall have such powers of an officer as may be conferred by the Authority to such auditor under any of the provisions of this Act or the rules.

[2][(3A) The Authority may require that such officers of the Authority as the Authority may nominate, shall be associated in the special audit or the forensic audit conducted under subsection (1) and the Authority may also get the special audit or the forensic audit conducted jointly with similar audit of a registered person being conducted by FBR or any other provincial administrations of sales tax on services.]

(4) For purposes of this section or section 33, the audit of records includes audit of the tax affairs of the registered person under this Act and the rules.

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[1]Sub-section (1) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint a Chartered Accountant as defined under Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961) or a firm of Chartered Accountants or a Cost and Management Accountant within the meaning of the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966) or a firm of Cost and Management Accountants, for conducting a special audit of the records of any registered person."

[2]Sub-section (3A) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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Chapter VI

Returns

35. Return.– [1][(1) Every registered person shall furnish to the Authority, not later than the due date, a true, correct and properly filled-up return in the form notified by the Authority, indicating the tax due and paid during a tax period and such other information or particulars as may be notified by the Authority.]

[2][(1A) A statement, in the prescribed manner, filed by a person who is only obliged to withhold or deduct tax, shall be treated as a return of that person, provided that such a statement shall not be a substitute for the return required to be filed by a person providing taxable services.]

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require any registered person or class of registered persons to submit returns on a quarterly, six monthly or annual basis in lieu of monthly return.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require any registered person to submit such returns, as may be prescribed, on any period basis in addition to other returns required to be filed by such person.

(4) A return filed electronically on the web or any magnetic media or any other computer readable media as may be specified by the Authority shall be deemed to be a return for the purpose of subsections (1), (2) or (3) and the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe the criteria for eligibility of the data of such returns and e-intermediaries who shall digitize the data of such returns and transmit the same electronically under their digital signatures.

(5) If there is a change in the rate of the tax during a tax period, a separate return in respect of each portion of tax period showing the application of different rates of tax shall be furnished.

(6) [3][Subject to rules, a registered person may], after prior permission from the Commissioner, file a revised return within one hundred and twenty days of filing a return under subsections (1), (2) or (3), to correct any omission or wrong declaration made therein and to deposit any amount of the tax not paid or short paid.

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[1]Sub-section (1) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"[(1) Every registered person shall furnish, not later than the due date, a true, correct and properly filled-up return in the prescribed form to [1][ ] the Authority, indicating the tax due and paid during a tax period and such other information or particulars as may be prescribed by the Authority."

[1]Words "a designated bank or any other office specified by" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

[2]Sub-section (1A) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[3]Substituted for "A registered person may" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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36. Special returns.– In addition to the return or returns specified under section 35, the Commissioner may require any person, whether registered or not, to furnish a return (whether on his own behalf or as an agent or trustee) in a prescribed form and such person shall furnish the return not later than the date specified in this regard.

37. Final return.– If a person applies for de-registration in terms of section 29, he shall before such de-registration, furnish a final return to the Authority or the Commissioner in the specified form in such manner and at such time as may be directed by the Authority or the Commissioner.

38. Return deemed to have been made.– A return purporting to be made on behalf of a person by his duly appointed representative or agent shall, for all purposes of this Act or the rules, be deemed to have been made by such person or under his authority unless proved to the contrary.

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Chapter VII

Appointment of Authorities and Their Powers

39. Appointment of authorities.– (1) For purposes of this Act and the rules, the Authority may, [1][ ] by notification [1][ ], appoint in relation to any area or cases specified in the notification, any person to be a:

(a) Commissioner;

(b) Commissioner (Appeals);

(c) Additional Commissioner [2][ ];

(d) Deputy Commissioner;

(e) Assistant Commissioner;

(f) Audit Officer [2][ ];

[3][(ff) Audit-cum-Risk Compliance Officer;]

[4][(fff) Enforcement Officer [2][ ];]

(g) Inspector [2][ ]; or

(h) An officer of the Authority with any other designation.

(2) The Commissioner (Appeals) and the Commissioner shall be subordinate to the Authority.

(3) The Additional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners shall be subordinate to the Commissioner and unless otherwise directed by the Authority or the Commissioner, both the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner shall also be subordinate to the Additional Commissioner.

[5][(4) Risk Compliance Officers, Enforcement Officers, Audit Officers, Inspectors and other officers of equal or lower designations, if any, shall be subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner or, as the case may be, to the Assistant Commissioner or as the Authority may, from time to time, specify.]

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[1]Words for "in the prescribed manner and" & "in the official Gazette" respectively deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2024 w.e.f. 1 July 2024, shall be omitted and deemed to be so omitted with effect from1st July 2024.

[2]Words "of the Authority" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[3]Clause (ff) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(ff) Risk Compliance Officer of the Authority;"

[4]Clauses (ff) & (fff) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

[5]Sub-section (4) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution, it read as follows:-

"(4) The Audit Officers and Inspectors and the officers of other such equal or lower designations, if any, shall be subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner or to the Assistant Commissioner."

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(5) The Authority may designate any Deputy Commissioner supervisory incharge of any Assistant Commissioner either by name or by designation in any of its subordinate offices or formations.

(6) The Authority may distribute the work and related functions amongst the above designations in a manner it deems appropriate and make changes in such work distribution as and when deemed proper.

(7) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe uniform including shoulder strips and badges for different classes of the officers or officials of the Authority.

(8) All jurisdictional and competency issues arising under this Act or the rules shall be decided by the Authority in such manner as it thinks fit.

40. Powers.– (1) An officer appointed under section 39 shall exercise such powers and discharge such duties as are conferred on him under this Act and the rules and he shall also be empowered and competent to exercise all powers and discharge all duties or functions conferred upon any officer subordinate to him.

(2) The Authority may, by general or special order, impose such limitations, restrictions or conditions on the exercise of such powers and discharge of such duties or functions as it deems fit.

41. Distribution of powers.– (1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, and subject to such limitations or conditions, empower by name or by designation:

(a) an Additional Commissioner to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of a Commissioner;

(b) a Deputy Commissioner to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of an Additional Commissioner;

(c) an Assistant Commissioner to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of a Deputy Commissioner; and

(d) any other officer to exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of an Assistant Commissioner.

(2) The Authority may confer powers and functions of any officer as additional duties to any officer of the same rank or a step senior or junior in rank.

(3) An officer to whom any powers or functions are conferred under this section shall not assign such powers or functions to any other officer except with the prior permission of the Authority.

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42. Special Judges.– (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint any person who is serving or has served as District and Sessions Judge for a period of at least five years as Special Judge and, where it appoints more than one Special Judge, it shall specify in the notification the headquarters of each Special Judge and the territorial limits within which he shall exercise jurisdiction under this Act and the rules.

(2) If a Special Judge is, for any reasons, unable to perform his duties under this Act or the rules, the District and Sessions Judge of the District shall perform the duties of the Special Judge for the District.

43. Cognizance of offence.– (1) The Special Judge may, within the limits of his jurisdiction, take cognizance of any offence punishable by him upon:

(a) a report in writing made by an officer, not below the rank of [1][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer] with the approval of the Commissioner or by an officer especially authorized in this behalf by the Authority;

(b) receiving a complaint or information of facts constituting such offence made or communicated by any person; or

(c) his knowledge acquired during any proceedings before him.

(2) If the Special Judge receives a report under clause (a) of subsection (1), the Special Judge shall proceed with the trial of the accused.

(3) If the Special Judge receives a complaint or information under clause (b) of subsection (1), on the basis of his own knowledge, the Special Judge shall, before issuing a summon or warrant for appearance of the person hold a preliminary inquiry for purposes of ascertaining the truth or falsehood of the complaint, information or knowledge or direct any Magistrate or any officer to hold such inquiry and submit a report, and such Magistrate or officer, shall conduct such inquiry and make a report accordingly.

(4) If, after conducting such an inquiry or after considering the report of such Magistrate or officer, the Special Judge may dismiss the complaint if there are no grounds to proceed further, or may decide to proceed against the person in accordance with law.

(5) A Special Judge or a Magistrate or an officer holding an inquiry under subsection (3) may hold such inquiry, as nearly as possible, in accordance with the provisions of section 202 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

[1]Substituted for "Assistant Commissioner" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

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44. Application of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.– (1) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to all proceedings of the court of a Special Judge and such court shall be deemed to be a Court of Session for the purposes of the said Code and the provisions of Chapter XXII-A of the Code, so far as applicable and with necessary modifications, shall apply to the trial of cases by the Special Judge under the Act.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1), the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) shall have effect as if an offence punishable under this Act was one of the offences referred to in subsection (1) of section 337 of the Code.

45. Exclusive jurisdiction of Special Judge.– No court other than the Special Judge having jurisdiction, shall try an offence punishable by the Special Judge under this Act.

46. Place of sitting.– A Special Judge shall ordinarily hold sittings at his headquarters provided that keeping in view the general convenience of the parties or the witnesses, he may hold sittings at any other place.

47. Persons who may conduct prosecution.– (1) An officer not below the rank of an [1][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer] shall be competent to conduct prosecution before a Special Judge for and on behalf of the Government.

(2) A prosecution conducted under this Act before the Special Judge may only be withdrawn by the Authority on the direction or after concurrence of the Government.

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[1]Substituted for "Assistant Commissioner" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

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Chapter VIII

Offences and Penalties

48. Offences and penalties.– (1) If a person commits any offence described in column 2 of the Table below shall, in addition to and not in derogation of any punishment to which he may be liable under any other law, be liable to the penalty mentioned against that offence in column 3.

(2) The sections referred to in column 4 of the said Table shall be deemed to be meant for illustrative purposes only and the corresponding offence described in column 2 may fall and be prosecuted under other sections of this Act as well.

TABLE

S. No.	Offences	Penalties	Section
1.	Any person who is required to apply for registration under this Act fails to make an application for registration before providing any taxable services	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [1][fifty thousand] rupees or five per cent of the amount of the tax he would have been liable to pay had he been registered, whichever is higher. In the case of non- compliance of compulsory registration, the minimum penalty [2][for a company shall be one hundred thousand rupees and for a person, other than a company, shall be fifty thousand rupees]: If such person who is required to get himself registered under this Act, fails to get registered within ninety days of providing taxable services, he shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to the amount of the tax he would have been liable to pay had he been registered, or with both.	[3][25 and 27]

[1]Substituted for "ten thousand" by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Substituted for "shell be ten thousand rupees" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[3]Substituted for "25" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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2.	Where any person fails to furnish a return within the due date.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [1][ten] thousand rupees provided [2][further] if a return is not filed within fifteen days of the due date, a penalty of [1][two hundred] rupees for each day of default shall be levied.	35
3.	Where any person fails to deposit the amount of the tax due or any part thereof in the time or manner laid down under this Act or the rules.	(a) Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees or five per cent of the tax payable for that period, whichever is higher [3][:] [3][Provided that if the amount of tax or any part thereof is paid within ten days from the due date, the defaulter shall pay a penalty of five hundred rupees for each day of default.] (b) If the amount of the tax due is not paid even after the expiry of a period of sixty days of issuance of the notice for such payment by an officer, not below the rank of [4][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer], the person shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to the amount of the unpaid tax, or with both. (c) No penalty shall be levied if any miscalculation is made for the first time during a year.	3, 4, 10, 11, 17,18 and 68
4.	Any person who fails to maintain records required under the Act or the rules.	[5][Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty which may range from ten thousand rupees to one hundred thousand rupees or five percent of the total tax payable	30, 31 and 32

[1]Substituted for "five" & "hundred" respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[2]Word inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[3]Colon substituted for full stop and proviso inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[4]Substituted for "Assistant Commissioner" by Punjab Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.
[5]Substituted for "Such person shall pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees or five per cent of the total tax payable for the tax period for which he has failed to maintain the required record, whichever is higher." by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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		for the period for which he has failed to maintain the required record, whichever is higher.]	
[1][5.	Where a person, without any reasonable cause, fails to produce the record or information despite receipt of a notice from the Authority or any officer of the Authority directing him to produce such record or information [2][:] [2][Provided that if the record is not produced despite issuance of three notices, it shall be considered as sufficient evidence that the person. has failed to maintain the record.]	[3][Such person in case of: (a) an individual, shall pay a penalty up to one hundred thousand rupees for the first default and one hundred thousand rupees for each subsequent default; and (b) a company or association of persons, shall pay a penalty up to five hundred thousand rupees for the first default and five hundred thousand rupees for each subsequent default.]	30, 32, 53 and 57]

[1]S.No.5 substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"5.	Where a registered person who, without any reasonable cause, in non-compliance with the provisions of this Act fails to produce records on receipt of a notice from the Authority or any officer of the Authority directing him to produce such records.	Where such a person is a company, it shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees. Where such person is not a company, he shall be liable to pay a penalty of five thousand rupees. Where such person fails to produce the record within sixty days of receipt of a notice, he shall be liable to pay the penalty prescribed for the offence at serial No.4 above.	30, 32, 53 and 57"

[2]Colon substituted for full stop and proviso inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

[3]Substituted for "Such person shall pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees for the first default and one hundred thousand rupees for each subsequent default." by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026. Earlier it was substituted for "Such person shall pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees for the first default and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent default." by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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6.	Any person who knowingly or fraudulently: (a) submits a false or forged document to any officer of the Authority; or (b) destroys, alters, mutilates or falsifies the records; or (c) makes a false statement, false declaration, false representation, false personification, or gives any false information [1][:] [1][(d) fails to pay, recover, or deposit the actual amount of tax, or claims inadmissible tax credit or adjustment or deduction or refund.]	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [2][fifty] thousand rupees or one hundred per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	General
7.	Where any person who denies or obstructs the access of an authorized officer to the business premises, registered office or to any other place where records are kept, or otherwise refuses access to accounts or records.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees or one hundred per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher.	31, 32 and 56

[1]Colon substituted for full stop and clause (d) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[2]Substituted for "twenty five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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		Such persons shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with a fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	
8.	Where any person commits, causes to commit or attempts to commit tax fraud, or abets or connives in the commission of tax fraud equal to twenty five thousand rupees or more.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to five hundred thousand rupees, but not less than twenty five thousand rupees, or one hundred per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	2(43)
9.	Where any person violates any embargo placed on providing of service [1][or tempers a seal placed by an officer of the Authority].	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [2][one hundred] thousand rupees or [3][equal to] the amount of the tax sought to be recovered, whichever is higher. Such person shall, further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to amount equal to the amount of the tax sought to be recovered, or with both.	70

[1]Substituted for "in connection with recovery of the tax" by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[2]Substituted for "twenty five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[3]Substituted for "ten percent of" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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10.	Where any person obstructs any officer of the Authority in the performance of his official duties under this Act or the rules.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [1][one hundred thousand] rupees or one hundred per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher. Such person shall be further liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees or with both [2][:] [2][Provided that where any recipient of a service does not pay the amount of tax due to be paid to a service provider, such recipient shall also be liable to action for obstruction under this provision.]	[3][General and section 59 and section 70]
11.	Where any person who fails to fulfill any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions prescribed in a notification issued under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [4][ten thousand rupees or five per cent of the amount of tax involved], whichever is higher.	General

[1]Substituted for "twenty five thousand" by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

[2]Substituted for full stop and proviso inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Substituted for "General and section 59"by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Earlier it was substituted for "General" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[4]Substituted for "five thousand rupees or three per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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12.	Where any person who contravenes any provision of this Act or the rules for which no penalty has specifically been provided in this section.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees or [1][five] per cent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher.	General
13.	Where any person repeats an offence for which a penalty is provided under this Act.	Such person shall be liable to pay twice the amount of penalty provided under the Act for the said offence.	General
14.	Where any person: (a) knowingly and without lawful authority gains access to or attempts to gain access to the computerized system; or (b) unauthorizedly uses or discloses or publishes or otherwise disseminates information obtained from the computerized system; or (c) falsifies any record or information stored in the computerized system; or (d) knowingly or dishonestly damages or impairs the computerized system; or	Such person shall pay a penalty of twenty five thousand rupees or one hundred per cent of the amount equal to the loss caused to the tax revenue. Such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by the Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to an amount equal to the loss caused to the tax revenue, or with both.	General

[1]Substituted for "three" by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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	(e) knowingly or dishonestly damages or impairs any duplicate tape or disc or other medium on which any information obtained from the computerized system is kept or stored; or (f) unauthorizedly uses unique user identifier of any other registered user to authenticate a transmission of information to the computerized system; or (g) fails to comply with or contravenes any of the conditions prescribed for security of unique user identifier.		
[1][15	Where any person: (a) avoids, denies or obstructs installation of electronic invoice monitoring system at a business premises; or (b) fails to comply with the electronic invoice monitoring system or issues invoices bypassing the system.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to one [2][million] rupees, but not less than [2][four hundred] thousand rupees. In case of three acts of commission or omission, the business premises of such person may further be liable to be sealed for a period which may extend to one month.	59A

[1]S. No. 15 & 16 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[2]Substituted for "hundred thousand" & "twenty five" respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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[1][16	Where any person: (a) causes intentional damage to or intervention in the electronic invoice monitoring system; or (b) impedes or obstructs transmission of invoice data to the Authority.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [2][five hundred] thousand rupees for each act of commission. In case of three acts of such commission, the business premises of such person shall be liable to be sealed for a period which may extend to one month and such person shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to the amount equal to the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, or with both.	59A
[3][17	Where any person fails or refuses to issue a tax invoice.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of [4][five hundred] thousand rupees on first default and [4][one million] rupees for each subsequent default. In case of three acts of such default, the business premises shall be liable to be sealed for a period which may extend to one month.	30
18	Where any person fails to intimate any change in particulars of registration including the particulars relating to business address, [5][business bank account, changes in taxable / economic activity etc.	[6][Such person shall be liable to a penalty which may range from fifty thousand rupees to one hundred thousand rupees.]	25

[1]S. No. 15 & 16 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[2]Substituted for "one hundred" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[3]S. No. 17 to 20 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[4]Substituted for "twenty" & "fifty hundred" respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[5]Substituted for "branches etc. within fourteen days" Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[6]Substituted for "Such person shall be liable to pay a minimum penalty of fifty thousand rupees." Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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	in accordance with the requirements prescribed under this Act and rules made thereunder within fourteen days of such change].		
19	Where any person fails to declare, conceals any of business bank accounts or gives misleading declaration or fails to intimate any change in business bank account within fourteen days of such change.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty which may range from one hundred thousand rupees to five hundred thousand rupees.	25
20	Where any person either avoids, defies, fails to comply with electronic invoicing system or issues invoices bypassing the electronic invoicing system.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to [2][five hundred] thousand rupees. In case of three consecutive defaults, the business premises of such person may further be liable to sealing for a period which may extend to one month.	[1][59B]
[3][21	Where a registered person charges sales tax in excess to the rate provided in the Second Schedule	[4][Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of twenty thousand rupees on first default and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent default: Provided that in case of three defaults, the business premises of such person may be liable to sealing for a period which may extend to one month.]	10]

[1]Substituted for "59A" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[2]Substituted for "one hundred thousand rupees, but not less than twenty five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[3]S. No. 21 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[4]Substituted for "Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of rupees ten thousand per invoice or ten percent of the invoice amount, whichever is higher" Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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[1][22	Where any person unauthorizedly issues an invoice in which an amount of tax is specified.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees per invoice or five percent of the amount of tax involved, whichever is higher.	30
23	Where a bank fails to attach, or delays in attaching the bank account of a person, specified in the notice issued by an officer of the Authority, from whom tax is sought to be recovered, or fails to pay or delays payment of such amount.	Such bank shall be liable to pay a penalty of one hundred thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the tax sought to be recovered, whichever is higher. The concerned manager or officer incharge of such bank shall further be liable, upon conviction by a Special Judge, to imprisonment, which may extend to one year or with fine, which may extend to an amount equal to the amount of tax sought to be recovered or with both.	70
24	Where any person refuses to receive any notice or order issued by an officer of the Authority.	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of fifty thousand rupees or one hundred percent of the tax payable for the tax period to which the offence relates, whichever is higher.	78]
[1][25	where any person refuses to accept payments through digital means i.e. (debit/credit cards, mobile wallets or QR scanning).	Such person shall be liable to pay a penalty of up to one million rupees: Provided that the penalty shall not be less than four hundred thousand rupees on first and three hundred thousand rupees on each subsequent default: Provided further that in case of three acts of commission or omission, the business premises of such person may further be liable to be sealed for a period which may extend to one month.	General]

[1]S. Nos. 22 to 24 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[2]S. No. 25 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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49. Default surcharge.– (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 24, if a registered person does not pay the tax due or any part thereof, whether willfully or otherwise, on time or in the manner specified under this Act, rules or notifications or procedures issued thereunder, he shall, in addition to the tax due and any penalty under section 48, pay default surcharge at the rate mentioned below:

(a) the person liable to pay any amount of tax or charge shall pay default surcharge at the rate of inter-bank rate plus three per cent per annum of the amount of the tax due; and

(b) in case, the default is on account of tax fraud, the person who has committed tax fraud shall pay default surcharge at the rate of two per cent per month, of the amount of tax evaded, till such time the entire liability including the amount of default surcharge is paid.

(2) For the purpose of calculation of default surcharge, the period of default shall be reckoned from the sixteenth day following the due date of the tax period to which the default relates, to the day preceding the date on which the tax due is actually paid.

Explanation: For purposes of this section, the tax due does not include the amount of penalty.

50. Exemption from penalty and default surcharge.– The Government may, by a notification in the official Gazette, exempt any registered person or any taxable service from payment of the whole or any part of the penalty and default surcharge subject to such conditions and limitations as may be specified.

51. Compounding of offences.– Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, where any person has committed any offence warranting prosecution under the Act, the Authority may, either before or after the institution of any proceedings for the prosecution of such offence, compound the offence and terminate the proceedings if such person pays the amount of the tax due along with such default surcharge and penalty as is determined by the Authority under the provisions of this Act and the rules.

52. Recovery of tax not levied or short-levied.–(1) Where by reason of inadvertence, error, misconstruction or for any other reason, any tax or charge has not been levied or has been short levied, the person liable to pay such amount of the tax or charge shall be served with a notice, within [1][1/eight/ years] of the relevant tax period [2][for periods before 1st of July 2022 and within five years from the end of the financial year in which the relevant tax period falls for tax periods after 1st July 2022,] requiring him to show cause for payment of the amount specified in the notice.

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[1]Substituted for "five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018. Earlier it was substituted for "three years" by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

(2) Where by reason of some collusion, abetment, deliberate attempt, misstatement, fraud, forgery, false or fake documents:

(a) any tax or charge has not been paid or is, short paid, the person liable to pay such tax shall be served with a notice within [1][eight] years of relevant tax period [2][for periods before 1st of July 2022 and within five years from the end of the financial year in which the relevant tax period falls for tax periods after 1st July 2022,], requiring him to show cause for non-payment of such tax; and

(b) any amount of the tax is refunded which is not due, the person obtaining such refund shall be served with a notice within [1][eight] years of the receipt of such refund [2][five years from the end of the financial year in which the refund was received] to show cause for recovery of such refund.

(3) The officer shall, after considering the objections of the person served with a notice under subsections (1) or (2) or if the objections are not received within the stipulated period, determine the amount of the tax or charge payable by him and such person shall pay the amount so determined.

[3][(4) Any order under subsection (3) shall be made within one year from the end of the financial year in which the show cause notice is issued.]

(5) In computing the period specified in subsection (4), any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 69 [4][ ] shall be excluded.

53. Power to summon persons to give evidence and produce documents.– An officer may summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to tender evidence or to produce documents or any other thing in any audit, inquiry, investigation or proceedings which such officer is making for any of the purposes of this Act and the rules.

(2) Any person summoned under subsection (1) shall be bound to attend either in person or by an authorized agent, as the officer may direct.

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[1]Substituted for "five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018. Earlier it was substituted for "three years" by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

[3]Substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(4) Any order under subsection (3) shall be made within one hundred and twenty days of issuance of the notice to show cause or within such extended period as the officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix provided that such extended period shall not ordinarily exceed sixty days."

[4]Words "or the time taken through adjournments by the petitioner not exceeding thirty days" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything in subsections (1) and (2), a person who is exempt from personal appearance in a Court under sections 132 and 133 of the Code of Civil Procedure (V of 1908), shall not be required to appear in person.

(4) Any proceedings under this Act or the rules before an officer shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Pakistan Penal Code (XLV of 1860).

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54. Power to arrest and prosecute.– (1) An officer authorized by the Authority by notification in the official Gazette in this behalf, who on the basis of material evidence has reasonable cause to believe that any person has committed a tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act, may cause arrest of such person.

(2) All arrests made under this Act shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

(3) Where the person suspected of tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act is a company, every director or officer of that company whom the officer has reason to believe is personally responsible for actions of the company contributing to the tax fraud or any offence warranting prosecution under this Act shall be liable to arrest provided that such arrest shall not absolve the company from the liabilities of payment of the tax, default surcharge and any penalty imposed or due under this Act.

55. Procedure to be followed on arrest of a person.– (1) When an officer arrests a person under section 54, he shall immediately intimate the fact of arrest of that person to the Special Judge who may direct such officer to produce that person at such time and place and on such date as the Special Judge considers expedient.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), any person arrested under this Act shall be produced before the Special Judge or, if there is no Special Judge within a reasonable distance, to the nearest Magistrate within twenty four hours of such arrest, excluding the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the court of the Special Judge or of the Magistrate.

(3) When any person is produced under subsection (2) before the Special Judge, the Special Judge may, on the request of such person, after perusing the record, if any and after giving the prosecution an opportunity of being heard, admit him to bail on his executing a bond, with or without sureties, or refuse to admit him to bail and direct his detention at such place as he deems fit.

(4) Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Special Judge from cancelling the bail of any such person at a subsequent stage if, for any reason, he considers such cancellation necessary, but before passing such order he shall afford such person an opportunity of being heard, unless for reasons to be recorded he considers that the affording of such opportunity shall defeat the purpose of this Act.

(5) When such person is produced under subsection (2) before a Magistrate, such Magistrate may, after authorizing his detention in such custody at such place and for such period as he considers necessary or proper for facilitating his earliest production before the Special Judge, direct his production before the Special Judge on a date and time to be fixed by him or direct such person to be forthwith taken to, and produced before the Special Judge and he shall be so taken or produced.

(6) Nothing in subsections (2), (3) and (4) shall preclude the Special Judge or the Magistrate from remanding any such person to the custody of the officer holding an inquiry or investigation against that person if such officer makes a request in writing to that effect, and the Special Judge or the Magistrate, after perusing the record, if any, and hearing such person, is of the opinion that for the completion of inquiry or investigation it is necessary to make such order but the total period of such custody shall not exceed fourteen days.

(7) When any person is arrested under this Act, the arresting officer shall record the fact of arrest and other relevant particulars in the register specified in subsection (11) and shall immediately proceed to inquire into the charge against such person and if he completes the inquiry within twenty-four hours of his arrest, and he may, after producing such person before the Special Judge or the Magistrate, make a request for his further detention in his custody.

(8) While holding an inquiry under subsection (7), the officer shall exercise the same powers as are conferred upon or exercisable by an officer in charge of a police station under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), but such officer shall exercise such powers subject to the foregoing provisions of this section while holding an inquiry under this Act.

(9) If the officer, after holding an inquiry, is of the opinion that there is no sufficient evidence or reasonable ground for suspicion against such person, he shall release him on his executing a bond, with or without sureties, and shall direct such person to appear, as and when required, before the Special Judge, and make a report to the Special Judge for the discharge of such person and shall make a full report of the case to his immediate superior.

(10) The Special Judge to whom a report has been made under subsection (8) may, after the perusal of record of the inquiry, and hearing the prosecution, agree with such report and discharge the accused or, if he is of the opinion that there is sufficient ground for proceedings against such person, proceed with his trial and direct the prosecution to produce evidence.

(11) The officer holding an inquiry under this section shall maintain a register to be called register of arrests and detentions in the form prescribed by the Government in which he shall enter the name and other particulars of every person arrested under this Act, together with the time and date of arrest, the details of the information received, the details of things, goods or documents, recovered from his custody, the name of the witnesses and the explanation, if any, given by him and the manner in which the inquiry has been conducted from day to day; and, such register or authenticated copies of its entries shall be produced before the Special Judge, whenever it is directed by the Special Judge.

(12) After completing the inquiry, the officer shall, as early as possible, submit to the Special Judge a complaint in the same form and manner in which the officer in charge of a police station submits a report before a Court.

(13) Any Magistrate of the first class may record any statement or confession during inquiry or investigations under this Act in accordance with the provisions of section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

56. Authorized officers to have access to premises, stocks, accounts and records.– (1) Any officer, authorized in this behalf by the [1][Commissioner] [2][ ], shall have free and full access to the business premises, registered office or any other place where any business records or documents required under this Act and the rules are kept or maintained by any registered person or a person liable for registration or whose business activities are covered under this Act and the rules or who may be required for any inquiry or investigation in any tax fraud committed by him or his agent or any other person; and such officer may, at any time, inspect the records, data, documents, correspondence, accounts, statements, utility bills, bank statements, information regarding nature and sources of funds or assets with which his business is financed, and any other records or documents, including those which are required under any other law maintained in any form or mode and may take into his custody such records, statements, diskettes or documents, in original or copies, in such form as the officer may deem fit against a signed receipt.

(2) The registered person, his agent or any other person specified in subsection (1) shall answer any question or furnish such information or explanation as may be asked by the authorized officer.

(3) All other Government departments, local bodies, autonomous bodies, corporations or such other institutions shall supply requisite information and render necessary assistance to the authorized officer in the course of inquiry or investigation under this section.

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[1]Substituted for "Authority" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.
[2]Words "by notification in the official Gazette" omitted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2126.

57. Obligation to produce documents and provide information.– (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law, any person required to maintain any record under this Act and the rules, shall, on demand by an officer, [1][ ] by notice in writing, as and when specified in the notice:

(a) produce for examination, such documents or records which the officer considers necessary or relevant to the audit, inquiry or investigation under this Act;

(b) allow the officer to take extracts from or make copies of such documents or records; and

(c) appear before the officer and answer any question put to him concerning the documents and records relating to the audit, inquiry or investigation referred to in clause (a).

[2][(2) An officer conducting an audit, enquiry, investigation or otherwise for the purposes of the Act or the rules may require in writing any person to furnish any information as is held by the person.]

(3) The Authority may require, in writing, any person, department, company or organization, to provide any information or data held by that person, department, company or organization, which, in the opinion of the Authority [3][or an officer authorized by the Authority], is required for purposes of formulation of policy or administering or implementing this Act and the rules.

(4) Every person, department, company or organization shall furnish the information requisitioned by the Authority or the officer under subsections (2) or (3), within the time specified in the notice issued by the Authority.

58. Searches under warrants.– (1) Where any officer has reason to believe that any documents or things which in his opinion, may be useful for, or relevant to, any proceedings under this Act are kept in any place, he may after obtaining a warrant from the Magistrate or from the Commissioner, enter that place and cause a search to be made at any time.

(2) All searches made under subsection (1) shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

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[1]Words "not below the rank of a Assistant Commissioner," deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Sub-section (2) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows;-

(2) An officer conducting an audit, inquiry or an investigation under the Act and the rules, may require in writing any person, department, company or organization to furnish such information as is held by that person, department, company or organization, which, in the opinion of the officer, is relevant to such audit, inquiry or investigation."

[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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59. Posting of an officer to business premises.– (1) Subject to such conditions and restrictions as it deems fit to impose, the Authority may post an officer to the premises of a registered person to monitor the provision [1][and receipt] of services by such registered person.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), if a Commissioner, on the basis of material evidence, has reasonable cause to believe that a registered person is involved in evasion of the tax or tax fraud, he may, by recording the grounds in writing, post an officer of the Authority to the premises of such registered person to monitor provision [1][and receipt] of services by such person.

(3) A person to whose premises, an officer of the Authority is posted under this section shall provide on his own cost, all facilities required to meet the departmental requirements of such posting as determined by the Authority or the Commissioner.

[2][**59A.Power to Seal the Business Premises**.- when an office of the Authority not below the rank of Commissioner has reason to believe that the Act or the rules made thereunder are not obeyed and observed at a business premises, he may by an order in writing, seal that premises for a period which may extend to one month upon giving a notice in writing to this effect.

59B. Monitoring or Tracking by Electronic or other Means.- (1) Subject to such conditions, restrictions and procedures, as it deems fit to impose, the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, determine any registered person or class of registered persons or any of the services or class of services in respect of which monitoring or tracking of provision of service or services may be enforced through electronic or other means.

(2) The Authority may, in the prescribed manner, devise and enforce an electronic system for monitoring and capturing the transactions recorded or the invoices issued by a registered person or a class of registered persons or a service or services or class of services, and for transferring the electronic information so obtained to its computer system at such times as it deems fit.

[3][(2A) The Authority may, in the prescribed manner, devise, implement and declare mandatory an electronic invoicing system for issuance of tax invoices by a registered person or a class of registered persons or a service or a class of services.]

(3) The Commissioner may order, as and when required, video vigilance of the economic activity of a registered person or class of registered persons to monitor provision of taxable services including counting of heads of visiting customers, occupancy of sitting space and regularity of issuance of invoices.

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[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[2]Sections 59A & 59B inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[3]Sub-section (2A) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.

(4) For the purpose of this section, the Authority shall, in the prescribed manner, take measures for the security protection and processing of personal data of natural persons.

(5) From such date as may be specified by the Authority, the persons providing or rendering taxable services shall compulsorily use such electronic means, modes or systems, as may be prescribed by the Authority for issuance of tax invoice.]

60. Powers of adjudication.– (1) In respect of cases involving determination of tax liability, assessment of the tax, charging of default surcharge, imposition of penalty and recovery of amount erroneously refunded or any other contravention or violation including tax fraud under this Act or the rules, the jurisdiction and powers of adjudication of the officers shall be as follows:

(a) Additional Commissioner: Cases without any restriction as to the amount of the tax involved [1][ ];

[2][(b) Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner: Cases where the amount of the tax involved does not exceed [3][fifty] million rupees;]

[2][(c) Enforcement Officer/Audit-cum-Risk Compliance Officer: Cases where the amount of the tax involved does not exceed [3][twenty-five] million rupees; and]

[4][(d) Other officers of the Authority: Such cases or class of cases as may be prescribed by the Authority.]

(2) The Commissioner may adjudicate any case falling in the jurisdiction and powers of any officer subordinate to him [5][or falling in jurisdiction specifically assigned to him by the Authority] and appeal against the order passed by the Commissioner in such case shall lie to the Appellate Tribunal.

(3) The Authority may regulate the system of adjudication including transfer of cases and extension of time limit.

[6][(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the Authority may assign a case or class of cases to any of its officers involving any amount of tax involved.]

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[1]Words "or amount erroneously refunded" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Clauses (b) & (c) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution these read as follows:-

"(b) Deputy Commissioner: Cases where the amount of the tax involved or the amount erroneously refunded [1][ ] does not exceed two and a half million rupees;"

[1]Words "exceeds one million rupees, but" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

"(c) Assistant Commissioner: Cases where the amount of the tax involved or the amount erroneously refunded does not exceed one million rupees; and"

[3]Substituted for "ten" & "five" respectively by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

[4]Clause (d) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019. Before substitution it read as follows:-"(d) other officers of the Authority: such cases, other than those mentioned above, as may be prescribed."

[5]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[6]Sub-section (4) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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Explanation: For purposes of this section, the tax means the principal amount of the tax other than default surcharge and in case where only default surcharge is involved, the amount of default surcharge.

61. Revision by the Commissioner.– (1) The Commissioner may, of his own motion or on an application made in writing by a registered person for revision, call for and examine the record of any proceedings under this Act in which an order has been passed by an officer subordinate to him.

(2) If after examining the record under subsection (1), the Commissioner is not satisfied with the legality or propriety of any order passed by an officer, the Commissioner may make such revision to the order as he may think fit.

(3) No order imposing or enhancing any penalty or fine requiring payment of a greater amount of the tax than the originally levied amount shall be passed unless the person affected by such order has been given an opportunity of showing cause and of being heard.

(4) The Commissioner shall not revise any order under subsection (2) if:

(a) an appeal under section 63 is pending or the matter has been referred for resolution under section 69;

(b) where an appeal against the order lies under section 63, the time within which such appeal can be made has not expired or the person has not waived in writing his right of appeal;

(c) in the case of an application made by a person, the application has not been made within ninety days of the date on which such order was served on the person, unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the person was prevented by sufficient cause from making the application within the time allowed; and

(d) in the case where the Commissioner has on his own motion called for and examined an order passed by a subordinate officer, more than five years have lapsed from the date of the original order.

(5) No application for revision of an assessment shall be made under subsection (1) unless the amount of the tax due under the assessment, as is not in dispute, has been paid by the taxpayer.

62. Revision by the Authority.– (1) The Authority may, of its own motion, call for and examine the record of any departmental proceedings under this Act or the rules for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the legality or propriety of any decision or order passed therein by an officer.

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(2) If after examining the record under subsection (1), the Authority is not satisfied with the legality or propriety of any decision or order passed by an officer, it may pass such order as it may think fit.

(3) No order imposing or enhancing any penalty or fine requiring payment of a greater amount of the tax than the originally levied amount shall be passed unless the person affected by such order has been given an opportunity of showing cause and of being heard.

(4) No proceeding under this section shall be initiated in a case where an appeal under section 66 is pending or the matter has been referred for resolution under section 69.

(5) No order shall be made under this section after the expiry of five years from the date of the original decision or order of the subordinate officer referred to in subsection (1).

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Chapter IX

Appeals

63. Appeals.– (1) Any person, other than the Authority or any of its employees, aggrieved by any decision or order passed under section 60 by an officer Authority other than Commissioner may, within thirty days of the date of receipt of such decision or order, prefer an appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals).

(2) An appeal under subsection (1) shall:

(a) be in the prescribed form;

(b) be verified in the prescribed manner;

(c) state precisely the grounds upon which the appeal is made;

(d) be accompanied by the fee specified in subsection (3); and

(e) be lodged with the Commissioner (Appeals) within the time set out in subsection (4).

(3) The prescribed fee shall be:

(a) where the appellant is a company, one thousand rupees; or

(b) where the appellant is not a company, two hundred rupees.

[1][(4) An appeal under subsection (1) may be filed manually or electronically as may be specified by the Authority.]

(5) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, upon application in writing by the appellant, admit an appeal after the expiration of the period specified in subsection

(6) if the Commissioner (Appeals) is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from lodging the appeal within that period.

64. Procedure in appeal.– (1) The Commissioner (Appeals) shall give notice of the day fixed for the hearing of the appeal to the appellant and to the officer of the Authority against whose order the appeal has been made.

(2) The Commissioner (Appeals) may adjourn the hearing of the appeal from time to time.

(3) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, before the hearing of an appeal, allow the appellant to file any new ground of appeal not specified in the grounds of appeal already filed by the appellant where the Commissioner (Appeals) is satisfied that the omission of the ground from the form of the appeal was not willful or unreasonable.

[1]Sub-section (4) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"(4) An appeal shall be preferred to the Commissioner (Appeals) within thirty days of the receipt of the decision or order passed under section 60."

(4) The Commissioner (Appeals) may stay the recovery of any tax due by virtue of the decision or order being appealed against and any such order made by the Commissioner (Appeals) shall remain operative for not more than fifteen days during which period a notice shall be issued to the respondent and after hearing the parties, the order staying recovery may be confirmed, varied or vacated as the Commissioner (Appeals) deems fit but the stay order so confirmed or varied shall remain operative for not more than sixty days, including any period for which the recovery may have been stayed prior to the confirmation or variation of the stay order.

(5) The Commissioner (Appeals) may, before disposing of an appeal, call for such particulars, documents, records or information as the Commissioner (Appeals) may require respecting the matters arising in the appeal or cause further inquiry to be made by the officer of the Authority.

65. Decision in appeal.– (1) In disposing of an appeal lodged under section 63, the Commissioner (Appeals) may pass such order as he thinks fit, confirming, varying, altering, setting aside or annulling the decision or order appealed against.

(2) In deciding an appeal, the Commissioner (Appeals) may make such further inquiry as may be necessary provided that he shall not remand the case for de novo consideration.

(3) The Commissioner (Appeals) shall not increase the amount of any tax payable by the appellant unless the appellant has been given an opportunity of showing cause against such increase.

(4) The Commissioner (Appeals) shall communicate his order to the appellant and the Authority.

(5) An order passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) under subsection (1) shall be passed not later than one hundred and twenty days from the date of filing of appeal or within such extended period, not exceeding sixty days, as the Commissioner (Appeals) may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, fix.

(6) In computing the aforesaid time period, any period during which the proceedings are adjourned on account of a stay order or proceedings under section 69 or the time taken through adjournments by the appellant shall be excluded.

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[1]Sub-sections (7) & (8) deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021. Before omission these read as follows:-

"(7) Where the Commissioner (Appeals) has not made an order under subsection (1) before the expiration of one hundred and eighty days from the end of the month in which the appeal was lodged, the Commissioner (Appeals) shall transfer his appeal to the Appellate Tribunal and the Tribunal shall decide the appeal under this Act as if it has been filed against the order of the Commissioner (Appeals).

(8) While transferring the undecided appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, the Commissioner (Appeals) shall attach his comprehensive report explaining the circumstances and reasons due to which the appeal could not be decided within time."

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(9) For purposes of subsection (5), any period during which the hearing of an appeal is adjourned on the request of the appellant shall be excluded in the computation of the period mentioned in the subsection.

66. Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.– [1][(1) Any person including an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Additional Commissioner, aggrieved by any order passed by the:

(a) Commissioner (Appeals) under subsection (4) of section 64 or section 65;

(b) Commissioner through adjudication under section 60 or 61; or

(c) Authority under section 62,

may, within [2][sixty] days of the receipt of such decision or order, prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.]

(2) An appeal under subsection (1) shall be:

(a) in the prescribed form;

(b) verified in the prescribed manner; [3][and]

(c) accompanied, except in case of an appeal preferred by an officer by the fee specified in subsection (3) [4][.]

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(3) The fee for an appeal shall be two thousand rupees.

(4) The Appellate Tribunal may, upon application in writing, admit an appeal after the expiration of the period specified in [6][subsection (1)] if it is satisfied that the person appealing was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal within that period.

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[1]S. 66(1) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(1) Where the taxpayer or the officer not below the rank of Additional Commissioner objects to any order passed by the Commissioner (Appeals), including an order under subsection (4) of section 64, the taxpayer or the officer may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against such order."

[2]Substituted for "thirty" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[3]Word inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[4]Substituted for "; and" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[5]Clause (d) deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Before omission, it read as follows:-

"(d) preferred to the Appellate Tribunal within sixty days of the date of receipt of the order of the Commissioner (Appeals) by the taxpayer or the officer."

[6]Substituted for "clause (d) of subsection (2)" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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67. Disposal of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal.– (1) The Appellate Tribunal may, before disposing of an appeal, call for such particulars, documents, records or information as it may require in respect of the matters arising from the appeal or cause further inquiry to be made by the officer of the Authority.

(2) The Appellate Tribunal shall afford an opportunity of being heard to the parties to the appeal and, in case of default by any of the parties on the date of hearing, the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, dismiss the appeal in default, or may proceed ex-parte to decide the appeal on the basis of the available record but the Appellate Tribunal shall decide the appeal within six months from the date of filing of the appeal.

(3) The Appellate Tribunal may stay the recovery of any tax due by virtue of the decision or order being appealed against and any such order made by the Appellate Tribunal shall remain operative for no more than thirty days during which period a notice shall be issued to the respondent and after hearing the parties, the order staying recovery may be confirmed, varied or vacated as the Appellate Tribunal deems fit but the stay order so confirmed or varied shall remain operative for not more than ninety days including any period for which the recovery may have been stayed prior to the confirmation or variation of the stay order.

(4) In deciding the appeal, the Appellate Tribunal may, without prejudice to the powers specified in subsection (2), make an order to:

(a) affirm, modify or annul the order being appealed against; or

(b) remand the case to the officer or the Commissioner (Appeals) for making such inquiry or taking such action as the Tribunal may direct.

(5) The Appellate Tribunal shall not increase the amount of any tax payable, penalty or default surcharge unless the taxpayer has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such increase.

(6) The Appellate Tribunal shall communicate its order to the taxpayer and the Commissioner.

(7) Save as provided in any other law, the decision of the Appellate Tribunal on an appeal shall be final.

[1][**67A. Reference to the High Court**.– (1) A reference to the High Court shall lie only if a question of law is involved in a case.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 67, a taxpayer or the officer not below the rank of Additional Commissioner, aggrieved by any decision or order of the Appellate Tribunal may, within sixty days of communication of such decision or order, prefer a reference, in the prescribed form, along with a statement of the facts of the case and the question of law involved in that case to the Lahore High Court Lahore.

[1]Section 67A inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

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(3) The reference under this section shall be heard by a Bench of at least two Judges of the High Court and the provisions of section 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 (V of 1908) shall apply mutatis mutandis to such reference.

(4) The High Court shall send a copy of its judgment under the seal of the Court to the Appellate Tribunal.

(5) Notwithstanding a reference preferred in the High Court under this section, the tax shall be paid in accordance with the order of the Appellate Tribunal.

(6) If the tax liability is reduced by the High Court and the Authority decides to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, the Authority may, within thirty days of the receipt of the judgment in the reference, apply to the High Court to postpone the refund of tax until the decision by the Supreme Court.

(7) Section 5 of the Limitation Act 1908 (IX of 1908) shall apply to a reference under this section.

(8) A court fee of rupees one thousand shall be paid for a reference under this section except when it is filed by the Authority.]

68. Deposit of the tax demand while appeal is pending.– Where in any appeal, the decision or order appealed against relates to any tax demanded under this Act, the person who has filed the appeal shall, pending the appeal, deposit the admitted amount of the tax based on the return filed under section 35 or as may be determined by the Commissioner (Appeals) or the Appellate Tribunal where such return has not been filed.

69. Alternate dispute resolution.– (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act or the rules, any registered person aggrieved in connection with any dispute pertaining to:

(a) the liability of the tax against the registered person;

(b) the extent of waiver of default surcharge and penalty;

(c) relaxation of any procedural or technical irregularities and condonation of any prescribed time limitation; and

(d) any other specific relief required to resolve the dispute, may apply to the Authority for the appointment of a committee for the resolution of any dispute mentioned in detail in the application.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), the Authority shall not accept an application under subsection (1) where criminal proceedings have been initiated or where the Authority is of the opinion that the interpretation of a question of law having a larger impact on revenue or on a number of similar cases is involved.

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(3) The Authority may, after examination of the application of a registered person, appoint a committee of not less than three persons within thirty days of receipt of such application, consisting of an officer of the Authority not below the rank of an Additional Commissioner and nominees from the notified panel consisting of chartered or cost accountants, advocates, representatives of trade bodies or associations, retired officers of the rank of not less than BS-20, retired judges, or any other reputable taxpayers, for the resolution of the dispute.

(4) The committee constituted under subsection (3) shall examine the issue and may, if it deems fit, conduct an inquiry, seek expert opinions, direct any officer of the Authority or any other person to conduct an audit and shall make recommendations to the Authority within ninety days of its constitution in respect of the dispute.

(5) If the committee fails to make recommendations within the said period, the Authority may dissolve the committee and constitute a new committee which shall decide the matter within a further period of ninety days and even if after the expiry of that period the dispute is not resolved, the matter shall be taken up before the appropriate forum provided under this Act for decision.

(6) The Authority may, on the recommendation of the committee, pass such order, as it may deem appropriate within forty-five days of the receipt of the recommendations of the committee.

(7) The registered person may make payment of the tax as determined by the Authority in its order under subsection (6), and such order of the Authority shall be submitted before the forum, Appellate Tribunal or the Court where the matter is pending adjudication for consideration of orders as deemed appropriate.

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Chapter X

Recovery of Arrears

70. Recovery of arrears of tax.– (1) Subject to subsection (2), where any amount of the tax is due from any person, the officer of the Authority [1][appointed under section 39] may:

(a) deduct the amount from any money owing to the person from whom such amount is recoverable and which may be at the disposal or in the control of such officer or any officer of the Authority;

(b) require by a notice in writing any person who holds or may subsequently hold any money for or on account of the person from whom tax is recoverable to pay to such officer the amount specified in the notice;

[2][(bb) require by a notice in writing payment of money owed to a taxpayer by any person on account of legally enforceable relations created between the taxpayer and the other person including but not limited to purchase contracts, contracts with credit or financial institutions or with banking companies [3][including running and demand finance], lease contracts, loan agreements, building loan contracts, life insurance contracts, employment or work contracts.]

(c) require by a notice in writing any bank to attach that person's bank accounts [4][and recover the amount payable or recover such amount without attachment];

(d) seal the person's business premises till such time as the amount of the tax is paid or recovered in full;

(e) attach and sell or sell without attachment any movable or immovable property of the person from whom the tax is due; and

(f) recover such amount by attachment and sale of any movable or immovable property of the guarantor, person, company, bank or financial institution where a guarantor or any other person, company, bank or financial institution fails to make payment under such guarantee, bond or instrument [5][:]

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[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[2]Clause (bb) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.
[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[5]Substituted for full stop by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

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[1][(g) arrest or cause to arrest a defaulter and cause his detention in prison for a period not exceeding six months subject to the condition that the adjudged amount has been upheld by the Appellate Tribunal.]

[2][Provided that no action shall be taken against the person during the pendency of the appeal, if any, under section 63 of the Act if he deposits at least [3][ten] per cent the amount of the tax demanded from him.]

(2) If any arrears of tax, default surcharge, penalty or any other amount which is payable by any person cannot be recovered in any manner whatsoever, the Authority or the Commissioner if so authorized by the Authority, may for reasons to be recorded in writing write off the arrears or amount in the manner in the prescribed manner.

[4][(3) For the purpose of recovery of tax, penalty or any other demand or sum under this Act or the rules, the Authority or the officer of the Authority may exercise the powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) for recovery of an amount due under a decree and, in such an eventuality, the Authority or the officer of the Authority shall be deemed to be a Civil Court.]

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[1]Clause (g) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]Proviso inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.
[3]Substituted for "twenty five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]Sub-section (3) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

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Chapter XI

Agents, Representatives and E-Intermediaries

71. Agent.– (1) For purposes of this Act and subject to subsections (2) and (3), the expression 'agent' in respect of a registered person, means:

(a) where the person is an individual under a legal disability, the guardian or manager who receives or is entitled to receive income, financial gains or benefits, funds, money or property on behalf, or for the benefit of, the individual;

(b) where the person is a company (other than a Trust, a Provincial Government, or local authority in Pakistan), a director or a manager or secretary or accountant or any similar officer of the company;

(c) where the person is a Trust declared by a duly executed instrument in writing, whether testamentary or otherwise, any trustee of the trust;

(d) where the person is a Provincial Government, or local authority in Pakistan, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of money or funds on behalf of the Provincial Government or the local authority;

(e) where the person is an association of persons, a director or a manager or secretary or accountant or any similar officer of the association or, in the case of a firm, any partner in the firm;

(f) where the person is the Federal Government, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of moneys or funds on behalf of the Federal Government; or

(g) where the person is a public international organization, or a foreign government or political sub-division of a foreign government, any individual responsible for accounting for the receipt and payment of moneys or funds in Pakistan on behalf of the organization, government, or political subdivision of the government; or

(h) when any person is expressly or impliedly authorized by a registered person to be his agent for all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) Where Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, or any receiver or manager appointed by, or under any order of a Court receives or is entitled to receive income on behalf, or for the benefit of any person, such Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, receiver or manager shall be the agent of the person for purposes of this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in this section, any registered person may expressly or impliedly authorize another person to be his agent for all or any of the purposes this Act.

72. Liability and obligations of agents.– (1) Every agent of a person shall be responsible for performing any duties or obligations imposed by or under this Act and the rules on the person, including the payment of the tax.

(2) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the tax that by virtue of subsection (1), is payable by an agent of a registered person shall be recoverable from the agent only to the extent of any assets of the registered person that are in the possession or under the control of the agent.

(3) Every agent of a registered person who pays any tax owing to the registered person shall be entitled to recover the amount so paid from the registered person or to retain the amount so paid out of any moneys of the registered person that are in the agent's possession or under the agent's control.

(4) Any agent, or any person who apprehends that he may be assessed as an agent, may retain out of any money payable by him to the person on whose behalf he is liable to pay the tax (hereinafter in this section referred to as the 'principal'), a sum equal to his estimated liability under this Act, and in the event of disagreement between the principal and such an agent or a person as to the amount to be so retained, such agent or person may obtain from the Commissioner a certificate stating the amount to be so retained pending final determination of the tax liability and the certificate so obtained shall be his conclusive authority for retaining that amount.

(5) Every agent shall be personally liable for the payment of any tax due by the agent if, while the amount remains unpaid, the agent:

(a) alienates, charges or disposes of any moneys received or accrued in respect of which the tax is payable; or

(b) disposes of or parts with any moneys or funds belonging to the registered person that is in the possession of the agent or which comes to the agent after the tax is payable, if such tax could legally have been paid from or out of such moneys or funds.

(6) Nothing in this section shall relieve any person from performing any duties imposed by or under this Act on the person which the agent of the person has failed to perform.

73. Liability of the registered person for the acts of his agent.– A registered person shall be responsible for any and all acts done by his agent.

74. Appearance by authorized representative.– A registered person required to appear before the Appellate Tribunal or an officer in connection with any proceedings under this Act may, in writing, authorize any person having such qualification as may be prescribed by the Authority, to represent him or appear on his behalf.

75. E-intermediaries to be appointed.– (1) Subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Authority may impose, the Authority may, by a notification in the official Gazette, appoint a person as e-intermediary to electronically file returns and other electronic documents under this Act and the rules on behalf of a registered person.

(2) A registered person may authorize an e-intermediary to electronically file returns or any other documents on his behalf as specified in subsection (1).

(3) The return or such other documents filed by an e-intermediary on behalf of a registered person shall be deemed to have been filed by that registered person.

(4) Where this Act requires anything to be done by a registered person and if such thing is done by an e-intermediary authorized by the registered person under subsection (2), unless the contrary is proved, such thing shall be deemed to have been done with the knowledge and consent of the registered person so that in any proceedings under this Act, the registered person shall be liable as if the thing has been done by him.

(5) Where an e-intermediary, authorized by a registered person under subsection (2) to act on his behalf, knowingly or willfully submits false or incorrect information or document or declaration with an intent to avoid payment of the tax due or any part thereof, such e-intermediary shall be jointly and severally responsible for recovery of the amount of tax short paid as a result of such incorrect or false information or document or declaration, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him or the registered person under the relevant provisions of the law.

(6) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe rules for the conduct and transaction of business of e-intermediaries, including their appointment, suspension and cancellation of appointment, subject to such conditions and restrictions as specified in such rules.

Chapter XII

General Administration

76. Power to make rules [1][**and frame regulations**].– (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Government and by notification in the official Gazette, make the rules for carrying out the purposes of any of the provisions of this Act.

[1][(1A) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, frame regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act;]

(2) All rules [2][and regulations made or framed under the sub-section (1) and (1A)] during a financial year shall be laid in Provincial Assembly of the Punjab at the time of presentation of the Annual Budget for the next financial year.

(3) The rules [2][and regulations made or framed under] this Act shall be collected, arranged and published along with general orders and departmental instructions, directions, notifications and rulings, if any, at appropriate intervals and sold to the public at a reasonable price.

[3][**76A. Power to restrain certain authorities**.– The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, require that:

(a) any authority competent to issue or renew a license or to grant permission or to issue no objection certificate to any person to engage in an economic activity which is a taxable service, shall not issue or renew such license or grant permission or issue no objection certificate unless the licensee or the grantee furnishes the evidence that he is a duly registered person under the Act and is on the active taxpayers list of the Authority; and

(b) any procuring agency awarding or renewing any contract constituting taxable services shall not award or renew contract, unless the bidder, contractor, supplier or consultant is a registered person and is also on the active taxpayers list under the Act:

provided that a newly established business shall be exempt from the application of this section for a period of six months from the date of its registration.]

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[1]Inserted by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

[2]Substituted for "made under sub-section (1)" & "made under" respectively by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

[3]S. 76A substituted by Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"76A. Power to restrain certain authorities.– The Authority may, with the approval of the Government and by notification in the official Gazette, require that any authority competent to issue or renew a license or to grant permission to any person to engage in an economic activity which is a taxable service, shall not issue or renew such license or grant permission unless the licensee or the grantee furnishes the evidence that he is a duly registered person under section 25, section 26 or section 27 of the Act."

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77. Computerized system.– (1) The Authority may prescribe the use of a computerized system for carrying out the purposes of this Act and the rules including the receipt of applications for registration, returns and such other declarations or information required to be provided under this Act and the rules from such date and for such registered persons or class of persons as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

(2) The Authority may regulate the conduct and transaction of business in relation to the submission of returns or other information to the Authority by the persons required to transmit or receive any information through the computerized system, including matters such as the grant of authorization, suspension and cancellation of authorization and for security of the information transmitted or received through the computerized system.

(3) The information received in the computerized system from or on behalf of any registered person shall, for all official and legal purposes, be deemed to have been furnished by and received from such registered person.

(4) The business information gathered through computerized system shall be confidential to be used only for official and legal purposes and no unauthorized person shall claim or be provided any access to such information.

78. Service of orders and decisions.– (1) Subject to this Act, any notice, order or requisition required to be served on an individual for the purposes of this Act shall be treated as properly served on the individual if:

(a) personally served on the individual or, in the case of an individual under a legal disability the agent of the individual;

(b) sent by registered post or courier service to the individual's usual or last known address in Pakistan; or

(c) served on the individual in the manner prescribed for service of a summons under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

(2) Subject to this Act, any notice order or requisition required to be served on any person, other than an individual to whom subsection (1) applies, for the purposes of this Act, shall be treated as properly served on the person if:

(a) personally served on the agent of the person;

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(b) sent by registered post or courier service to the person's registered office or address for service of notices under this Act in Pakistan or where the person does not have such office or address, the notice is sent by registered post to any office or place of business of the person in Pakistan; or

(c) served in the manner prescribed for service of a summons under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

(3) Where an association of persons is dissolved, any notice, order or requisition required to be served under this Act, on the association or a member of the association may be served on any person who was the principal officer or a member of the association immediately before such dissolution.

(4) Where a business stands discontinued, any notice order or requisition required to be served under this Act, on the person discontinuing the business may be served on the person personally or on any individual who was the person's agent at the time of discontinuance.

(5) The validity of any notice issued under this Act or the validity of any service of a notice shall not be called into question after the notice has been complied with in any manner.

(6) Any registered person may indicate, in the manner prescribed by the Authority, that he wishes to electronically receive all or specific communications, including notifications, orders, assessments and requisitions from the Authority, the Appellate Tribunal or any officer of the Authority.

(7) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that all or specific communications, including notifications, orders, assessments and requisitions [1][including notices and show cause notices] from the Authority, the Appellate Tribunal or any officer to a specific registered person or class of registered persons shall be made electronically.

(8) For purposes of subsections (6) and (7), a registered person shall be considered to have received the electronic communication within seventy two hours of the sending of the electronic communication by the Authority, Appellate Tribunal or the officer of the Authority.

(9) For purposes of subsections (6), (7) and (8), an electronic communication includes a communication sent by email.

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

79. Correction of clerical errors.– (1) Any clerical or arithmetical error in any assessment, adjudication order or decision may, at any time, be corrected by the officer of the Authority who made the assessment or adjudication or passed such order or decision or by his successor in office, through an order made under this section.

(2) Before any correction is made under subsection (1), a notice shall be given to the registered person likely to be affected by such correction.

80. Issuance of duplicate of the tax documents.– An officer of the Authority not below the rank of the [1][Enforcement Officer/Audit Officer] may, on payment of one hundred rupees, issue an attested copy of any document filed by a registered person with the Authority.

81. Power to issue orders, instructions and directions.– The Authority may issue such orders, instructions and directions, not inconsistent with this Act and the rules, to all officers of the Authority, as it may deem necessary to implement, administer or enforce the provisions of this Act and the rules.

82. Officers of the Authority to follow orders.– (1) All officers of the Authority and other persons employed in the administration of this Act and the rules shall observe and follow the orders, instructions and directions of the Authority.

(2) No such orders, instructions or directions shall be given so as to interfere with the powers or discretion of officers of the Authority in the exercise of their judicial or quasi-judicial functions.

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[1]Substituted for "Assistant Commissioner" by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

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Chapter XIII

Miscellaneous

83. Computation of limitation period.– In computing the period of limitation prescribed for any appeal or application under this Act, the day on which the order complained of was served and, if the concerned person was not furnished with a copy of the order, the time requisite for obtaining a copy of such order shall be excluded.

84. Condonation of time-limit.– (1) Where any time or period has been specified under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules within which any act or thing, including submission of an application, filing of a return or payment of tax, is to be done, the Authority may permit such application to be made or such act or thing to be done within such time or period as it may consider appropriate.

[1][***Explanation***.- The expression "act or thing to be done" includes an act or thing to be done by a registered person or by an authority specified in section 39 of the Act.]

(2) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, and subject to such limitations or conditions as may be specified therein, empower any Commissioner or the officer of the Authority to exercise the powers under this section in any case or class of cases.

85. Bar of suits, prosecution and other legal proceedings.– (1) No suit shall be brought in any civil court to set aside or modify any order passed, any assessment made, any tax levied, any penalty or default surcharge imposed or collection of any tax made under this Act.

(2) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government or against any public servant in respect of any order passed in good faith under this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in any other law, no investigation or inquiry shall be undertaken or initiated by any government agency against any officer or official for anything done in his official capacity under this Act, except with the permission of the Authority.

86. Removal of difficulties.– (1) The Government may pass such order for removing any difficulty or for bringing the provisions of this Act into effective operation direct that provisions of this Act shall, during such period as may be specified in the order, have effect subject to such adaptations whether by way of modification or addition or omission as it may deem to be necessary or expedient.

(2) The power under this section shall not be exercised after the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Act.

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[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

87. Repeal and savings.– (1) The Punjab Sales Tax Ordinance, 2000 (II of 2000) is hereby repealed.

(2) Any proceeding under the repealed Ordinance pending on the date notified under subsection (3) of section 1 before any authority, forum or any court by way of adjudication, assessment, appeal, reference, revision or prosecution shall be continued and disposed of as if this Act has not come into force.

(3) Where the Government or the Authority takes any action, makes any decision or orders, issues any instructions, directions, clarifications or notifications in pursuance of or in exercising of powers conferred under any provision of any law in respect of any matter relating to the tax and allied issues covered under this Act or the rules, such actions, decisions, orders, instructions, directions, clarifications and notifications shall be deemed to have been validly issued to serve the purposes of this Act and the rules.

(4) Where so directed by the Government, any tax payable but not paid under the Punjab Sales Tax Ordinance, 2000 (II of 2000) may be recovered under this Act, but without prejudice to any action already taken for the recovery of the amount under the said Ordinance.

[1][**88. Prize schemes to promote tax culture.**- The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, prescribe prize schemes to encourage the general public to make purchases only from registered persons issuing tax invoices.

89. Reward to whistleblowers.- (1) The Authority may [2][ ] sanction reward to a whistleblower.

(2) The Authority may, by notification, prescribe the procedure in this behalf and also specify the apportionment of reward sanctioned under this section for a whistleblower.

(3) The claim for reward by the whistleblower shall be rejected if-

(a) the information provided is of no value;

(b) the authority already had the information;

(c) the information was available in public records; or

(d) no collection of tax is made from the information provided by a whistleblower.

(4) Where, after providing an opportunity of being heard, it is found that a whistleblower has provided false, misleading or frivolous information, he shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred thousand rupees.

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[1]Sections 88 & 89 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[2]Words ", with the approval of the Government," omitted by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Amendment) Act 2026 dated May 14, 2026.

(5) In this section, 'whistleblower' means a person who reports concealment or evasion of tax or tax fraud leading to detection or collection of the tax.]

FIRST SCHEDULE

Tax Free Services

(see section 3A)

S/N	Description	Conditions
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
1.	Services related to healthcare provided by the Federal or Provincial Governments or local governments including consultation or visit fee of doctors, medical practitioners and medical specialists, bed or room charges, in public sector hospitals.	None
2.	Services provided by skin and laser clinics, cosmetic and plastic surgeons and hair transplant services including consultation services.	Only to the extent of services provided to acid or burn victims.
3.	(i) General education services; and (ii) Education provided by the Federal, or Provincial Governments or local governments in public sector educational institutions.	None
4.	[2][Passenger transport services except those specified in serial numbers 15, 23 and 33 of Part-III of Second Schedule.	None]
5.	Postal and courier services provided by the Federal or Provincial Governments or local governments.	Only to the extent of services provided to the Federal, Provincial Government Departments or local governments.
6.	Registration services provided by Federal or Provincial Governments or local governments including passport and identity cards services	None
7.	Services relating to religion, art, culture and sports provided by the Federal or Provincial Governments or local governments	None

[1]First and Second Schedules substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.
[2]Substituted for "Public transport service provided by the Federal or Provincial Governments or local Governments." by No. SO(TAX)1-10/2025-26 dated October 22, 2025.

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8.	Services relating to physical fitness, entertainment, amusement and learning provided by the Federal or Provincial Governments or local governments, such as gymnasiums, sports clubs, playgrounds, zoological and botanical gardens, museums, libraries, parks, etc.	None
9.	Services provided by property developers, builders and promoters, including their allied services.	Only to the extent of affordable housing services provided under Government sponsored housing programs or any area notified for an Affordable Private Housing Scheme by the Punjab Housing and Town-Planning Agency (PHATA) covered under Rule 2(1)(k), Rule 35 and Rule 36 of the Punjab Housing and Town-Planning Agency (Affordable Private Housing Schemes Rules), 2020.
10.	Services provided by: (i) a religious or charitable institution for the benefit of public registered under any law for the time being in force; (ii) international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) approved by the Federal Government; and (iii) international agencies.	Subject to exemption from federal taxes by the Federal Board of Revenue.
11.	Services provided in respect of insurance.	Only to the extent of: (a) marine insurance for export; and (b) crop insurance.
12.	Construction services and services provided by contractors of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works.	Only to the extent: (i) where the tax is otherwise paid by registered persons as property developers, builders or promoters for building construction; or (ii) where the construction work is funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or involves construction of consular buildings; or

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		(iii) residential construction projects where the covered area does not exceed 10,000 square feet for a house and 20,000 square feet for an apartment except where construction services are provided to construct more than one house or more than one apartment building; or (iv) where the construction services are provided to any registered person who is otherwise liable to pay sales tax as a property developer, builder and promoter.
13.	Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors, salons, clinics, sliming clinics, spas (including saunas, Turkish baths and Jacuzzi) and similar other services.	Only to the extent of services provided in a parlour, salon or clinic where the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or is not available in the premises on any day of the financial year.
14.	Services provided by tour operators and travel agents including all their allied services or facilities.	Only to the extent of Hajj and Umrah purposes including 'Ziyarat'.
15.	Facilities for travel originating from Punjab by Air for domestic and international travel.	Only to the extent of Air travel services provided to Hajj or Umrah passengers, diplomats and supernumerary crew.
16.	Services provided by warehouses or depots for storage or cold storages including letting of space for storages.	Only to the extent of storage of agriculture produce for the person's own consumption.
17.	Services provided by photography studios and event or occasion photographers or film-makers.	Only to the extent of non-corporate (individual) photographers operating from small road-side shops declared as such by the Authority.
18.	Services provided by diplomatic missions.	None
19.	Renting of personal dwellings for residential use.	None
20.	Services provided by persons engaged in contractual execution of works or furnishing supplies.	Only to the extent of services related to the contracts involving supplies or printing of books

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21.	Advertisement on television and radio or advertisement services showcasing of any product or service in video programmes, television programmes or motion pictures or music albums.	Only to the extent of: (a) sponsored by an agency of the Federal or Provincial Government for health education; or (b) financed out of funds provided by a Government under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid; or (c) conveying public service message, if telecast on television by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) or United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
22.	Services relating to pathological or diagnostic tests exclusively for medical treatment purposes.	None
23.	Services provided in respect of manufacturing or processing on toll or job basis (against processing on conversion charges) including industrial and commercial packaging services and similar outsourcing of industrial or commercial processes.	None
24.	Advertisement including classified ads in newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals.	None
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26.	Services provided by port operators (including airports and dry-ports) and allied services provided at ports and services provided by terminal operators including services in respect of public bonded warehouses.	Only to the extent of the amounts received by way of fee under any law or bye-law.]
[1][27.	Supply of immovable property by way of lease, license or such similar arrangement.	None]

[1]Sr. No. 25 and entries relating thereto omitted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026. Before omission it read as follows:-

"25.	Services provided by a foreign exchange dealer or exchange company or money changer or money exchanger.	None"

[2]Sr. No. 27 inserted by No. SO(TAX)1-10/2025-26 dated October 22, 2025.

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Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2025, these read as follows:-

"FIRST SCHEDULE
(Classification of Services)
(see sub-section (38) of section 2)

Classification (1)	Description (2)
98.01	**Services provided by hotels, restaurants, marriage halls, lawns, clubs and caterers.**
9801.1000	Services provided by hotels
9801.2000	Services provided by restaurants
9801.3000	Services provided by marriage halls and lawns
9801.4000	Services provided by clubs
9801.5000	Services provided by caterers, suppliers of food and drinks
9801.6000	Ancillary services provided by hotels, restaurants, marriage halls, lawns, caterers
9801.7000	Services provided by messes and hostels
9801.9000	Other
98.02	**Advertisements**
9802.1000	Advertisements on T.V.
9802.2000	Advertisements on radio
9802.3000	Advertisements on closed circuit T.V.
9802.4000	Advertisements in newspapers and periodicals
9802.5000	Advertisements on cable T.V. network Advertisements on poles Advertisements on bill boards
9802.9000	Other
98.03	**Facilities for travel**
9803.1000	Travel by air of passengers within the territorial jurisdiction of Pakistan
9803.1100	Travel by air of passengers embarking on international journey from Pakistan
9803.2000	Domestic travel by train
9803.2100	International travel by train
9803.9000	Other
98.04	**Services provided for inland carriage of goods.**
9804.1000	Carriage of goods by air
9804.2000	Carriage of goods by train
9804.9000	Other
98.05	**Services provided by persons authorized to transact business on behalf of others.**
9805.1000	Shipping agents
9805.2000	Stevedores
9805.2100	Ship management service
9805.3000	Freight forwarding agents
9805.4000	Customs agents
9805.5000	Travel agents
9805.5100	Tour operators
9805.6000	Recruiting agents
9805.7000	Advertising agents
9805.8000	Ship chandlers
9805.9000	Share transfer agent
9805.9100	Sponsorship services
9805.9200	Business support services
9805.9090	Other
98.06	**Services provided in matters of hire.**
9806.1000	Purchase or sale of moveable or immovable goods or property
9806.2000	Property dealers
9806.3000	Car/automobiles dealers
9806.9000	Dealers of second hand goods other than automobiles other
9807.0000	**Services provided by property developers and promoters.**

9808.0000	**Courier services**
9809.0000	**Services provided by persons engaged in contractual execution of** [1]**[works] or furnishing supplies.**
9810.0000	**Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors/clinics, slimming clinics and others.**

[1]Substituted for "work" by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

9811.0000	**Services provided by laundries, dry cleaners.**
98.12	**Telecommunication services.**
9812.1000	Telephone services
9812.1100	Fixed line voice telephone service
9812.1200	Wireless telephone
9812.1210	Cellular telephone
9812.1220	Wireless Local Loop telephone
9812.1300	Video telephone
9812.1400	Payphone cards
9812.1500	Prepaid calling cards
9812.1600	Voice mail service
9812.1700	Messaging service
9812.1710	Short Message service (SMS)
9812.1720	Multimedia message service (MMS)
9812.1910	Shifting of telephone connection
9812.1920	Installation of telephone extension
9812.1930	Provision of telephone extension
9812.1940	Changing of telephone connection
9812.1950	Conversion of NWD connection to non NWD or vice versa
9812.1960	Cost of telephone set
9812.1970	Restoration of telephone connection
9812.1990	Others
9812.2000	Bandwidth services
9812.2100	Copper line based
9812.2200	Fibre-optic based
9812.2300	Co-axial cable based
9812.2400	Microwave based
9812.2500	Satellite based
9812.2900	Others
9812.3000	Telegraph
9812.4000	Telex
9812.5000	Telefax
9812.5010	Store and forward fax services
9812.5090	Others
9812.6000	Internet services
9812.6100	Internet services including email services
9812.6110	Dial-up internet services
9812.6120	Broadband services for DSL connection
9812.6121	Copper line based
9812.6122	Fibre-optic based
9812.6123	Co-axial cable based
9812.6124	Wireless based
9812.6125	Satellite based
9812.6129	Others
9812.6130	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on WLL networks
9812.6140	Internet/email/Data/SMS/MMS services on cellular mobile networks
9812.6190	Others
9812.6200	Data Communication Network services (DCNS)
9812.6210	Copper Line based
9812.6220	Co-axial cable based
9812.6230	Fibre-optic based

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9812.6240	Wireless/Radio based
9812.6250	Satellite based
9812.6290	Others
9812.6300	Value added data services
9812.6310	Virtual private Network services (VPN)
9812.6320	Digital Signature service
9812.6390	Others
9812.9000	Audiotext services
9812.9100	Teletext services
9812.9200	Trunk radio services
9812.9300	Paging services
9812.9400	Voice paging services
9812.9410	Radio paging services
9812.9490	Vehicle tracking services
9812.9500	Burglar alarm services
9812.9090	Others
98.13	**Services provided by banking companies, insurance companies, cooperative financing societies modarabas, musharikas, leasing companies, foreign exchange dealers, non-banking financial institutions and other persons dealing in any such services.**
9813.1000	Services provided in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a reinsure.
9813.1100	Goods insurance
9813.1200	Fire insurance
9813.1300	Theft insurance
9813.1400	Marine insurance
9813.1500	Life insurance
9813.1600	Other insurance
9813.2000	Services provided in respect of advances and loans
9813.3000	Services provided in respect of leasing
9813.3010	Financial leasing
9813.3020	Commodity or equipment leasing
9813.3030	Hire-purchase leasing
9813.3090	Other
9813.3900	Services provided in respect of musharika financing
9813.4000	Services provided by banking companies in relation to:
9813.4100	Guarantee
9813.4200	Brokerage
9813.4300	Letter of credit
9813.4400	Issuance of pay order and demand draft
9813.4500	Bill of exchange
9813.4600	Transfer of money including telegraphic transfer, mail transfer and electronic transfer
9813.4700	Bank guarantee
9813.4800	Bill discounting commission
9813.4900	Safe deposit lockers
9813.4910	Safe vaults
9813.5000	Issuance,, processing and operation of credit and debit cards
9813.6000	Commission and brokerage of foreign exchange dealings
9813.7000	Automated Teller Machine operations, maintenance and management
9813.8000	Service provided as banker to an issue
9813.8100	Other
9813.9000	Service provided by a foreign exchange dealer or exchange company or money changer

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98.14	**Services provided by architects, town planners, contractors, property developers or promoters, interior decorators.**
9814.1000	Architects or town planners
9814.2000	Contractors of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works.
9814.3000	Property developers or promoters
9814.4000	Landscape designers
9814.9000	Other
98.15	**Services provided by professionals and consultants etc.**
9815.1000	Medical practitioners and consultants
9815.2000	Legal practitioners and consultants
9815.3000	Accountants and auditors
9815.4000	Management consultants
9815.5000	Technical, scientific, engineering consultants
9815.6000	Software or IT based system development consultants
9815.9000	Other consultants
9816.0000	Services provided by pathological laboratories.
98.17	**Services provided by medical diagnostic laboratories including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging etc.**
9817.1000	Scientific laboratories
9817.2000	Mechanical laboratories
9817.3000	Chemical laboratories
9817.4000	Electrical or electronic laboratories
9817.9000	Other such laboratories
98.18	**Services provided by specialized agencies.**
9818.1000	Security agency
9818.2000	Credit rating agency
9818.3000	Market research agency
9818.9000	Other such agencies
98.19	**Services provided by specified persons or businesses**
9819.1000	Stockbrokers
9819.1100	Under writers
9819.1200	Indenters
9819.1300	Commission agents
9819.1400	Packers
9819.2000	Money exchanger
9819.3000	Rent a car
9819.4000	Prize bond dealers
9819.5000	Surveyors
9819.6000	Designers
9819.7000	Outdoor photographer
9819.8000	Art painter
9819.9000	Cable TV operators
9819.9100	Auctioneers
9819.9200	Public relations services
9819.9300	Management consultants
9819.9400	Technical testing and analysis service
9819.9500	Service provided by a registrar to an issue
9819.9090	Others
98.20	**Services provided by specialized workshops or undertakings**
9820.1000	Auto-workshops
9820.2000	Workshops for industrial machinery construction and earth moving machinery or other special purpose machinery etc.
9820.3000	Workshops for electric or electronic equipments or appliances etc including computer hardware

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9820.4000	Car washing or similar service stations
9820.9000	Other workshops
98.21	**Services provided in specified fields.**
9821.1000	Healthcare center, gyms or physical fitness center etc.
9821.2000	Indoor sports and games center
9821.3000	Baby care center
9821.4000	Body massage center
9821.5000	Pedicure center
98.22	**Services provided for specified purposes.**
9822.1000	Fumigation services
9822.2000	Maintenance or cleaning services
9822.3000	Janitorial services
9822.4000	Dredging or desilting services
9822.9000	Other similar services
9823.0000	**Franchise services**
9824.0000	**Construction services**
9825.0000	**Consultancy services**
9826.0000	**Management services including fund and asset management services**
9827.0000	**Market research agencies**
9828.0000	**Program producers**
9829.0000	**Brokerage (other than stock) and indenting services**
9830.0000	**Race Clubs**
9831.0000	**General insurance agents**
9832.0000	**Exhibition or convention services**
9833.0000	**Data processing and provision of information, services of engineers, handling and storage of goods**
9834.0000	**Fashion designers**
9835.0000	**Cable operators**
9836.0000	**Internet café**
9837.0000	**Pandal and shamiana service**
9838.0000	**Airport services**
9839.0000	**Intellectual property services**
9840.0000	**Forward contract services**
9841.0000	**Packaging services**
9842.0000	**Services provided in matters of hire**
9843.0000	**Purchase or sale of moveable or immovable goods or property**
9844.0000	**Property dealers and realtors**
9845.0000	**Automobile dealers**
9846.0000	**Dealers of second hand goods other than automobiles**
9847.0000	**Cosmetic and plastic surgery**
9848.0000	**Beauty parlor and beauty clinics**
9849.0000	**HR consultants**
9850.0000	**Corporate law consultants**
9851.0000	**Tax consultants**
9852.0000	**Human resources & personnel development services**
9853.0000	**Coaching centers**
9854.0000	**Vocational centers**
9855.0000	**Actuarial services**
9856.0000	**Training services**
9857.0000	**Tracking services**
9858.0000	**Security alarm services**
9859.0000	**Human resource development**
9860.0000	**Building maintenance and service provider**
9861.0000	**Quality control services (ISO certification authority)**
9862.0000	**Services provided by motels, guest houses and farm houses.**
9863.0000	**Debt collection agencies**
9864.0000	**Amusement parks**

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9865.0000	**Call centers**
9866.0000	**Film and drama studios including mobile stage shows or cinemas**
9867.0000	**Entertainment services**
9868.0000	**Services provided in respect of manufacturing or processing on toll basis."**

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[1][SECOND SCHEDULE

(Taxable Services)

(see section 3)

Part I

S/N	Description	Classification Code, if Applicable	Rate of Tax
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	All services, except those specified in serial numbers 2 and 3 of this Part, Part-II and Part-III.	Respective headings	Sixteen percent
2.	Services provided by persons for carriage of goods by rail or road.	98.04 9804.2000 9804.9000 and respective headings	15% With input tax adjustment for service provider and service recipient.
3.	Telecommunication services: (a) telephone services; (b) fixed line voice telephone service; (c) wireless telephone; (d) cellular telephone; (e) wireless local loop telephone; (f) video telephone; (g) payphone cards; (h) pre-paid calling cards; (i) voice mail service; (j) messaging service; (k) short message service (SMS); (l) multimedia message service (MMS); (m) bandwidth services used for voice and video telecommunication services: (i) copper line based;	98.12 9857.0000, 9858.0000	Nineteen and a half percent

[1]First and Second Schedules substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2025 dated June 30, 2025.

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	(ii) fiber-optic based; (iii) co-axial cable based; (iv) microwave based; (v) satellite based; (n) telegraph; (o) telex; (p) telefax; (q) store and forward fax services; (r) audio-text services; (s) tele-text services; (t) trunk radio services; (u) paging services; (v) voice paging services; (w) radio paging services; (x) vehicle and other tracking services; and (y) burglar and security alarm services; (z) (i) internet services, whether dialup or broadband, including email services, data communication network services (DCNS) and value added data services; (ii) such charges payable on the international leased lines or bandwidth services used by: (a) software exporting firms registered with Pakistan Software Export Board; and (b) data and internet service providers licensed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority; and (iii) such charges payable on the international leased lines used by the software exporting firms registered with Pakistan Software Export Board for software exports.		

Part II

FIXED-TAXED SERVICES

The services enumerated below, shall be fixed rate, subject to the conditions, if any, specified hereunder:

S/N	Description	Classification Code, if Applicable	Rate of Tax
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**
1.	Services provided by property developers, builders and promoters (including their allied services);	9807.0000 and respective sub-headings of heading 98.14	Rs.100 per square yard for land development and Rs.50 per square feet for building construction.
2.	Freight forwarding agents.	9805.3000	Rs. 1000 per bill of lading

Part III

REDUCED RATE SERVICES

S/N	Description	Classification Code, if Applicable	Rate of Tax
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(5)**
1.	Hotels, motels and guest houses	9801.1000	[1][(a) eight percent without input tax adjustment where payment against services is received through debit or credit cards, mobile wallets or QR scanning; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]

[1]Substituted for "(i) Five percent without input tax adjustment for non-corporate, non-franchise, non-chain businesses with less than 20 rooms; and (ii) Sixteen percent for others" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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2.	Marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services. Catering services (including all ancillary/allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental of equipment and accessories).	9801.3000 9801.5000	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
3.	Services provided in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a re-insurer for: (a) fire insurance; (b) goods insurance; (c) health insurance; (d) life insurance; (e) marine insurance; (f) theft insurance; and (g) any other insurance.	98.13	(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for health insurance for individuals; and (b) Five percent for insurance agents and insurance brokers; (c) Sixteen percent of gross premium paid, for others.
4.	Services provided by restaurants including cafes, food (including ice-cream) parlors, coffee houses, coffee shops, deras, food huts, eateries, resorts and similar cooked, prepared or ready-to-eat food service outlets etc.	9801.2000 9801.9000	(a) [1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment where payment against services is received through debit or credit cards , mobile wallets or QR scanning; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.
5.	Franchise services including intellectual property rights and licensing	9823.0000 9839.0000 and respective headings	(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions for information technology; and

[1]Substituted for "Five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

			(b) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions other than educational institutions for information technology; and (c) Sixteen percent for others.
6.	Construction services and services provided by contractors of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works) **Explanation:** Notwithstanding the rate of 5% fixed in column 4, the following further reduced rates shall be applicable: (a) one per cent for all services specified at S.No.14 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of Government civil works including those of cantonment boards involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched during Financial Year 2016-17 and funded under the Annual Development Plan of the Punjab Government or funded through foreign loans where the negotiations were finalized after 1st of July 2016 or funded under Public	9824.0000 and 9814.2000	five percent without input tax credit or adjustment in respect of Government civil works and sixteen percent with input tax credit or adjustment for others.

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	Sector Development Program of the Federal Government or funded by the Cantonment Boards; and (b) zero per cent for all services specified at S.No.14 without input tax credit/adjustment to the extent of Government civil works including those of cantonment boards involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched prior to Financial Year 2016-17 and funded under the Annual Development Plan of the Punjab Government or funded through foreign loans where the negotiations were finalized as on 1st of July 2016 or funded under Public Sector Development Program of the Federal Government or funded by Cantonment Boards.		
7.	Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors, salons, clinics, sliming clinics, spas (including saunas, Turkish baths and Jacuzzi) and similar other establishments.	9810.0000 9848.0000 9847.0000 9821.4000 9821.5000 9815.7000 and respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
8.	Information technology-enabled or information technology based services including software development, software customization, software maintenance, system support, system assembly, system integration, system	9815.6000 and respective heading	(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for services provided by software or IT-based system development persons; and (b)Five percent without input tax adjustment for others.

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	designing and architecture, system analysis, system development, system operation, system maintenance, system up-gradation and modification, data warehousing or management, data entry operations, data migration or transfer, system security or protection, web designing, web development, web hosting, network designing, services relating to enterprise resource or management planning (including marketing of products), development and sale of smart phone applications or games, graphics designing, medical transcription, remote monitoring, telemedicine, insurance claim processing, online retrieval and database access or retrieval service. Explanation: This entry includes and shall be deemed to have always included real estate aggregators and streaming/over-the-top (OTT) services.		
9.	Services provided by other consultants (by whatever name called or treated, whether as consultant or otherwise) including human resource and personnel development services, exhibition or convention services including provision of space, equipment, accessories and other allied services, [1][ ]	9815.9000, 9832.0000, 9827.0000, 9818.3000, 9818.2000, 9819.9300, 9852.0000, 9859.0000, 9825.0000, 9819.5000, 9849.0000, 9818.9000, 9853.0000,	(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for training services related to Information Technology; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.

[1]Words etc. "event management services (whole range and variety of their services regardless of separate or individual classification thereof)," omitted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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	valuation services, evaluation services (including competency and eligibility testing services), certification, verification and equivalence services, market research services, marketing or sales services (including marketing agencies and on line marketing or sales services), surveyors services, training or coaching services (other than general education services) and credit rating services.	9856.0000 and respective headings.	
10.	Services provided by tour operators and travel agents including all their allied services or facilities.	9805.5100, 9805.5000, 9803.9000.	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
11.	Manpower recruitment agents, including labour and manpower supplies.	9805.6000	(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services where the value of service is fixed by the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.
12.	Services provided by property dealers and realtors.	9806.2000, 9844.0000.	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
13.	Services provided by fashion designers, including use of brand name, logo or house mark (whether or not registered) in the manufacturing or trading of products whether relating to textile, leather, jewellery or other product regimes including allied services such as cutting, stitching,	9834.0000, 9819.6000, 9839.0000 and respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.

[1]Substituted for "Five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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	printing, manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, embellishment, adornments, display (including marketing, packing and delivery etc.)		
14.	Services provided by architects, town planners, landscapers, landscape designers, interior decorators and interior designers.	9814.1000, 9814.9000, 9814.4000 and respective headings.	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
15.	Rent-a-car (including renting of all categories of vehicles meant for transportation of persons)	9819.3000 and respective headings	(a) [1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment for services provided to end consumers; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.
16.	Car/automobile dealers	9806.3000 9845.0000	(a) Sixteen percent for services provided by companies or authorized dealers; and (b) Five percent without input tax adjustment, for others.
17.	Brokerage (other than stock) and indenting services including agents, brokers, under-writers and auctioneers	9829.0000 9819.1200 9819.1100 9819.1300 9819.9100	(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services provided in respect of agricultural produce and home chefs; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.
18.	Services provided in specified fields such as health care, gym, physical fitness, indoor sports, games, amusement parks, arcades and other recreation facilities, and body or sauna massage etc.	9821.1000 9821.2000 9821.4000	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
19.	Services provided by Laundries and dry cleaners	9811.0000	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
20.	Services provided by Cable TV operators	9819.9000	Five percent without input tax adjustment.

[1]Substituted for "Five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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21.	Services in relation to supply of tangible goods including machinery, equipment and appliances for use, without transferring right of possession and effective control of such machinery, equipment and appliances.	Respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
22.	Services provided by accountants (including practicing chartered or cost accountants), auditors, actuaries, tax consultants (by whatever name called), practicing company secretaries, receivers, liquidators, auctioneers and corporate law consultants, whether individual or otherwise.	9815.2000 9815.3000 9850.0000 9851.0000 9855.0000 and respective headings	(a) [1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to accountancy, audit, tax or corporate law consultancy; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.
23.	Facilities for travel originating from Punjab by Air for domestic and international travel.	9803.1000 9803.1100	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
24.	Services provided by skin and laser clinics, cosmetic and plastic surgeons and hair transplant services including consultation services.	9847.0000 and respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
25.	Services provided by warehouses or depots for storage or cold storages including letting of space for storages.	9833.0000 and respective headings	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
26.	(i) Medical consultation/visit fee exceeding Rs.1500 per consultation/visit of doctors, medical practitioners and medical specialists (ii) Bed/Room charges of hospitals exceeding Rs.6,000/- per day per bed/room.	9815.1000 and other Respective headings	Zero percent without input tax adjustment.

[1]Substituted for "Five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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27.	Services provided by photography studios and event or occasion photographers/film-makers.	9819.7000 and respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
28.	Parking services	Respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
29.	Dress designing and stitching services.	Respective headings	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
30.	Rental of bulldozers, excavators, cranes, construction equipment, Scaffolding, framework and shuttering, generators, storage containers, Refrigerator, shelf or rack renting, etc	Respective heading	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
31.	Services in respect of treatment of textile, leather but not limited to Dyeing services, Edging and cutting, cloth treating, water proofing, Embroidery, Engraving, Fabric bleaching, Knitting, Leather staining, Leather working, Pre shrinking, Colour separation services, pattern printing and shoe making services.	Respective heading	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
32.	Apartment house management, real estate management and services of rent collection.	Respective heading	[1][Eight] percent without input tax adjustment.
33.	Ride-Hailing Services Explanation: This entry includes and shall be deemed to have always included cab aggregators.	Respective heading	Five percent without input tax adjustment.
34.	Entertainment services (including cinemas, theatres, concerts, circus, sports events, races, film, fashion shows and mobile stage shows)		Zero percent without input tax adjustment.]

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[1]Substituted for "Five" by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

[1][35.	Foreign exchange services provided by any person including exchange company, Forex Dealer and Money Changer shall pay the tax leviable on the services rendered or provided to any person in respect of currency exchange.	Respective headings	Three percent without input tax adjustment. *Explanation*: rate shall apply to the services involving consideration of spread charges as permitted by the State Bank of Pakistan in relation to the buying and selling of foreign currencies,
36.	Event management services (whole range and variety of their services regardless of separate or individual classification thereof),	Respective headings	Eight percent without input tax adjustment.]

[1]S. Nos. 35 to 36 and entries relating thereto inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2026 dated July 01, 2026.

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Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2025, these read as follows:-

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(Taxable Services)
(see section 3)

S. No. (1)	Description (2)	[1][Classification, if applicable] (3)	Rate of Tax (4)
[2][1.	Hotels, motels and guest houses.	9801.1000	(i). Five percent without input tax adjustment for non-corporate, non-franchise, non-chain businesses with less than 20 rooms; and (ii). Sixteen percent for others
	Marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services.	9801.3000	Five percent without input tax adjustment.

[1]Substituted for "Classification" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[2]S. No. 1 substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was substituted by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position. Before substitution by Finance Act, 2020, it read as follows:-

"1.	Hotels, motels, guest houses.	9801.1000	(i) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for non-corporate, non-franchise, non-chain businesses; and (ii) sixteen percent for others.
	Marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services.	9801.3000	Zero percent without input tax adjustment.
	Catering services (including all ancillary / allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental of equipment and accessories).	9801.5000	Zero percent without input tax adjustment.
	Clubs including race clubs and their membership services including service, facilities or advantages, for a subscription or any other amount to their member.	9801.4000	Sixteen percent."

Before substitution by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19), it read as follows:-

"1.	[1][Services provided by hotels, motels, guest houses, marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services, catering services (including all ancillary/allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental of equipment and accessories) and clubs including race clubs and their membership services including services, facilities or advantages, for a subscription or any other amount, to their members.].	[2][9801.1000, 9801.3000, 9801.4000, 9801.5000, 9801.6000, [3][9830.000,] 9837.0000 [4][, 9862.0000 and respective headings] 9862.0000]	Sixteen per cent"

[1]Substituted for "Services provided by hotels [1][motels, guest houses, marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services], clubs [2][including race clubs] and caterers [3][(including all ancillary or allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental of equipment and accessories]." by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[1]Words inserted by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[2]Substituted for "9801.1000 9801.4000 and 9801.5000" by No. SO(TAX)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.

[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[4]Substituted for "and" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

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	Clubs including race clubs and their membership services including services, facilities or advantages, for a subscription or any other amount, to their members.	9801.4000	Sixteen percent
	Catering services (including all ancillary/allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental of equipment and accessories).	9801.5000	Five percent without input tax adjustment]
2.	[1][Advertisement on television and radio or advertisement services showcasing of any product or service in video programmes, television programmes or motion pictures or music albums, excluding advertisements:	[2][9802.1000, 9802.2000 and respective headings]	Sixteen percent
	(a) sponsored by an agency of the Federal or Provincial Government for health education; or (b) financed out of funds provided by a Government under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid; or (c) conveying public service message, if telecast on television by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) or United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).]		
3.	Services provided by persons authorized to transact business on behalf of others– (a) customs agents; (b) ship chandlers; and (c) stevedores.	9805.4000 9805.8000 and 9805.2000	Sixteen per cent
4.	Courier services [1][including [2][express cargo or logistic services or] cargo services by road passenger transportation businesses [3][including any cash collection incidental thereto] and transportation through pipeline and conduit services].	9808.0000 [4][and 9804.9000]	Sixteen per cent
5.	Advertisement on a cable television.	9802.5000	Sixteen per cent

[1]Substituted for "Advertisement on television and radio, excluding advertisements–
(a) sponsored by an agency of the Federal or Provincial Government for health education;
[1][(b) financed out of funds provided by a Government under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid;]
(c) conveying public service message, if telecast on television by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) or United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)." by Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016. Earlier paragraph (b) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-

[1]Paragraph (b) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-
"(b) financed out of funds provided by a Government under grant-in-aid agreement; and"

[2]Substituted for "9802.1000 and 9802.2000" by Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[3]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[4]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

6.	Telecommunication services– (a) telephone services; (b) fixed line voice telephone service; (c) wireless telephone; (d) cellular telephone; (e) wireless Local Loop telephone; (f) video telephone; (g) payphone cards; (h) pre-paid calling cards; (i) voice mail service; (j) messaging service; (k) short message service (SMS); (l) multimedia message service (MMS); (m) bandwidth services used for voice and video telecommunication services; (i) copper line based; (ii) fiber-optic based; (iii) co-axial cable based; (iv) microwave based; (v) satellite based; (n) telegraph; (o) telex; (p) telefax; (q) store and forward fax services; (r) audio-text services; (s) tele-text services; (t) trunk radio services; (u) paging services; (v) voice paging services; (w) radio paging services;	[1][98.12 [2][ ], 9857.0000 and 9858.0000]	Nineteen and a half per cent
	(x) vehicle [1][and other] tracking services; and (y) burglar [1][and security] alarm services; [2][(z) (i) internet services, whether dialup or broadband, including email services, data communication network services (DCNS) and value added data services; (ii) such charges payable on the international leased lines or bandwidth services used by: (a) software exporting firms registered with Pakistan Software Export Board; and (b) data and internet service providers licensed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority; and (iii) such charges payable on the international leased lines used by the software exporting firms registered with Pakistan Software Export Board for software exports.]		

[1]Substituted for "98.12" by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.
[2]Words "(all sub-headings under 98.12 of the First Schedule)" deleted by NO.SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15(Vol-II) dated November 25, 2015. Earlier these were inserted by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15 dated May 28, 2015.
[1]Words inserted by No. SO(TAX)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

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[1][	]		
[2][			]
7.	[3][Services provided in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a re-insurer for: (a) fire insurance; (b) goods insurance; (c) health insurance; (d) life insurance; (e) marine insurance; (f) theft insurance; and (g) any other insurance. EXCLUDING: (a) marine insurance for export; and (b) crop insurance.]	98.13	[4][(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for health insurance for individuals; and [4][(aa) Five percent for insurance agents and insurance brokers]

[1]Exceptions deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022. Earlier it was substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Earlier it was substituted No. SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15(Vol-II) dated November 25, 2015. Earlier it was substituted by No. SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15 dated May 28, 2015. Before omission by Punjab Finance Act, 2022, it read as follows:-

"EXCLUDING: internet services, whether dialup or broadband including email services, data communication network services (DCNS) and value added data services when the charges do not exceed Rs.1500/- per month per student.]"

[2]Item c and entries relating thereto deleted by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013. Before omission it read as follows:-

"(c) Such amounts received by the Long Distance International license holders including Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited on International incoming calls under agreements with the foreign telecommunication companies."

[3]Substituted for "(i) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for health insurance and life insurance; and (ii) sixteen percent of gross premium paid, for others." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier it was substituted for "Sixteen per cent of the gross premium paid" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.

[4]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.

Before substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017, it read as follows:-

"(a)	Internet services whether dialup or broadband including email services, data communication network services (DCNS) and value added data services.
(b)	Such charges payable on the international leased lines or bandwidth services used by: (i) software exporting firms registered with the Pakistan Software Export Board, and (ii) data and internet service providers licensed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority."

Before substitution by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15(Vol-II), it read as follows:-

"(a)	Internet (including broadband) services provided exclusively to educational institutions through dedicated lines or connections for the use solely in education and research activities within the specified premises of such institutions.
(b)	Student package of internet services meant exclusively for students of educational institutions verifiable in the manner prescribed, whether dialup or broadband including email services and data communication network of upto 2mbps speed valued at not more than Rs. 1500 per month per service recipient.
(c)	Such charges payable on the international leased lines used by software exporting firms registered with the Pakistan Software Export Board for software exports."

Before substitution by No.SO(TAX)1-1/2014-15, it read as follows:-

"(a)	internet services whether dialup or broadband including email services, data communication network services (DCNS) and value added data services.
(b)	Such charges payable on the international leased lines or bandwidth services used by- i. software exporting firms registered with the Pakistan software exporting board; and ii. data and internet service providers licensed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority."

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			(b) Sixteen percent of gross premium paid, for others.]
8.	[1][Services provided by banking companies, cooperative financing societies, modarabas, musharikas, ijarahs, leasing companies, non-banking financial institutions and other persons, businesses or enterprises providing or dealing in any such services.]	98.13	Sixteen per cent
9.	Services provided by the stock brokers.	9819.1000	Sixteen per cent
10.	Services provided by shipping agents	9805.1000	Sixteen per cent
[1a][11.	Services provided by restaurants [2][including cafes, food (including ice-cream) pariors, coffee houses, coffee shops, deras, food huts, eateries, resorts and similar cooked, prepared or ready-to-eat food service outlets etc].	9801.2000 [2][and 9801.9000]	[3][(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment where payment against services is received through debit or credit cards [4][, mobile wallets or QR scanning]; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]

Substituted for the following by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018:-

"Services provided in respect of insurance to a policy holder by an insurer, including a re-insurer–

(a) goods insurance;

(b) fire insurance;

(c) theft insurance;

(d) marine insurance; and

(e) other insurance;

EXCLUDING:

(a) Marine insurance for export;

(b) Life insurance;

(c) Health insurance;

(d) Crop insurance."

[1]Substituted by "Services provided by Banking Companies or Non-Banking Financial Institutions including but not limited to all non-interest based services provided against a consideration in form or a fee or commission or charge." Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[1a]Sr.11 substituted and Sr. 12 & 13 inserted by SO(Tax)1-9/2011 dated October 06, 2012.

[2]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[4]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.

[5]/12.	[6]/All kinds of advertisement services including advertisements on hoarding boards, pole signs and sign boards and on closed circuit TV, websites or internet, advertisements through brand activation in any mode, advertisement on moving vehicles, aerial advertising, advertisement through provision of space or time, or on bill-boards, public places, buildings, conveyances, cell phones, automated teller machines, or through offering product exclusivity in any manner./	[7]/9802.3000, 9802.5000, 9802.9000 and respective headings./	Sixteen per cent/
13.	Franchise service [1][including intellectual property rights services [2]/and licensing services/]	[3][9823.0000 9839.0000 and respective headings]	[4][(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions for information technology; (b) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions other than educational institutions for information technology; and (c) Sixteen percent for others.]
[1][14.	[2][Construction services and services provided by contractors of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works but: EXCLUDING: (i) where the tax is otherwise paid by registered persons as property developers, builders or promoters for building construction; or	9824.0000 and 9814.2000	[3][five percent without input tax credit/adjustment in respect of Government civil works and sixteen percent with input tax credit/adjustment for others]

[5]Sr.12 substituted by SO(Tax)1-2/97(Pt. VII) dated January 16, 2013. Earlier it was inserted by SO(Tax)1-9/2011 dated October 06, 2012

[6]Substituted for "Advertisements on hoarding boards, pole signs and sign boards and on closed circuit TV, websites or internet" by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[7]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[1]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[2]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[3]Substituted for"9823.0000 [and 9839.0000] by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Earlier words in brackets were inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[4]Substituted for "(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions; and (b) Sixteen percent for others." by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97(Pt. XIV) dated September 12, 2023. Earlier it was substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[1]Sr.14 to 21 inserted by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.

[2]Substituted for "Construction services EXCLUDING:

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	(ii) where the construction work is funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or involves construction of consular buildings; or		
	(iii) residential construction projects where the covered area does not exceed 10,000 square feet for a house and 20,000 square feet for an apartment except where construction services are provided to construct more than one house or more than one apartment building [1][; or]] [2][(iv) where the construction services are provided to any registered person who is otherwise liable to pay sales tax as a property developer, builder and promoter.]		
	[1][*Explanation*- Notwithstanding the rate of 5% fixed in column 4, the following further reduced rates shall be applicable: (a) one per cent for all services specified at S.No.14 without input tax credit or adjustment to the extent of Government civil works including those of cantonment boards involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched during Financial Year 2016-17 and funded under the Annual Development Plan of the Punjab Government or funded through foreign loans where the negotiations were finalized after 1st of July 2016 or funded under Public Sector Development Program of the Federal Government or funded by the Cantonment Boards; and		

[1]Sr.14 to 21 inserted by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013.

[2]Substituted for "Construction services EXCLUDING:

[1][(i) Where the tax is otherwise paid by registered persons as property developers, builders or promoters for building construction; or

(ii) Where the construction work is funded under an agreement of foreign grant-in-aid or involves construction of consular buildings; or

(iii) Government civil works including those of Cantonment Boards or

(iv) Residential construction projects where the covered area does not exceed 10,000 square feet for a house and 20,000 square feet for an apartment except where construction services are provided to construct more than one house or more than one apartment building.]" by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[1]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"(i) Construction projects (industrial and commercial) of the value (excluding actual and documented cost of land) not exceeding Rs.50 million [1][per annum].

(ii) The cases where sales tax is otherwise paid as property developers or promoters.

(iii) Government civil works including Cantonment Boards.

(iv) Construction of industrial zones, consular buildings and other organizations exempt from income tax.

(v) Construction work under international tenders against foreign grants-in-aid.

(vi) Residential construction projects where the covered area does not exceed 10,000 square feet for houses and 20,000 square feet for apartments."

[1]Words etc inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Amendment reversed for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment" after 30-06-2020. Earlier substituted "five percent without input tax credit/adjustment in respect of Government civil works and sixteen percent with input tax credit/adjustment for others" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position. Earlier it was substituted for "five percent without input tax credit/adjustment" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018, was substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017, was substituted for "(i) @ Rs.100 per square yard for land development and, (ii) @ Rs.50 per square feet for building construction." by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated February 12, 2014.

[1]Substituted for full stop by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[2]Clause (iv) inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017.

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	(b) zero per cent for all services specified at S.No.14 without input tax credit/adjustment to the extent of Government civil works including those of cantonment boards involved in the ongoing development schemes and projects launched prior to Financial Year 2016-17 and funded under the Annual Development Plan of the Punjab Government or funded through foreign loans where the negotiations were finalized as on 1st of July 2016 or funded under Public Sector Development Program of the Federal Government or funded by Cantonment Boards.]		
[1][15.	[2][Services provided by property developers, builders and promoters (including their allied services); Excluding: Affordable housing services provided under Government sponsored housing programs.]	9807.0000 and respective sub-headings of heading 98.14	[3][Rs.100 per square yard for land development and Rs.50 per square feet for building construction.]
16.	Services provided by persons engaged in contractual execution of [1][works] or furnishing supplies. EXCLUSING: [2][ ] (ii) The contracts involving printing or supplies of books.	9809.0000	sixteen per cent
[3][			]

[1]Sr.15 and relating entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019. Earlier Sr. 14 to 21 inserted by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"15.	[1][Services provided by property developers, builders and promoters (including their allied services) [2][ ].]	9807.0000 and respective sub-headings of heading 98.14	[3][(i) @ Rs.100 per square yard for land development and, (ii) @ Rs.50 per square feet for building construction.]"

[1]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"Services provided by property developers and promoters (including allied services) EXCLUSING:
Actual purchase value or documented cost of land."

[2]Words "excluding actual purchase value or documented cost of land" deleted by Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[3]Substituted for "sixteen per cent" by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated February 12, 2014.

[2]Substituted for "(i) Services provided by property developers, builders and promoters (including their allied services).

Excluding:

Actual purchase value or documented cost of land.

(ii) Affordable housing services provided under Government sponsored housing programs." by Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[3]Substituted for "(i) Eight percent without input tax adjustment or sixteen percent with input tax adjustment; and (ii) Five percent without input tax adjustment or sixteen percent with input tax adjustment;" by Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

[1]Substituted for "work" by Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[2]Sub-heading (i) deleted by Finance Act, 2017 dated June 16, 2017. Before omission read as follows:-

"(i) Annual total value of the contractual works or supplies does not exceed Rs.50 million."

[3]Sr.17 and relating entries deleted by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated May 13, 2014. Earlier Sr. 14 to 21 inserted by SO(Tax)1-1/2013-14 dated May 22, 2013. Before omission it read as follows:-

"17.	Services provided by a foreign exchange dealer or exchange company or money changer/ money exchanger. EXCLUSING: Value of currency.	9813.9000 and 9819.2000	sixteen per cent"

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18.	[4][Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors, salons, clinics, sliming clinics, spas (including saunas, Turkish baths and Jacuzzi) and similar other establishments [5][ ]. EXCLUDING: Services provided in a parlour, salon or clinic where the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or is not available in the premises on any day of the financial year.]	9810.0000 9848.0000 9847.0000 9821.4000 and 9821.5000 [6][and 9815.7000 and respective headings]	[7][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
19.	Management consultancy services including fund and asset [1][(including investment)] management services.	9815.4000 and 9826.0000	sixteen per cent
20.	Services provided by port operating (including airports and dryports) and allied services provided at ports and services provided by terminal operators including services in respect of public bonded warehouses. EXCLUSING: The amounts received by way of fee under any law or by-law.	9838.0000 and respective headings	sixteen per cent
21.	Freight forwarding agents.	9805.3000	Rs. [2][1000] per bill of landing]
[3][22.	[4][Information technology-enabled or information technology based services including software development, software customization, software maintenance, system support, system assembly, system integration, system designing and architecture, system analysis, system development, system operation, system maintenance, system up-	9815.6000	[5][(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for services provided by software or information technology based system development persons; and

[4]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors, clinics, sliming clinics including cosmetic and plastic surgery by such parlors/ clinics.

EXCLUSING:

(i) if beauty parlor or clinic is not a corporate or chain business; or

(ii) no aspect of the business is trade marked or franchised; or

(iii) annual turnover does not exceed Rs.3.6 million; or

[1][(iv) the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or available in the premises."

[1]Paragraph (iv) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014. Before substitution, it read as follows:-

"(iv) annual electricity bills of the business do not exceed Rs.600,000/-."

[5]Words "including cosmetic and plastic surgery and hair transplants" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

[6]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[7]Substituted for "[(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to educational institutions; and (b) Sixteen percent for others." by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021. Earlier it was substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[2]Substituted for "400" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

[3]Sr.22 to 37 inserted by SO(Tax)1-2/97(Pt-VIII) dated July 01, 2013, effective from July 1, 2013.

[4]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"Services provided by software or IT-based system development consultants."

[5]Substituted for "Five percent without input tax adjustment" by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97(Pt. XIV) dated September 12, 2023. Earlier it was substituted for "(i) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for services provided by digital platforms; and (ii) sixteen percent for others." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.

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	gradation and modification, data warehousing or management, data entry operations data migration or transfer, system security or protection, web designing, services relating to enterprise resource or management planning (including marketing of products), development and sale of smart phone applications or games, graphics designing, medical transcription, remote monitoring, telemedicine, insurance claim processing, online retrieval and database access or retrieval service.] [1][Explanation: This entry includes and shall be deemed to have always included real estate aggregators [2]/and streaming / over-the-top (OTT) services/.]		(b) Five percent without input tax adjustment for others.]
23.	Services provided by technical, scientific & engineering consultants [3][including technical inspection and clarification services, quality control (standards' certification), technical analysis and testing, erection, commissioning and installation services].	9815.5000 9819.9400 [3][9861.0000, 9815.5000]	sixteen per cent
24.	[4][Services provided by other consultants (by whatever name called or treated, whether as consultant or otherwise) including human resource and personnel development services, exhibition or convention services [5][including provision of space, equipment, accessories and other allied services], event management services (whole range and variety of their services regardless of separate or individual classification thereof), valuation services, evaluation services (including competency and eligibility testing services), certification, verification and equivalence services, market research services, marketing or sales services (including marketing agencies and on line marketing or sales services), surveyors services, training or coaching services (other than general education services) and credit rating services.]	[6][9832.000, 9827.0000, 9818.3000, 9818.2000, 9818.9300, 9852.0000 and 9859.0000] 9815.9000 [1][, 9825.0000, 9819.5000, 9849.0000, 9818.9000, 9853.0000, 9856.0000 and respective headings]	[7][(a) Zero percent without input tax adjustment for training services relating to information technology; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[2]Words inserted by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97 (Pt. XIV) dated September 12, 2023.
[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[4]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"Services provided by other consultants [1][including but not limited to human resource and personnel development services, exhibition or convention services, event management services, valuation services (including competency and eligibility testing services), market research services and credit rating services]."

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[5]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[6]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[7]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97(Pt. XIV) dated September 12, 2023. Earlier it was reversed for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment". Earlier substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[1]Inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.

25.	Services provided by tour operators [2][and travel agents including all their allied services or facilities] (other than Hajj and Umrah [3][including Ziyarat]).	9805.5100 [2][9805.5000 and 9803.9000]	[4][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
26.	Manpower recruitment agents [3][including labour and manpower supplies].	9805.6000	[5][Five percent without input tax adjustment for services where the value of service is fixed by the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]
27.	Services provided by security agency.	9818.1000	sixteen per cent
28.	Services provided in respect of mining of minerals, oil & gas including related surveys and allied activities.	--	sixteen per cent
29.	Services provided by advertising agents	9805.7000	sixteen per cent
30.	[1][Services provided by a registrar to an issue, share transfer or depository services including services provided through manual or electronic book-entry system used to record and maintain securities and to register the transfer of shares, securities and derivatives (including investor account services, trustee or custodial services, share registrar services and their allied or connected services).]	[2][9819.9500, 9819.9090 and respective headings]	sixteen per cent
31.	Services provided by business support services [3][including business auxiliary services].	[4][9805.9200, 9805.9090 and respective headings]	sixteen per cent
32.	Services provided by property dealers [5][and realtors].	9806.2000 [5][9844.0000]	[6][Five percent without input tax adjustment]

[1]Entries substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Earlier it was substituted for "Services provided by share transfer agents." by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014. Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2015 these read as follows:-

"Share transfer or depository agents including services provided through manual or electronic book-entry system used to record and maintain securities and to register the transfer of shares, securities and derivatives."

[2]Substituted for "respective headings" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015. Earlier it was substituted for"9805.9000" by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[4]Substituted for "9805.9200" by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.

[5]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[6]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.

[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

[3]Words inserted by No. SO(Tax)1-9/2014 dated September 30, 2014.

[4]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 30, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.

[5]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.

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33.	Services provided by fashion designers [1][including use of brand name, logo or house mark (whether or not registered) in manufacturing or trading of products] [2][whether relating to textile, leather, jewellery or other product regimes including allied services such as cutting, stitching, printing, manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, embellishment, adornments, display (including marketing, packing and delivery etc.].	9834.0000 [2][and 9819.6000] [1][, 9839.0000 and respective headings]	[3][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
34.	Services provided by architects, town planners [4][landscapers, landscape designers] [5][interior decorators and interior designers].	9814.1000 9814.9000 [4][, 9814.4000 and respective headings]	[3][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
35.	Services provided in respect of rent-a-car [6][(including renting of all categories of vehicles meant for transportation of persons)].	[7][9819.3000 and respective headings]	[8][(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services provided to end consumers; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]
36.	Services provided by car/automobile dealers.	9806.3000 [1][and 9845.0000]	[2][(a) Sixteen percent for services provided by companies or authorized dealers; and (b) Five percent without input tax adjustment, for others.]
[3][			]
[4][38.	Services provided by specialized workshops or undertakings (auto-workshops; workshops for industrial machinery, construction and earth-moving machinery or other special purpose machinery etc; workshops for electric or electronic equipments or appliances etc. including computer hardware; car washing or similar service stations and other workshops).	98.20	Sixteen percent

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[3]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[4]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[5]Substituted for "and interior decorators" by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 27, 2019.
[6]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[7]Substituted for "9819.3000" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[8]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[3]S. No. 37 and entries relating thereto deleted by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97(Pt.XIV) dated September 12, 2023. Before omission it read as follows:-

"37.	Services provided in respect of manufacturing or processing on toll or job basis (against processing on conversion charges) [1][including industrial and commercial packaging services and similar outsourcing of industrial or commercial processes]	9868.0000 [1][9841.0000 and 9819.1400]	[2][Five percent without input tax adjustment]"

[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[4]S. Nos. 38 to 47 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.

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[1][39.	Services provided for specified purposes including fumigation services, maintenance and repair (including building and equipment maintenance and repair including after sale services) or cleaning services [2][including collection and processing of domestic waste and street cleaning services], janitorial services, dredging or desilting services and other similar services etc.	[3][98.22, 9860.0000 and respective headings]	Sixteen percent]
40.	Brokerage (other than stock) and indenting services including commission agents, under-writers and auctioneers.	9829.0000, 9819.1200, 9819.1100, 9819.1300 and 9819.9100	[4][(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services provided in respect of agricultural produce [5][and home chefs]; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]
41.	Call centres.	9865.0000	[6][Sixteen] percent
42.	Services provided by laboratories other than services relating to pathological or diagonistic tests [7][exclusively for medical treatment purposes].	9816.000 and 98.17	Sixteen percent
43.	Services provided in specified fields such as health care, gym, physical fitness, indoor sports, games [1][, amusement parks, arcades and other recreation facilities,] and body or sauna massage etc.	9821.0000 and 9821.2000 9821.4000	[2][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
44.	Services provided by laundries and dry cleaners.	9811.0000	[3][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
45.	Services provided by cable TV operators.	9819.9000	[2][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
46.	Services provided by TV or radio program producers or production houses.	9828.0000	Sixteen percent
[4][			]

[1]S. No. 38 to 47 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014.
[2]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[3]Substituted for "98.22 and 9860.0000" by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[4]Substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[5]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[6]Substituted for "Nineteen and half" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[7]Substituted for "for patients" by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[1]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[2]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[3]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021. Earlier amendment was reversed for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." Earlier substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[4]S. No. 47 and entries relating thereto deleted by No. SO(Tax)1-2/97 dated September 23, 2014. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2014 dated June 26, 2014. Before omission it read as follows:-

"47. Advertisements (including classified ads) in newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals. 9802.4000 Five percent"

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[5][47.	Services in relation to transport of goods other than water, through pipeline, conduit [6][, transmission lines] or any other medium (other than inland carriage of goods by road otherwise taxable or chargeable to tax as such)	Respective headings	Sixteen percent
48	Services provided by persons for [7][ ] carriage of goods by rail or road. [8][ ]	98.04, 9804.2000, 9804.9000 and respective headings	[9][Fifteen percent]
49	Visa processing services including advisory or consultancy services for foreign education or for migration, visa application filing, services provided by document collection centres and subsequent assistance in visa processing (including all ancillary services)	Respective headings	Sixteen percent
50	Services in relation to supply of tangible goods including machinery, equipment and appliances for use, without transferring right of possession and effective control of such machinery, equipment and appliances.	Respective headings	[1][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
51	Public relation services including communication services and services provided by public relations or media management businesses, communication specialists, media researchers, and services provided by opinion poll agencies.	9819.9200 and respective headings	Sixteen percent
52	Services provided by accountants (including practicing chartered or cost accountants), auditors, actuaries, tax consultants (by whatever name called), practicing company secretaries, receivers, liquidators, auctioneers and corporate law consultants, whether individual or otherwise.	9815.2000 9815.3000 9850.0000 9851.0000 9855.0000 and respective headings	[2][(a) Five percent without input tax adjustment for services relating to accountancy, audit, tax or corporate law consultancy; and (b) Sixteen percent for others.]
53	Domestic transportation of goods by air (other than courier services otherwise taxable or chargeable to tax as such)	Respective headings	Sixteen percent
[1][54	Facilities for travel originating from Punjab by Air for domestic and international travel. Excluding: Air travel services provided to Hajj or Umrah passengers, diplomats and supernumerary crew.	9803.1000 9803.1100	Five percent without input tax adjustment]

[5]S. No. 47 to 59 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2015 dated June 26, 2015.
[6]Words etc. inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[7]Words "inter-city" deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[8]Words etc. "EXCLUDING: Services provided by an individual owner of a vehicle for carriage of goods." deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[9]Substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[1]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[2]Substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[1]S. No. 54 substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"54	Facilities for travel (by air):	9803.1000	
	(a) services provided or rendered in respect of travel by air of passengers embarking from the Punjab for air travel or journey within the territorial jurisdiction of Pakistan:	9803.1100	
	(i) long routes		Rs.2500 per ticket Rs.1500 per ticket
	(ii) short routes		Rs.5000 per ticket Rs.10,000 per ticket"

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55	Chartered flight services within or originating from the Punjab.	9803.1000 9803.9000	Sixteen percent
56	[2][Debt Collection, rent collection and similar other recovery or collection services including right to collect the toll or fee or regulatory fee or duty or any other similar collection;]	9863.0000	Sixteen percent
57	Supply chain management or distribution (including delivery) services.	Respective headings	Sixteen percent
58	Services provided by photography studios and event or occasion photographers / film-makers EXCLUDING: Non-corporate (individual) photographers operating from small road-side shops declared as such by the Authority.	9819.7000 and respective headings	[1][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
59	Sponsorship services.	9805.9100	Sixteen percent]
[2][60	[3][Services provided by skin and laser clinics, cosmetic and plastic surgeons and hair transplant services including consultation services. **Excluding:** Services provided to acid or burn victims.]	9847.0000 and respective headings	[1][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
61	[4][Services provided by warehouses or depots for storage or cold storages including letting of space for storages. **Excluding:** Storage of agriculture produce for the person's own consumption.]	9833.0000 and respective headings	[5][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
62	Services provided by Packers including handling and packaging services.	9819.1400, 9833.0000, 9841.0000 and respective headings	Sixteen per cent]
[6][63.	Parking services	Respective headings	[1][Five percent without input tax adjustment]

Explanation.- For the purpose of this entry, "long routes" means journeys exceeding 500 kilometres, and "short routes" means the remaining journeys.
(b) Services provided or rendered in respect of travel by air of passengers embarking from the Punjab for international air travel or journey:
(i) economy and economy plus
(ii) club, business and first class.
EXCLUDING:
Air travel services provided to Hajj or Umrah passengers, diplomats and supernumerary crew.

[2]Substituted for "Debt collection and similar other recovery services" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[1]Substituted for "Sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[2]S. No. 60 to 62 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2016 dated June 29, 2016.
[3]Substituted for the following by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018:-
"Services provided by cosmetic and plastic surgeons and hair transplant services but:
EXCLUDING:
Services provided to acid or burn victims."
[4]Substituted for "Services provided by warehouses or depots for storage including cold storages." by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.
[5]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[6]S. No. 63 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018.

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[1][64	Dress designing and stitching services.	Respective headings	[2][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
65	Rental of bulldozers, excavators, cranes, construction equipment, Scaffolding, framework and shuttering, generators, storage containers, Refrigerator, shelf or rack renting, etc	Respective headings	[2][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
66	Services in respect of treatment of textile, leather but not limited to Dyeing services, Edging and cutting, cloth treating, water proofing, Embroidery, Engraving, Fabric bleaching, Knitting, Leather staining, Leather working, Pre-shrinking, Colour separation services, pattern printing and shoe making services.	Respective headings	[3][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
67	Apartment house management, real estate management and services of rent collection.	Respective headings	[3][Five percent without input tax adjustment]
68	(i) Medical consultation / visit fee exceeding Rs.1,500 per consultation / visit of doctors, medical practitioners and medical specialists. (ii)Bed/room charges of hospitals exceeding Rs.6,000/- per day per bed/ room.	9815.1000 and other Respective headings	[4][Zero percent without input tax adjustment.]
[5][69	Ride-Hailing Services [6][**Explanation**: This entry includes and shall be deemed to have always included cab aggregators.]	-	[7][Five] percent without input tax adjustment]
[1][70	Entertainment services (including cinemas, theatres, concerts, circus, sports events, races, film, fashion shows and mobile stage shows)	-	Zero percent without input tax adjustment]

[1]S. No. 64 to 68 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2019 dated June 28, 2019.
[2]Substituted for "sixteen percent" by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.
[3]Substituted for "Zero percent without input tax adjustment." by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier was substituted for "sixteen percent" by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[4]Substituted for "Five percent without input tax adjustment" by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020. Earlier the same was substituted by No. SO(TAX)1-110/2020 (COVID-19) dated April 02, 2020, effective till 30.06.2020 after this shall stand restored on prior position.
[5]S. No. 69 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2020 dated June 29, 2020.
[6]Words inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2022 dated June 22, 2022.
[7]Substituted for "Four" by No. SO(Tax1-2)/97(Pt.XIV) dated September 12, 2023.
[1]S. No. 70 inserted by Punjab Finance Act, 2021 dated June 30, 2021.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Definitions) Rules, 2012

S.R.O. No. ___/(L)2012 dated Lahore, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 76 read with all other provisions of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 (hereinafter cited as the Act) as may be relevant to the matters covered in these rules, the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the prior approval of the Government of Punjab, is pleased to make the following rules, namely,-

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title, application and commencement,- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Definitions) Rules, 2012.

(2) They shall extend to the whole of the Punjab.

(3) They shall come into force on and from the date on which the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 becomes effective.

Chapter - II

General

2. Purpose of definitions.- In these rules, the definitions have been given for purpose of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 and rules made thereunder.

3. Relevancy of definitions.- The relevancy of any definition given in these rules shall be invoked only when a service covered therein is taxable under the Act or when any question about the taxability of any such service is under consideration for the purposes of the Act and rules made thereunder.

4. Treatment of definitions.- None of these definitions shall be treated as exhaustive and wherever any question of taxability of any service or a question of tax liability or any other related obligation, arises, the general definition of service or services given in the Act shall prevail.

[1][**4A**. Inclusion of certain services.- Where a definition of any taxable service includes a service or services defined separately in these rules, the tax shall be payable on such service or services regardless of its or their status with reference to the Second Schedule of the said Act.]

5. Statutory Definitions.- The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules, shall have meanings assigned to them under the Act and rules other than these rules issued thereunder.

Chapter - III

Definitions of Specific Services

6. Advertisement.- Advertisement includes any notice, circular, wrapper, document, hoarding, billboards or any other audio or visual representation made either by means of paint, colouration, sound, light, smoke or gas etc or otherwise.

7. Advertising agency.- Advertising agency means any person engaged in providing any service or services connected with the making, preparation, display, demonstration or exhibition of advertisement in any manner and includes an advertising consultant by whatever name called.

8. Advertising space or time selling.- Advertising space or time selling means any service provided or to be provided, to any person, by any other person, in relation to sale of space or time for advertisement, in any manner, but does not include sale of space for advertisement in print media and sale of time slots by a broadcasting agency or organization.

9. Agent.- Subject to section 71 of the Act, agent means a person who is authorized to act on behalf of another (called the principal) to create or maintain a legal relationship with a third party.

10. Aggrieved person.- Aggrieved person means a person or a class of persons who has brought a dispute for resolution under section 67 of the Act.

11. Air travel agent.- Air travel agent means any person engaged in providing any service or services connected with the booking of passage by air for travel.

12. Aircraft operator.- Aircraft operator means any person who provides the services of transport of goods or passengers by aircraft.

13. Architect.- Architect includes any person engaged in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, in rendering services in the field of architecture.

14. Assets.- Assets as defined in section 2 of the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003 shall mean properties of all kinds, tangible or intangible, including shares, units, certificates, securities, deposits, right and bonus shares, cash, bank balances, profits, dividends, fees, commissions, all receivables, claims, derivatives contract, licences, privileges, accrued or accruing or contingent.

[1][**15.Asset management services**.- 'Asset management services' mean the services provided or rendered in relation to assets management, portfolio management, investment management or any kind of fund management and include the Companies which provide management of collective investment scheme.]

16. Auctioneer's service.- Auctioneer's service includes calling the auction or providing a facility, advertising or illustrating services, pre-auction price estimates, short term storage services, repair or restoration services in relation to auction of property.

17. Authorized automobile service station.- Authorized automobile service station means any service station, or centre, authorized by any motor vehicle manufacturer, to carry out any service, repair, reconditioning or restoration of any motor car, light motor vehicle or two wheeled motor vehicle manufactured by such manufacturer.

18. Automatic teller machine services.- Automatic teller machine services means an interactive automatic machine designed to dispense cash, accept deposit of cash, transfer money between bank accounts and facilitate other financial transactions.

19. Banking.- Banking means the accepting, for the purpose of lending or investment, of deposits of money from the public, repayable on demand or otherwise, and withdrawable by cheque, draft, order or otherwise.

20. Banking company.-Banking company as defined in section 5 of Banking Companies Ordinance 1962 shall include companies which transact the business of banking in Pakistan and includes their branches and subsidiaries functioning outside Pakistan of banking companies incorporated in Pakistan.

21. Banking and other financial service.- Banking and other financial service means any service provided or to be provided to a customer by a banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financing company or any other body corporate or any person of a foreign exchange broker in relation to banking and other financial services.

22. Beauty Parlour.- Beauty parlour includes hair cutting, hair dyeing, hair dressing, face and beauty treatment, cosmetic treatment, manicure, pedicure or counseling services on beauty, face care or make-up or such other identical or similar services.

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[1]Rule 15 substituted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"15. Asset management services.- Asset management services as defined in section 2 of the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003 shall include companies which provide management of collective investment schemes."

23. Broadcasting service.- Broadcasting service means the dissemination of any form of communication like sign, signals, writing, pictures, images and sound of all kind by transmission of electro-magnetic waves through space or through cables intended to be received by the general public either directly or indirectly through the medium of relay stations and all its grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly.

24. Brokerage business.-Brokerage business means the services provided by a broker registered under the Brokers and Agents Registration Rules, 2001.

25. Business auxiliary service.- Business auxiliary service means any service in relation to,-

(i) promotion or marketing or sale of goods produced or provided by or belonging to the client; or

(ii) promotion or marketing of service provided by the client; or

(iii) any customer care service provided on behalf of the client; or

(iv) procurement of goods or services, which are inputs for the client; or

(v) production or processing of goods for, or on behalf of the client; or

(vi) provision of service on behalf of the client; or

(vii) service incidental or auxiliary to any activity specified in sub-clauses (i) to (vi) such as billing, issue or collection or recovery of cheques, payments, maintenance of accounts and remittance, inventory management, evaluation or development of prospective customer or vendor, public relation services, management or supervisions.

26. Business exhibition service.- Business exhibition service means an exhibition,-

(a) to market; or

(b) to promote; or

(c) to advertise; or

(d) to showcase,

any product or service, intended for the growth in business of the producer or provider of such product or service, as the case may be.

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27. Business support service.- Business support service means services provided in relation to business or commerce and includes evaluation of prospective customers, telemarketing, processing of purchase orders and fulfillment services, information and tracking of delivery schedules, managing distribution and logistics, customer relationship management services, accounting and processing of transactions, operational assistance for marketing, formulation of customer service and pricing policies, infrastructural support services and other transaction processing.

[1][**27A. Cab aggregator**.- 'Cab Aggregator' means a digital intermediary or operator for a passenger or driver to connect them through telephone, cellular phone, internet, web-based services, Global Positioning System, General Packet Radio Services or other electronic or digital means for the purpose of transportation by motor vehicles including taxi, cab, car, van, motorcycle and rickshaw, whether or not he charges or collects any fee, fare, commission, brokerage or other charges or consideration for providing such service.]

28. Cable TV operator.- Cable TV operator means a person, a company, a firm, an establishment or an organization engaged or involved in the collection and distribution or dissemination of audio-video signals for public viewing whether through a cable, MMDS, LMDS or DTH (through satellite receiver).

[2][**28A. Call centre**.- 'Call centre' means any establishment and enterprise, undertaking or a business providing or rendering the services of receiving or transmitting requests by telephone, facsimile, live support software, social media, e-mall and any other electronic means of communication, whether for the product support or business support of any person or information or inquiries from consumers or telemarketing, soliciting of donations or subscriptions, debt collection, market research or other similar services.

28B. Car or automobile dealer.- 'Car or automobile dealer', whatever name called, means a person who is engaged in providing or rendering the services to sale, purchase, transfer, leasing, marketing or booking of new, old and used cars and automobiles, imported or locally assembled or manufactured including, old or used cars or automobiles.

28C. Car or automobile washing or similar service station.- 'Car or automobile washing or similar service station' means a service station or a service centre or an establishment providing or rendering the services in relation to maintenance, inspection, detailing, washing, cleaning, polishing, waxing, oil coating, lubricating, tuning, changing of oils, filters and plugs, denting, painting, repairing or other similar services of cars or automobiles.]

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[1]Rule 27A inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/242 dated November 24, 2022.
[2]Rules 28A to 28C inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

29. Caterer.- Caterer means any person who supplies, either directly or indirectly, any food, edible preparations, beverages, drinks or crockery and similar articles of accoutrements for any purpose including ceremony, party, get-together, event or occasion.

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30. Cargo handling service.- Cargo handling service means loading, unloading, packing or unpacking of cargo and includes cargo handling services provided for freight in special containers or for non-containerised freight, services provided by a container freight terminal or any other freight terminal, for all modes of transport and cargo handling service incidental to freight, but does not include handling of export cargo or passenger baggage or mere transportation of goods.

31. Cleaning service.- Cleaning service means cleaning, including specialized cleaning services such as disinfecting, exterminating or sterilizing of objects or premises of-

(i) commercial or industrial buildings and premises thereof; or

(ii) factory, plant or machinery, tank or reservoir of such commercial or industrial buildings and premises thereof,

but does not include such services in relation to agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry or dairying.

32. Clubs and associations.- Clubs and associations means any person or body of persons providing service, facilities or advantages, for a subscription or any other amount, to its members, but does not include-

(i) any body established or constituted by or under any law for the time being in force; or

(ii) any person or body of persons engaged in the activities of trade unions, promotion of agriculture, horticulture or animal husbandry; or

(iii) any person or body of persons engaged in any activity having objectives which are in the nature of public service and are of a charitable, religious or political nature; or

(iv) any person or body of persons associated with press or media.

33. Commercial training or coaching.- Commercial training or coaching means any training or coaching provided by a commercial training or coaching centre.

34. Commercial or industrial construction.- Commercial or industrial construction means-

(i) construction of a new building or a civil structure or a part thereof; or

(ii) construction of pipeline or conduit; or

(iii) completion and finishing services such as glazing, plastering, painting, floor and wall tiling, wall covering and wall papering, wood and metal joinery and carpentry, fencing and railing, construction of swimming pools, acoustic applications or fittings and other similar services, in relation to building or civil structure; or

(iv) repair, alteration, renovation or restoration of, or similar services in relation to building or civil structure, pipeline or conduit,

which is-

(i) used, or to be used, primarily for; or

(ii) occupied, or to be occupied, primarily with; or

(iii) engaged, or to be engaged, primarily in,

commerce or industry, or work intended for commerce or industry, but does not include such services provided in respect of roads, airports, railways, transport terminals, bridges, tunnels and dams.

35. Consulting engineering.- Consulting engineering means any professionally qualified engineer or any engineering firm, who, either directly or indirectly, provides any advice, consultancy or technical assistance in any manner to a client in one or more disciplines of engineering.

36. Convention service.- Convention service means a formal meeting or assembly which is not open to the general public, and does not include a meeting or assembly, the principal purpose of which is to provide any type of amusement, entertainment or recreation.

37. Courier Services.- Courier services means the transmission, transportation or conveyance, whether door-to-door or not of time-sensitive documents, goods, articles or cargo whether or not utilizing the services of a person either directly or indirectly to accompany such documents, goods, articles or cargo and includes speed post, express cargo service and similar fast services of transmission, transportation and conveyance of documents, goods, articles or cargo.

38. Credit rating agency.- Credit rating agency means any person or concern engaged in the business of credit rating of any debt obligation or of any project or programme requiring finance, whether in the form of debt or otherwise, and includes credit rating of any financial obligation, instrument or security which has the purpose of providing to a potential investor or any other person, any information pertaining to the relative safety of timely payment or interest, surcharge or principal.

39. Dredging.- Dredging includes removal of material including silt, sediments, rocks, sand, refuse, debris, plant or animal matter in any excavating, cleaning, deepening, widening or lengthening, either permanently or temporarily, of any river, port, harbour, backwater or estuary.

40. Dry cleaning service.- Dry cleaning service includes dry cleaning of apparels of any kind, clothes, garments or other textile, fur or leather articles.

41. Erection, commissioning or installation.- Erection, commissioning or installation means any service provided by a commissioning and installation agency in relation to,-

(i) erection, commissioning or installation of plant, machinery, equipment; or structures, whether pre-fabricated or otherwise; or

(ii) installation of-

(a) electrical and electronic devices, including wirings or fittings therefore; or

(b) plumbing, drain laying or other installations for transport of fluids; or

(c) heating, ventilation or air-conditioning including related pipe work, wood work, duct work and sheet metal work; or

(d) thermal insulation, sound insulation, fire proofing or water proofing; or

(e) lift and escalator, fie escape staircases or travelators; or

(f) such other similar services.

42. Event management service.- Event management service means any service provided in relation to planning, promotion, organizing or presentation of any arts, entertainment, business, sports or any other event and includes any consultation provided in this regard.

43. Fashion designing.- Fashion designing includes any activity relating to conceptualizing, outlining, creating the designs and preparing patterns for costumes, apparels, garments, clothing accessories, jewellery or any other articles intended to be worn by human beings and any other service incidental thereto.

[1][**43A. Fashion designer**.- 'Fashion designer' means a person or business providing or rendering services of fashion designing or any other economic activities relating to conceptualizing, outlining or creating designs or preparing designs or patterns for costumes, apparels, garments, clothing, accessories, jewelry, foot wears (including any other product regime) or any other services incidental to fashion designing.]

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[1]Rule 43A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

44. Financial Institution.- Financial institution as defined under clause 15A of section 2 to the Companies Ordinance, 1984 shall include:–

(a) a company or an institution whether established under any special enactment and operating within or outside Pakistan which transacts the business of banking or any associated or ancillary business through its branches;

(b) a modaraba, leasing company, investment bank, venture capital company, financing company, housing finance company, a non-banking finance company; and

(c) such other institution or company authorised by law to undertake any similar business, as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify for the purpose.

45. Foreign exchange dealer.- Foreign exchange dealer includes an exchange company or money changer.

46. Forward contract brokerage service.- Forward contract brokerage service means a contract for the delivery of goods and which is not a ready delivery contract.

47. Franchise.- Franchise means an authority given by a franchiser under which the franchisee is contractually granted any right to produce, manufacture, sell or trade or otherwise deal in or do any other business activity relating to goods or services or to undertake any process identified with franchiser against a fee or consideration including royalty or technical fee whether or not any use of trademark, service mark, trade name, logo, brand name or any such symbol is involved.

48. Freight forwarders.- Freight forwarders means a 'person' who provides or is engaged for his principals or client(s) for providing of services, for fee or charges or commission or remuneration for some or all the services being provided by the shipping agents, clearing agent, stevedore, ship chandler, terminal operator or such services of warehousing and/or provides cover or guarantee for insurance or banking services, in respect of imports or exports of goods, whether independently or in partnership or in arrangement with any such service provider.

[1][**48A. Fumigation services**.- 'Fumigation services' means the services provided or rendered in relation to pest control or insect control and include services of disinfecting and sterilizing of premises, buildings, factories or complexes, (commercial complexes, shopping complexes, office complexes, apartment or residential complexes, multiplexes, exhibition centres, residential units, commercial health fumigation services provided or rendering directly by the Government, a local government or a Cantonment Board free of charge.]

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[1]Rule 48A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

49. Goods transport by road.- Goods transport by road means any person who provides service in relation to transport of goods by road and issues consignment note, by whatever name called.

50. Health club and fitness centre.- Health club and fitness centre means service for physical wellbeing such as, sauna and steam bath, Turkish bath, solarium, spas, reducing or slimming salons, gymnasium, yoga, meditation, massage (excluding therapeutic massage) or any other like service.

51. Ijarah.- Ijarah means an arrangement under which a bank leases equipment, a building or other facility to a client against an agreed rental.

52. Insurance.- Insurance means insurance or guarantee against loss, damage, injury, or risk of any kind whatever, whether pursuant to any contract or any enactment; and includes reinsurance.

53. Insurer.- Insurer means any person carrying on an insurance business or general insurance business and includes a reinsurer.

54. Interior decorator.- Interior decorator means any person engaged, whether directly or indirectly, in the business providing by way of advice, consultancy, technical assistance or any services in any manner relating to planning, designing, beautification, embellishment, ornation and furnishing etc, of any interior or exterior space or spaces whether man-made or otherwise.

55. Internet café.- Internet café means a commercial establishment providing facility for accessing internet.

56. Intellectual property service.- Intellectual property service means any right to intangible property, namely, trade marks, designs, patents or any other similar intangible property, under any law for the time being in force, but does not include copyright.

57. Internet telephony.- Internet telephony means telecommunication service through internet and includes fax, audio conferencing and video conferencing.

[1][**57A. Labour and manpower supply services.**- 'Labour and manpower supply services' include the services provided or rendered for a consideration in order to use services of a person through employment hired or supplied.

57B.Laundries and dry cleaners.- 'Laundries and dry cleaners' mean the services of washing, pressing, stain removing, darning or dry cleaning of any kind of textile, fur or leather materials like apparels, clothes, garments, floor coverings, curtains, draperies, linens, bed-wears or similar products and their accessories on commercial basis.

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[1]Rules 57A to 57C inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

57C.Maintenance or cleaning services.- 'Maintenance or cleaning services' mean, in conjunction with or in addition to rules 31 and 64, the services provided or rendered in relation to repair, maintenance and cleaning, including specialized cleaning services such as disinfecting, exterminating or sterilizing of:

(a) office equipment, offices or buildings, or any other premises;

(b) commercial complexes including multiplexes, shopping complexes, office complexes and exhibition centres, apartment or residential complexes; and

(c) factories, plants, machinery or equipment of any factory, elevators, escalators, tanks or reservoirs of any factory, office, building or commercial complex.]

58. Management consultant.- Management consultant means any person who is engaged in providing any service or services either directly or indirectly in connection with the management of any business, organization or institution in any manner and includes any person who renders advice, consultancy or technical assistance relating to conceptualizing, devising, development, modification, rectification or upgradation of any working system of such business, organization or institution.

59. Mutual Fund.- Mutual fund means an investment vehicle that is made up of a pool of funds collected from many investors for the purpose of investing in securities such as stocks, bonds, money market instruments and similar assets and collective investment scheme as defined in section 2 of the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003 shall include a closed end fund and an open end scheme.

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61. Market research agency.- Market research agency means any person or concern engaged, directly or indirectly, in providing services relating to the study or survey or both of any situation in the market for any purpose other than personal academic or educational requirements.

62. Marriage Hall.- Marriage hall includes a marriage lawn or banquet hall or a place or premises where a ceremonial feast or meal is served for many people or which is used for hosting of social gatherings like receptions, reunion, parties or business events etc for large number of people or is provided on rent whether or not with facilities or utilities for an agreed time where parties or functions are organized by the persons either with their own food items or on their own expense or otherwise, but does not include a hotel or a restaurant.

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[1]Rule 60 deleted by PRA/Orders.6/2012 dated January 12, 2016. Before omission, it read as follows:-

"60. Manpower recruitment agency.- Manpower recruitment agency means a person or concern engaged in providing any service or services, directly or indirectly in any manner for recruitment of manpower either to any client or otherwise."

63. Mailing list compilation and mailing.- Mailing list compilation and mailing means any service in relation to-

(i) compiling and providing list of name, address and any other information from any source; or

(ii) sending document, information, goods or any other, material in packet, by whatever name called, by addressing, stuffing, sealing, metering or mailing, for, or on behalf of, the client.

64. Management, maintenance or repair service.- Management, maintenance or repair service means any service provided by-

(i) any person under a contract or an agreement; or

(ii) a manufacturer or any person authorized by him,

in relation to,-

(a) management of properties, whether immovable or not;

(b) maintenance or repair of properties, whether immovable or not; or

(c) maintenance or repair including reconditioning or restoration, or servicing of any goods, excluding a motor vehicle.

65. Modaraba and modaraba company.- Modaraba and modaraba company have the same meaning as in the Modaraba Companies and Modaraba (Floatation and Control) Ordinance, 1980 (XXXI of 1980).

66. Musharakah.- Musharakah means an Islamic-styled joint enterprise or partnership with profit and loss sharing implications allowing each party involved in a business to share in the profits and risks, where instead of charging interest as a traditional creditor, the financier achieves a return in the form of a portion of the actual profits earned, either according to a predetermined ratio or otherwise and where the financier also shares in losses, if any.

67. Non-Banking finance companies.- Non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) as defined in Section 282A of Companies Ordinance 1984 shall include companies licensed by the Pakistan Security & Exchange Commission under Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003 to carry out any one or more of the following forms of business, namely.-

(i) Investment Finance Services;

(ii) Leasing;

(iii) Housing Finance Services;

(iv) Venture Capital Investment;

(v) Discounting Services;

(vi) Investment Advisory Services;

(vii) Asset Management Services; and

(viii) Any other form of business which the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette specify from time to time; and

(ix) Such other company or class of companies or corporate body as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette specify for the purpose.

68. On-line information and database access or retrieval service.- On-line information and database access or retrieval service means any service provided or to be provided to a customer, by any person, in relation to on-line information and database access or retrieval or both in electronic form through computer network, in any manner.

69. Packaging.- Packaging means any service provided or to be provided to any person, by any other person, in relation to packaging activity.

70. Pandal and shamina service.- Pandal and shamina service means a person engaged in providing any service, either directly or indirectly, in connection with the preparation, arrangement, erection or decoration of a pandal or shamiana and includes the supply of furniture, fixtures, lights and lighting fittings, floor coverings and other articles for use therein.

71. Practising chartered accountant.- Practising chartered accountant means a person who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and is holding a certificate of practice granted under the provision of the Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961) and includes any concern or firm engaged in rendering services in the field of chartered accountancy.

72. Practising cost accountant.- Practising cost accountant means a person who is a member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan and is holding a certificate of practice granted under the provisions of the Cost and Management Accounts Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966) and includes any concern or firm engaged in rendering services in the field of cost accountancy.

73. Practising company secretary.- Practising company secretary means any individual appointed to perform the secretarial, administrative or other duties ordinarily performed by the secretary of a company.

[1][**73A. Production house**.- 'Production house' means the services of producing a programme, or providing or rendering various services, facilities, utilities or advantages in relation to production of programmes usually for television or radio.

73B. Programme.- 'Programme' means any audio or visual matter, live or recorded, intended to be disseminated by transmission of electromagnetic waves through space or cables to be received by general public either directly or indirectly through the medium of cables, telecommunication or relay stations.

73C. Programme producer.- 'Programme producer' means a person who produces a programme on behalf of, or for use by, another person.]

74. Photography service.- Photography service means any service provided or to be provided to a customer, by a photographer, photography studio or agency in relation to photography, in any manner.

75. Port operator.- Port operator includes any person, authority, trust, institution, association, organization, managing directly or otherwise, the operations of any customs port including dryport and airport as declared under section 9 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969).

76. Post paid telecommunication service.- Post paid telecommunication service means the service charges collected by a service provider after the use of telecommunication service or services.

77. Pre-paid telecommunication service.- Pre-paid telecommunication service means the service charges collected by a service provider prior to the use of telecommunication service or services.

[1][**77A. Property dealer**.- 'Property dealer', by whatever name called, means a person who is engaged in providing or rendering services, directly or indirectly or in any manner, in relation to sale, purchase, leasing, renting, supervision, maintenance, marketing, acquisition or management of real estate and includes a realtor, a real estate agent, a real estate broker or a real estate consultant.

77B. Real estate.- 'Real estate' means the land and includes:

(a) all attachments above and below the land;

(b) all things that form a natural part of the land;

(c) all things that are developed or installed, including buildings and site improvements; and

(d) all permanent building attachments such as plumbing, heating and cooling systems, electrical wiring and built-in items such as elevators and allied equipment, and all rights and interests therein, whether the interest is freehold or leasehold, and whether the purpose or use thereof is residential, commercial or industrial.]

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[1]Rules 73A to 73C inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.
[2]Rules 77A & 77B inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

78. Public relations service.- Public relations service includes strategic counseling based on industry, media and perception research, corporate image management, media relations, media training, press release, press conference, financial public relations, brand support, brand launch, retail support and promotions, events and communications and crisis communications.

79. Rail travel agent.- Rail travel agent means any person engaged in providing any service connected with booking of passage for travel by rail.

80. Recovery agent.- Recovery agent means a person who is providing any service to a banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financial company or any other body corporate or a firm, in relation to recovery of any sums due to such banking company or financial institution, including a non-banking financial company, or any other body corporate or a firm, in any manner.

81. Real estate agent.- Real estate agent means a person or concern engaged in rendering any service or services in relation to sale, purchase, leasing, hiring or renting of real estate.

[1][**81A. Real estate aggregator**.- 'Real estate aggregator' means a person who owns and operates an online real estate portal or platform or web interface or website to facilitates persons including buyers, sellers, investors, tenants, real estate developers, by connecting them through such digital means in relation to purchase, sale, invest, rent, sub-let or lease the real estate.]

82. Real estate consultant.- Real estate consultant means a person who renders in any manner, either directly or indirectly, advice, consultancy or technical assistance in relation to evaluation, conception. design, development, construction, implementation, supervision, maintenance, marketing. acquisition or management, of real estate.

[2][**82A. Recruitment or recruiting agent**.- 'Recruitment or recruiting agent', by whatever name called, means a person engaged in providing or rendering any services, directly or indirectly, to any person in any manner for the recruitment or hiring of manpower and includes a recruiting consultant or consultancy.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this definition, recruitment includes inviting of applications for recruitment, receipt of applications from candidates, pre-interview or pre-recruitment screening of applications or short-listing of applicants, interview of candidates, verification of credentials and antecedents of the candidates.]

[1]Rule 81A inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/242 dated November 24, 2022.
[2]Rule 82A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

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83. Registrar to an issue.- Registrar to an issue means any person carrying on the activities in relation to an issue including collecting application forms from investors, keeping a record of applications and money received from investors or paid to the seller of securities, assisting in determining the basis of allotment of securities, finalizing the list of persons entitled to allotment of securities and processing and dispatching allotment letters, refund orders or certificates and other related documents.

84. Rent-a-car operator.- Rent-a-car operator means any person or concern engaged, whether directly or indirectly, in the business of renting cabs and any other passenger transport.

85. Residential complex construction.- Residential complex construction means any complex comprising of-

(i) a building or buildings, having more than twelve residential units;

(ii) a common area; and

(iii) any one or more of facilities or services such as park, lift, parking space, community hall, common water supply or effluent treatment system, located within a premises and the layout of such premises is approved by an authority under any law for the time being in force,

but does not include a complex which is constructed by a person directly engaging any other person for designing or planning of the layout, and the construction of such complex is intended for personal use as residence by such person.

86. Scientific and technical consultancy.- Scientific and technical consultancy means any advice, consultancy, or scientific or technical assistance, rendered in any manner either directly or indirectly, by a scientist or a technocrat, or any science or technology institution or organization, to a client, in one or more disciplines of science or technology.

87. Security agency.- Security agency means any person or concern engaged in the business of rendering services relating to the security of any property, whether movable or immovable or of any person or group or establishment of persons, in any manner and includes the services of investigations, detection or verification of any fact or activity, whether of a personal nature or otherwise, including the services of providing security personnel.

88. Service provider.- Service provider means a person who is engaged in providing service or services in the course or furtherance of any economic activity carried on by hi.

[1][**88A. Share transfer agent**.- 'Share transfer agent' means a person who maintains the record of holders of securities and deals with all matters connected with the transfer or redemption of securities or activities incidental to such services.]

89. Site preparation.- Site preparation means any service provided or to be provided to any person, by any other person, in relation to site formation and clearance, excavation and earthmoving and demolition and such other similar activities.

90. Sponsorship.- Sponsorship includes naming an event after the sponsor, displaying the sponsor's company logo or trading name, giving the sponsor exclusive or priority booking rights, sponsoring prizes or trophies for competition; but does not include any financial or other support in the form of donations or gifts, given by the donors subject to the condition that the service provider is under no obligation to provide anything in return to such donors.

91. Share transfer agent.- Share transfer agent means any person who maintains the record of holders of securities and deals with all matters connected with the transfer or redemption of securities or activities incidental thereto.

92. Shipping agent.- Shipping agent means a person, who holds the license under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), or the rules made thereunder and provides any service to entrance or clearance of a conveyance at a customs port and issues line or carrier bill of lading, for or on behalf of a shipping line and includes non-vessel operating common carriers, slot carriers, charterers, international freight forwarders and consolidators, rendering services in relation to import and export of cargo, independently or as subsidiary of a shipping line, carrier and non-vessel operating common carriers.

93. Shipping line.- Shipping line means any person who owns or charters a ship and includes a person or an enterprise which operates or manages the business of shipping.

94. Ship management.- Ship management includes,-

(i) the supervision of the maintenance, survey and repair of ship;

(ii) engagement of providing of crews;

(iii) receiving the hire or freight charges on behalf of the owner;

(iv) arrangements for loading and unloading;

(v) providing for victualling or storing of ship;

(vi) negotiating contracts for bunker fuel and lubricating oil;

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[1]Rule 88A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

(vii) payment, on behalf of the owner, of expenses incurred in providing services or in relation to the management of ship;

(viii) the entry of ship in a protection or indemnity association;

(ix) dealing with insurance, salvage and other claims; and

(x) arranging of insurance in relation to ship.

95. Steamer agent.- Steamer agent means any person who undertakes, either directly or indirectly to,-

i) perform any service in connection with the ship's husbandry or dispatch including the rendering of administrative work related thereto; or

(ii) book, advertise or canvass for cargo for or on behalf of a shipping line; or

(iii) provide container feeder services for or on behalf of a shipping line.

96. Sound recording service.- Sound recording service means recording of sound on any media or device including magnetic storage device, and includes services relating to recording of sound in any manner such as sound cataloguing, storing of sound and sound mixing or re-mixing or any audio post-production activity.

97. Storage and warehousing service.- Storage and warehousing service includes storage and warehousing services for goods including liquids and gases but does not include any service provided for storage of agricultural produce or any service provided by a cold storage.

98. Survey and exploration of minerals.- Survey and exploration of minerals means geological, geophysical or other prospecting, surface or sub-surface surveying or map making service, in relation to location or exploration of deposits of mineral, oil or gas or any of the materials.

99. Survey and map making.- Survey and map making means geological, geophysical or any other prospecting, surface, sub-surface or aerial surveying or map-making of any kind, but does not include survey and exploration of mineral.

[1][**99A. Surveyor**.- Surveyor means a person engaged in the services of any king of specialized or special purpose survey, insurance survey, market survey, statistical survey, opinion poll survey and survey relating to risk assessment, loss or damage assessment or claim settlement.]

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[1]Rule 99A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

100.Takaful.- Takaful as defined in section 2 of the Insurance Ordinance, 2000 shall include a scheme based on mutual assistance in compliance with the provisions of Islamic shariah, and which provides for mutual financial aid and assistance to the participants in case of occurrence of certain contingencies and whereby the participants mutually agree to contribute to the common fund for that purpose.

101.Technical testing and analysis.- Technical testing and analysis means any service in relation to physical, chemical, biological or any other scientific testing or analysis of goods or material or any immovable property, but does not include any testing or analysis service provided in relation to human beings or animals.

102.Technical inspection and certification.- Technical inspection and certification means inspection or examination of goods or process or material or any immovable property to certify that such goods or process or material or immovable property qualifies or maintains the specified standards, functionality or utility or quality or safety or any other characteristic or parameters but does not include any service in relation to inspection and certification of pollution levels.

[1][**102A. Technical, scientific and engineering consultant**.- 'Technical, scientific and engineering consultant' means a person, providing or rendering the technical, scientific and engineering services, advice, consultancy, assistance or supervision, in any manner, either directly or indirectly, to any person, in one or more disciplines of technology, science and engineering and includes a person known as a consulting engineer, professional engineer or structural engineer.]

103.Television and radio programme production service.- Television and radio programme production service means any person who produces a television or radio programme on behalf of another person.

104. Terminal operator.- Terminal operator includes any person who is engaged in rendering any service or services relating but not limited to the handling including receipt, storage or warehousing , delivery, dispatch or clearance of containers or cargo either for import, export or any other connected activity or purpose at any port including dryport or airport.

105.Tour operator service: Tour operator service means any person engaged in the business of planning, scheduling, organizing or arranging tours (which may include arrangements for accommodation, sightseeing or other similar services) by any mode of transport, and includes any person engaged in the business of operating tours in any transport.

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[1]Rule 102A inserted by PRA/Budget.109/2014 dated March 10, 2015.

106.Telecommunication services.- Telecommunication services means services involving the transmission, emission, or reception of signals, writing, images, sounds or information of any kind or nature by wire, radio, optical, or other electromagnetic systems, including the related transfer or assignment of the right to use capacity for such transmission, emission or reception and a provision of access to a global or local information network, but does not include the supply of the underlying writing, images, sounds, or information. Telecom services take place where the effective use and enjoyment of the services occur.

107.Transport through pipeline.- Transport through pipeline means any service provided or to be provided to any person, by any other person, in relation to transport of goods other than water, through pipeline or other conduit.

108.Travel agency service.- Travel agency service means any person engaged in providing any service connected with booking of passage for travel, but does not include air travel agent and rail travel agent.

109.Underwriter.- Underwriter means a person who engages in the business of underwriting of an issue of securities of body corporate.

110.Unit Trust.- A unit trust means a form of collective investment constituted under a trust deed and includes a trust established by a deed under the provisions of the Trusts Act 1982 (II of 1982).

111.Video-tape production.- Video-tape production means the process of any recording of any programme, event or function on a magnetic tape or on any other media or device and includes services relating thereto such as editing, cutting, colouring, dubbing, title printing, imparting special effects, processing, adding, modifying or deleting, transferring from one media or device to another, or undertaking any video post-production activity, in any manner.

Chapter - IV

Miscellaneous Definitions

112. Adjudicating authority.- Adjudicating authority means any officer competent to adjudicate and decide the cases under the Act.

113.Agreement.- Agreement means the agreement executed between the Authority and the Bank for the purposes of receipt of tax returns and payment of tax amounts.

114.Attachment officer.- Attachment officer means an officer who may be authorized by the recovery officer to perform any of the function in connection with recovery of arrears.

115.Bank.- For the purpose of filing of returns and other prescribed declarations under the Act and rules made thereunder, the bank means the National Bank of Pakistan (through its regional headquarter in the Punjab) inclusive of its branches designated to receive such returns or declarations or any other bank which the Authority may, after approval from the Government, specify.

116.Commissionerate.- Commissionerate means the office of the Commissioner of the Authority having jurisdiction, either territorial or otherwise.

117.Computerized payment receipt.- Computerized payment receipt means a computer generated receipt showing payment of tax to the designated branch of the bank.

118.Defaulter.- Defaulter means a person who has failed to discharge his liabilities in payment of government dues.

119.Demand note.- Demand note includes a note received by the sales tax recovery officer from the referring authority specifying the details regarding the defaulter and the government dues.

120.E-declaration administrator.- E-declaration administrator means an officer authorized by the Authority for the purpose of administration of data in computerized system of the Authority.

121.Electronic data interchange (EDI).- Electronic data interchange (EDI) means a system of secure transmission of electronic information, based on an agreed and internationally accepted standards and can be understood and treated automatically without human intervention.

122.Electronic sales tax return form.- Electronic sales tax return form means a form of sales tax return available on the website of Punjab Revenue Authority to be filled in and filed under the Act and rules made thereunder.

123.Execution.- Execution means steps taken for the recovery of government dues in pursuance of a demand note.

124.Government dues.- Government dues means recoverable amounts of sales tax, default surcharge, penalty or any other being collected as sales tax, an adjudged penalty or fine or any amount unpaid which may be payable under any bond, guarantee or instrument executed under the Act or the rules made thereunder and against the recovery of which there is no bar or valid stay order from the competent authority or court.

125.Movable property.- Movable property means a property which can be taken into custody for removal without physically knocking it down and includes currency, coins, shares, documents and instruments.

126.Nil return.- Nil return means a return indicating that no tax is payable by the registered person in respect of the tax period to which the tax return relates.

127.PRAL.- PRAL means Pakistan Revenue Automation (Pvt) Ltd.

128.Privileged organization.- Privileged organization means United Nations and the organizations working under it and shall include organizations which the Authority may, recognize to be a privileged organization.

129.Privileged person.- Privileged person means a person:

(a) covered as such by United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1948 (XX of 1948), and shall include persons entitled to concessions and exemptions to privileged personnel arriving under various foreign grant-in-aid programmes or projects; and

(b) so declared under the President's Salary, Allowances and Privileges Act, 1975 (LVIII of 1975) and the Prime Minister's Salary, Allowance and Privileges Act, 1975 (LIX of 1975).

130.Processing officer.- Processing officer means officer of the Authority authorized to process a refund claim.

131.Receiver.- Receiver means a person as may be appointed by the recovery officer to manage, run and account for any attached business or property.

132.Recovery officer.- Recovery officer means an officer of the Authority as may be appointed by the Commissioner to exercise powers for recovery of the government dues under the Act or rules made thereunder

133.Reciprocity.- Reciprocity means extension of the same privileges and facilities to a diplomat or diplomatic mission of a country in Pakistan as are extended by such country to diplomats and diplomatic mission of Pakistan in that country.

134.Referring officer.- Referring officer means an officer of the Authority, desiring to recover government dues through recovery officer.

135. Residual input tax.- Residual input tax means the amount of tax paid on raw materials, components and capital goods being used for making taxable as well as exempt supplies but does not include the input tax paid on raw materials used wholly for making taxable or exempt supplies.

136. Share.- Share means share in a corporation and private limited or public limited company and includes stock, debenture stock, debentures or bonds.

137.Supportive documents.- Supportive documents means the documents on the basis of which refund of sales tax is claimed.

138.Taxpayer.- Taxpayer means any person who is required, or liable, to pay, or is paying tax, or any sum under the Act, or the rules made thereunder and includes any person, other than a government employee, who is assigned any duty or responsibility to deposit tax under the Act or the rules.

139.Transmit.- Transmit means to transmit data or documents through electronic means.

140.Unique user identifier.- Unique user identifier means a unique identification name, number or password allotted by the Authority to the authorized user of the computerized system under the Act and rules made thereunder.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Punjab Revenue Authority
Punjab Sales Tax on Services
(Registration & De-registration) Rules, 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated Lahore, 2012.- (1). In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Registration and De-registration) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Registration

2. Requirement of registration.– (1) Every person engaged in providing taxable service or services or pay tax under the Act is required to be registered in the manner specified in these rules.

(2) Where a person provides one or more taxable services from one or more premises and has a centralized billing or invoicing system or centralized accounting system in the Punjab, such person shall be entitled to apply for and take one registration.

(3) Where a person is providing more than one taxable services, he may make a single application mentioning therein all the taxable services provided by him and certificate of registration in such case shall indicate details of all taxable services provided by him.

(4) Where a person carrying out business of providing taxable services simultaneously in more than one province including the Punjab, such person is required to take a separate registration for the Punjab and pay tax accordingly in respect of the services rendered by him in the Punjab.

(5) Every registered person shall invariably and conspicuously mention his registration number on his invoices, bills, vouchers or other similar documents and on his correspondence with the Authority or any of the officers of the Authority.

3. Application for registration.– (1) A person required to be registered under the Act shall apply electronically or manually to the Authority in the prescribed Form PST–01 as appended to these rules and the applicant shall immediately be issued provisional certificate of registration.

(2) The Authority may cause further verification or inquiry to ascertain the accuracy of information or particulars declared in the application for registration for genuineness of the documents, if any, attached therewith and on completion of such verification or inquiry, it may register the applicant and issue a certificate of registration in PST-03 as annexed with these rules with specific number of the applicant in the prescribed form preferably within thirty days of application.

(3) In case of rejection, the Authority shall inform the applicant specifying the reasons for such rejection within thirty days from the date on which complete application is received in the office of the Authority.

4. Sanctity of registration.– No person except the person to whom registration has been issued can use the registration or its number for any lawful purpose and no person holding registration in his name can dispose of his registration in any manner.

Chapter - III

De-Registration

5. De-registration.– Every registered person who ceases to provide taxable service shall apply to the Authority through an application for the cancellation of the registration on a prescribed Form PST–02 as annexed to these rules and the Authority after making such audit or enquiries as may be necessary shall de-register such person from such date as may be specified by the Authority or the date on which the tax, if outstanding, against such person are deposited by him, whichever is later.

6. Suspension and cancellation of the registration.– Where a registered person commits any tax fraud, deliberate and intentional non-payment or short payment of tax or evasion of tax, his registration may, without prejudice to any other action under the law, be suspended by the Authority, the reasons or basis whereof shall be communicated to him and after necessary inquiry and after giving an opportunity of being heard, his registration may be cancelled.

7. Revival of cancelled registration.– (1) Where it is proved that a registration has been cancelled on account of any incorrect comprehension of facts or wrong understanding of the circumstances leading to cancellation, the Authority may revive the cancelled registration subject to such conditions and with effect from such date as it may deem appropriate to specify.

(2) The person whose cancelled registration is revived, shall be entitled to such benefits and privileges under the Act and rules made thereunder as may be specified by the Authority.

8. Treatment of invoices.– During the period of suspension of a registration, the invoices issued by a person whose registration has been cancelled shall not be eligible for the purpose of tax credit, adjustment or refund or any other similar benefit under the Act.

9. Undischarged tax liability.– Suspension or cancellation of a registration shall not absolve the person of any tax liability which he has not discharged during the period of his registration.

Chapter - IV

Miscellaneous

10. Automatic grant of registration.– The existing taxpayers already registered with the Federal Board of Revenue shall not be required to file any new application for registration , they shall be automatically registered for the purpose of the Act and shall receive an intimation from the Authority either through email or SMS or by courier or post, assigning them "P" as prefix to NTN(P+NTN).

11. Change in particulars of registration.– In case there is a change in the name, address or other particulars as stated in the registration certificate, including the cases covered under rule 10, the registered person shall intimate the proposed change in the prescribed form (PST-01) to the Authority, which may either approve or reject the request for change preferably within thirty days of the receipt of such intimation.

12. Transfer of registration.– (1) The Authority may either subject to conditions or otherwise order the transfer of the registration of any person from the jurisdiction of one office or officer to the other office or officer of the Authority.

(2) In case a registered person intends to shift his business activity from the jurisdiction of one office or officer to another or he has any other valid reason for such transfer, he shall apply to the Authority for transfer of his registration along with necessary documents, if any, and the Authority shall after necessary verifications, decide such application under intimation to the registered person and concerned officer.

(3) The Authority may on its own motion transfer any registration from one office or officer of the Authority to another under intimation to the concerned registered person.

13. Treatment of a wrong compulsory registration.– Where a person has been compulsorily registered and it is subsequently proved that such person is not liable to registration for the purposes of the Act, the Authority may cancel such registration ab initio and a person whose such registration is cancelled shall not be subjected to any tax liability for the period of his such compulsory registration.

14. Sale of registered business or economic activity.– (1) No business or economic activity involving providing of taxable service or services for which registration has been obtained from the Authority shall be sold or disposed off without prior permission from the Commissioner.

(2) The buyer of a registered business or economic activity shall obtain a new registration certificate or if allowed by the Authority seek changes in the existing registration certificate.

(3) While granting permission under sub rule (1), the Commissioner may specify or impose such conditions or restrictions as he may deem appropriate with a view to safeguard the revenue interests of the Government.

(4) Every permission granted by the Commissioner under this rule shall be conveyed to the Authority within fifteen days thereof and shall be entered into the computerized system in such manner as may be specified by the Authority.

Explanation: For the purpose of this rule, sale includes merger.

15. No fee for registration or deregistration.–Registration and deregistration under these rules shall be free of any fee or service charge.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Sales Tax on Services (Filing of Returns) Rules 2012

No. PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated Lahore, August 01, 2012.- (2) In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Filing of Returns) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Filing of Returns

2. Filing of return.– (1) Every registered person shall file the return as specified in Form PST–04, along with all its annexures in accordance with the instructions given in respect thereof.

3. Manual filing of return.– (1) The Authority may, in case of any registered person or class of registered persons or in case of any taxable service or services or class of taxable service or services, subject to conditions or otherwise allow manual filing of return.

(2) Where the Authority has allowed manual filing of return, it may be delivered either the PRAL's counter in the bank or through courier addressed to the Chairperson of the Authority with a clear indication on the right corner of the envelop "Punjab Sales Tax on Services" Return for the Month of _____, 2012 (year may be changed as and when needed).

4. Electronic filing of return.– (1) Unless manual filing of return has been allowed under rule 3, every registered person required to file return, shall file such return along with its annexures electronically in the manner given in these rules.

(2) A registered person shall obtain a unique User-ID and password by e-enrolling with the Authority's web portal and electronically file a return (available on the website) from the web portal.

(3) The return data shall be filled in a web form and shall be submitted online to the Authority by using e-PRA web portal at https://pra.punjab.gov.pk, where the Authority has provided instructions on how to fill the e-return.

(4) The electronic return can be filed by a registered person himself or through an e-intermediary licensed by the Authority.

5. Procedure for e-filing.– While filing the return, the registered user shall log on to e-portal of the Authority at https://e.pra.punjab.gov.pk using the assigned user ID and password and follow the stepwise procedure as follows:

(a) select sales tax on services return from declaration menu, select the tax period, month, quarter from the drop down list and click the monthly or quarterly return link to open the return form;

(b) return form shall be displayed which shall be filled in accordance with the instructions provided; the taxpayer shall fill out the relevant annexures of the return form by providing the details of invoices, value and the tax charged (the uploading facility for data files is available for all annexures);

(c) based on the details entered in the relevant annexures of the return, the total values of the main return form shall be auto calculated; the payable tax column shall be showing the tax payable by the registered person; and the registered person shall verify all the details displayed in the prepared return form; and

(d) the e-payment challan form PST–05 shall be generated automatically from the system after verification of the return prepared by the registered person.

6. Completion of e-filing.– E-filing can be completed in the following manner:

(a) the user shall fill in all the relevant fields of the return (the return may be saved at any time during preparation process to avoid data loss);

(b) the return may be verified by the person to press the “Verify” button given at the bottom of form;

(c) if the registered person needs any alteration in the verified return, user shall press the “Un-Verify” button given at the bottom of the form having access to Personal Identification Number (PIN) code to make the required changes, and the user shall again press the “Verify” button given at the bottom of the form for fresh verification;

(d) after verifying the return, the registered person shall generate Payment Slip Identifier (PSID) by clicking “e-Payment” button;

(e) the registered person shall present PSID along with payable amount in the designated branch of the National Bank of Pakistan which shall accept the payment and provide Computerized Payment Receipt (CPR) as an acknowledgement; and

(f) the CPR data shall be automatically updated within stipulated period in the registered person's e-filing portal and the registered person shall have to press the "Confirm" button for automatic confirmed addition of the CPR in the system.

7. E-submission of return.– After confirmation of CPR under rule 6, the "Submit" button on return shall be enabled and the registered person shall click the submit button, the system shall require PIN code which shall be entered by the registered person, where after a message shall appear at the top of the screen that "your return has been submitted".

8. Amendment in CPR.– (1) Where due to any bonafide mistake, any change is required to be made in CPR, the registered person shall apply for correction in CPR to the relevant Commissioner along with following documents:

(a) written request on letter head;

(b) copy of CNIC;

(c) copy of TPR (Tax Payment Receipt), if any, and CPR;

(d) in case of bank's mistake, letter from the bank and affidavit from the person on whose name the payment has been deposited; and

(e) for correction of national tax number on CPR, affidavit from the person on whose name the payment has been deposited.

(2) The Commissioner shall convey his approval to the authorized functionary of PRAL, who shall:

(a) update changes as per approval;

(b) maintain record of changes;

(c) intimate the applicant and relevant Commissioner; and

(d) send summary report to the Authority on monthly basis.

9. Acknowledgment of e-filing.– (1) Acknowledgement shall be printed by clicking the "Print Acknowledgement" button.

(2) The submitted return shall also be printed and saved on user's computer in PDF format.

(3) The registered person shall quote the computer generated number of the e-filing acknowledgement in all his future correspondence with Authority.

10. Security of User ID and password.– (1) The responsibility for filing the returns and all the information contained therein is that of the registered person.

(2) The registered person shall keep his user ID and Password allotted by the Authority strictly confidential.

(3) The electronic tax return and its relevant annexures shall be kept in electronic record of the registered person and shall be produced to the competent authority or officer of the Authority on demand along with supporting documents.

11. Payment of tax.– (1) A registered person filing return electronically or otherwise shall make payment of the amount of tax due, if any, in any of the designated branches of the National Bank of Pakistan or any other designated Bank on the prescribed payment challan as specified in Form PST–05 or through electronic payment system devised for the purpose.

(2) In cases where due date has been prescribed as 15th of a month, the tax due shall be deposited by the 15th and the return may be submitted by 18th of the same month.

(3) The registered person having the status of 'individual' or 'proprietor' shall mention his computerized national identity card number in the relevant column of the return.

12. Evidence of input tax invoices or bills.– Where the Authority has allowed input tax adjustment in respect of any taxable goods used, utilized or consumed for providing taxable service or services, the registered person shall require to keep record of all relevant invoices or bills as evidence to be produced to the competent officer of the Authority on demand for the purpose of reconciliation or audit to verify the adequacy of the adjustment availed by the registered person.

Chapter - III

Revision of Returns

13. Revised return.– Where a registered person needs to revise his return, resulting in payment of tax over the tax already paid on the original return, he may, without any permission from the Authority or any officer of the Authority, file his revised return and pay the differential amount of tax along with the default surcharge as applicable.

14. Permission for revision of return.– The Commissioner shall be competent to allow revision of return not covered under rule 13 and all such permissions for revision of return shall be reported to the Authority on monthly basis in the format showing the name, registration number of the registered person, relevant tax period, revenue (including adjustment) effect of revision and principal reason or reasons of revision.

15. Substitution of return.– (1) Where in case of any return or class of returns, the Authority or the Commissioner is of the view that a return has not been filed properly, accurately or completely, the concerned registered person or persons may be called upon and such person or persons shall file a new return in lieu of the return filed previously in such manner and subject to such conditions as it or he may specify in this behalf.

(2) Where a new return has been filed under sub-rule (1), the original return shall be deemed to have never been filed except to the extent to which any tax has been paid thereon.

(3) Where a new return has been filed under sub-rule (1), no action shall be taken against a registered person on the basis of the previous return for any of the purposes of the Act or rules made thereunder.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Adjustment of Tax) Rules 2012

No. PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated Lahore, August 01, 2012.- (3). In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

CHAPTER - I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Adjustment of Tax) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Adjustment of Tax

2. Determination of input tax.– (1) A registered person who holds a tax invoice for the purchase of goods or services used or consumed in providing of taxable services in his name, bearing his tax registration or national tax number, shall be entitled to deduct or adjust input tax paid or payable during the relevant tax period.

(2) The input tax in relation to the taxable services shall be worked out first and the amount so worked out, shall be bifurcated for the services provided in the Punjab and also taxed in the Punjab and for those provided outside the Punjab and also not taxed in the Punjab.

(3) Where the registered person did not deduct or adjust the input tax in the relevant period, he may claim such input tax deduction or adjustment in the tax returns for any of the four succeeding tax periods under intimation to the Commissioner having jurisdiction.

3. No credit for non-taxable [1]**[, reduced rate] or exempt services**.– (1) The input tax paid on goods and services used in providing non-taxable [1][, reduced rate] or exempt services shall not be admissible.

[1]Words inserted by PRA/Orders.06/2021/845 dated July 10, 2025.

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[1][(2) In case an input is used in providing taxable services and also non-taxable, reduced rate or exempt services, the input tax shall be apportioned according to the following formula for availing of input tax adjustment or deduction:

$$\text{Adjustable input tax} = \frac{\text{Taxable Value}}{\text{Taxable Value + Non-Taxable + Reduced Rate + Exempt Services}} \times \text{Total input tax}]$$

(3) The adjustments of input tax claimed under this rule by a registered person shall be subject to reconciliation and audit by the officers of the Authority as and when needed under intimation to the registered person.

Explanation: For the purpose of this rule, non-taxable services include services provided out of and not taxable in the Punjab.

4. Input tax adjustment not allowed.– A registered person shall not be entitled to claim input tax adjustment in respect of:

(i) capital goods (plant, machinery, equipment and others) not exclusively useable or used in providing of taxable services;

(ii) goods and services already in use on which the tax is not paid, or, where paid, the input adjustment has been taken before the commencement of the Act or where the input related goods and services were purchased or acquired before such commencement;

(iii) utility bills not in the name of registered person with reference to his registered premises unless evidence of consumption is produced in the matter of such claims;

(iv) the tax claimed as input tax on services where such tax amount has not been deposited by the supplier or the service provider or where the evidence of such payment is not produced;

(v) carry forward of the input tax adjustment relating to the period prior to the commencement of the Act;

(vi) goods and services received against false, fake, forged, flying untrue, unreal or unrelated invoices or against purchases from the persons black listed or suspended by the Authority or by the Federal Board of Revenue or by any other Provincial authority;

(vii) goods and services used or consumed in a service liable to a rate of tax lesser than the 16% of the charges or to a specific rate of tax not based on value;

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[1]Rule 3(2) substituted by PRA/Orders.06/2021/845 dated July 10, 2025. Before substitution it read as follows:-

"(2) In case an input is used in providing taxable services and also non-taxable or exempt services, the input tax shall be apportioned according to the following formula for availing of input tax adjustment or deduction:

$$\text{Adjustable Input Tax} = \frac{\text{Value of Taxable Supplies}}{\text{Value of Taxable and exempt}} \times \text{Total Input Tax}"$$

(viii) vehicles including three and two wheelers;

(ix) food, beverages, garments, fabrics or others and consumption on entertainment, amusements, recreation or enjoyments;

(x) gifts and give-aways; and

(xi) such goods or services as are notified or specified by the Authority to be inadmissible for input tax adjustment.

5. No tax credit for certain goods.– Notwithstanding other provisions of these rules, no input tax adjustment shall be admissible in respect of permanent or fixed assets of general nature or character, furniture and fixtures, construction materials and multiple-use goods or items.

6. Complete adjustment bar in certain situations.– No input tax adjustment on any account whatsoever shall be admissible in respect of tax required to be charged, deducted and paid on the basis of principles of origin and reverse charge under section 4 of the Act and the person liable to pay tax on that account shall deposit the whole amount of due tax to the Authority without any deduction, adjustment or credit.

7. Extent of adjustment.– (1) Adjustment shall be confined only to such extent to which it has been consumed in the providing of taxable service or services during a tax period.

(2) The input tax not consumed during a tax period may be carried forward to the next tax period for consumption and adjustment during the next tax period or periods not exceeding four moths where after adjustment shall be admissible only on confirmation through audit by the competent officer of the Authority.

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Chapter - III

Credit and Debit Notes

8. Credit and debit notes.– Where a registered person has issued a tax invoice in respect of services provided by him and as a result of any genuine business reason, the amount shown in the tax invoice or return needs to be modified on lower side, the registered person and the recipient of the service, if the later is registered, shall issue debit and credit note showing all relevant details of the transaction and reasons and adjust the amount accordingly provided that the corresponding debit or credit note is issued within ninety days of the tax period in which such modification is required.

9. Unregistered recipient.– Where a tax invoice or return needs to be modified as a result of any genuine reason and recipient of the service to whom invoice relates is not registered or not required to be registered, the registered person providing service shall issue only credit note and modify the invoice or return and take adjustment accordingly.

10. Supplementary tax invoice.– Where for any reason, the value of service and amount of tax mentioned on the tax invoice are required to be modified on higher side, the registered person providing service may, issue a supplementary tax invoice mentioning particulars of the principal invoice and account for the same in the return of the tax period during which supplementary invoice is issued.

11. Cancellation of tax invoice.– Where any tax invoice has been issued prior to the actual rendering of service but service has not been provided or otherwise cancelled for any genuine reason, registered person providing service may cancel the tax invoice under intimation to the Commissioner having jurisdiction and if needed, make adjustment in the return of relevant period.

Chapter - IV

Export of Taxable Services

12. Export of service.– Providing of taxable service by a registered person shall be treated as export of service when the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) such service is delivered and used outside Pakistan;

(ii) payment for such service is received by the registered person in convertible foreign exchange through declared banking channels; and

(iii) use, supply or consumption of any goods taxable under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 (VII of 1990) in the rendering of such service is treated as zero rated supply and entitled to the tax refund under that Act.

13. Export without tax.– A taxable service exported in terms of rule 12 shall not be liable to payment of tax in the Punjab.

14. Refund of tax.– Where any taxable service exported involves the already paid amount of tax on any service, the amount of tax already so paid shall be refunded by the Commissioner on receipt of application for refund duly supported with documentary proof about the export of service, receipt of foreign exchange through banking channels and payment of tax involved in respect of such exported service.

15. Records of refunds.– The Commissioner shall be responsible to ensure that records of refunds paid are kept in safe and secure conditions.

16. Pre-audit of refunds.– All refund claims in respect of taxable services shall be liable to pre-audit before sanction and payment.

17. Inadmissible refunds.– Inadmissible refunds shall be rejected through the process of adjudication.

18. Reporting of refunds.– All refunds paid on export of taxable services shall be reported to the Authority by the Commissioners in such manner and form as may be specified in this behalf.

[1][**19. Explanation**.- For purposes of these rules, the word "tax" used with reference to input goods shall not include further tax, extra tax, or value added tax levied by or under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 (VII of 1990).]

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[1]Rule 19 inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2012 dated October 14, 2013.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

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Sales Tax on Services (Specific Provisions) Rules 2012

No. PRA/Order.06/2012, dated Lahore, August 01, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Specific Provisions) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Financial Services

2. Scope of tax.– The tax shall be payable by every banking company and non-banking financial institution on all its non-interest based services provided to any person against a consideration in the form of fee, commission or charge.

3. Registration.– The Provincial head offices of the banking companies and non-banking financial institutions located in the Punjab shall obtain the tax registration from the Authority.

4. Taxable value.– The tax shall be paid on the gross amount charged for a service provided to the customers excluding mark-up or interest, if any.

5. Non-invoicing.– The banking companies and non-banking financial institutions shall not be required to issue tax invoices for their services, provided that if a recipient of any taxable service is registered person, a tax invoice may be issued to him on demand.

6. Records.– Each outlet of the company or institution located in Punjab shall maintain records of the services provided and tax collected thereon in such manner so as to enable the Authority for distinct and correct ascertainment of payment of tax on each category of service provided.

7. Annual audit report.– The Provincial head office of the company or institution as the case may be, shall furnish copy of annual audit report to the Authority within fifteen days of its publication and any short collection of tax observed as a result of such audit report shall be paid within thirty days of the publication of the audit report and proof of such payment shall be submitted to the Authority.

Chapter - III

Insurance

8. Scope of tax.– (1) All insurance companies shall pay the tax on services provided by them in respect of all kinds of insurance except those exempt from such tax.

(2) The tax shall be calculable on the gross amount of premium charged on risk covered in the insurance policy.

9. Tax accounting month.– The tax in respect of an insurance policy shall be accounted for in the month when premium is received and deposited by the insurance company at the time of filing of return by the 15th day of the following month.

10. Cancellation of contract.– An insurance company shall not be liable to pay tax in respect of a contract or any part thereof if cancelled provided that the tax already paid in respect of services provided in consequence of such contract shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

11. Records.– The insurance companies shall maintain such records so as to enable the Authority or its authorized officers to verify the accuracy of tax collections, declarations and payments.

12. Annual audit report.– A copy of annual audit report shall be submitted to the Authority within fifteen days of its publication and any short payment of the tax observed as a result of such audit shall be paid by the insurance company within thirty days of the publication of the audit report and proof of such payment shall be furnished to the Authority.

Chapter - IV

Shipping Agents

13. Scope of tax.– Every shipping agent shall pay the tax on monthly basis in respect of his services for shipping of cargo originating or destined to the Punjab.

14. Taxable value.– The agent shall pay tax on the gross commissions charged for the services provided by him as apportioned on the basis of loadable or unloadable cargo originating from or destined to the territory of the Punjab and reimbursable actual expenses, if any, incurred by such agent for and on behalf of his clients shall not be included in the base of taxable value.

15. Port clearance.– The customs authorities may withhold final port clearance to a ship unless the agent furnishes proof of filing of return and proof of payment of tax or give a proper affidavit to the effect that he shall deposit the due tax at the time of filing the tax return and furnish proof thereof, if required.

16. Monthly statements.– The agent shall furnish to the Authority a monthly statement in appropriate form in respect of ships handled and the ship-wise commissions apportioned for the Punjab for the purposes of the tax by the 20th day of the following month.

Chapter - V

Advertisements

17. Scope of tax.– Every person providing services of advertisement on television, radio or cable TV as an advertising agent (including advertising company or firm) shall obtain registration and pay sales tax.

18. Advertisements on television and radio.– (1) In relation to advertisements on television and radio, the expression "taxable services" include the services in respect of advertisements:

(a) broadcast or telecast by television or radio stations located in the Punjab;

(b) booked in the Punjab for broadcasting or telecasting on television or radio stations based elsewhere, whether or not possessing landing rights in the Punjab; and

(c) transmitted on cable TV networks.

19. Taxable value.- Value of taxable service for the purposes of the tax shall be the total consideration in money received or the gross amount charged by a registered person from his clients for broadcasting or telecasting of any advertisement on radio, television or cable TV, including all Federal and Provincial levies but excluding the amount of sales tax.

20. Liability of cable operators.– Where any cable operator receives advertisement bookings directly from the clients, he shall pay the tax on the basis of gross amount charged by him including all Federal and Provincial taxes other than the sales tax and such cable operator shall also be liable to registration.

21. Invoicing.– (1) The advertising agent or cable operator shall maintain proper records and account of all services provided by him.

(2) The advertising agent or cable operator shall issue a proper bill of charges for each transaction from a duly bound book of serially numbered bills of charges or electronically generated invoices which shall include the particulars (including registration number if any) of the persons providing and receiving service, description of the service provided and the amount charged.

(3) A copy of the bill referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be given to the person to whom such services have been provided and one copy thereof shall be retained by the person providing services in the said bound book of bills of charges.

(4) Not more than one book of bill of charges shall be used at one time provided that where such person has more than one branches of the establishment, separate books of bill of charges may be used for each such branch.

22. Maintenance of accounts.– The advertising agents and cable operators shall maintain their accounts in a register in the following form namely:

Name and location of the agent / cable operator

S.No.	Bill of charges No. and date	Name of the media company, if any.	Amount of charges billed or to be billed	Amount of sales tax	Remarks if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

23. Tax payment.– (1) The advertising agent shall pay tax on quarterly basis by the 15th day of November, February, May and August on the basis of the amount of commissions charged or billed during the last quarter.

(2) The cable operators shall pay tax on monthly basis on the basis of gross amounts charged and collected by them from their clients and the amounts of bonafide discounts if allowed to the clients, shall not be included in taxable value base.

24. Quarterly statement.– The advertising agent submit to the Authority quarterly statement along with the evidence of payment of tax, before the last day of the month of November, February, May and August, in the following form:

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

M/s……..…for the Quarter ending…….20……

(Name and complete address)

1. Amount of commissions billed during the quarter.
2. Sales tax on services paid by the agent:
   - (i) Bank’s name.
   - (ii) Bank challan number and date.
   - (iii) Amount.
3. Sales tax on services paid by others as withholding tax (if any).
   - (i) Name of the person paying the withholding tax.
   - (ii) Bank’s name.
   - (iii) Bank challan number and date.
   - (iv) Amount.

Chapter - VI

Telecommunication

25. Scope of services.– All telecommunication services falling under four digit classification No.98.12 shall be liable to tax regardless whether or not any description of any sub-classification has been mentioned in column (2) of serial number 6 of the Second Schedule to the Act unless specifically excluded in the said Second Schedule.

26. Tax coverage.– (1) The tax shall be charged and paid by a registered person engaged in providing telecommunication on all such services as:

(i) are rendered in the Punjab;

(ii) originate from the Punjab;

(iii) terminate in the Punjab;

(iv) are effectively enjoyed and used in the Punjab;

(v) where sim is activated in the Punjab; or

(vi) recipient of the service:

(a) is present in the Punjab;

(b) is resident in the Punjab;

(c) has permanent establishment in the Punjab; or

(d) has primary residence in the Punjab.

(2) Where a service crosses Provincial or national borders and its charges are divisible either contractually or otherwise between different territories, tax shall be paid only to the extent of charges attributable to the territory of the Punjab.

[1][(3) Where a registered person is providing telecom services in respect of international incoming calls and is sharing charges with persons operating in foreign jurisdictions, the charges received by the registered person shall be treated as tax-inclusive value and tax shall be worked out and paid by such registered person on the basis of tax fraction formula, that is, the tax shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of charges with tax rate and dividing the resultant by tax rate plus hundred.]

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[1]Sub-rule (3) inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2012 dated October 10, 2013.

27. Payment of tax.– Every person engaged in providing telecommunication services shall pay the tax in the following manner:

(a) in case of post paid telephone services, tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following second month;

(b) in case of pre-paid telephone services, the tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month; and

(c) in case of other telecommunication services, the tax shall be paid by the 21st day of the following month.

28. Tax adjustment.– While determining his liability, the registered person shall be entitled to deduct input tax paid on procurement of any specialized equipment or the tax paid on acquiring services in connection with the provision of telecommunication services.

29. Submission of statements.– (1) The registered person or each sale outlet of the registered person shall along with the proof of payment of the tax submit its revenue office-wise or service outlet-wise monthly statement by the dates specified in rule 26 in the following formats either in hard or in soft (electronic) form:

FORM I

POST-PAID TELEPHONE SERVICES

M/S. ---------- REGISTRATION NO.----------PERIOD ----------

Name and location of the Revenue Office/Service Outlet	Description of services provided	Classification	Amount billed or ought to be billed during the month	Tax payable
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Tax paid	Balance payable (if any)	No. and date of treasury challan	Particulars of the Bank branch
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

FORM II

PREPAID TELEPHONE SERVICES

M/S. ---------- REGISTRATION NO.----------PERIOD ----------

Name and location of the Service Outlet	Description of services provided	Classification	No. and value of pre-paid cards sold during the month	
			No.	Amount or value
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Tax Paid	Tax Paid	Balance payable (if any)	No. and date of treasury challan	Particulars of the Bank branch
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

FORMIII

OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

M/S. ---------- REGISTRATION NO.----------PERIOD ----------

Name and location of the Revenue Office/Service Outlet	Description of services provided	Classification	Amount billed or ought to be billed during the month	Tax payable
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Tax paid	Balance payable (if any)	No. and date of treasury challan	Particulars of the Bank branch
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

(2) Late submission or default in submission of the statements required to be filed under sub-rule (1) shall attract default surcharge and penalties under the Act.

Chapter - VII

Customs Clearance

Part A

Customs House Agents (Clearing Agents)

30. Scope of tax.– The tax shall be payable on all services provided by the custom house agents (by whatever name called) in respect of import and export cargo clearance from customs or other port agencies whether through sea ports, dry ports or airports.

31. Taxable value.– (1) All kinds of fees, commissions and charges received by the customs house agent shall be included in the taxable value base.

(2) The actual considerations received for transportation charges, demurrage, wharf age, customs-duties, excise duty, sales tax, provincial duties or taxes, toll taxes, municipal charges, port charges, handling charges, packing charges, labor payment and such other reimbursable expenses against proper receipts or invoices or bills shall not be reckoned for the purpose of calculating sales tax.

32. Quoting registration number.– The customs agent shall quote his tax registration number on the goods declaration filed with customs department.

33. Entitlement for tax receipt.– (1) Where a custom house agent has provided services to an unregistered client from the Punjab at ports outside the Punjab, he shall be liable to pay the tax to the Authority in respect of export-cargo originating anywhere from the Punjab and import cargo destined to anywhere in the Punjab.

(2) Where a client of services mentioned in sub-rule (1) is a registered person, such client shall deduct and pay the tax to the Authority on reverse charge basis.

Explanation: For the purpose of sub-rule (2), registered person includes a person registered under the Sales Tax Act, 1990. He shall file a separate return in respect of the tax deductable and payable under the said sub-rule (2).

Part B

Ship Chandlers

34. Value of services.– (1) Value of taxable services for the purposes of the tax shall be total consideration received or the gross amount charged by a ship chandler for providing the services including all Federal and Provincial taxes and levies but excluding the amount of sales tax.

(2) Where any fee or commission is realized from the service charges paid to the ship chandlers, the same shall be included in the base for calculating the tax liability.

35. Reimburseable expenses.– Reimburseable actual expenses like transportation charges, port charges, handling or labor charges, which a ship-chandler pays on behalf of his clients against a proper receipt or bill shall not be taken into account for the purpose of determining sales tax.

36. Cost of commodities.– Where a ship chandlers has supplied any commodities on board, the actual cost shall not be included in the tax assessable value of services of the same have been supplied on zero rate basis provided that commission or profit paid to or earned by the ship chandler in respect of such commodities shall be reckoned for the purpose of levy of sales tax.

Chapter - VIII

Stevedores

37. Scope of tax.– All services provided by stevedores in respect of or connection with the loading, unloading , embarkation or disembarkation of import and export cargo shall be chargeable to sales tax.

38. Taxable value.– Only such gross commissions, fees and charges shall be reckoned for calculating tax as are relatable or attributable to the cargo originating from or destined to the territory of the Punjab.

Chapter - IX

Stock Brokerage

39. Scope of tax.– All stock brokers engaged in the business of brokerage for the sale and purchase of stocks shall be liable to pay the tax on the gross amounts of their commissions.

40. Extent of services.– A stockbroker shall pay tax on all such services which he provides to a person hailing from the Punjab or which he provides at any stock exchange located in the Punjab.

41. Self-investment.– Where a stockbroker has himself purchased stocks from his own financial recourses with a view to sell the same to any other person other than the concerned joint-stock company, he shall pay the tax on the basis of commission workable on open market rates at the time of sale of such stocks.

Chapter - X

Hotels, Clubs and Caterers

42. Tax coverage.– (1) The tax shall be charged and paid on kinds of services including but not limited to the provisioning of food items, drinks (water, soft drinks and others) and other eatables served by hotels, clubs and caterers, whether for consumption inside or outside the premises.

(2) In relation to hotels and clubs, the tax shall also be charged and paid on services like renting of rooms or accommodation, or any other premises, provision of games, sports, or gym, running of health clubs, commercial centres, rent-a-car, tourism services and other businesses, facilities or utilities provided by the hotels and clubs.

(3) The food items served by flight-kitchens on-board the conveyance leaving for a destination outside Pakistan shall not be charged to tax.

43. Valuation of services of clubs.– (1) In relation to clubs, the value of taxable services for the purpose of the tax shall be the gross amount charged or the consideration in money including fee relating to award of new membership, monthly membership fee and all Federal or Provincial taxes, if any, which clubs receive from its members or clients for providing taxable services.

(2) The value under sub-rule (1) shall not include the consideration received on account of refundable deposits or security amounts unless the same are deducted or adjusted in full or in part as settlement or recovery of dues for services.

44. Filing of return.– The hotels and caterers shall submit the monthly return along with the payment of tax due by the 15th day of the following month provided that in respect of supplies made by the clubs, the due date for filing of return and deposit of tax due shall be the 15th day of the second month following the month in which supplies were made by the club.

45. Menu card.– Every hotel and club shall print in its menu card or list of food items to be supplied, the price of each item or combination of food, inclusive of all duties and taxes, whether Provincial or Federal, including the sales tax. The recipient or consumer of food shall be invoiced or billed on the basis of the prices shown in the menu card or price list.

46. Invoicing.– The registered persons shall issue serially numbered the tax invoice, bills, vouchers or cash memos and the persons using computerized accounting system may issue computer-generated cash memos or as the case may be a computer-generated tax invoices.

Explanation: For the purpose of this chapter:

(i) Membership includes temporary membership, associate membership, honorary membership or membership of any affiliated club using the services of the other club; and

(ii) In relation to hotels, the provisions of this chapter shall apply for collection and payment of the tax on all the services like gym, sports, swimming, golf, events organized, exhibitions, shows, parties, used by the clients in addition to the food, drinks and other eatables.

Chapter - XI

Courier Services

47. Tax coverage.– The tax shall be payable on every booking (consignment booked) through courier services in the Punjab.

48. Provincial level courier services.– A person providing courier services only in the Punjab shall get registration in the name of his headquarter office.

49. Regionalization of service activities.– Every such person as is providing courier service within as well as outside the Punjab shall designate its regional office in the Punjab for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Act and rules made thereunder in respect of the services chargeable to the tax under the Act.

50. Courier service outlets.– The person providing courier services shall intimate to the Authority within one month of the commencement of these rules or of his registration, the particulars of his all service outlets in the Punjab.

51. Service of a co-loader.– Where one courier agency utilizes the service of another company for in-transit movement of documents, goods, articles or cargo, the service provided by the co-loader shall not be charged to tax if charges thereof are included in the charges billed by the courier agency to the concerned customers.

52. Services provided by other businesses.– (1) For the purpose of removal of doubt, it is clarified that the courier services provided by air lines, post offices, railways, road passenger or cargo transport businesses shall be liable to the tax under the Act.

(2) No input tax adjustment shall be available to such businesses or entities with reference to the tax payable on courier services.

53. Remission of tax.– Where during the custody of a courier service provider, any document, goods, articles or cargo is destroyed for reasons beyond human control and charges of service are refunded to the customers, the tax shall be deemed to have been remitted and adjustment to that effect shall be taken in the return of relevant tax period or of the next tax period.

54. Provision of additional facility.– Where a person providing courier service also provide additional facilities such as warehousing or storage, packing, inventory management, charges of such additional facilities shall be included in the gross amount of charges for courier service for the purpose of levy of tax.

[1][Chapter - XII

Franchise Services

55. Registration and e-enrolment.– (1) Every person who is holding a franchise or availing any right under or in respect of any franchise shall register with the authority irrespective of the location of the franchise.

(2) Where a franchise is already registered with the FBR, he shall not be required to take a separate registration for the purpose of the tax but such franchise shall enroll through e-enrolment on the website or e-portal of the Authority where the registration number issued by the FBR shall be prefixed with the capital "P" as per procedure.

56. Payment of tax.- (1) Subject to rule 57, the franchise shall pay the sales tax at the rate of sixteen per cent of the gross amount of the franchise fee or the deemed franchise fee, technical fee, royalty or any other fee of like nature, charged by the franchiser from the franchisee for using rights under a franchise.

(2) The franchisee shall pay the tax for a month by the due date alongwith the return in the prescribed manner.

(3) Where both the franchiser and franchisee are based in the Punjab, the liability to deposit the tax on franchise services shall be upon the franchiser and where franchiser is based outside the Punjab, the liability to deposit the tax shall be upon the franchisee.

(4) Where the franchiser is from Pakistan and his franchise services are being rendered to or availed by more than one franchisee in or in respect of the Punjab, he may, under advance intimation to the Authority, opt to directly pay the tax after obtaining registration, or e-enrolment from the Authority and in such a situation, his franchisees shall not be required to pay the tax, for which purpose the franchiser may issue a certification to each of his franchisees in proper form under intimation to the Authority.

57. Valuation of franchise services in certain situations.- (1) Where remittance or payment of the franchise fee, royalty, technical fee or other similar fee is made under a proper or formal agreement between a foreign or local franchiser and a franchisee, the assessable value for the purpose of levy of the tax shall be the gross amount remitted or paid to the franchiser or the amount laid down in the franchise agreement, whichever is higher.

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[1]Chapter XII, rules 55 to 64, inserted by PRA/Orders.06/2012(13) dated November 08, 2012.

(2) Where franchiser is a foreign or local beverage company and there is no proper or formal agreement between the franchiser or franchisee, the assessable value for the purpose of levy of the shall be payable on the value or concentrate or syrup or similar input material supplied by the franchiser to the franchisee:

Provided where remittance or payment of fee, royalty or other similar fee is made by the franchisee beverage company to the local or foreign franchiser under a proper or formal agreement, the assessable value shall be the gross amount of fee or royalty remitted or paid to the franchiser or the amount laid down in the agreement, whichever is higher.

(3) Where the franchise service relates to the food sector and there exists a proper or formal franchise or royalty agreement, the assessable value for levy of sales tax shall be the gross amount of franchise fee, royalty or other similar fee remitted or paid to the franchiser or the amount laid down in the agreement whichever is higher and in case there is no such proper or formal agreement, the assessable value for levy of the tax shall be the net sales of the franchisee during the relevant period.

58. Verification of tax payments.- The Authority or its officer designated in this behalf, shall obtain from the State Bank of Pakistan, the statistics or data concerning payment of franchise fee, technical fee, royalty or other fee of similar nature paid by a franchisee to the franchiser or received by the franchiser from his franchisees on a quarterly basis and shall use such statistics or data to determine or verify the amounts of tax paid by a franchisee, or as the case may be, by the franchiser during the said period.

59. Deduction and payment of tax by banks.- Where any payment or remittance is made through any bank on account of a franchise fee, technical fee or royalty or other fee of similar nature and the bank is satisfied that the franchisee or the franchiser has not paid the tax, the bank shall:

(a) deduct the amount of the tax at the applicable rate from such payment or remittance;

(b) deposit the said amount of tax against its own monthly return without any kind of adjustment or deduction whatsoever; and

(c) issue a certificate on its letter head showing the name and registration number of the franchisee and the amount of tax so deducted and deposited.

60. Avoidance of double taxation.- Where the tax has been or is being paid on services by a franchisee or the franchiser, the amount of the franchise fee, or the deemed franchise fee, technical fee, royalty or fee of similar nature on which the tax has been or is being paid, shall be excluded from the value or any taxable service provided by the franchisee or the franchiser.

61.Bar on adjustment or deduction.- Where the tax has been paid under rule 56 or deducted and deposited under rule 59, the franchisee or the franchiser or the bank shall not be entitled to take any kind of adjustment or credit of such tax amount from or against his other tax liability paid or payable on his any return required to be filed with the Authority.

62. Responsibility of franchiser and franchisee.- (1) Every franchiser providing services in or in respect of the Punjab shall furnish to the Authority, a complete list of all his franchisees operating in or in respect of the Punjab within thirty days of the issuance of this notification or of his registration or e-enrolment, whichever is earlier and every franchisee using franchise right in or in respect of the Punjab shall likewise furnish to the Authority a complete list of his sale or business outlets.

(2) Every franchiser providing franchise services in or in respect of Punjab and every franchisee using any right of franchise in or in respect of right is not used without compliance to the Act and breach of any such responsibility shall be treated as tax fraud the purpose of the Act.

(3) No relationship of any nature or character shall effect the liability of any person including franchiser or franchisee to pay the tax.

63. Treatment of default.- Failure to pay the tax by the due date shall render the defaulter, liable to penalty under the Act in addition to the payment of tax and default surcharge.

64. Access to records.- The Authority or its designated officer shall have access to the records maintained by the franchisee or the franchiser if the latter is located in Pakistan and is providing franchise services in or in respect of the Punjab.]

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[1]Chapter XII, rules 55 to 64, inserted by PRA/Orders.06/2012(13) dated November 08, 2012.

[1][Chapter - XIII

Restaurant Services

65. Registration and e-enrolment.- (1) Every person providing restaurant services in the Punjab, by whatever name called, whether through a single outlet or multiple outlets shall register with the Authority.

(2) Where the person providing restaurant services is already registered with the FBR, such person may not get a separate registration for purposes of these rules but shall obtain e-enrolment from the Authority through its website or e-portal where the registration number issued by the FBR shall be automatically prefixed with the capital "P".

(3) The person who is providing restaurant services in a hotel and club as a part of economic activity and is already registered or e-enrolled with the Authority shall not be required to take any new or additional registration or e-enrolment for purposes of payment of the tax on restaurant services but such person shall pay the tax on restaurant services through a single return covering all of the taxable services.

66. Scope of tax.- (1) For the purposes of these rules, the restaurant services shall include the services of providing sale of all kinds, types and categories of eatables and drinkables by a business whether called restaurant, cafe, coffee house, food parlor, ice-cream parlor or such as marriage, shadi or banquet hall or lawn and includes provision of restaurant-type services to walk-in customers.

(2) The charges received by restaurants either directly or otherwise on account of rentals for use of personal or family dining room, hall or space, and conducing function or event including decoration charges, if any, shall also be included in the assessable value of services provided by the restaurants.

67. Valuation of restaurant services.- The tax shall be charged, collected and paid out of the gross amount of the price of eatables and drinkables billed and received from the customers including the component of charges received as service charges on account of service (waiting) the customers at their tables or otherwise in or by a restaurant.

68. Menu Card.- (1) Every person providing restaurant services shall print on its menu card or list of eatables or drinkables to be supplied, the price of each item or combination of items inclusive of all duties and taxes, whether Provincial or Federal excluding the tax, and consumers shall be invoiced or billed on the basis of prices shown in such menu card or price list and each such menu card or price list shall conspicuously indicate that prices are subject to the tax.

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[1]Chapter XIII, rules 65 to 71, inserted by PRA/Orders.06/2012 dated May 29, 2013.

(2) Within one month of the issuance of this notification, registration or e-e-enrolment, every person providing restaurant services shall send to the Authority a copy of the menu card or price list duly signed by a person responsible for the business operations of the restaurant and any change made in the printed prices of items as a regular measure or arrangement, shall be communicated to the Authority within fifteen days of such change by furnishing to the Authority a signed copy of changed menu card or price list.

(3) A person providing restaurant services may discount the printed prices in terms of sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Act and discounts (including discounts given to the employees of the restaurant establishment) or temporary changes aimed at promotion of business shall not be treated as change of prices in terms of sub-rule (2).

69. Invoicing.- (1) A person providing restaurant services shall issue a serial numbered tax invoices or bills, vouchers or cash memos separately showing the amount of the tax but where a restaurant is using computerized billing and accounting system, it may issue computer-generated tax invoices, bills, vouchers or cash memos.

(2) Every tax invoice, bill, voucher or cash memo shall contain the tax registration number of the restaurant.

(3) A customer of a restaurant may demand tax invoice, bill, voucher or cash memo and may demand the restaurant management to write full name, CNIC number or NTN number of the customer thereon, and the management of the restaurant shall emboss the restaurant's stamp on it with full signatures of the issuing person.

70. Responsibilities of a restaurant.- (1) Where a person providing restaurant services is operating more than one outlets in the Punjab, such person shall provide a complete list of such outlets to the Authority within one month of the issuance of this notification, registration or e-enrolment with the Authority, whichever is earlier.

(2) A non-corporate person providing restaurant services shall display the tax registration certificate issued by the Authority at a conspicuous place near the cash counter in a manner that the public visiting the restaurant may conveniently read the registration number of the restaurant.

71. Filing of return.- Subject to sub-rule (3) of rule 65, a person providing restaurant services shall submit monthly return for tax along with the payment of tax by the 15th day of each month following the month of a tax period.]

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[1]Chapter XIII, rules 65 to 71, inserted by PRA/Orders.06/2012 dated May 29, 2013.

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Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Computerized System) Rules 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated Lahore, August 01, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Computerized System) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Safety of System

2. Responsibility of the user.– Every person authorized to use or interact with the computerized system of the Authority shall be responsible for use or interaction with the system only to the extent authorized by the Authority.

3. Protection of business information.– Every user of the computerized system shall ensure that no information or data relating to any registered person reaches in any unauthorized hand.

4. Exchange of information between registered persons.– A registered person may allow the person authorized to use or interact with the computerized system to share his business information with any other person.

5. Information to associations.– The Authority may deliver any information or data stored in or retrievable from the computerized system to any association of trade, business or industry for the purposes of helping out the Authority in the formulation of its policies and carrying out its functions under the laws administered by the Authority.

Chapter - III

Access to System

6. Authorization.– (l) A person desirous to be authorized as user of the computerized system of the Authority may apply to the Authority by visiting the website https://e.pra.punjab.gov.pk.

(2) Upon scrutiny of the information provided by the applicant, the Authority may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it may impose, grant authorization to the applicant or refuse the application after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard through an officer of the Authority nominated in this behalf.

(3) No person shall have or attempt to have access to the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of information therefrom unless authorized as aforesaid.

7. Unique user identifier.– (1) Every person authorized as user of computerized system shall be allotted a 'Unique User Identifier' (UUI) for his identification in relation to accessing the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of relevant information therefrom.

8. Access to computerized system.– Subject to the conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Authority, the authorized user shall access the computerized system for transmission to or receipt of information therefrom.

(2) The Authority may, at any time, impose any additional conditions upon any authorized user or class of authorized users for accessing the computerized system or to maintain confidentiality or security thereof.

(3) The Authority may require an authorized user or class of authorized users including their accredited agents to use any additional electronic security including digital certification for electronic filing of return or any other declarations or documents.

9. Responsibility of the user.– The authorized user shall be responsible for security and confidentiality of the 'UUI' allotted to him and where any information is transmitted to the computerized system using a 'UUI', the transmission of that information shall be a sufficient evidence that the authorized user to whom such 'UUI' has been issued has transmitted that information.

10. Cancellation of authorization.– (1) Where the Authority is satisfied that any user authorized to use the computerized system has:

(a) failed to comply with any of the conditions or restrictions prescribed by the Authority; or

(b) acted in contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder; or

(c) failed to take adequate measures for security and confidentiality of the 'UUI'; or

(d) been convicted in an offence under the Act or any other law; may cancel the authorization of that user after affording him an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Pending consideration whether an authorization is cancelled under sub-rule (1), the Authority may suspend the authorization.

11. Recording of transmissions.– The Authority shall keep record of each transmission sent to or received from an authorized user, for a period of five years from the date of such transmission or receipt.

12. Scrutiny of records.– An officer or officers nominated by the Authority, may examine records maintained by an authorized user, whether electronically or otherwise, in relation to a specific transaction or to verify adequacy or integrity of the system or media on which such records are created and stored.

Chapter - IV

E-Intermediaries

13. Appointment of e-intermediary.– (1) A person having professional experience in the relevant field of providing taxation service desirous of being appointed as e-intermediary, shall apply to the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorized in this behalf.

Explanation: The professional experience shall mean as follows:

(a) a firm or sole proprietorship approved by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan or Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) or Certified Public Accountants (CPAs);

(b) a person or firm approved to practice as Income Tax Practitioner under the Income Tax Ordinance, 1979 (XLIX of 2001);

(c) a practicing lawyer;

(d) Any other person approved by the Authority.

(2) Every application for appointment of an e-intermediary shall be forwarded to the e-declaration administrator of the Authority who, after necessary verifications, shall submit the application along with his specific recommendations to the Authority for appointment of the applicant as e-intermediary.

(3) The Authority, after receipt of the recommendations from the e-declaration administrator, may appoint the applicant as an e-intermediary and issue him a unique identifier, subject to such conditions, restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Authority may refuse to entertain or accept an application for appointment as e-intermediary for reasons to be recorded and conveyed in writing.

(4) In case of any change in the particulars or information provided by the e-intermediary in the application for registration, he shall immediately inform the e-declaration Administrator about such change.

14. Cancellation of appointment.– (1) Where the Authority is satisfied that the e-intermediary has:

(a) failed to comply with any of the conditions, restrictions or limitations prescribed by the Authority; or

(b) acted in contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or these rules; or

(c) failed to take adequate measures for security and confidentiality of the UUI; or

(d) been convicted for an offence under the Act or any other law; it may cancel the appointment of such e-intermediary after affording him an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Pending consideration whether the appointment of the e-intermediary be cancelled under sub-rule (1), the Authority may suspend the appointment.

(3) An e-intermediary who intends to surrender his appointment, shall file an application to this effect to the Authority.

(4) The Authority may, on receipt of an application referred to in sub-rule (3), cancel the appointment of the e-intermediary after such necessary inquiry as it may deem proper to conduct.

(5) Cancellation of appointment of any e-intermediary shall not absolve him of the obligations and liabilities which may be determined under the Act or rules made thereunder.

15. Authorization to FBR's e-intermediaries.– The Authority may through a general order or otherwise and subject to conditions or otherwise allow any e-intermediary or class of e-intermediaries already appointed by the Federal Board of Revenue to act or operate as e-intermediary for the purposes of the Act or rules made thereunder.

Chapter - V

E-Invoicing

16. Use of e-invoicing system.- Any registered person may, under intimation to the Authority, use an appropriate system of electronic invoicing in respect of taxable services provided by him.

17. Real time transmission of e-invoices.– On receipt of intimation under rule 16, the Authority shall take necessary software-related measures to enable the registered person to generate and transmit e-invoices to the computerized system of the Authority on real time basis.

19. Non-inclusion of e-invoicing in monthly return.– Where a registered person is issuing e-invoices and transmitting the same to the computerized system on real time basis, such person shall not be required to provide summery of his sale invoices with the return.

20. E-treatment of purchase invoices.– Where a registered person is receiving e-invoices for his purchases or has a computer facility to electrify his purchase invoices, he may, with prior general permission from the Authority, transmit his daily purchase invoices to the computerized system of the Authority and such person shall not be required to file summery of his purchase invoices with the monthly return.

21. Validity of invoices.– Unless otherwise proved, the sale and purchase invoices electronically transmitted by a registered person to the computerized system of the Authority shall be treated as valid proof of sales and purchases for the purposes of the Act and rules made thereunder.

Explanation: For the purpose of this Chapter, invoice shall, where so allowed by the Authority, include cash memos, sale receipts, vouches and similar instruments showing sale or purchase transactions provided they carry the commonly accepted necessary features of an invoice.

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Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Authorized Representatives) Rules 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated August 01, 2012.-. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Authorized Representatives) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Authorized Representatives

2. Persons authorized to represent a taxpayer.– Only the following persons are authorized to represent a taxpayer before the Authority or its officers, Commissioner (Appeals), Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and Appellate Tribunal:

(a) a person in the employment of the taxpayer working on a fulltime basis;

(b) an advocate entered in any rolls, and practicing as such, under the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973);

(c) a person holding a bachelor or master's degree in commerce or business administration;

(d) a person who has retired or resigned after putting in satisfactory service in the Provincial or Federal tax departments for a period not less than ten years in a post or posts not inferior to that of an Assistant Commissioner:

Provided that no such person shall be entitled to represent a taxpayer for a period of one year from the date of his retirement or resignation, or in a case in which he had made or approved any order under the relevant law; and

(e) chartered accountant or cost & management accountant as defined under the Chartered Accounts Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961) or as the case may be, in the Cost and Management Accountant Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966).

3. Disqualifications.– The following persons shall not be entitled to represent the registered person:

(a) any person who has been convicted as a result of any criminal proceedings under any law;

(b) a person who has been dismissed, removed or compulsorily retired from service;

(c) a person who is an undischarged insolvent; and

(d) a person who has been found guilty of misconduct in any form.

4. Procedure to appoint authorized representative.– (1) To appoint his authorized representative, a registered person shall issue a letter of authorization, in the form specified below, duly signed by the proprietor, partner or director of the company or business concern, which shall be submitted by the authorized representative before the adjudicating authority or Appellate Tribunal.

Letter of Authorization

I,_____, Proprietor/Partner/Director of M/s._____, hereby authorize Mr._____ S/o Mr._____ C.N.I.C No _____to represent before the Punjab Revenue Authority or its adjudicating authorities or officers, Commissioner (Appeals), Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee or the Appellate Tribunal on behalf of M/S. _____ (Reg. No. ____) for hearing on_____ (date)/ till the decision of the case (cross out whichever is not applicable) or till withdrawal of this authorization, whichever is earlier.

I also affirm and certify that he fulfills the conditions of an authorized representative as prescribed in the rules issued under the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012.

Particulars of the case:

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Dated:_____

Signature: _____

Name:_____

(Proprietor/ Partner/Director)

C.N.I.C. No. _____

Company or Business

Seal/Stamp_____

(2) The authorized representative shall use the letter of authorization for a single or more hearings, or till final decision of the case, by the concerned officer, forum or the Appellate Tribunal indicated in the letter of authorization.

(3) The registered person may cancel the letter of authorization at any time under intimation to the Authority or its concerned officers, Commissioner (Appeals), Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee or the Appellate Tribunal.

5. Professional responsibility.– (1) The authorized representative shall:

(a) not participate, whether individually or in concert with others, in any plan, scheme or arrangement attempting or having as its purpose, the contravening any provision of the Act or rules made thereunder;

(b) not directly or indirectly or in any manner whatsoever lend his authorization to any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of contravening any provision of the Act or rules made thereunder;

(c) exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent persons under his supervision from engaging in conduct which may violate any provision of the Act or rules made thereunder;

(d) not engage in any activity that constitutes dishonesty, fraud, or gross incompetence while performing his functions and duties as authorized representative;

(e) promptly report to the Authority or its concerned officer any known violation of the Act or rules;

(f) cooperate fully with the Authority or its officers in the investigation of any alleged violation of the Act or rules;

(g) not offer or promise anything of value with the intent of inducing a person who is performing a public duty to perform or fail to perform any act related to such public duty;

(h) not contract for or accept compensation or anything of value for services not performed;

(i) not knowingly or intentionally engage in any false or misleading conduct or advertising with respect to client solicitation;

(j) not knowingly furnish inaccurate, deceitful, or misleading information to a client or employer, a prospective client or employer, or a public agency or representative of a public agency;

(k) not reveal information known to be confidential unless the release of such information is authorized by the source or required by law;

(l) not state or imply that he represents a person or firm that he does not in fact represent; and

(m) not solicit or advertise tax consulting services by claiming a specific result or stating a conclusion regarding such services without prior analysis of the facts and circumstances pertaining thereto.

(2) The professional responsibility stated in sub-rule (1) is in addition but not in derogation to any such responsibility or code of ethics applicable to the professional conduct of the authorized representative under any other law.

6. Power to disqualify.– On receipt of a complaint against any authorized representative for misconduct from the Appellate Tribunal or concerned officer of the Authority or other relevant forum; the Authority may, after affording such representative an opportunity of being heard, disqualify him from representing a registered person.

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Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Audit) Rules 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated August 01, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Audit) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Departmental Audit

2. Audit by the officers of the Authority.– The Commissioner may select any registered person for the purpose of audit and may cause such person audited by any officer or officers subordinate to him.

3. Selection for audit.– No registered person shall be selected for audit unless the Commissioner has a reason to believe that there exists a potential risk to revenue at least due to elements like:

(i) non or short payments of tax amounts declared on the monthly returns or other declarations;

(ii) irregular or abnormal fluctuations in input tax adjustments including carry forwards;

(iii) unusual variations in inventories;

(iv) habitual tendency of filing short or mis-filled returns or its annexures;

(v) sudden or unexpected downward changes in turnover; and

(vi) any other cogent factor evident from the computer profile of the registered person giving rise to reasonable doubts about tax evasion or tax avoidance.

4. Scope of audit.– The Commissioner and the officer or officers of the Authority conducting audit of a registered person shall ensure that audit is conducted in a systematic and comprehensive manner; is generally confined to the business records of the registered person; is performed following sound auditing principles and findings are recorded unambiguously and fairly.

5. Convenience of the taxpayer.– (1) Before commencing audit, the registered person shall be informed well in advance through proper letter indicating the records and documents required to be examined during audit.

(2) No registered person shall be required to supply copies of the records, documents, data or information which is already available with the Authority.

(3) The venue of audit shall be decided in consultation with the registered person.

(4) Before finalizing any audit observation or observations, its or their details shall be discussed with the registered person and his viewpoint shall be duly considered and incorporated in the audit report.

6. Preparation of audit report.– (1) Audit report shall be prepared in the following format and uploaded in the registered person's folder in the Authority's computerized system:

AUDIT REPORT

1	Name & Address of the Taxpayer.	
2	Headquarter, Regional / Branch offices etc.	
3	Status of the Taxpayer.	
4	Jurisdictional Commissionerate.	
5	Taxable services provided.	
6	Registration No.	
7	Exemption Notifications, if any, availed.	
8	Date of Last Audit.	
9	Period for which Current Audit undertaken.	
10	Dates on which audit undertaken.	
11	Unconfirmed previous outstanding demand, if any.	
12	Confirmed previous outstanding demand, if any.	
13	Appeal filed, if any.	
14	Tax, default surcharge & Penalty paid during the current audit period.	

15	No. of Revenue observations.	
16	No. of procedural observations.	
17	Total Revenue involved in audit observations.	
18	Tax payments made against current audit observations.	

The important and material non-compliance issues identified and reaction of the registered person is indicated in the table given below:

Audit Observation No.	Gist of Observations	Revenue implications, if any, (in Rs.)	Taxpayer's Agreement Yes/No, if no, reasons for disagreement	Department's conclusion with reasons
Total Revenue Involved				

(2) A signed copy of the audit report shall be given to the registered person.

Chapter - III

Special Audit

7. Special audit.– The Authority may cause special audit by a special auditor, of the records, invoices and monthly returns required to be maintained, issued or furnished by any registered person, or class or classes of registered persons under the Act.

8. Scope of special audit.– The scope of the special audit shall be the expression of professional opinion with respect to the following:

(i) whether the records, invoices and monthly returns have been maintained, issued or furnished correctly by the registered person; and

(ii) whether the monthly returns furnished by the registered person correctly reflect that:

(a) all taxable services rendered in the tax period as revealed by the records and invoices; and

(b) all input tax, output tax, tax adjustments, and the net amount of tax payable or refundable are in accordance with the provisions of the Act and are duly substantiated by the records required to be maintained for the purpose.

9. Form of audit report.– The special auditor shall submit his audit report in the form as may be specified in the terms of reference.

10. Penalty.– (1) In case of violation of this Chapter or any clause of the terms of reference, the payment of fee as specified therein shall be withheld forthwith, without prejudice to any other action, as may be taken under the provisions of the Chartered Accountant Ordinance, 1961 (X of 1961), the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 (XIV of 1966).

(2) In case the payment has already been made in full or part thereof, to the special auditor, the same shall be returned within one week of issuance of a demand note by the Authority in this regard.

Chapter - IV

Miscellaneous

11. Pre-audit desk review.– Prior to the regular commencement of audit, all the data, information, documents and records as are available with the Authority shall be analyzed to understand in advance:

(i) tax payments of the past period;
(ii) details of the taxable and other business activities;
(iii) trends of input-output ratios;
(iv) exemptions availed;
(v) details of major input suppliers and output buyers;
(vi) information about imports and exports;
(vii) results of previous audits;
(viii) balance sheet and profit and loss account;
(ix) overall tax performance vis-e-vis other comparable registered persons providing similar services; and
(x) any other important aspect relevant to the intended audit.

12. Contravention repot.–On the basis of audit report contravention report stating the details of omissions and commissions and relevant legal provisions to be quoted in the show cause notice shall be prepared.

13. Voluntary payments during audit.– The registered person shall be at liberty to make payments of tax amounts identified to be payable during the course of audit and all concessional benefits of default surcharge and penalties admissible under the Act on such voluntary payments shall be allowed.

14. Conversion of audit into investigation.– Where during the course of audit any tax fraud has been observed, the Commissioner may convert such audit into investigation and deal with the case accordingly.

15. Follow-up of audit.– The Commissioner shall ensure that audit reports are properly followed up through adjudication up to recovery of the tax amounts due from a registered person covered in the audit.

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Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Adjudication and Appeals) Rules 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated August 01, 2012.-. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Adjudication and Appeals) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Original Adjudication

2. Show cause notice.– (1) Where audit report and contravention report have been prepared, the contents of the show cause notice shall be based upon the facts contained therein.

(2) Where show cause notice is to be issued for rejection of any refund of the tax, all relevant details and grounds of refund shall be incorporated in the show cause notice and reasons for the proposed rejection of the refund shall be stated in clear terms.

(3) Mere issuance of show cause notice for rejection of refund does not mean rejection of refund as a refund claimed by a registered person can be eventually proved and found admissible during or on the conclusion of adjudication proceedings.

3. Reference to legal provisions.–All relevant provisions of law relating to jurisdictional competence, vires of the show cause notice, time limitation, provisions alleged to have been contravened, grounds for refusal to accept any right, claim or entitlement and provision relating to determination or existence of undischarged tax liability and provisions relating to fines or penalties shall be quoted in the show cause notice.

4. Clubbing of show cause notices.–Where an adjudicating officer has issued more than one show cause notices to a registered person, he may club all such notices and pass a single adjudication order.

5. Group adjudication.– An adjudicating officer may club the cases of different registered persons involving identical matter or matters and the statutory pecuniary limit on the adjudicating officer, if any, shall not apply on the aggregate tax amount of such clubbed cases.

6. Principles of natural justice.– Principles of natural justice, fairness, reasonableness and neutrality shall be strictly observed in adjudication proceedings.

7. Adjournments.– Adjournments shall be given only in such situations where request thereof has been made on genuine and bonafide grounds and frivolous requests for adjournments aimed at avoiding early or timely conclusion of adjudication shall be declined by recording reasons.

8. Condonation.– Where any question of condonation of time limitation or other procedural condition is involved, it shall be resolved purely on merit and only in circumstances where factors beyond normal human control exist, following the doctrine of bonafide inability.

9. Examination of records, evidences.– (1) It shall be the personal responsibility of the adjudicating officer to ensure that records and evidences produced in or relevant to the case are properly looked into and examined before drawing any conclusion or inference.

(2) The particulars of the data, records and evidences examined in the case shall be precisely mentioned in the adjudication order.

10. Electronic adjudication.– Where any registered person, for any bonafide reasons, requests for hearing of his case under adjudication through recordable video conferencing and other modern electronic media, it shall be honoured if found feasible and not detrimental or prejudicial to the interests of the adjudication proceedings.

11. Quasi-judicial nature of adjudication.–Tax adjudication shall be treated as a quasi-judicial process and it shall be the responsibility of the adjudicating officer to protect the legitimate revenue rights of the Government and give genuine relief to the taxpayer consistent with law.

12. Rationale of penalties.–No penalty out of proportion to the nature and degree of contravention shall be imposed and the adjudicating officer may use his judicious discretion to soften or otherwise dispense with penalty where it is proved that un-discharging of tax liability was not based upon melafide intentions.

13. Adjudication orders.– The adjudicating officer shall issue a self-speaking order covering, amongst other things:

(i) background details of the case;

(ii) facts of contraventions quoting the relevant legal provisions;

(iii) brief of the penal or other actions suggested in the show cause notice;

(iii) precise description of the defence relied upon by the taxpayer;

(iv) particulars of the data, information, records, documents and evidences examined;

(v) discussion and findings on departmental and defense arguments;

(vi) principal inference drawn with reasons; and

(vii) conclusive judgment.

13. Summary adjudication.– (1) Where a registered person requests for summary adjudication of his case, the adjudicating officer may adjudicate and decide the case summarily without issuance of a show cause notice.

(2) Summary adjudication of any case shall not extinguish the right of a registered person for appeal.

Chapter - III

First Appellate Adjudication

14. Form of first appeal.– Appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals) shall be filed in the following format:

Appeal under the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012

FORM: PST-5A
Rule 14

Commissioner (Appeals):

Amount of tax payable on the basis of Return(s) filed for the impugned tax period.

Whether Paid **Yes** **No**

Evidence of Payment

Amount **Date of Payment**

Name of Applicant :

Status ☐ Individual ☐ Association of Persons ☐ Company

Address

NTN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐-☐ PSTN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Name of authorized representative: (Annex - authority/Power of Attorney)

Address at which notice is to be sent:

Tax period(s) please specity: Date dispute arose (Annex copy of this impugned order):

Nature of dispute: Tax assessed:

Whether appealed in time:

Grounds of appeal in brief:

Brief claim in appeal / prayer:

VERIFICATION

1. I, _____ s/o _____ the proprietor / partner / managing director of M/S. _____ the appellant, do hereby declare that whatever is stated is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I am competent to file the appeal in my capacity as _____
3. I further certify that a true copy of this form of appeal has been sent by Registered Post/AD/Courier services or delivered to the concerned officer personally to the Commissioner/Circle/Unit _____ Zone/Jurisdiction _____ on _____ (date).

Signature of the appellant _____

Name (in capital letters) _____

CNIC number of person signing the appeal _____

The form of appeal and verification form appended thereto shall be signed:
a) In case of an individual by the individual himself
b) In case of a company by the principal officer
c) In case of AOP by member / partner

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15. Acknowledgement of appeal.– Commissioner (Appeals) shall issue acknowledgment of the appeal received in his office in the following format:

APPEAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NTN:	
PSTN:	
Appellant's Name:	
Appeal No :	
Date of Receipt of appeal:	
Signature of receiving officer:	

16. Appellate adjudication.- The principles of adjudication stated in Chapter II of these rules shall, as far as possible, apply to the adjudication of appeals by the Commissioner (Appeals).

17. Grant of stay.– The Commissioner (Appeals) shall not grant unless it is ascertained that immediate payment of tax is likely to bring genuine hardship to the appellant or the impugned order does contain such bonafide infirmities as warrant reconsideration and re-decision of the matter by the Commissioner (Appeals).

Chapter - IV

Appeal to Tribunal and Reference to High Court

18. Appeal to Tribunal.–(1) All orders-in-appeal passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) and adjudication orders passed by the executive Commissioner shall be appealable before the Appellate Tribunal.

(2) The time limitation for filing appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against the adjudication orders passed by the executive Commissioner shall be the same as specified in the Act for the filing of such appeal against the appellate orders of the Commissioner (Appeals).

19. Form of appeal to Tribunal.– Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in the following format:

Form of Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal under the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012

FORM: PST-5B Rule 19

Appellant:	**V/S**	**Respondent:**

Section under which order of the sales tax was accepted against:	
Date of communication of the order appealed against:	
Address to which notices may be sent to the respondent claim in appeal:	

Grounds of appeal: _____

_____

_____

VERIFICATION

1. I, _____ s/o _____ the proprietor / partner / managing director of M/s. _____ the appellant, do hereby declare that whatever is stated is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I am competent to the appeal in my capacity as _____
3. I further certify that a rue copy of this appeal has been sent by Registered Post/AD/ Courier services or delivered to the concerned officer personally to the Commissioner/ Circle/Unit _____ zone/Jurisdiction _____ on _____ (date).

Signature of the appellant _____

Name (in capital letters) _____

CNIC number of person signing the appeal_____

The form of appeal and verification form appended thereto shall be signed:

a) in case of an individual by the individual himself
b) in case of a company by the principal officer
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20. Form of reference to High Court.– Reference to the High Court shall be filed in the following format:

REFERENCE TO THE HIGH COURT **under Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012**	**FORM: PST -5C** Rule 20

An application to refer to the Lahore High Court any question of Law shall be in the following form, namely.

Form of reference application

Before the Lahore High Court _____ Year

Punjab Sales Tax, reference application No: _____

Appellant: **V/S** **Respondent:**

_____ **V/S** _____

Title and number of appeal which gives rise to the reference:

_____

The applicant(s) state(s) as follows: -

1. **Name of Tribunal** _____ who decided on
   Appeal, which gave rise to the question, with **No & Date:** _____
2. The date the order was served: _____
3. Certificate that from the facts which are admitted and/or found by the Tribunal, the question(s) of law which arises and/or its order has been truly stated in the attached statement of the case.
4. That the following questions of law arise out of the order of Tribunal:
   i. _____
   ii. _____
   iii. _____

The following documents are attached:

(1) Statement of the case figures by the Appellant

(2) Certified copy of the order of the Tribunal from which the question of law stated above arises

(3) First appellate order by Commissioner (Appeals) original assessment or other order

_____
Signed (Appellant)

Note Below:

Application to be made in triplicate.

Application made be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100 deposited to NBP (appeals head of a/c).

_____
Signed Appellantor
Authorized Representative

CHAIRPERSON
PUNJAB REVENUE AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Rules 2012

No. PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated August 01, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.–(1) These rules may be cited the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

Alternative Dispute Resolution

2. Application for alternative dispute resolution.– Any registered person interested for resolution of any dispute under section 69 of the Act may submit a written application for alternative dispute resolution to the Authority, stating the following:

(i) the particulars of the case;

(ii) the grounds on the basis of which resolution of a dispute is being sought by the applicant duly supported with relevant documents;

(iii) the extent or the amount of tax, default surcharge and penalties, which the applicant agrees to pay, if any;

(iv) details of the tax amounts already paid, if any;

(v) the particulars of the person who shall represent the applicant; and

(vi) any other information relevant for resolution of the dispute.

3. Appointment of Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.– (1) The Authority, after examination of the contents of an application received under rule 2 and facts stated therein and on satisfaction that a dispute deserves consideration for resolution for the removal of hardship under the Act, may constitute a committee for examination of the issues involved in the dispute and for taking other actions falling in its competency under the Act or directions issued by the Authority.

(2) The Authority may appoint one of the members of the Committee, other than a public servant, to be its Chairman.

(3) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Authority within ninety days of its appointment.

4. Working of the committee.– (1) The Committee shall hold all its meetings at Authority's head office or at any other venue to be decided by the Authority.

(2) The Chairman of the Committee shall be responsible for deciding the procedure to be followed by the Committee which may include the following:

(i) specify date and time for conducting proceedings by the Committee;

(ii) supervise the proceedings and ensure maintenance of records of proceedings of the Committee;

(iii) issue notices by courier, registered post or electronic mail to the applicant;

(iv) requisition and procure relevant records or witnesses from the field offices of the Authority or other concerned quarters;

(v) ensure attendance of all concerned;

(vi) co-opt any other technical, professional or legal expert or tax consultant;

(vii) consolidate recommendations of the Committee for submission of a conclusive report to the Authority; and

(viii) any other matter covered under these rules.

5. Recommendations of the committee.– (1) The Committee may determine the issue or issues and may thereafter seek further information or data or expert opinion or make or cause to be made such inquiries or audit as it may deem fit.

(2) The Committee shall formulate its recommendations in respect of any matter falling in its competency under the Act or directions issued by the Authority.

(3) The Chairman of the Committee shall send a copy of the recommendations of the Committee to the Authority, and the applicant.

6. Reconsideration by the committee.– (1) The Authority of its own motion or on the request of the applicant may refer back the recommendations of the Committee for rectification of any obvious error or for reconsideration of the facts not considered earlier.

(2) The Committee after rectification of the error or reconsideration of the facts as aforesaid shall furnish to the Authority its fresh or amended recommendations within such period as may be specified by the Authority.

7. Consistency of recommendations.–The Committee shall not make any recommendations in any case as are not consistent with the provisions of the Act or rules made thereunder.

8. Rationale of recommendations.– While making any recommendation or recommendations, the Committee shall give reason or reasons to justify the recommended resolution of the dispute.

9. Principles of natural justice.– While conducting proceedings, the Committee shall adhere to the principles of natural justice and fair play.

10. Reimbursement of expenses.– Where the Chairman or any member of the Committee other than the public servant incurs any genuine expense towards the performance of his duties in respect of the proceedings of the Committee, the concerned registered person shall be under obligation to reimburse such genuine expense to the Chairman or member of the Committee on production of receipt of the actual expense genuinely incurred.

11. Decision of the Authority.– (1) The Authority, after examination of the recommendations of the Committee, shall finally decide the dispute and make such orders, as it may deem fit for the resolution of the dispute under intimation to the applicant.

(2) On receipt of the Authority's order as aforesaid, the concerned field officer shall implement the orders issued by the Authority in the manner falling in its competency under the Act or directions issued by the Authority.

(3) The Authority may decline to accept any or all recommendations of the Committee.

12. Maintenance of records.– A complete record of all proceedings of the cases dealt with under the alternative dispute resolution shall be maintained by the Authority which shall also ensure that proper arrangements are made for the purpose of maintaining such records in appropriate manner.

CHAIRPERSON
PUNJAB REVENUE AUTHORITY

Government of Punjab
Punjab Revenue Authority
Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules, 2015

No. PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated February 20, 2015.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules, 2015.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules:

(a) "Act" means Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012);

(b) "active tax payers' list" maintained under rule 16 of the rules;

(c) "Form" means a Form appended with the rules;

(d) "rules" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules 2015;

(e) "unregistered person" means a person who provides the taxable services to a resident of the Punjab or is otherwise liable to be registered under the Act but has not been registered with the Authority; and

(f) "withholding agent" means:

(i) Federal Government, a Provincial Government, a local Government, a department or office under the Government, a public sector project or programme governed thereunder;

(ii) autonomous body, special institution, public sector organization including public corporation, Government-owned enterprise, regulatory or statutory body or authority;

(iii) organization which is funded, fully or partially, out of the budget grants of the Federal Government or the Government;

(iv) recipient of services of an advertisement who is registered:

(a) for the sales tax on goods with the Federal Government; or

(b) for the sales tax on services in the Punjab;

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(v) a Company which is resident or has a place of business in the Punjab;

(vi) registered persons receiving taxable services from other than registered persons; and

(vii) accounting office responsible for making payment against invoices or bills for the taxable services received by an office or department of the Government, Federal Government, Provincial Governments or local governments.

(2) A word and expression used herein, but not defined in the rules shall have the meaning as are assigned to them in the Act and rules made thereunder.

3. Applicability.- (1) The rules shall not apply on services relating to telecommunication, banking, courier and insurance and the services, except advertisement services, provided by the Companies being the active taxpayers.

(2) Sub-rule (1) shall not be involved where insurance services are provided from outside the Province to a withholding agent in respect of a risk located in or relating to the Province.

4. Responsibility of a withholding agent.- The withholding agent shall, for the purposes of acquiring and receiving taxable services, indicate statement as follow in an advertisement, tender, notice, booking order or any other document made or given for the purpose:

"Sales tax to the extent as provided in the rules shall be deducted and withheld from the payment to be made to the service provider for depositing with Government of the Punjab."

5. Withholding from registered service providers.- A withholding agent, other than a recipient of advertisement services, shall:

(a) withhold the whole amount of sales tax shown in the tax invoice issued by a registered person as service provider; and

(b) make payment of the balance amount of the invoice to registered person as service provider.

[1][**5a. Withholding in case of Companies etc**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5:

(a) telecommunication, banking and insurance Companies, on receipt of taxable services other than advertisement services from service provider Company being the active taxpayer, shall withhold eighty percent of the amount of tax and remaining twenty percent shall be deposited by the service provider Company to the Government; and

[1]Inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/846 dated July 10, 2025.

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(b) Companies other than mentioned in clause (a), on receipt of taxable services other than advertisement services from service provider Company being the active taxpayer, shall withhold only twenty percent of tax amount and remaining eighty percent of tax shall be deposited by the service provider Company.]

6. Withholding from unregistered person.- (1) A withholding agent shall, on receipt of taxable services other than advertisement services from an unregistered person, deduct sales tax at the applicable rate of the value of taxable services provided to him from the payment due to the service provider and the amount of sales tax for the purpose of this rule shall be worked out on the basis of gross value of taxable services.

(2) If a withholding agent receives taxable services from an unregistered person, he shall be responsible to obtain and keep in record:

(a) a copy of computerized national identity card of the unregistered person if he is an individual; and

(b) a copy of national tax number of the unregistered person assigned under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2011* (XLIX of 2001) if it is an association of persons or a Company.

(3) The withholding agent shall be required to enter correct information of computerized national identity card or national tax number of the unregistered person, as the case may be, in the relevant columns of the statement in Form 'A' or form PST-04, whichever is applicable.

7. Deduction of tax on advertisement services.- (1) A withholding agent who receives advertisement services provided by a person based in Pakistan or abroad shall deduct the whole amount of sales tax as mentioned in the invoice issued by the service provider.

(2) In case where the amount of sales tax is not indicated on the invoice, the amount shall be deducted by the withholding agent at the applicable rate on the gross value of taxable services from the payment due to the service provider.

Explanation: "Advertisement" in the rules includes such taxable advertisements' services as are classified under the advertisements head 98.02 of the First Schedule of the Act read with all relevant expressions and descriptions defined under the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Definition) Rules, 2012.

8. Procedure.- (1) If taxable services are received by the Federal Government, the Government, any department or office under the Governments including local and district departments, the following procedure shall be observed:

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(a) the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, preparing bill for the accounting office, shall indicate the amount of sales tax withheld under the rules and the accounting office shall adopt the payment procedure as indicated below:

(i) in case of services received by a department or office under the Federal Government, the office of the Accountant General of Pakistan shall account for and transfer the amount deducted at source during a month to the Government through a cheque in the name of the Chairperson of the Authority by credit to the relevant head of account and send to the Authority by 15th day of the following month;

(ii) in case of services received by a department or an office under the Government; or a local government, the Accountant General of the Punjab or the District Accounts Officer, as the case may be, shall credit the amount deducted at source during a month to the Government under due intimation to the Chairperson of the Authority;

(iii) in case of services received by a department or an office under any provincial government other than the Government; or districts or local governments thereof, the Accountant General of that province or the respective District Accounts Officer shall credit the amount deducted at source during a month to the Government through a cheque in the name of the Chairperson of the Authority to be sent by 15th day of the following month to the Authority; and

(iv) if the services are received by a department or an office falling under the purview of Military Accountant General, the Military Accountant General shall deposit the amount deducted at source during a month with the Government under intimation to the Chairperson of the Authority by 15th day of the following month and the amount, so deducted at source, shall simultaneously by reported by Military Accountant General to the Accountant General of the Punjab through civil exchange accounts; and

(b) the concerned Drawing and Disbursement Officer shall prepare the statement as per Form 'A' for each month and forward the same to the Chairperson of the Authority by 15th day of the following month.

(2) If taxable services are not covered under sub-rule (1), the withholding agent shall deposit the withheld amount of sales tax with the Government on the form PST-04 as prescribed in the Punjab Sales Tax and Services (Filing of Returns) Rules 2012 on the following due dates:

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(a) in case the withholding agent is a registered person:

by the prescribed due date in the month following the tax period in which he claims input tax adjustment in his Punjab sales tax return or the date on which payment is made to the service provider or on a date within four months from the date of the invoice, whichever is earlier;

(b) In case the withholding agent is an unregistered person but is registered with the Federal Board of Revenue under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 (VII of 1990):

(i) by 15th day of the month following the period in which he claims input tax adjustment in the federal sales tax return as prescribed by the Federal Board of Revenue; or

(ii) by the date on which payment is made to the service provider or on a date within four months from the date of the invoice, whichever is earlier; and

(c) in case the withholding agents, is not covered under sub-clauses (a) and (b):

by 15th day of the following second month in which the tax invoice was issued by the service provider or the date on which payment is made to the service provider, whichever is earlier.

9. Filing of a statement.- (1) If the withholding agent is a registered person, he or it shall file the standard return in the Form PST-04 as prescribed in the Punjab Sales Tax and Services (Filing of Returns) Rules 2012 and deposit the withheld amount of sales tax in the prescribed manner along with other tax liability, if any,

(2) A withholding agent shall not be required to file the statement on the Form 'A' if he or it falls under sub-rule (1).

(3) In case the withholding agent is an unregistered person but holds a national tax number assigned under the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 (XLIX of 2001), he or it shall file a statement as on the Form 'A' and deposit the amount deducted at source in the prescribed manner.

(4) In case the withholding agent is neither registered person nor holds a national tax number assigned under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), he or it shall file a statement as on Form 'A' and deposit the amount deducted at source in the prescribed manner.

(5) The return or the statement required to be filed in pursuance of the rules may be filed either electronically or manually through courier, post or otherwise.

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(6) Where the withholding agent needs to revise the statement, resulting in payment of tax over the tax already paid on the original statement, he or it may, without any permission from the Commissioner, file his or its revise statement and pay the differential amount of tax along with the default surcharge as applicable.

(7) The Commissioner shall be competent to allow revision of statement not covered under sub-rule (6) and all such permissions for revision of statement shall be reported to the Authority on monthly basis on the format showing the name, name of withholding agent, relevant tax period, revenue (including adjustment) effect of revision and principal reason or reasons of revision.

10. Provision of information or data.- (1) A withholding agent shall furnish to officer of the Authority, all such information or data as may be required by him or it for carrying out the purposes of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) Failure to furnish such information or data as required under sub-rule (1) shall render the withholding agent liable to penal action under serial Nos. 5 and 11 of the Table of subsection (2) of section 48 of the Act.

11. Certificate of withholding tax.- (1) A certificate on Form 'B', showing deduction of sales tax, may be issued to the service provider by the withholding agent, the certificate shall:

(a) duly specifying the name and registration number of the service provider, if any;

(b) description and value of services;

(c) total amount of sales tax charged on the services; and

(d) the amount of tax deducted.

(2) A copy or copies of every or all such certificate or certificates, described in the sub-rule (1), shall be sent to the Authority on monthly basis.

12. Responsibility of the registered person.- (1) A registered person shall:

(a) issue a proper sales tax invoice in respect of every taxable service provided to a withholding agent;

(b) file monthly return as prescribed in the relevant rules;

(c) subject to rule 13, be entitled to adjust input tax against the output tax taking due credit of the sales tax deducted by the withholding agent or agents and deposited under the rules; and

(d) ensure that he or it allows withholding of sales tax to only such of his service recipients as are withholding agents.

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(2) If a registered person allows withholding of tax by a person who is not a withholding agent, the registered person shall be liable to pay the tax along with the default surcharge payable on the tax.

(3) No recovery under sub-rule (2) shall be made unless the person concerned has been provided with an opportunity of being heard but nothing in this rule, shall restrain or otherwise disable the officer of the Authority or an authorized officer in this behalf to make recovery of tax in case of deliberate non-appearance.

13. Deposit of withheld sales tax amounts.- (1) Subject to sub-rule (2), all amounts of the sales tax on services deducted or withheld under the rules shall be paid or deposited with the Government under head of account"B-02385-Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding)" in the prescribed form and manner.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other provision under the rules or any other rules, no adjustment or credit shall be admissible to the persons registered under the Act in case of the tax deducted or withheld and paid in respect of advertisement services.

14. Failure to pay tax withheld or deducted.- (1) A withholding agent shall be considered defaulter and personally liable to pay the amount of tax to the Government, and an officer of the Authority may pass an order to that effect and proceed to recover the same in the manner prescribed by Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Recovery) Rules 2012, If a withholding agent under the rules:

(a) fails to withhold or deduct tax under the rules; or

(b) having withheld or deducted tax under the rules, fails to deposit the tax to the Government.

(2) If at the time of recovery of tax under sub-rule (1), it is established that the tax which was to be deducted from the payment made to a person has meanwhile been paid, no recovery shall be made from the person who had failed to withhold or deduct the tax but the said person shall be liable to pay default surcharge at rates specified in section 49 of the Act from the date he failed to collect or deduct the tax to the date the tax was paid.

(3) A person personally liable for an amount of tax under clause (a) of sub-rule (1) as a result of failing to collect or deduct the tax shall be entitled to recover the tax from the person from whom the tax should have been withheld or deducted.

(4) The provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder shall apply to any amount required to be paid to the Government under the rules as if it were tax payable under the Act.

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15. Application of other provisions.- (1) All the provisions of the rules made or notified under the Act shall apply to the taxable services covered under the rules to the extent that these are not inconsistent with the provisions of the rules.

(2) The Authority may, constitute a three member committee headed by an officer not below the rank of Commissioner to consider cases of hardship or cases where there is significant risk to revenue, to give its recommendations to the Authority to either conditionally or otherwise in circumstances of special nature relax or specify the application of these rules in any case or class of cases.

(3) The Authority may agree or otherwise dispense with the recommendations of the committee constituted under sub-rule (2) of this rule in the manner deemed appropriate.

16. Active Taxpayers' list.- (1) For the purpose of implementing the rules, the Authority shall prepare an active taxpayers' list.

(2) The active taxpayers' list shall be regulate by such terms and conditions as may be specified and declared by the Authority.

17. Repeal and Saving.- (1) The Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules, 2012 are hereby repealed.

(2) The tax withheld or liable to be withheld or payable under the repealed rules shall be deemed to have been withheld or liable to be withheld under these rules and shall be paid and dealt with accordingly.

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Form 'A'

[see rule 6, 8 and 9]

Punjab Sales Tax Monthly Statement for Withholding Agents

Withholding Agent:

Name: _____

Category: _____(mention the number of sub-clause _____of clause (f) of sub-rule (1) of rule 2) Status of Service Provider (Please √ relevant option):

Contact (Tel/Cell): _____ E-mail: _____

Period | | | | | | | | NTN/FTN | | | | | | | | | | |

Sr. No.	Name of Service Provider	NTN / FTN or CNIC whichever is applicable	Description of the services involved	No. and date of Tax Invoices/ Commercial Invoices	Value (excluding Sales Tax) of the Services involved or Gross Amount of Commercial Invoices	Amount of Punjab Sales Tax Invoiced or Involved	Amount of Punjab Sales Tax Withheld

Verification	I, _____ holder of CNIC No. _____ in my capacity as _____, certify that the information given above is/are correct, complete and in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 and the rules and notifications issued thereunder. Date: _____ Stamp Signature: _____

Head of Account "B–02385 --- Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding)"

Amount Received Rs. (in Figures) _____

Rupees (in Words) _____

Bank Officer's Signature _____ Bank Stamp with Date _____

Form 'B'

[see rule 11]

Ref No. _____ Dated _____

CERTIFICATE OF DEDUCTION / WITHHOLDING OF THE PUNJAB SALES TAX ON SERVICES

I/We _____, PNTN _____, STRN _____), located at _____ do hereby certify that we deducted / withheld the following amount of Punjab sales tax on the services provided to us by M/s _____ (PNTN/NTN _____ or CNIC _____

Sr. No.	Tax Invoice No	Tax Invoice Date	Value of taxable Services	Amount of tax Involved	Amount of tax withheld/ deducted	Tax period of the Tax return / withholding return in which this tax was paid, by the services recipient	CPR No. ("P-1" series) & date in which the deducted / withheld tax amount was included in payment under Punjab Govt's head of account "B-02385"	Remarks, if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

This certificate is issued in pursuance of rule 11 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules, 2015.

Signature _____

Name _____

CNIC _____

Designation _____

Official seal _____

(Iftikhar Qutab)
Chairperson

_____

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Recovery) Rules 2012

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated August 01, 2012.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

Chapter - I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Recovery) Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Chapter - II

General

2. Appeal period to be foregone.– Where the tax has been determination through an adjudication order or order-in-appeal, recovery action shall not be initiated during the period prescribed for filing appeal against such order.

3. No recovery in stay period.– Recovery action shall not be taken where a competent authority or court has granted stay against the recovery of the tax unless the stay has expired constitutionally or otherwise.

4. Recovery of declared short or non-payments.– Where a registered person has filed tax return but has either short paid or not paid the amount of tax shown in the return, immediate direct recovery action shall be taken for the principal amount of tax without issuance of any show cause notice provided that the liabilities on account of default surcharge and penalty, if any, shall be determined through adjudication and recovered thereafter.

5. Referring officer.– The Assistant Commissioner in whose jurisdiction the case involving recovery of the tax falls shall act as referring officer provided that in the absence of such Assistant Commissioner, the officer next higher in rank shall perform the functions of the referring officer.

6. Nomination of recovery officer.– Every Commissioner shall nominate an officer not below the rank of the Assistant Commissioner as recovery officer for the recovery of the tax in his jurisdiction and where needed, the Commissioner may nominate more than one recovery officer specifying their respective sub-jurisdictions.

7. Issue of certificate.– (1) The referring officer shall issue to the recovery officer a certificate for recovery of the tax covering amongst other things, the following:

(i) name, business address and registration number of the defaulter;

(ii) CNIC number in case of sole proprietorship and partnership and CNIC numbers of all directors in case of corporate entity along with their known residential addresses;

(iii) details of the known bank accounts of the defaulter or defaulters;

(iv) details of the tax separately for principal amount of tax, default surcharge, penalty and fine, if any;

(v) particulars of the adjudication order, appellate order or orders of the Appellate Tribunal or Court;

(vi) full details of the properties (both moveable and immovable) owned by the defaulter or defaulters;

(vii) clarification about the clear recoverability of the tax and non application of any stay; and

(viii) any other relevant information needed to facilitate the recovery officer.

(2) Attested copies of all relevant documents and orders in support of the information incorporated in the certificate issued under sub-rule (1) shall be sent to the recovery officer.

(3) The referring officer shall maintain proper account of all the certificates issued to the recovery officer under sub-rule (1).

Chapter - III

Measures by Recovery Officer

8. Maintenance of a register.– (1) Every recovery officer shall maintain a register in appropriate form (in hard form as well as in his computer) and enter all the details of the certificates together with particulars of the documents received from the referring officers.

(2) Every measure taken and results achieved by the recovery officer shall be invariably recorded in the remarks column of the register maintained under sub-rule (1).

9. Statutory actions.– The recovery officer shall attempt to take recovery measures specified in clauses (a) to (f) in sub-section (1) of section 70 of the Act preferably in sequential order provided that a bonafide non-observance of the sequence mentioned therein shall not vitiate the action of the recovery officer.

10. Power to require information.– The recovery officer may, by requisition in writing, require any person, organization, institution or department whether registered or not to furnish any information, documents or records required for the proceedings under these rules.

11. Resolution of a dispute.– Any disputed question arising between by the referring officer and the recovery officer or between the defaulter and the recovery officer shall be resolved by the Commissioner in such manner as he may deem proper.

Chapter - IV

Attachment of Property

12. Issue of notice.– For the purpose of attachment of any property, the recovery officer shall cause notice to be served upon the defaulter requiring the defaulter to pay the amount specified in the notice within seven days from the date of its service and intimate that in default, his property particulars of which have been given in the notice, may be attached [1][:]

[1][Provided that the notice shall contain complete detail of all the decisions, judgments and orders made against the defaulter.]

13. Attachment of property.– If the amount mentioned in the notice issued in terms of rule 12 is not paid within seven days from the date of service of the notice, the recovery officer may proceed to realise the amount by attachment and sale of defaulter's property and for this purpose, the recovery officer may detain the defaulter's property until the amount mentioned in the notice together with the cost of detention is paid by the defaulter [1][:]

[1]Colon substituted for full stop and proviso inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/241 dated November 24, 2022.

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[1][Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, no attachment order of any property, including bank account or order of sealing of business premises shall be made by any officer without prior approval of the Chairperson.]

14. Reasonableness of attachment.- (1) Attachment of the property of the defaulter shall not be excessive, that is to say, the property attached shall be as nearer as possible proportionate to the amount specified in the notice.

(2) The attachment of the property shall only be made after sunrise and before sunset.

15. Preparation of inventory.– After attachment of the property of the defaulter, the recovery officer shall prepare an inventory of the property attached and specify in it the place where it is lodged or kept and shall hand over a copy of the same to the defaulter or the person from whose charge the property is distrained.

16. Private alienation to be void.– (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under rule 12, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the written permission of the recovery officer.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under these rules, any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment shall be void as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

17. Share in property.– Where the property to be attached consists of the share or interest of the defaulter in property belonging to him and another as co-owners, the attachment shall be made by a notice to the defaulter prohibiting him from transferring the share or interest or charging it in any way.

18. Property in custody of court or public officer.– (1) Where the property to be attached is in the custody of any court or public officer, the attachment shall be made by a requisition in writing to such court or officer, requesting that such property, and any interest or dividend becoming payable thereon, may be held subject to further orders of the recovery officer by whom the requisition is issued.

(2) Where such property is in the custody of a court, any question of title or priority arising between the recovery officer and any other person, not being the defaulter, claiming to be interested in such property by virtue of any assignment, attachment or otherwise, shall be determined by such court.

19. Service of attachment notice.– A copy of the order of attachment shall be served on the defaulter in the same manner as prescribed for the service of order or decision under the Act.

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[1]Proviso inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/241 dated November 24, 2022.

20. Proclamation of attachment.– (1) The order of attachment shall be proclaimed at some place on or adjacent to the property attached by beat of drum or other customary mode and a copy of the order shall be affixed on a conspicuous part of the property and on the notice board of the office of the recovery officer.

(2) The proclamation of attachment may be published in any two of the newspapers circulated in the district where attached property is distrained and cost of such publication shall be deemed to be the cost of the sale.

21. Property Exemption from attachment.– (1) All such property as is exempted by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) from attachment and sale for execution of a decree of a civil court shall be exempt from attachment and sale under these rules.

(2) The decision of the recovery officer as to what property is so entitled to exemption shall be final.

Chapter - V

Sale of Moveable Property

22. Sale of moveable property.– (1) If the amount mentioned in the notice together with the cost of detention of the property is not paid within a period of thirty days from the date of attachment of the property, the Commissioner may authorize the recovery officer to proceed to realise the amount by sale of the defaulter's property in public auction.

(2) The Commissioner shall be competent to fix the reserve price in respect of any property of the defaulter to be sold in public auction and order that any bid shall be accepted only on the condition that it is not less than such reserve price.

23. Negotiable instruments and shares in a corporation.– Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, where the property to be sold is a negotiable instrument or a share in a corporation, the recovery officer may, instead of directing the sale to be made by public auction, authorise the sale of such instrument or share through a broker.

Chapter - VI

Sale of Immovable Property

24. Proclamation of sale.– Where any immovable property is ordered to be sold, the recovery officer shall cause a proclamation of the intended sale to be made in the national and local language.

25. Contents of proclamation.– A proclamation of sale of immovable property shall be drawn up after notice to the defaulter, and shall state the time and place of sale, and shall specify, as fairly and accurately as possible:

(a) the property to be sold;

(b) the amount for the recovery of which sale is ordered;

(c) the reserve price, if any, below which the property may not be sold; and

(d) any other thing which the recovery officer considers it material for a purchaser to know in order to judge the nature and value of the property.

26. Mode of making proclamation.– (1) Every proclamation for the sale of immovable property shall be made at some place on or near such property by beat of drum or other customary mode, and a copy of the proclamation shall be affixed on a conspicuous part of the property and also upon a conspicuous part of the office of the recovery officer.

(2) Where the recovery officer so directs, such proclamation shall also be published in any two of the newspapers circulated in the district where such property is located and the cost of such publication shall be deemed to be cost of the sale.

(3) Where the property is divided into lots for the purpose of being sold separately, it shall not be necessary to make a separate proclamation for each lot, unless proper notice of the sale cannot, in the opinion of the recovery officer, otherwise be given.

27. Setting aside of sale where defaulter has not saleable interest.–At any time within thirty days of the sale, the purchaser may apply to the recovery officer to set aside the sale on the ground that the defaulter has no saleable interest in the property sold.

28. Confirmation of sale.– (1) Where no application is made for setting aside the sale under rule 27 or where such an application is made and disallowed by the recovery officer, the recovery officer shall (if the full amount of the purchase money has been paid) make an order confirming the sale, and, thereupon, the sale shall become absolute.

(2) Where such application is made and allowed and where, in the case of any application made to set aside the sale on deposit of the amount and penalty and charges, the deposit is made within thirty days from the date of the sale, the recovery officer shall make an order setting aside the sale:

Provided that no order shall be made unless notice of the application has been given to the person affected thereby.

29. Sale certificate.– (1) Where sale of any immovable property has become absolute under these rules, the recovery officer shall grant a certificate specifying the property sold and the name of the person who at the time of sale is declared to be the purchaser.

(2) Such certificate shall state the date on which the sale became absolute.

30. Purchaser's title.– (1) Where any property is sold in terms of these rules, there shall vest in the purchaser's, the right, title and interest of the defaulter at the time of the sale.

(2) Where immovable property is sold in terms of these rules and such sale has become absolute, the purchaser's right, title and interest shall be deemed to have vested in him from the time when the property is sold, and not from the time when the sale becomes absolute.

(3) The purchaser shall have a right to take possession of the immovable property sold to him under these rules and where any difficulty arises in taking such possession, the recovery officer shall extend all necessary assistance to the purchaser to ensure that the purchaser obtains the possession.

31. Irregularity not to vitiate sale, but any person injured may sue.– No irregularity in the conduction of sale of any property shall vitiate the sale but any person sustaining substantial injury by reason of such irregularity at the hand of any other person may institute a suit in a competent court against him for compensation, or if (such other person is the purchaser), for the recovery of specific property and for compensation in default of such recovery.

32. Prohibition against bidding or purchase by officer.– No officer or other person having any duty to perform in connection with any sale under these rules, either directly or indirectly, shall bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

33. Prohibition against sale on holidays.– No sale under these rules shall take place on a Sunday or other general holidays recognized by the Government or on any day which has been notified by the Government as a local holiday for the area in which the sale is to take place.

Chapter - VII

Miscellaneous

34. Disposal of the sale proceeds.–The sale proceeds of the property of the defaulter shall be utilised in the following manner:

(a) the sale proceeds shall first be utilised for meeting the cost of sale;

(b) the balance shall be utilised for satisfaction of the tax mentioned in the notice issued under rule 12 together with the cost of detention of the property;

(c) the balance, if any, shall be utilised for recovery of any other Government dues payable by the defaulter under any other law; and

(d) the balance, if any, shall be paid to the defaulter.

35. Allied action of the recovery officer.– All bona fide and good-faith allied actions and measures taken by the recovery officer towards the recovery of the tax under these rules shall be deemed to be covered under these rules.

36. Procedure on death of defaulter.– If at any time after the certificate has been issued by the Assistant Commissioner under rule 11, the defaulter dies, the proceedings under these rules may be continued against the legal representatives of the defaulter, and the provisions of these rules shall apply as if the legal representatives were the defaulter.

CHAIRPERSON
PUNJAB REVENUE AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Punjab Revenue Authority

Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Enforcement) Rules 2014

No.PRA/Orders.06/2012, dated September 02, 2014.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Enforcement) Rules 2014.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall not apply on such corporate sector businesses whose accounts are being audited under the Companies Ordinance 1984 (XLVII of 1984) at least for the last three years and are registered with the Authority duly complying with Punjab sales tax on services.

2. Definitions.- In these rules:

(i) "Act" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 (XLII of 2012);

(ii) "Authority" means the Punjab Revenue Authority established under the Act;

(iii) "business premises" means any premises, place or space, whether declared or not, where any economic activity for or in connection with rendering of taxable services is carried out in any manner and includes any outlet, whether declared or not, of a business involving rendering of taxable services;

(iv) "enforcement" means any act or process including sealing of business premises to persuade, compel or force any person to comply with any of the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder;

(v) "Government" means Government of the Punjab.

(vi) "officer" means officer of the Authority not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner; and

(vii) "taxable services" means services liable to sales tax under the Act.

3. Information about premises.- (1) An officer may call for any information, documentary or otherwise, about any business premises which is known or believed to have been used or is being used in connection with the providing of taxable services.

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(2) The information under sub-rule (1) may be called for either in writing or otherwise any may cover aspects like physical location and characteristics of the business premises, the business or other activities carried out therein, details of the machinery or equipments including other fixed or moveable installations, nature of records being maintained or documentation being done and particulars of the persons including owner, tenant, occupant, employees and other manpower working in connection with the business carried out in the premises.

4. Visit at premises.- (1) An officer may, at any time, visit any business premises with or without any advance notice of atleast five days to the person in possession of or having any nexus with the premises.

(2) Where requested, officer or official of the Authority visiting any premises may disclose the official purpose of the visit.

5. Access to records.-(1) An officer may take into possession any record relating to the business involving rendition of taxable services provided that an attested copy of such records may be given by the officer of the Authority to the person concerned in such manner as may be deemed proper.

(2) Where record is maintained in electronic form, the officer or official of the Authority may take into possession the computer equipments and allied gadgets etc in such manner as deemed necessary and every person who has been or is working on such computer equipments for the maintenance of record or carrying out any other electronic documentation activity shall be under obligation to disclose access code or password, if any, for retrieval of the information stored thererin.

(3) When the official purpose for which any record including computer equipments has been served to the satisfaction of the concerned officer of the Authority, such record or equipment shall be returned under proper receipt provided that nothing shall bar such officer or official of the Authority to retain copy of the documents or information contained in such record or equipment.

6. Sealing of premises.- (1) Subject to sub-rule (2), officer of the Authority may seal any business premises which has been or is being used for and in connection with the providing of taxable services in such manner and for such period as may be deemed necessary.

(2) No business premises shall be sealed [1][, without prior approval of the Chairperson,] unless other necessary measures have been taken to ensure voluntary compliance in the case and the officer is conclusively satisfied that the person using such premises for business purposes has:

(i) been or is providing taxable services on such premises without payment of tax;

[1]Words inserted by No. PRA/Orders.06/2021/240 dated November 24, 2022.

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(ii) failed to obtain registration or enrollment for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder despite due notification by the competent officer of the Authority in this regard;

(iii) failed to comply with tax obligations despite compulsory registration;

(iv) been or is involved in tax fraud or forgery of record or documents (whether paper or electronic) including invoice manipulation to evade or misappropriate tax;

(v) caused obstruction in the discharge of duties and functions by any officer or official of the Authority or causing any damage to the equipment or device installed by the Authority at any premises for monitoring or other purposes;

(vi) failed to pay due arrears of tax including the amounts of tax not paid, under-paid or short-paid for any tax period; and

(vii) failed, refused, declined or avoided to provide any document or information demanded or requested by the competent officer of the Authority or has refused to allow entry of the officer into the premises.

(3) The officer may post staff at the sealed premises or otherwise depute any staff to keep watch on the sealed premises in such manner as deemed proper and for this purpose, he may take necessary help or assistance from any of the departments, organizations or agencies of the Government in terms of section 30 of the Act.

(4) Once any business premises has been sealed under these rules, no other economic or business activity shall be carried out at such premises.

(5) Under no circumstances, sealing of any premises shall be continued beyond a time necessary to ensure proper compliance to the Act and rules made thereunder.

7. De-sealing of premises.- (1) A premises sealed under these rules may be de-sealed either by the same officer of the Authority who has sealed the premises or by any officer higher in rank if he is satisfied that the person in default has properly discharged his tax liabilities or he has given a written solemn undertaking or commitment that he will discharge the tax liabilities during the time as may be agreed and will carry out his future tax obligations in proper manner provided that where such understanding or commitment is violated or breached, the premises de-sealed earlier may be resealed till such time tax compliance is made or as the case may be, commenced.

8. Proceedings in case of tampering etc.- (1) Where any person has tampered with the seal affixed by the officer of the Authority or has otherwise unauthorizedly damaged, broken or removed such seal or has otherwise used any sealed premises for carrying out any other economic or business activity, he shall be liable to all penal actions under section 48 of the Act.

(2) Tampering, damaging, breaking or unauthorized removal of the seal including unauthorized use of sealed premises to carry out any other economic or business activity thereon, shall be treated as obstruction of the access of the officer of the Authority to the premises sealed under these rules and shall be dealt with accordingly.

(3) Under no circumstances, the prosecution proceedings in or conviction by the court of Special Judge shall absolve any person of his tax liabilities and compliance obligations under the Act and rules made thereunder.

9. Detentions and arrests.- (1) An officer may arrest and detain any person liable to prosecution under the Act and these rules.

(2) A person may be detained or arrested only if it is evident that the case warrants prosecution under the law and the person detained or arrested may be kept either at the official premises of the Authority or at any nearest police station.

(3) All detentions or arrests made under these rules shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) read with the relevant provisions of Chapter VIII of the Act.

(4) All prosecutions initiated and detentions or arrests made under these rules shall, within twenty four hours, be reported to the Commissioner in charge.

10. Coordination with Chambers.- (1) Notwithstanding these rules, where any person is a bonafide member for a period of one year, of a Chamber of Commerce and Industry licensed by the Directorate of Trade Organization, Government of Pakistan, the officer shall take all necessary assistance from the relevant Chamber to enforce voluntary compliance within a period of fifteen days, whereafter the officer of the Authority may proceed to enforce compliance as provided under these rules.

(2) A person rendering taxable services shall not be given membership by a Chamber after the issuance of these rules unless the person has obtained registration or enrollment from the Authority for the purpose of Punjab sales tax on services.

(Iftikhar Qutab)
Chairperson

The Punjab Revenue Authority Act, 2012

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The Punjab Revenue Authority Bill 2012, having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on 21 June 2012, and assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on 26 June 2012, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab.

THE PUNJAB REVENUE AUTHORITY ACT 2012

ACT XLIII OF 2012

First published, after having received the assent of the Governor of the Punjab, in the Gazette of the Punjab (Extraordinary) dated 27 June 2012.

An
Act

to provide for the establishment of Punjab Revenue Authority.

Preamble.– Whereas it is expedient to reform and modernize the system of taxation, to provide assistance to tax payers, to promote compliance with fiscal laws, to establish a progressive and professionally efficient tax management organization, and to provide for ancillary matters;

It is enacted as follows:–

Chapter I
PRELIMINARY

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1. Short title, extent and commencement.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Revenue Authority Act 2012.

(2) It extends to whole of the Punjab.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, specify.

2. Definitions.– In this Act–

(a) "Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council of the Authority;

(b) "Appellate Tribunal" means the Appellate Tribunal established under the Act;

(c) "Authority" means the Punjab Revenue Authority;

(d) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Authority;

(e) "committee" means a committee of the Authority;

(f) "employee" means a person in the employment and service of the Authority;

(g) "Federal Board of Revenue" means the Federal Board of Revenue established under the Federal Board of Revenue Act 2007 (*IV of 2007*);

(h) "fiscal law" means the law of the Punjab relating to tax, duty or charge including stamp duty, excise duty on alcoholic liquors, opium and other narcotics, land revenue, sales tax on services, taxes on agricultural income, motor vehicles, immovable property and entertainments, capital gains tax on immovable property, capital value tax, asset tax, tax on professions, trades, callings or employment or such other law imposing any tax, levy, duty, fee, charge or surcharge as the Government may specify;

(i) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;

[1][(j) "member" means a member of the Authority and includes an ex-officio member;]

(k) "person" includes–

(i) an individual;

(ii) a company or association of persons;

(iii) the Federal Government;

(iv) a Provincial Government;

(v) a local authority or local government; and

(vi) a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, or an international organization;

(l) "prescribed" means prescribed by the rules or regulations;

(m) "Public Account" means the Public Account of the Province in terms of Article 118 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

[1]Clause (j) substituted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016, dated February 06, 2016 and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from 1 July 2012. Previously clause (j) was inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 dated October 22, 2015 which has been repealed by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016 dated February 06, 2016.

(n) "Provincial Consolidated Fund" means the Provincial Consolidated Fund in terms of Article 118 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

(o) "regulations" means the regulations framed under the Act; and

(p) "rules" means the rules made under the Act.

Chapter II
PUNJAB REVENUE AUTHORITY

3. The Authority.– (1) The Government shall, by notification, establish an Authority to be called the Punjab Revenue Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to enter into agreements, acquire, hold, manage and, subject to sub-section (3), dispose of property and to sue and be sued in its name.

(3) The Authority shall not dispose of any immovable property except with the prior approval of the Government and through competitive bidding.

(4) The Authority shall consist of the Chairperson and [1][such number of members as may] be appointed by the Government in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Government.

(5) No person shall be appointed as the Chairperson unless he possesses–

(a) a master's degree from a recognized University;

(b) ample knowledge of tax systems in Pakistan; and

(c) twenty years work experience, including five years' experience in tax administration or financial management.

(6) The qualifications, experience and other requirements for appointment as Secretary or a member shall be such as may be prescribed.

(7) The Government may designate a member as senior member.

(8) If the office of the Chairperson is vacant or the Chairperson is absent or is unable to perform the functions of the Chairperson owing to any cause, the senior member shall perform the functions of the Chairperson but, if at any time, the office of senior member is also vacant or the senior member is absent or is unable to perform the functions of the Chairperson owing to any cause, the Government shall make such temporary arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Chairperson as it may deem fit.

[1]Substituted for "not less than four members to" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018, effective 1-11-18.

4. Secretary.– (1) The Chairperson, on the recommendations of the Authority, shall appoint Secretary of the Authority on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Government.

(2) The Secretary shall perform such functions as may be prescribed or as may be assigned by the Chairperson or the Authority.

(3) In the performance of his functions, the Secretary shall be responsible to the Chairperson.

5. Powers and functions of the Authority.– (1) The Authority shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as are necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers mentioned in sub-section (1), the Authority shall have powers to–

(a) administer and collect such taxes, duties and other levies as are assigned to the Authority under a fiscal law;

(b) implement, with the approval of the Government, the tax administration reforms;

(c) promote voluntary tax compliance;

(d) implement comprehensive policies and programmes for education and facilitation of taxpayers, stakeholders and employees to improve the quality of the performance of the Authority as a service oriented entity;

(e) adopt modern effective tax administration methods, information technology systems and policies to consolidate assessments, improve processes, organize registration of tax payers, widen the tax base, and make departmental remedies more efficient including enforcement of, or reduction or remission in duty, penalty or tax, in accordance with the relevant fiscal law;

(f) improve productivity through a comprehensive and effective human resource strategy;

(g) identify and select a transparent manner, qualified work force on such terms and conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(h) grant such performance based additional allowances or incentives and rewards to the employees and members of the Authority as may be prescribed;

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(i) take appropriate measures including internal controls to combat corruption in the organizations under the Authority and to provide checks to ensure that the integrity of the employees is verified periodically through applicable procedures and the said verification shall constitute one of the criteria for purposes of grant of incentives and consideration for promotion;

(j) direct or advise, where necessary, investigation or inquiry into suspected duty or tax evasion and tax or commercial fraud;

(k) introduce and maintain a system of accountability of performance, competence and conduct of the employees;

(l) implement the mandate and provisions of a fiscal law if so authorized by such law;

(m) establish, with the approval of the Government, a foundation for the welfare of the present and retired employees and their families, and for creating, establishing, organizing and assisting them in the social and cultural facilities;

(n) frame regulations, policies, programmes, strategies in order to carry out the purposes of the Act;

(o) set up mechanism and processes for remedying the grievances and complaints of the tax payers;

(p) develop a website and adopt, in the prescribed manner, electronic communication in respect of all taxation matters such as e-filing, e-payments, e-notice, e-notification, digital imaging, protocols or agreements;

(q) practice transparency and public participation as a norm for all its processes and policies;

(r) review the existing fiscal laws and suggest improvements, if necessary;

(s) forma committee and assign or delegate functions to the committee; [1][ ]

(t) perform such other functions as may be prescribed or are incidental to the above functions or assigned by the Government[2][;]

[3][(u) establish such offices, commissionerates or formations as deemed necessary for the effective functioning of the Authority; and

(v) frame regulations for allocation and transaction of business of the Authority.]

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[1]Word "and" deleted by Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.
[2]Substituted for full stop by Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.
[3]Clauses (u) and (v) inserted by Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the relevant fiscal law, the Authority may, where appropriate, issue notifications, circulars and instructions for the enforcement of any of the provisions of the Act or any other fiscal law administered by the Authority.

[1][(4) Till such time that the Authority is constituted under this Act, the Chairperson shall perform the functions and discharge the duties of the Authority.]

6. Human resource management.– (1) The Authority may, in respect of its employees–

(a) develop and implement human resource management policies;

(b) assess, identify, create, increase, decrease or designate or re-designate posts and prepare and execute the internal job posting regime;

(c) lay down qualifications and criteria for the posting of employees against specialized or available posts;

(d) implement a transparent and objective evaluation process to determine that an employee is qualified for posting against a specialized or available post;

(e) make assessment of integrity and proficiency of the employees for purposes of evaluation, posting, promotion, transfer or other incidental matters;

(f) transfer, select or post any employee against any post on the basis of transparent criteria of selection in any entity administered by the Authority;

(g) take action, issue orders, regulations, guidelines, code of conduct to achieve the purposes of this Act;

(h) appoint, with or without remuneration, such advisers, commissioners, consultants, experts, interns, liaison officers and other staff as may be prescribed;

(i) fix, with the approval of the Government, an honorarium or remuneration for the services rendered by advisers, consultants, experts, fellows, interns, officers and staff of the Authority, liaison officers and other staff engaged by the Authority; and

(j) impart the requisite training to its employees for purposes of better tax administration.

[1]Sub-section (4) inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016, dated February 06, 2016 and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from 1 July 2012. Previously Sub-section (4) was inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015, dated October 22, 2015 which has been repealed by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016, dated February 06, 2016.

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(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, an appointment of a person to a post in the Authority shall not confer any right on such person to continue to serve in the said post.

7. Meetings.– (1) The Authority shall meet at least once in a month but the Chairperson may, at any time, call a meeting of the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall conduct its meetings, take decisions and keep record of the proceedings of the meetings in such manner as may be prescribed, and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Authority.

8. Validity of proceedings.– No act, proceeding, decision or order of the Authority or a committee of the Authority shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the Authority or a committee.

9. Data bank.– (1) The Authority shall create and maintain a data bank containing information from third parties necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall use the data, amongst other things, to increase the taxpayers' base, ensure accuracy of information, financial analysis and to evaluate the performance of the employees.

(3) The Authority may share its data with, or request for data from, the Government or any of its statutory body, law enforcement entity or utility company, stock exchange, State Bank of Pakistan, banks, financial institutions or other organizations including any ministry, body or authority of the Federal Government or of any other Province.

10. Properties and assets to vest in the Authority.– (1) All properties, assets and records transferred to, or purchased or acquired by, the Authority and all intellectual property rights arising from technical or professional reports, analysis, or system, written, prepared or developed by the employees of the Authority or procured by the Authority shall vest in the Authority and shall be the property of the Authority.

(2) The Authority may create its own logo, insignia, stationary, forms, returns, challans and online communication mechanism.

11. Authority may impose any fee or charges.– The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, levy any fee or charges for provision of additional or enhanced facilities to the taxpayers, or may direct reimbursement of such cost or expense as is incurred by the Authority on that account.

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Chapter III
ADVISORY COUNCIL

12. Advisory Council.– (1) There shall be an Advisory Council of the Authority consisting of the following:–

(a) Minister for Finance of the Government;

(b) Chief Secretary of the Government;

(c) Chairperson;

(d) Secretary to the Government, Finance Department;

(e) Four private members to be nominated by the Government from amongst the eminent economists, tax experts, bankers, chartered accountants, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Industry or civil society organizations; and

(f) any other member co-opted by the Authority.

(2) The Advisory Council shall be an advisory body of the Authority and shall propose to the Authority appropriate recommendations and guidelines pertaining to policy, planning, reforms, budget and any other matter referred to it by the Government.

(3) Minister for Finance of the Government and, in his absence the Chief Secretary, shall be the Convener of the Advisory Council.

(4) The Advisory Council shall perform its functions in such manner as may be prescribed.

Chapter IV
ADMINISTRATION OF TAXES

13. Registration of tax payers.– A person registered or to be registered, licensed or to be licensed under the relevant fiscal law administered by the Authority, shall be deemed to be validly registered for purposes of this Act.

14. Assessment, collection and returns of taxes.– (1) Where necessary, the Government may declare separate assessment, billing and collecting branches in the Authority for purposes of administration of the taxes as are assigned to the Authority.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the relevant fiscal law, the Authority shall follow such procedure and manner for purposes of assessment, billing, collection and filing of returns of the taxes as the Government may prescribe.

(3) The Authority shall, in the prescribed manner, deposit all the proceeds of the taxes in the Provincial Consolidated Fund or the Public Account.

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Chapter V
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

15. Fund.– (1) There shall be established a Fund to be known as the Punjab Revenue Authority Fund which shall be administered and controlled by the Authority.

(2) The Fund shall consist of–

(a) budgetary releases from the Government;

(b) grants made by the Government, the Federal Government or any other authority or agency;

(c) fee and charges collected and profits earned by the Authority; and

(d) income from any other source.

16. Budget and accounts.– (1) The Authority, before the commencement of a financial year, prepare a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Authority for the financial year in the prescribed manner and submit it to the Government for consideration and approval.

(2) The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other records relating to its financial affairs including its income and expenditures and its assets and liabilities in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(3) As soon as may be, after the end of each financial year, the Authority, in the manner prescribed, shall cause to be prepared for that financial year statements of account of the Authority, which shall include a balance-sheet and an account of income and expenditure.

(4) The Authority may open and maintain its accounts at such scheduled banks as it may determine.

17. Audit.– (1) The Auditor General of Pakistan shall annually audit the accounts of the Authority.

(2) The Government, in addition to the audit under sub-section (1), may cause the annual accounts of the Authority audited, in the prescribed manner, by a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants.

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Chapter VI
[1][**APPELLATETRIBUNAL**]

18. Appellate Tribunal.– (1) The Appellate Tribunal shall consist of such number of judicial and accountant members as the Government may, from time to time, determine.

(2) The Government shall appoint judicial members of the Appellate Tribunal from amongst the District and Sessions Judges in consultation with the Lahore High Court.

[2][(3) A person may be appointed as an accountant member of the Appellate Tribunal if he:

(a) satisfies the following conditions:

(i) has served in substantive basic pay scale 19 or above for a minimum period of two years and has successfully completed senior management course;

(ii) has five years' cumulative experience in tax administration or financial management; and

(iii) belongs [3][or has belonged] to the Pakistan Administrative Service, Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service, Punjab Management Service or the service of Excise and Taxation Department; or

(b) has worked as Commissioner (Appeals) of the Authority or in the Federal Board of Revenue for a minimum period of two years.]

(4) The Government shall designate the senior most judicial member of the Appellate Tribunal as its Chairperson.

(5) The Appellate Tribunal may exercise its powers and discharge its functions in the prescribed manner in such Benches as the Chairperson may constitute from amongst the members of the Appellate Tribunal.

(6) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (5), the Appellate Tribunal shall have the power to regulate its own procedure, and the procedure of the Benches of the Appellate Tribunal in all matters relating to the discharge of its functions including the places at which the Benches shall hold their sittings.

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[1]Substituted for "APPEALS AND REFERENCES" by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018, effective 1-11-18.
[2]Section 18(3) substituted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018, effective 1-11-18.
[3]Words inserted by the Punjab Finance Act 2018 (XXX of 2018); effective 1-11-18.
[4]Sections 19 & 20 deleted by Punjab Finance Act, 2018 dated October 29, 2018, effective 1-11-18.

(2) Any person or the Authority may, within sixty days from the date of communication of the final order of the Appellate Tribunal, prefer a reference in the prescribed form along with a statement of the facts of the case and the question of law involved in the case.

(3) The High Court may dismiss a reference in line if it is satisfied that the reference does not contain any question of law for determination.

(4) The reference under this section shall be heard by a Bench of at least two Judges of the High Court and the provisions of section 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 (V of 1908) shall, as far as possible, apply to such reference.

(5) The High Court shall send a copy of the judgment under the seal of the Court to the Appellate Tribunal.

(6) Notwithstanding that a reference has been preferred in the High Court, the tax shall be paid in accordance with the order of the Appellate Tribunal.

(7) If the tax liability is reduced by the High Court and the Authority decides to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, the Authority may, within thirty days of the receipt of the judgment of the Court, apply to the High Court to postpone the refund until the decision by the Supreme Court.

(8) Section 5 of the Limitation Act 1908 (IX of 1908) shall apply to a reference under sub-section (1).

(9) A court fee of rupees one thousand shall be affixed on a reference under this section except when it is filed by the Authority.

Chapter VII
MISCELLANEOUS

21. Staff.– (1) The Authority may employ such persons as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The employees of the Authority shall hold office during the pleasure of the Authority and shall be liable to such disciplinary action as may be prescribed.

(3) The Authority may, in the manner prescribed, absorb in its service an employee who is on deputation with the Authority, subject to prior approval of the Government or the employer and consent of the employee.

(4) The terms and conditions of service of an employee, on absorption, shall not be less favourable than those admissible to such employee immediately before his absorption in the service of the Authority.

22. Delegation by the Government.– (1)The Government may delegate any of its powers to the Authority on such terms and conditions as the Government may determine.

(2) The Government may, by notification, assign or delegate to the Authority any powers or functions under any fiscal law.

23. Directions from the Government.– The Government may, from time to time, give such general or specific directions to the Authority as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and achieving the objectives of the Act and the Authority shall implement such directions.

24. Delegation by the Authority.– The Authority may, with the concurrence of the Government, delegate any of its functions and powers to any department, agency or employee of the Government.

25. Annual report.– (1) The Authority shall, within three months of the close of a financial year, submit to the Government an annual report.

(2) The report shall consist of–

(a) the statement of accounts;

(b) a comprehensive statement of the work, activities and performance of the Authority during the preceding financial year; and

(c) such other matters as may be prescribed and as the Authority may consider appropriate.

(3) The Government shall, within two months of receiving the report from the Authority, shall give notice for laying the report in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, and shall lay the report before the Assembly in its first available session.

26. Public servants.– The Chairperson, Secretary, members, officers, employees and other persons authorized to perform or exercise any function or power under this Act or render services to the Authority as agents, advisors or consultants shall be deemed to be public servants within the meanings of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (XLV of 1860).

27. Indemnity.– (1) No prosecution, suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Authority, Appellate Tribunal, Chairperson, members, officers and other employees of the Authority or of the Appellate Tribunal for anything done in good faith for carrying out the purposes of the Act, rules or regulations.

(2) No Government department or agency shall initiate any enquiry or investigation against the official conduct of any of the employees of the Authority without prior approval of the Authority.

28. Representation.– (1) Any person aggrieved by any action or decision taken for the enforcement of the relevant fiscal law or by any act of maladministration, corruption and misconduct by any employee of the Authority or by any unnecessary delay or hardship caused due to any administrative process may file a representation to the Chairperson.

(2) The Chairperson or any other officer designated by the Chairperson shall, after affording an opportunity of hearing to both the parties, make such order as may be necessary and inform the applicant accordingly.

(3) Pending final action or order on the representation, the Chairperson may stay further proceedings in the matter at any subordinate level.

29. Power to conduct surveys.– The Authority may conduct or cause to be conducted such surveys as it may deem necessary to broaden the tax-base and to widen tax coverage under any fiscal law.

30. Assistance to the Authority.– All departments, agencies, organizations, entities, formations and bodies of the Government shall, on request, be under obligation to extend necessary and due cooperation and assistance to the Authority in the performance of its functions under this Act, rules or regulations.

31. Directorates.– (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Government, establish such directorates for such tax-related specialized functions like intelligence and investigation, internal audit and inspection or training and research as may be necessary.

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(2) The Authority shall assign and regulate the powers and functions of the said directorates in such manner as it may deem proper.

32. Act to override other laws.– The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law.

33. Rules.– The Government may, by notification, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

34. Regulations.–(1) Subject to this Act and the rules, the Authority may frame regulations for giving effect to the provisions of the Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing powers, such regulations may provide for appointment of its officers, staff, employees and other persons, terms and conditions of their service and performance of functions by the Authority.

35. Removal of difficulties.- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to or applying the provisions of this Act, rules or regulations, the Government may make such order, not inconsistent with the Act or the rules and regulations, as may be necessary to remove the difficulty.

[1][**36. Validation**.- Notwithstanding any omission, discrepancy or defect in the establishment or composition of the Authority or anything to the contrary contained in this Act or the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012) or the rules made thereunder:

(a) any action of the Chairperson on behalf of the Authority, or anything to the contrary contained in any decree, judgment or order of any court, the sales tax or any other amount levied, charged, collected or realized by the functionaries of the Authority from any person shall be deemed to have been validly taken levied, charged, collected or realized under the Act; [2][ ]

(b) any action taken by the Chairperson till the establishment of the Authority under section 3 of the Act shall be deemed to be the action taken by the Authority[3]*[*; and*]*]

(c) the Authority stands established under section 3 and shall be deemed to have been established with effect from 1 July 2012.]

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[1]Section 36 inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016, dated February 06, 2016 and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from 1 July 2012. Previously section 36 was inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015, dated October 22, 2015 which has been repealed by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016, dated February 06, 2016.

[2]Word "and" deleted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.

[3]Substituted for full stop by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.

[4]Clause (c) inserted by the Punjab Revenue Authority (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.

The Punjab Revenue Authority (Members & Secretary) Rules, 2016

No.SO(TAX)1-9/2011(Posting)(Pt.III) dated 29th February, 2016.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 33 of the Punjab Revenue Authority Act 2012 (XLII of 2012), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Revenue Authority (Members and Secretary) Rules, 2016.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules:

(a) "Act" means the Punjab Revenue Authority Act, 2012 (XLII of 2012);

(b) "member" means the member of the Authority;

(c) "rules" means Punjab Revenue Authority (Members and Secretary) Rules 2016; and

(d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Authority.

(2) An expression used in the rules but not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Act.

3. Eligibility for the member.- (1) The Government may appoint any person as a member, if he:

(a) belongs to the Pakistan Administrative Service, Federal Board of Revenue, Punjab Management Service or any of the occupational group constituted by the federation;

(b) has served on the post in BS-19 or above for a minimum period of two years and has successfully completed senior management course; and

(c) has five years' cumulative experience in

(i) tax administration in any federal or provincial revenue collection agency or department; or

(ii) financial management in the public sector organization or department.

(2) A person shall not remain a member of the Authority beyond the age of sixty years.

4. Mode of appointment.- The Government may appoint on deputation a person as a member on such terms and conditions as may be settled between the Government and the Authority.

5. Term of appointment.- (1) The term of appointment of a member shall be three years but the Government may extend the term up to a maximum period of five years.

(2) Any outgoing member may in the prescribed manner be re-appointed as member.

6. Secretary.- (1) The Chairperson may on the recommendation of the Authority appoint one of the officers of the Authority as Secretary.

(2) The Secretary shall be responsible for:

(a) issuing notices for the meeting of the Authority;

(b) circulating and maintaining minutes of the meetings of the Authority;

(c) presenting a report to the Authority in each of its meeting regarding the implementation status of its earlier decisions and any other task assigned from time to time by the Chairperson; and

(d) any other function which the Chairperson or the Authority may assign.

7. Distribution of work.- (1) The Chairperson shall:

(a) distribute work among the members; and

(b) assign the portfolios to the members.

(2) If a member is absent on for any reason, the Chairperson may assign his functions to any other member for the period of absence.

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[1][The Punjab Agriculture Income Tax Act, 1997

(Act I of 1997)
16th June, 1997

An Act
to provide for the imposition of a tax on agricultural income in the Punjab.

Preamble.–

Whereas the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan envisages the creation of an egalitarian society based on the Islamic principles of social justice;

And whereas for achieving the object it is expedient to provide for the imposition of a tax on agricultural income in the Punjab;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997.

[2][(2) It shall come into force on the first day of July 1997.]

2. Definitions.– (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

[3][(a) "agricultural income" means–

(a) any rent or revenue derived from land which is situated in the Punjab and is used for agricultural purposes;

(b) any income derived from such land by–

(i) agriculture; or

(ii) the performance by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind [4][of] any process ordinarily employed by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind to render the produce raised or received by him fit to be taken to market; or

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[1]This Act was passed by the Punjab Assembly on June 13, 1997; assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on June 14, 1997; and was published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated June 16, 1997, Pages 841 to 844.

[2]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1998 (V of 1998).

[3]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[4]Substituted for the word "or" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

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(iii) the sale by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind of the produce raised or received by him, in respect of which no process has been performed other than a process of the nature[1][described] in paragraph (ii);

(c) any income derived from any building owned and occupied by the receiver of the rent or revenue of any such land, or occupied by the cultivator or the receiver of rent-in-kind, of any land with respect to which, or the produce of which, any operation mentioned in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of sub-clause (b) is carried on:

Provided that the building is on, or in the immediate vicinity of the land, and is a building which the receiver of the rent or revenue or the cultivator, or the receiver of the rent-in-kind by reason of his connection with the land, requires as a dwelling-house, or a store-house, or other out-building;]

[2][(d) income from livestock;]

[3][ ]

(ab) "assessment" includes reassessment and additional assessment and the cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

[4][ ]

[5][(ad)] "Collector" means Collector of a district appointed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) and includes [6][ ] any officer specially appointed by the Government to perform the functions and exercise the powers of a Collector under this Act];

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[1]Substituted for the word "specified" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[2]Sub-clause (d) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Clause (aa) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Earlier it was inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001). Before omission it read as follows:-

"(aa) "assessee" means a person by whom any tax or any other sum of money is payable under this Act and includes-

(i) every person in respect of whom any proceeding under this Act has been taken for the assessment of his total cultivated land or for the assessment of his agricultural income or the agricultural income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable or of the amount of refund due to him or to such other person;

(ii) every person who is required to file a statement of his total cultivated land or return of total agricultural income under section 4 read with section 3 of this Act; and

(iii) every person who is deemed to be an assessee, or an assessee in default, under this Act;"

[4]Clause (ac) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Earlier it was inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001). Before omission it read as follows:-

"(ac) "assessment year" means the period of twelve months beginning on the first day of July next following the income year;"

[5]Renumbered by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[6]Words "a Deputy District Officer (Revenue) and" deleted by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act 2011 (VI of 2011.

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[1][(ae) "company" means a company and its cognate expressions as defined in the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), a firm or body corporate formed by or under any law in force in Pakistan, a modaraba, a trust, a body incorporated by or under the law of a country outside Pakistan relating to incorporation of companies, a co-operative society, a finance society or any other society;]

(b) "cultivated land" means any area of land which was sown at least once during the tax year, including land under matured orchard which bore fruit during the tax year, but excluding land under planted forest or forest nursery;

(c) "[2][mature] orchard" means orchard of the age of seven years or more in the case of mango orchard and of the age of five years or more in the case of other orchards;

(d) "Government" means the Government of the Punjab;

[3][ ]

[4][(e) "livestock" means cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, camel, horse and other useful animals kept or raised for income generation;]

(f) "owner" includes a member of a joint Hindu family whether owning land individually or jointly with any other person and includes mortgagee in possession, or tenant of Government land;

Explanation I– Where any land is owned by more than one person whether as member of a firm or association or otherwise, every one of those persons individually, to the extend of his share in the said land, shall be deemed to be an owner.

Explanation II– Every 'ward' whose estate is managed by a Court of Wards shall be deemed to be the owner of such estate.

[5][*Explanation III*– A member of a cooperative farming society shall be deemed to be the owner of such portion of the land possessed by the society as is proportionate to his share or interest as a member.]

[4][(fa) "person" means an individual or a company;]

(g) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

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[1]Sub-clause (ae) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[2]Words "matured" deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002).

[3]Sub-clause (da) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Earlier it was inserted by Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance 2001 (VIII of 2001). Before omission it read as follows:-

"(da) "income year" in relation to any assessment year (hereinafter in this clause referred to as the 'said assessment year') means the financial year next preceding the said assessment year;"

[4]Sub-clauses (e) & (fa) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Earlier clause (e) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[5]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

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[1][(ga) "return" mean the return of total agricultural income in the prescribed form setting forth such particulars and accompanied by such statements, certificates, and other documents, and verified in such manner, as may be prescribed;]

(h) "rules" means rules made under this Act;

[2][(ha) "super tax" means the super tax levied under section 3-AA of the Act;]

(i) "tax" means tax livable under the provisions of this Act and includes any penalty livable under this Act; [3][ ]

[2][(ia) "taxpayer" means a person chargeable to tax under this Act and includes:

(i) a person in respect of whom any proceedings under this Act have been taken for the assessment of his total cultivated land or for the assessment of his agricultural income or the agricultural income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable or of the amount of refund due to him or to such other person;

(ii) a person who is required to file a statement of his total cultivated land or return of total agricultural income under sections 3 and 4 of this Act; and

(iii) a person who is deemed to be a taxpayer, or a taxpayer in default, under this Act;]

(j) "tax year" means agricultural year as defined in the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) [4][; and]

[5][(k) "total agricultural income" means the total amount of agricultural income, computed in the manner laid down in this Act.]

(2) All words and expressions in this Act used or defined in the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) and not hereinbefore defined shall be deemed to have meanings respectively attributed to them by that Act.

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[1]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[2]Sub-clauses (ha) & (ia) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Word "and" deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[4]Substituted for full stop by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[5]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[1][**3. Charge of agricultural income-tax**.– (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, there shall be levied, assessed and collected each year a tax in respect of agricultural income of a tax year of an owner at the rate [2][as may be prescribed].

Explanation.– For the purposes of this sub-section, the cultivated land during a tax year shall be deemed to be agricultural income.

[3][ ]

[4][(3) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, there shall be levied, assessed and collected for each [5][tax year] commencing on or after the first day of July, 2001, agricultural income tax in respect of the total agricultural income of the [5][tax year] of every person [6][ ] at the rate [7][as may be prescribed]:

Provided that where, by virtue of an amendment in the [8][rules], the rate of income tax, for the purpose of assessment in respect of any [5][tax year], is altered, the rate of income tax existing prior to the said alteration shall continue to apply in respect of any [5][tax year] to which the said existing rate is applicable.]]

[9][(4) Out of the two taxes assessed under sub-sections (1) and (3), [10][taxpayer] shall be liable to pay one tax the amount of which shall be greater.]

[11][**3A. Effect of transfers made on or after the first day of July 2003**.– Any person liable to pay tax under this Act, transferring his land or interest therein on or after the first day of July 2003 in favour of his wife or any of his heirs under the age of eighteen years, shall continue to be liable for payment of the tax as if such transfer had not taken place:

Provided that this liability of the person for payment of the tax in respect of the land or interest therein transferred to any of his heirs under the age of eighteen years, shall cease when the heir attains the age of eighteen years.

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[1]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000). Earlier it was substituted by first by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1998 (V of 1998).

[2]Substituted for "specified in the First Schedule to this Act" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Sub-Section (2) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002).

[4]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[5]Substituted for "assessment year" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[6]Substituted for "specified in the Second Schedule" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[7]Words "who is required to file a return of his total agricultural income under sub-section (2)," deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002).

[8]Substituted for "Second Schedule" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[9]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[10]Substituted for "an assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[11]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2003 (VIII of 2003).

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Explanation.– For the purpose of determining whether or not a transferee is an heir within the meaning of this section, succession to the property of the owner shall be deemed to have opened at the time of the transfer.]

[1][**3-AA. Super tax on high earning persons**.- A super tax shall be levied, assessed and collected at such rate as may be specified in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 for high earning persons.]

[2][**3B.Tax on the basis of income tax return**.– Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, where any person has declared agricultural income for any [3][tax year] in the return filed under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), the person shall pay the tax on such income at the rate [4][as may be prescribed].]

4. Assessment and collection of tax.– (1) The tax shall be assessed and collected by the Collector in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) In case of assessment regarding an owner holding land in more than one patwar circle, the owner shall file a statement regarding the location of his land in the Punjab, in such manner as may be prescribed.

[5][(3) Every person–

(a) whose total agricultural income or the total agricultural income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable under this Act, for any [3][tax year] (hereinafter referred to as the said [3][tax year]) exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax under this Act; [6][ ]

[7][ ]

shall file a return of his total agricultural income or the agricultural income of such other person, as the case may be, for the said [3][tax year] in such form and by such date as may be prescribed.]

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[1]S. 3AA inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[2]Inserted by the Punjab Finance Act 2013 (XVI of 2013).

[3]Substituted for "assessment year" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[4]Substituted for "specified in the Second Schedule" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[5]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002). Earlier it was inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[6]Word "or" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[7]Clause (b) deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Before omission it read as follows:-

(b) who himself or any other person on whose behalf he is assessable under this Act, has, during the said income year, cultivated land measuring–

(i) fifty acres or more of irrigated land; or

(ii) one hundred acres or more of unirrigated land; or

(iii) irrigated and unirrigated land the aggregate area of which is equal to or more than fifty acres of irrigated land, one acre of irrigated land being reckoned as equivalent to two acres of unirrigated land,"

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[1][(4) No assessment on the basis of return shall be made by the Collector after the expiration of [2][four] years from the end of the [3][tax year] in which the total agricultural income was first assessable.]

[4][**4A. Computation of agricultural income**.– In computing agricultural income of [5][taxpayer], the following allowances and deductions shall be made, namely:-

(a) any expenditure on account of labour [6][, including labour provided by the adult member of the family,] for–
  (i) tilling the land;
  (ii) sowing the seed;
  (iii) ploughing/planting;
  (iv) tending/pruning;
  (v) rendering the produce fit to be taken to market;
  (vi) any other agricultural operation;

(b) any expenditure incurred on purchase of–
  (i) seed;
  (ii) fertilizers and pesticides;

(c) any expenditure incurred on–
  (i) hiring animals, tractors, agricultural machinery and implements used for earning agricultural income;
  (ii) repair and maintenance of water-courses;

(d) any expenditure incurred on–
  (i) harvesting of agricultural produce;
  (ii) marketing of the agricultural produce;

(e) any sum paid on account of–
  (i) ushr;
  (ii) local cess and other cesses;
  (iii) water-rate (Abiana);

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[1]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[2]Substituted for "two" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Substituted for "assessment year" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[4]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[5]Substituted for "an assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[6]Words inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

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(iv) electricity bills in respect of tubewells and lift pumps used for agriculture;

(v) fuel charges in respect of tubewells and lift pumps uses for agriculture;

(vi) rent of land used for agriculture;

(vii) obtaining of agricultural loans;

(viii) mark-up on agricultural loans;

(f) in respect of depreciation of such buildings, machinery and plant being the property of the [1][taxpayer] used for the purpose of earning agricultural income, allowance at the rate of 15 percent of the written down value; [2][ ]

(g) any other expenditure not being in the nature of capital expenditure or personal expenses of the [1][taxpayer] laid out or expended wholly and exclusively for the purposes of agriculture [3][; and]]

[4][(h) expenditure incurred on livestock.]

[5][**4-AA. Special procedure for certain categories of tax payers**.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the rules, the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, prescribe special procedure for scope and payment of tax, filing of return and assessment in respect of such categories of tax payers, in such areas, as may be specified therein.]

[6][**4B. Allowances to be treated as deduction from income**.– Any allowance admissible under this Act shall be included in the total agricultural income, but may be deducted from such income for the purpose of computing the tax payable by [7][taxpayer] under this Act.]

[6][**4C. Liability in the case of a deceased person**.– (1) Where a person dies, his legal representatives shall be liable to pay tax which the deceased would have been liable to pay if he had not died, in the like manner and to the same extent as the deceased.

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[1]Substituted for "assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[2]Word "and" deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Substituted for full stop by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[4]Sub-clause (h) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[5]S. 4AA inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[6]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[7]Substituted for "an assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

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(2) For the purpose of making an assessment of the agricultural income of the deceased and recovery of tax–

(a) any proceeding taken against the deceased before his death shall be deemed to have been taken against the legal representatives and may be continued against the legal representatives from the stage at which it stood on the date of the death of the deceased; and

(b) any proceeding which could have been taken against the deceased if he had survived may be taken against the legal representatives,

and all the provisions of this Act shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly.

(3) The legal representatives of the deceased shall, for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be [1][taxpayer].

Explanation.– For the purposes of this section, "legal representative" includes an executor, administrator and any person administering the estate of a deceased person.]

[2][**4D. Liability of agents representing** [3][**taxpayer**]**.–** (1) Every agent shall, in respect of the agricultural income for which he is, or is declared to be, or is treated as, an agent, be deemed to be an [3][taxpayer] for the purposes of this Act and shall be subject to the same obligations and liabilities as if he were the [3][taxpayer], and shall be liable to assessment in his own name in respect of that income.

(2) Every agent who pays any tax under this Act shall be entitled to recover the tax so paid from the person on whose behalf it is paid, or to retain an equivalent amount out of any moneys due or belonging to the said person which may be in his possession or come into his possession at any time.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall prevent either the direct assessment of the person on whose behalf or for whose benefit, any such income is receivable, or the recovery from such person of the tax payable in respect of such income.

Explanation.– For the purposes of this section, "agent" includes–

(i) in respect of the income of a minor, lunatic or idiot, the guardian or manager who is entitled to receive, or is in respect of, such income, on behalf of such minor, lunatic or idiot;

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[1]Substituted for "an assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[2]S. 4D inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000).

[3]Substituted for "assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

(ii) in respect of income, which the Court of Wards, the Administrator General, the Official Trustee or any receiver or manager appointed by or under any order of a Court receives or is entitled to receive on behalf of, or for the benefit, of any person, such Court of Wards, Administrator General, Official Trustee, receiver or manager; and

(iii) in respect of income which a trustee, appointed under a trust declared by a duly executed instrument in writing whether testamentary or otherwise including any Wakf Deed which is valid under the Mussalman Wakf Validating Act 1913 (VI of 1913), receives or is entitled to receive on behalf, or for the benefit, of any person, such trustee or trustees.]

5. Refund.–Refund of tax where due shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed.

6. Maintenance of accounts.–Accounts regarding demand and recovery of tax shall be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

7. Application of Act XVII of 1967.–(1) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the provisions of sections 13 and 14 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) shall apply to cases under this Act.

(2) For the purposes of appeal, review or revision, an order passed under this Act shall be deemed to be an order of a Revenue Officer within the meanings of Sections 161, 162, 163 and 164 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) [1][:]

[2][Provided that proceedings of *suo-moto* review or revision of an order in respect of any income year shall not be initiated after the expiration of two years from the end of the [3][tax year] in which the total agricultural income of the said income year was first assessable.]

[4][**8. Penalty for failure to furnish statements, etc**.–(1) Where any person has, without reasonable cause, failed to furnish, within the time allowed for the purpose, the statement or, as the case may be, the return under section 4, the Collector may impose upon such person a penalty [5][equal to:

(a) 0.1% of the tax payable in respect of that tax year for each day of default; or

(b) rupees one thousand for each day of default; provided that minimum penalty shall be:

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[1]Substituted for the full-stop by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[2]Proviso inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[3]Substituted for "assessment year" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[4]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[5]Substituted for "of rupees twenty-five for each day of default, subject to maximum of rupees one thousand" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

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(i) ten thousand rupees in case where the agriculture income does not exceed twelve hundred thousand rupees;

(ii) twenty thousand rupees in case where the agricultural income exceeds twelve hundred thousand rupees but does not exceed forty million rupees; and

(iii) fifty thousand rupees where the agricultural income exceeds forty million rupees.]

(2) No penalty under sub-section (1) shall be imposed on any person unless such person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]

[1][**9. Penalty for concealment of cultivated land, etc**.– (1) Where in the course of any proceedings under this Act, the Collector or the appellate or revisional authority is satisfied that any [2][taxpayer] has, either in the said proceedings or in any earlier proceedings relating to an assessment in respect of the same tax year, concealed his cultivated land or furnished inaccurate particulars of such cultivated land, or concealed his agricultural income or furnished inaccurate particulars of such income, he or, as the case may be, it may impose upon such [2][taxpayer] a penalty equal to the amount of tax which the said [2][taxpayer] sought to evade by concealment of his cultivated land or furnishing inaccurate particulars of such cultivated land, or by concealment of his agricultural income or furnishing inaccurate particulars of such income as aforesaid.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), concealment of cultivated land or the furnishing of inaccurate particulars of cultivated land, concealment of agricultural income or furnishing of inaccurate particulars of such income shall include suppression of information regarding any cultivated land liable to tax or, as the case may be, suppression of any item of receipt of agricultural income or failure to disclose agricultural income chargeable to tax under this Act or claiming any deduction for, or showing any expenditure not actually incurred.]

[3][(3) No penalty under this section shall be imposed on any [4][taxpayer] unless such [4][taxpayer] has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]

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[1]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2000 (I of 2000).

[2]Substituted for "assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025. Earlier it was substituted for "owner" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[3]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[4]Substituted for "assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[1][**10.** [2][**Default surcharge for non-payment or late payment of tax**].– (1) Where any [3][taxpayer] is in default in making payment of any tax, the Collector may impose on him [4][default surcharge] at the rate of [5][ten] percent per annum of the amount of tax overdue for the period of default:

Provided that the total amount of [6][default surcharge] imposed under this section shall not exceed fifty per cent of the amount of such tax.

(2) No [6][default surcharge] under sub-section (1) shall be imposed on any [3][taxpayer] unless such [3][taxpayer] has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]

[7][**10A. Bar of jurisdiction**.– No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction in any manner relating to the assessment or collection of the tax leviable under this Act and no order passed or proceedings taken by any authority under this Act shall be called in question in any Civil Court.]

11. Rules.– [8][(1)] The Government may frame rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

[9][(2) Any amendment made in the rules, to the extent of rates of agricultural income tax, during a financial year, under sub-section (1), shall be laid in Provincial Assembly of the Punjab at the time of presentation of the Annual Budget for the next financial year.]

12. Repeal.– [10][ ] The Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Ordinance 1997 (XXII of 1997) is hereby repealed.

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[1]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[2]Substituted for "Penalty for default in payment of tax" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[3]Substituted for "assessee" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[4]Substituted for "a penalty" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[5]Substituted for "five" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[6]Substituted for "penalty" by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[7]Inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

[8]Renumbered as sub-section (1) by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[9]Sub-section (2) inserted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01.01.2025.

[10]Deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

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[10]First Schedule was deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01-01-2025. Earlier it was substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2003 (VIII of 2003), substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002); then by the Punjab Finance Act 2019 (XV of 2019).

[2]Second Schedule was deleted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 (XV of 2024) dated November 27, 2024, effective 01-01-2025. Earlier it was substituted by Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2002 (XXXVIII of 2002), substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (I of 2000); then by the Punjab Finance Act 2019 (XV of 2019).

First and Second Schedules.- Before omission in 2024 these read as follows:-

"The First Schedule

[See section 3(1)]

(1)	Slab of total cultivated land, computed Rate of tax per acre as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acre of unirrigated land, excluding mature orchards.	Rate of tax per acre
	(i) Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil
	(ii) Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.300/-
	(iii) Exceeding 25 acres but not exceeding 50 acres	Rs.400/-
	(iv) Exceeding 50 acres	Rs.500/-
(2)	Mature orchards	
	(i) Irrigated	Rs.600/-
	(ii) Unirrigated	Rs.300/-"

Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2019, read as follows:-

"The First Schedule

[See Section 3(1)]

1	**Slab of total cultivated land, computed as irrigated land, by treating one acre of irrigated land as equal to two acres of unirrigated land, excluding mature orchards.**	**Rate of tax per acre**
	[2][(i) Not exceeding 12½ acres	Nil
	(ii) Exceeding 12½ acres but not exceeding 25 acres	Rs.150/-
	(iii) Exceeding 25 acres	Rs.250/-]
2	**Mature orchards–**	
	(i) Irrigated	Rs. 300/-per acre.
	(ii) Unirrigated	Rs. 150/-per acre."

Before substitution in 2024, read as follows:-

"The Second Schedule

[See section 3(3)]

Rates of Tax on total Agricultural Income

The rate of tax on total agricultural income shall be as under:-

(1)	Where the total income does not exceed Rs.400,000/-	0%
(2)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.400,000/- but does not exceed Rs.800,000/-	Rs.1,000/-
(3)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.800,000/- but does not exceed Rs.12,00,000/-	Rs.2,000/-
(4)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.12,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs.24,00,000/-	5% of the amount exceeding Rs.12,00,000/-
(5)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.24,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs.48,00,000/-	Rs.60,000/- plus 10% of the amount exceeding Rs.24,00,000/-
(6)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.48,00,000/-	Rs.300,000/- plus 15% of the amount exceeding Rs.48,00,000/-"

Before substitution by Punjab F. Act, 2019, read as follows:-

"The Second Schedule

[See [1][Section 3(3)]

Rates of Tax on total Agricultural Income

The rate of tax on total agricultural income shall be as under:-

(1)	Where the total income does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-	5% of total income.
(2)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.1,00,000/ but does not exceed Rs.2,00,000/-	Rs.5,000/- plus 7½ % of the amount exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-.
(3)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.2,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs.3,00,000/-	Rs.12,500/- plus 10% of the amount exceeding Rs.2,00,000/-.
(4)	Where the total income exceeds Rs.3,00,000/-	Rs.22,500/- plus 15% of the amount exceeding Rs.3,00,000/-.

Provided that no tax shall be payable on the first eighty thousand rupees of the aforementioned income."

[1]Substituted by the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

The Punjab Agriculture Income Tax Rules, 2001

(Punjab Government Revenue Department)

Notification No.3537-200l/1199-A-III dated August 17, 2001.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of 1997), the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Rules, 2001.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules unless the subject or context otherwise requires-

(a) "Act" means the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of 1997);

(b) "Form" means the Form appended to these rules; and

(c) "section" means section of the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of1997)

(2) All other expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meaning assigned thereto in the Act.

3. Method of accounting.- (1) Agricultural income shall be computed for the purposes of the Act in accordance with the method of accounting regularly employed by the assessee.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), Government may-

(a) require, by a general or special order published in the official Gazette, that the accounts shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed; and

(b) prescribe the manner in which payment of commercial nature shall be made or commercial transactions recorded and thereupon the agricultural income of the assessee shall be computed on the basis of the accounts or records maintained or payments made accordingly.

(3) Where no method of accounting has been regularly employed, or if the method employed is such that in the opinion of the Collector, the agricultural income cannot be property deducted therefrom or where in any case to which sub-rule (2) applies, the assesse fails to maintain accounts, make payments or record transactions in the form or manner, as the case may be, prescribed under the said sub-rule, the agricultural income of the assessee shall be computed on such basis and in such manner as the Collector thinks fit.

4. Payment of tax with return of total agricultural income.- Every person who is required under the Act to furnish a return of total agricultural income and who is liable to pay tax in respect of the agricultural income of the income year, instead of land based tax under the Act, shall pay, by means of a challan, into the relevant head of account of the Government, on or before the date on which he is so required to furnish such return, the amount of the tax due from him, after adjusting the amount of tax already paid by him in respect of the same income year under the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Rules 1997.

5. Return of total agricultural income.- (1) Every person who is required under the Act to furnish a return of total agricultural income for any income year shall furnish such return in Form 'A' on or before the thirtieth day of September next following the income year:

Provided that the Collector who has to assess and collect the tax under these rules may on sufficient cause being shown, extend the date for the delivery of the return so however that no extension of time for a period or periods amounting in all to thirty days shall be allowed.

(2) In case total agricultural income of an asses see ·in respect of the income year pertains to one Tehsil only in the Punjab, return under sub-rule (1) shall be furnished to the Collector of that Tehsil. In case the total agricultural income of an assessee in respect of the income year pertains to more than one Tehsil in the Punjab, he shall indicate in his return under sub-rule (1) his choice regarding Collector of the Tehsil, within whose jurisdiction a part of cultivated land of the assessee during the income year was situated and who shall assess and collect the tax and the return shall be furnished to the Collector of that Tehsil:

Provided that such choice shall not be different from the one given by the assessee in respect of the same income year under the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Rules 1997:

Provided further that where no such choice is given by the assessee, the tax shall be assessed and collected by the Collector of that Tehsil within whose jurisdiction the assessee held during the relevant income year major portion of the cultivated land.

(3) The assessee shall deliver personally or through an authorized agent, the return under sub-rule (1) in the office of the Collector of the Tehsil who has to assess and collect the tax under these rules. The office of the Collector of the Tehsil at which the return is so delivered shall issue acknowledgement receipt in Form 'B'.

(4) The assessee shall also send by post a copy of the return to every other Collector of the Tehsil within whose jurisdiction the assessee held during the relevant income year part of the cultivated land.

(5) The return in Form 'A' shall, on the date of receipt in the office of Collector of the Tehsil be entered in register in Form 'C'.

6. Notice for furnishing return of total agricultural income.-The Collector of the Tehsil concerned may at any time, by notice in writing, require any owner who in his opinion is chargeable to tax or is required to file return of total agricultural income under rule 5 for any income year, to furnish a return of total agricultural income for such year within thirty days from the date of service of such notice or such longer or shorter period as may be specified in the notice or as the Collector of the Tehsil concerned may allow:

Provided that no such notice shall be issued after the expiration of two years from the end of the assessment year in which the total agricultural income was first assessable.

7. Revised return of total agricultural income.- If any person has not furnished a return of total agricultural income as required under the Act and these rules (hereinafter in this rule referred to as 'return'), or having furnished a return, discovers any omission or wrong statement therein, he may, without prejudice to any liability incurred by him under any provision of the Act, furnish are turn or revised return, as the case may be, at any time before the assessment is made.

8. Self-assessment:- (1) Where the return of total agricultural income for any income year furnished by the assessee under rule 5 qualities for acceptance in accordance with the provisions of a scheme of self-assessment made by the Board of Revenue, with the approval of Government, for that year, or under any instructions or orders issued thereunder, the Collector of the Tehsil shall assess by an order in writing the total agricultural income of the assessee on the basis of such return and determine the tax payable on the basis of such assessment.

Explanation.- For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that a return of total agricultural income furnished under rule 5 does not include a return of total agricultural income furnished under rule 7.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Board of Revenue or the Collector if he is so authorized by the Board of Revenue in this behalf, may in accordance with a scheme referred to in sub-rule (1) select out of the returns referred to in that sub-rule the cases or classes of cases or assessees or classes of assessees howsoever determined, for assessment under rule 11 and the Collector of the Tehsil shall proceed to make the assessment under that rule or if the circumstances so warrant, under rule 12 accordingly.

9. Assessment on the basis of return.- If the Collector of the Tehsil is satisfied without requiring the presence of the assessee or the production by him of any evidence that a return furnished under rule 5 is correct and complete he shall by an order in writing assess the total agricultural income of the assessee and determine the tax payable on the basis of such return.

10. Notice for production of books of account, etc.- The Collector of the Tehsil may serve upon any assessee who has furnished a return of total agricultural income for any income year or upon whom a notice has been served to furnish such return, a notice requiring him, on a date specified therein to attend the Collector's office or to produce or cause to be produced any evidence on which such assessee may rely in support of the return if furnished and such accounts documents or evidence (including accounts or documents relating to any period prior or subsequent to the said income year) as the Collector of the Tehsil may require:

Provided that the Collector of the Tehsil shall not require the production of any document relating to a period more than two years prior to the income year.

11. Assessment on production of accounts, evidence, etc.- The Collector of the Tehsil after considering the evidence on record (including evidence if any produced under rule 10) and such other evidence as the Collector of the Tehsil may require on specific points, shall by an order in writing assess the total agricultural income of the assessee and determine the tax payable by him on the basis of such assessment:

Provided that where the assessee produces books of accounts as evidence in support of the return the Collector of the Tehsil shall before disagreeing to such accounts, give a notice to the assessee of defects in the accounts and provide an opportunity to the assessee to explain his point of view about such defects and record such explanation and the basis of computation of total agricultural income of the assessee in the assessment order.

12. Best judgment assessment.- Where any assessee fails to furnish a return of total agricultural income required to be furnished by him under rule 5 or fails to comply with any of the terms of notice issued under rule 10 the Collector of the Tehsill1lay, by an order in writing assess the total agricultural income of the assessee to the best of his judgment and determine the amount of tax payable by him.

13. Limitation for assessment.- (1) No assessment under rules 9, 11 or 12 shall be made after the expiration of two years from the end of the assessment year in which the total agricultural income was first assessable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) where a return of total agricultural income has been filed after the end of the financial year in which the last date of filing of such return specified in rule 5 falls, no assessment under rules 9, 11 or 12 shall be made after the expiration of two years from the end of financial year in which the said return is filed.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) where for any income year, an assessee has failed to furnish return of total agricultural income no assessment under rules 11 or 12 shall be made after the expiration of two years from the end of the financial year in which the notice under rule 6 was served.

14. Additional assessment.- (1) If in any year, for any reason,-

(a) any agricultural income chargeable to tax under the Act has escaped assessment; or

(b) the total agricultural income of an assessee has been under assessed or assessed at too Iowa rate or has been the subject of excessive relief or refund under the Act or these rules, the Collector of the Tehsil may at any time subject to the provisions of sub-rules (2) and (3) issue a notice to the assessee containing all or any of the requirements of a notice under rule 6 and may proceed to assess or determine by an order in writing, the total agricultural income of an assessee or the tax payable by him as the case may be and all the provisions of the Act and these rules shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly:

Provided that the tax shall be charged at the rate applicable to the assessment year for which the assessment is made.

(2) No proceedings under sub-rule (1) shall be initiated unless reliable information has come into the knowledge of the Collector of the Tehsil.

(3) No order under sub-rule (1) shall be made after the expiration of two years from the end of the assessment year in which the total agricultural income was first assessable.

15. Payment of tax on demand.-Where any tax is payable in consequence of any assessment or an order made under these rules, the Collector of the Tehsil shall serve upon the assessee or any other person liable to pay such tax on behalf of the assessee, a notice of demand (assessment) in Form 'D' and if warranted notice of demand (penalty) in Form 'D-I' specifying the sum payable and thereupon the sum so specified shall be paid to the credit of Government within the time mentioned in the said notice.

16. Collection of tax as arrears of land revenue.- The amount of tax and penalty which is not paid within the due date specified in the demand notice under rule 15 shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue.

17. Suspension and remission of tax.- Government may in areas declared calamity affected, exempt or remit the whole tax or part thereof in respect of an assessment year where corresponding suspension or remission of other Government taxes in respect of agricultural land has been given.

18. Refund of tax.- (1) Where any assessee satisfies the Collector of the Tehsil that the amount of tax paid by him under the Act and these rules for any income year exceeds the amount with which he was properly chargeable under the Act and these rules or that income year, he shall been titled to refund of the amount so paid in excess.

(2) An application for refund of tax shall be made by the assessee in form 'E' within two years of the end of the assessment year to which it relates.

(3) Where an application for refund is made under sub-rule (2) the Collector of the Tehsil shall determine by an order in writing the amount of refund on being satisfied that such amount is due to the applicant and where he is not so satisfied he may by an order in writing reject the application.

(4) The Collector of the Tehsil may before making an order under sub-rule (3) call for such particulars, documents and evidence as he may require.

(5) Where as a result of an order passed in appeal, review or revision under the Act, refund of any amount becomes due to the assessee the Collector of the Tehsil shall refund the amount to the assessee irrespective of whether he has or has not made any claim in that behalf.

(6) Where refund of any amount becomes due to an assessee the Collector of the Tehsil shall order refund in accordance with the provisions of the Treasury Rules (Punjab) and the same shall be paid through voucher on Form S.T.R. 34.

19. Maintenance of Accounts.- (1) The accounts of demand and recovery of tax under these rules shall be maintained by the Collector of the Tehsil in register in Form 'F'. A separate register in Form 'F' shall be maintained for each Tehsil.

(2) Where as a result of decision of appeal or review or revision, the initial assessment of tax by the Collector of the Tehsil is altered, the alteration should be incorporated in register in Form 'F' and copies of the relevant decision should be placed on the file of the assessee.

FORM 'A'

(see rule 5(1))

Form of return of total Agricultural Income under the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of 1997)

Assessment year _____

1. Name (in block letters) _____
2. Father's/Husband's name _____
3. National Identity Card No. _____
   (attach photo copy)
4. National Tax No. _____ (if assessee under the Federal Income Tax Ordinance, 1979*)
5. Permanent residential address _____
   _____
   _____
6. Postal address _____
   _____
   _____

*It should be 2001

Part I

Statement of total Agricultural Income during the Income Year which ended on _____

1.	Total income from rent derived from land which is situated in the Punjab and is used for agricultural purposes and other income derived from such land by agriculture or performance of any process ordinarily employed by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind to render the produce raised or received by him fit to be taken to market or the sale of produce raised or received in respect of such land.	Rs. _____
2.	Less cost of cultivation and agricultural operations.	Rs. _____
3.	Total agricultural income for the purpose of tax (amount at No. 1 minus amount at No.2).	Rs. _____

Part - II

Computation of Tax

1.	Total agricultural income for the purpose of tax (as per column No.3 of Part I)	Rs. _____
2.	Less basic exemption	Rs. 80,000
3.	Taxable agricultural income (amount at S. No. 1 minus amount at S. No.2)	Rs. _____
4.	Agricultural income tax payable (in respect of amount at S. No.3)	Rs. _____
5.	Amount of land-based tax assessed on the basis of area net sown during the same income year	Rs. _____
6.	In case of tax on agricultural income at S. No.4 being more than the tax at S. No.5, balance agricultural income tax payable with return under rule 4, after adjusting the amount of tax at S. No.5 already paid, if any (attach photo copy of the relevant receipted challan).	Rs. _____
7.	Agricultural income tax paid with return (attach photo copy of receipted challan)	Rs. _____
8.	Choice of assessee regarding Collector of the Tehsil who should assess the agricultural income tax.	Rs. _____

VERIFICATION

I solemnly affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this return is accurate and complete in all respects.

Signature/Thumb impression

Dated: _____ Name (in block letters) _____

FORM 'B'

(see rule 5 (3))

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTRECEWT(Counterfoil)

ASSESSMENT YEAR _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____

National Identity Card No. _____

National Tax No. _____

Date of filing return in Forn1 'A' __

Signature of the person receiving the return

Name _____

Seal of the
Collector of the Tehsil

FORM 'B'

(see rule 5 (3))

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTRECEWT(Foil)

ASSESSMENT YEAR _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____

National Identity Card No. _____

National Tax No. _____

Date of filing return in Forn1 'A' __

Signature of the person receiving the return

Name _____

Seal of the
Collector of the Tehsil

FORM 'C'

(see rule 5 (5))

REGISTER OF RETURNS IN FORM 'A' IN RESPECT OF ASSESSMENTYEAR RECEIVED

Sr. No.	Date of receipt of return	Name parentage and address of assessee who filed the return	Total agricultural income shown in the return	Total cost of cultivation etc. shown in the return	Net agriculture income
1	2	3	4	5	6

FORM 'D'

(see rule 15)

NOTICE OF DEMAND UNDER RULE 15 OF THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL INCOME TAX RULES, 2001.

(ASSESSMENT)

No.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, TEHSIL

Dated _____

Assessment year _____

To

_____

_____

1. This is to give you notice that the sum of Rs. _____ (rupees (as specified on the reverse) has been determined to be payable by/refundable to you for the assessment year _____

2. You are required to pay the amount on or before _____ to the Treasury Officer/Sub-Treasury Officer/National Bank/State Bank of Pakistan at _____ and you will be granted a receipt. A challan is enclosed for the purpose.

3. Failure to pay the said amount by the date specified above will entail a penalty under section 10 of the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of 1997).

4. If you intend to appeal against the assessment, you may file an appeal under sections 161and 162 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) within sixty days from the date of the order appealed against.

COLLECTOR, TEHSIL

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FORM 'D-I'

(see rule 15)

NOTICE OF DEMAND UNDER RULE 15 OF THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL INCOME TAX RULES, 2001.

(PENALTY)

No.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, TEHSIL

Dated _____

Assessment year _____

To

_____

_____

1. Whereas you have not paid the sum of Rs. _____ as required in the previous notice of demand served on _____, a penalty of Rs. _____ (rupees_____) has been imposed on you under section 10 of the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Act 1997 (I of 1997).

2. You are required to pay the amount on or before _____ to the Treasury Officer/Sub-Treasury Officer/National Bank of Pakistan/State Bank of Pakistan at _____when you will be granted a receipt. A challan is enclosed for the purpose.

3. If you fail to pay the total amount of arrears and this penalty by the date specified in para 2 above, you will be treated as defaulter and dealt with accordingly.

4. If you intend to appeal against the penalty, you may file appeal under sections 161 and162 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967) within sixty days from the date of the order appealed against.

COLLECTOR, TEHSIL

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FORM 'E'

(see rule 18 (2))

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF TAX UNDER THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURALINCOME TAX RULES, 2001

To

The Collector, Tehsil _____

I, _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ hereby declare-

(a) that may taxable agricultural income computed in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Rules, 2001, during the income year which ended on amounted to Rs. _____ ;

(b) that the total tax chargeable in respect of such taxable agricultural income is Rs. _____ ;

(c) that the total land based tax chargeable from me for the income year mentioned at (a)above under the Punjab Agricultural Income Tax Rules 1997 is Rs. _____ ;

(d) that the total amount of tax paid by me for the income year is more than the tax at (b)above and also (c) above and photo copy of the relevant receipted challan is enclosed.

I therefore request that a refund of Rs. _____ may be allowed to me.

Signature

Name _____

N.I.C. No. _____

Address _____

VERIFICATION

I hereby declare that whatever is stated in this application is correct.

Dated: Signature

Notes:1. The application should be accompanied by a statement of total cultivated land and also by a return of total agricultural income if the same has already been filed.

2. The application should be made to the Collector of the Tehsil who assessed/collected the tax.

3. The application should be presented in person or through an authorized agent or may be sent by post.

FORM 'F'

(see rule 19)

AGRICULTURAL INCOME TAX DEMAND AND RECOVERY REGISTER

Tehsil _____ Assessment year _____

Sr. No.	Name parentage and address of assessee	Amount of tax payable			
		Balance of tax and penalty, if any, from last year	Tax demand for the assessment year	Penalty imposed if any	Total
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6

Recoveries		Remission or refund allowed		Balance recoverable	Remarks
Date with receipt No	Amount	Date of order	Amount remitted or refunded		
	(Rs.)		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	
7	8	9	10	11	12

The Punjab Sales Tax on Services
Electronic Invoice Monitoring System Rules, 2019

(Punjab Revenue Authority)

No. PRA/Orders.06/2019/1495 dated February 21, 2020.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012), the Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Electronic Invoice Monitoring System Rules 2019.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In the rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

(a) "Act" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012);

(b) "e-IMS" means Electronic Invoice Monitoring System to monitor the service provided by a registered person, by installing, integrating, fixing, attaching, inserting, embedding or otherwise placing such software and hardware, including cash register, instrument, modem, device either in the existing system of recording sale transaction and issuing sale invoice or otherwise, at the premises of the registered person to capture and transfer data about the transaction recorded or invoice issued by the registered person to the Authority's computer system on real time basis; and

(c) "video vigilance" includes video surveillance, video analytics, video recording, video filming, video watch, video streaming through close circuit television system and/or any other electrical and/or electronic system, using additional, ancillary, auxiliary or supplementary equipment, device or instrument, by any mode and in any manner.

(2) The word and expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meanings as are assigned to it in the Act or the rules made thereunder.

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3. Monitoring through e-IMS.- A registered person having turnover of [1][six million rupees or above in case of restaurant services and ten million rupees or above in case of all other services] in the financial year 2017-18 or in a subsequent financial year shall be monitored through e-IMS by the Authority.

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[1]Substituted for "ten million rupees or above" by No. PRA/Order.06/2023/441 dated July 09, 2024.

4. Installation and integration of e-IMS.- (1) A registered person liable to monitoring under rule 3 shall:

(a) Modify its application software and hardware to make it compatible with e-IMS as per guidelines issued by the Authority, withing three months of the close of the financial year in which he becomes so liable, if already using a computerized system for recording transaction and issuing invoice;

(b) Acquire, install and implement an application software and hardware compatible with e-IMS as per guidelines issued by the Authority, within six months of the close of the financial year in which he becomes so liable, if not already using a computerized system for recording transaction and issuing invoice; and

(c) allow full access to and provide complete and accurate detail, feature, specification and dimension of its computerized system to the office or any other person or Agency authorized by the authority in this behalf.

(2) An officer or any other person or Agency authorized by the Authority in this behalf shall visit the premises of the registered person, after expiry of the time period specified in sub-rule (1), to evaluate compatibility of computerized system with e-IMS; and

(a) if such evaluation is successful, install and integrate e-IMS with the computerized system of the registered person, after taking safety and security measures as may be deemed necessary or proper by the Authority; and

(b) if such evaluation is not successful, allow one-time extension not exceeding fifteen days to make the computerized system of the registered person compatible with e-IMS and thereafter carry out the process as prescribed in clause (a).

Provided that, for the purpose of this rule, installation and integration shall include recording and/or transmission of any data from the computerized system of the registered person to the computerized system of the Authority.

5. Surprise checks, annual inspection of e-IMS and Video vigilance, etc.- (1) An officer or any other person or Agency authorized by the Authority in this behalf may carry out surprise checks and shall also conduct annual inspection at the business premises of the registered person to evaluate performance of e-IMS against various parameters on a scale of 1 (Min.) to 5 (Max.).

(2) If a surprise check carried out under sub-rule (1) results in a rating lower than 3, the Authority shall issue a warning to the registered person.

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(3) If an annual inspection conducted under sub-rule (1) results in a rating lower than 3, the Authority shall require the registered person to install video vigilance system for video vigilance of its business premises.

6. Content and format of invoice.- The registered person liable to monitoring under rule 3 shall not issue any invoice to its customer other than that generated through the e-IMS which shall at least contain a description of the service provided, quantity and until price if applicable, bill amount excluding sales tax, amount of sales tax, and bill amount including sales tax. In case, the bill amount, excluding sales tax, exceeds fifty thousand rupees, the invoice shall also contain the name and computerized national identity card number of the customer in case of individual, or the national tax number (NTN) of the customer in case of an entity.

7. Safety and security of e-IMS.- (1) The registered person liable to monitoring under rule 3 shall ensure safety and security of the software and hardware used for the purpose of e-IMS.

(2) An officer or any other person or Agency authorized by the Authority in this behalf shall take such measures including obtaining of a formal undertaking or bank guarantee from the registered person, as may be deemed proper or necessary, to ensure safety and security of the software and hardware used for e-IMS.

8. Reporting of faults in e-IMS.- (1) The registered person shall report any fault in e-IMS to the officer or any other person or agency authorized by the Authority in this behalf immediately after the first occurrence of such fault, through the error-reporting module of e-IMS.

(2) An officer or any other person or Agency authorized by the authority in this behalf shall take necessary measures to fix the problem; provided that the expenses, if any, in respect of repair and/or replacement of any software and/ or hardware shall be borne by the registered person.

(3) The registered person shall enter the data of all invoices issued otherwise than through e-IMS during the period of its operational inability or disability, and transmit it to the Authority through e-IMS withing one week of the fixing of the fault in e-IMS.

9. Reward (Inami) scheme.- (1) A customer who has obtained an invoice generated through e-IMS for the taxable services availed from a registered person, may electronically transmit its image or particulars and his personal contact number, in the mode and manner as may be specified by the Authority, for participation in the reward (Inami) scheme.

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(2) The Authority may give prize to such customer selected through computerized random ballot in such form, of such value and at such intervals as it may deem fit.

10. Technical support and operational assistance, etc.- (1) The Authority may hire any person, entity, board or company to provide technical support in designing, developing, implementing and maintaining e-IMS and conducting reward (Inami) Scheme.

(2) The Authority may provide operational assistance to the registered person covered under e-IMS and/or his employees designated by him in such mode and manner and at such intervals as it may deem appropriate, to operate e-IMS.

11. Repeal and savings.- (1) The Punjab Restaurant Invoice Monitoring System Rules, 2015 are hereby repealed.

(2) Any data, material or information collected or liable to be collected under the repealed Rules shall be deemed to have been validly collected under the rules.

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The Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Refund) Rules, 2019

(Punjab Revenue Authority)

No. PRA/HR.12 Vol-viii/1416 dated September 23, 2019.- In exercise of power conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012), The Punjab Revenue Authority is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short Title and Commencement.- (1) These regulations may be cited as The Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Refund) Rules 2019.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definition.- (1) In the rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

a) "Act" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012).

b) "claimant" means the person who files claim for refund of sales tax and is registered under the Act; and

c) "rules" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Refund) Rules 2019.

(2) An expression used but not defined in the rules, shall have the same meanings as are assigned to it in the Act and the rules made thereunder.

3. Application of the rules.- Subject to sections 16, 16A and 16B of the Act and rule 4 of the rules, the provisions of the rules shall apply to processing and sanction of claims for refund by a registered person in following cases:

a) the amount of sales tax is erroneously or inadvertently deposited in excess of the amount due;

b) the amount of sales tax deposited by or recovered from the registered person is held not payable under the Act or rules made thereunder or as a result of an order of a court or an appellate forum; or

c) the sales tax paid on services used in the exports of services as defined under rule 12 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Adjustment of Tax) Rules 2012.

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4. Refund not admissible.- The following claims of refund of sales tax shall not be admissible if:

(a) it is filed by a person other than the registered person who paid the sales tax amount so claimed for refund;

(b) it is filed after a lapse of one year from the date of payment of sales tax, provided that where a claim is based on an order of a court or an appellate forum, the period of one year shall be reckoned from the date of such order;

(c) the incidence of sales tax, claimed for refund, has been passed on to the service recipient. The burden of proof that incidence has not been so passed shall rest with the refund claimant;

(d) the claimant does not submit evidence of payment of the withheld amount of sales tax by the service recipient in cases where the claim relates to sales tax as was withheld, in full or in part, under the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Withholding) Rules, 2015;

(e) the claimant does not submit evidence of payment of the input tax, adjusted or deducted, against the sales tax on services provided or rendered in respect of which the refund is claimed; and

(f) the claimant does not submit the supportive documents, as required by the rules or by the officer of the Authority, within the time limit prescribed by the rules or the officer of the Authority, as the case may be.

5. Pecuniary competence to sanction refund.- The cases of claims for refund of sales tax shall be decided by the following officers of the Authority, as authorized by name or designation by the Commissioner concerned, according to the pecuniary limit mentioned against each, namely:

Designation	Limit in each claim
i. Assistant Commissioner	Not exceeding ten thousand rupees
ii. Deputy Commissioner	Not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees
iii. Additional Commissioner	Not exceeding ten hundred thousand rupees
iv. Commissioner	Unlimited

6. Scrutiny and processing of refund claim.- (1) On receipt of the refund claim, the Receipt Section of the Commisionerate shall affix a dated stamp and send it to the Assistant Commissioner concerned, who shall assign it a refund file number and shall enter it in refund register.

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(2) The Assistant Commissioner or Audit-cum-Risk Compliance Officer concerned shall, after scrutiny of the claim and attached documents, prepare an analysis report. Where any information or document is missing or is required, the same shall be called for from the claimant through a letter or e-mail giving a specific date for submission thereof.

(3) Where the Assistant Commissioner is satisfied that any further inquiry or audit is needed to establish genuineness or admissibility of the claim, he may, after seeking written approval of the Commissioner, cause the auditor inquiry to be conducted before finalizing the disposal of there fund claim.

7. Sanction and payment of refund claim.- (1) After preparation of the analysis report and completion of the audit report, where the audit report was so required, the competent officer, as specified in rule 5, shall sanction the admissible part of the refund claim and issue a Refund Sanction-cum-Payment Order indicating the following:

(a) Name, Provincial National Tax Number (PNTN) and address of the claimant;

(b) claimant's bank account number with name, address and branch code as per registration profile in the Authority;

(c) amount of refund claimed;

(d) amount of refund sanctioned;

(e) tax Period(s) to which refund relates; and

(f) computerized payment receipt (CPR) number(s), date, bank branch name and code in respect of deposit of the amount under claim, where applicable.

(2) The competent officer shall ensure that no dues or arrears are outstanding against the claimant. In case of recoverable duos and arrears outstanding against the claimant, the sanctioned amount shall first be deposited or adjusted against such dues or arrears.

(3) After sanction of the claim, the competent officer shall ensure that the procedures prescribed in the Treasury Rules (Punjab) are duly complied with for issuance of crossed refund payment cheques. No cheque shall be delivered by hand and, instead, shall either be electronically transferred to the claimant’s notified bank account or sent through registered post or courier service at the claimant’s address as per his registration profile.

(4) A copy of the Refund Sanction-cum-Payment Order and intimation regarding issuance of refund cheque or electronic transfer of amount of refund, as the case may be, shall be sent to the claimant by email or courier.

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8. Responsibility of the claimant.- The processing of refund claims shall be conducted on the basis of supportive documents provided by the claimant. The claimant shall be responsible for any mistake, mis-declaration or submission of incorrect information and shall be liable for penalty besides recovery of the amount, if erroneously refunded, along with default surcharge under the relevant provisions of the Act.

9. Post-sanction audit of refund claims.- (1) After disposing of the refund claim, the Assistant Commissioner concerned shall forward, through his Commissioner, the relevant file to the Post-refund Audit Division of the Authority for post-sanction scrutiny and audit.

(2) The officer in-charge of Post-refund Audit Division shall send his findings to the Commissioner concerned for further necessary action, as required under the Act.

10. Action on inadmissible claims.- Where the claim or any part thereof is found inadmissible for any reasons, the competent officer shall issue a notice requiring the claimant to show-cause as to why the claim or part thereof, as the case may be, should not be rejected and as to why the claimant should not be proceeded against under the relevant provisions of the Act.

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The Punjab Sales Tax on Services
(Determination of Minimum Tax Liability) Regulations, 2019

(Punjab Revenue Authority)

No. PRA/Order.06/20l7.Vol(v)/1433 dated October 01, 2019.- In exercise of power conferred under section 24A of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLIII of 2012), The Punjab Revenue Authority is pleased to make the following regulations:

1. Short Title and Commencement.- (1) These regulations may be cited as The Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Determination of Minimum Tax Liability) Regulations 2019.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definition.- (1) In these regulations,

a) "Authority" means The Punjab Revenue Authority established under The Punjab Revenue Authority Act, 2012.

b) "Act" means The Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012).

c) "Due Date" in relation to furnishing of return means the 15th day of the month following the end of the tax period, or such other date as the Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in here, shall have meanings assigned to them under the Act and rules made there under.

3. Application.- (1) If a registered person who fails to file a return, the minimum tax liability of the registered person shall not be less than the highest amount of tax paid by the registered person in any of the previous twelve months.

(2) In case tax paid in the previous twelve months is nil, the minimum tax liability shall be calculated on the basis of monthly average of the sales declared by the registered person return of income filed under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 for the last tax year.

(3) In case minimum tax liability cannot be determined in the manner given above, it shall be determined taking into account three or more of the following factors:

a) Location of business;

b) Type of business (composite or stand-alone);

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c) Nature and market value of services provided;

d) Number of persons employed

e) Capital employed in the business;

f) Amount of utility bills i.e. phones, electricity, gas and water;

g) Estimation on the basis of sales ascertained thorough monitoring of business premises and including electronic monitoring;

h) Business turnover reflected in business bank account

4. Show Cause Notice.- (1) An officer, not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner will issue a show cause notice for the determination of Minimum Tax Liability.

(2) No such show cause shall be issued until expiry of 15 days from the due date prescribed under the Act for furnishing of return.

5. Voluntary Payment.- If the registered person pays the due amount of sales tax for the month alongwith default surcharge and penalty under section 49 and 48 of the Act respectively, within one month of the issuance of show cause notice mentioned above, the notice of minimum tax liability determination will be considered to have been withdrawn.

6. Assessment Order.- (1) If the registered person fails to pay tax due within one month from the date of show cause, the officer of the Authority will finalize the assessment order on the basis of show cause issued by him.

(2) No such order will be issued unless and until expiry of a period of 30 days from the issuance of show cause notice.

7. Recovery.- The amount as assessed under rule 6 will be recovered under section 70 of the Act read with Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Recovery) Rules, 2012 and Punjab Sales Tax on Services (Enforcement) Rules, 2014.

8. Audit.- Determination and / or payment of minimum tax liability for a tax period shall not be the final tax liability and the registered person shall be liable to discharge actual liability which may accrue or determined at a later stage through audit, investigation or inquiry.

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The Punjab Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules, 2020

(Punjab Revenue Authority)

No. PRA/Order.06/202l/36 dated April 28, 2021.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 76 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act 2012 (XLII of 2012), Punjab Revenue Authority, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title, application and commencement.- (1) These rules shall be cited as the Punjab Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules 2020.

(2) These rules shall apply to services of carriage of petroleum oils by road classified under Sr. No. 48 of Second Schedule to the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012.

(3) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In the rules:

(a) "Act" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 (XLII of 2012);

(b) "non-tariff area" means in relation to inter-province service, the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, and other similar territories or areas where sales tax on services of inter-city carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers has not been levied under the reverse charge mechanism;

(c) "petroleum oils" means the petroleum oils classified under heading 27.10 of the Pakistan Customs Tariff, as given in the First Schedule to the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969);

(d) "rules" means the Punjab Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules 2020; and

(e) "withholding rules" means the Punjab Sales Tax on Services (withholding) Rules, 2015.

(2) An expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Act or the withholding rules.

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3. Withholding of tax.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 5 of the withholding rules and in pursuance of the agreement recorded in paragraph 3 of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September, 2017 circulated under the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Islamabad's letter No. DOM-1(24)/2015-III dated 22nd September, 2017 and decision of meeting dated 01-09-2020 as conveyed by the Sindh Revenue Board vide minutes of the meeting dated 02-09-2020 as given in the schedule, a service recipient shall:

(a) where the services originated in any other province and terminated in Punjab, withhold fifty percent of the amount of sales tax and deposit fifty percent of the withheld amount in the Punjab Government's head of account "B 02385" in the manner prescribed under the withholding rules. The remaining fifty percent of the withheld amount shall be deposited to the respective province other than non-tariff areas, from where the services were originated, in the manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the respective province or jurisdiction;

(b) where the services originated and terminated in Punjab, withhold the fifty percent of the amount of sales tax and deposit the withheld amount in the Punjab Government's head of account "B 02385" in the manner prescribed under the withholding rules; and

(c) where the services are provided by a person neither registered under the Act nor in the respective province where the services were originated, shall withhold whole of the amount of sales tax charged or chargeable under the Act and deposit the withheld amount in the Punjab Government's head of account "B 02385" in the manner prescribed under the withholding rules.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule 1 shall not apply where the withholding agent fails to ensure that the service provider has duly filed the sales tax returns for the preceding tax period.

4. Application of other provisions.- In relation to a service, all provisions of the rules and notifications issued under the Act shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the service providers and service recipients covered under the rules, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provision of the rules.

5. Repeal and Saving.- (1) The Punjab Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules 2018 are hereby repealed.

(2) The tax withheld or liable to be withheld or payable under the rules repealed under subsection (1) shall be deemed to have been withheld or liable to be withheld under these rules and shall be paid and dealt with accordingly.

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SRB Circular No. 01 of 2011
Karachi, the August 08, 2011

Subject: Monthly Statement of services provided or rendered by Shipping Agents (Tariff Heading 9805.1000)

The following format of the monthly statement is prescribed for the purposes of sub-rule (6) of rule 32 of Part-III of Chapter-VI of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011:-

"Monthly Statement for Services Rendered by Shipping Agents

Name of Shipping Agent …….

Sales Tax Registration No./NTN ……

Customs Shipping Agent License No. …….

(i) Month to which return relates……..

S. No.	Date of arrival of Ship handled by the agent	Vessel's Name	IGM No. and date	Port of arrival	Amount of SST paid	Treasury challans No. & date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7"

2. All Shipping Agents are advised to file the aforesaid prescribed monthly statement in addition to the prescribed tax return.

No. SRB-3-4/1/ 573/2011
Karachi, dated 5th October, 2011.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 02/2011

Subject: Procedure for Deposit of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Withheld by Such of the Withholding Agents who are Not Registered With SRB as Service Providers.

The six (6) categories of Withholding Agents are specified under sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, issued under notification No. SRB-3-4/1/2011 dated 24-08-2011, read with notification No. SRB-3-4/5/2011 dated 10.09.2011. These Withholding Agents are required to withhold the specified amount/percentage of the Sindh Sales Tax (SST) payable by them and deposit the so-withheld amount under the Government of Sindh's head of account "***B-02382-Sindh Sales Tax on Services***" in the prescribed manner.

2. The Withholding Agents, who are already registered with the SRB as service providers, shall account for the withheld amounts (on their purchases) in the relevant column of Annex-A of their tax return (Form SST-03) which shall be reflected in Row No. 14a thereof.

3. The details of the amounts withheld by the buyers/service-recipients of the SRB-registered persons (on the services provided or rendered by service providers) will similarly be entered in the relevant column of Annex-C and reflected in Row No. 7·of their tax returns (Form SST-03).

4. Such of the Withholding Agents, who are not registered with SRB as service providers, are required to deposit the withheld amounts of sales tax on the prescribed Form annexed to Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011. While SRB is formulating the procedure, guidelines and mechanism for e-deposit of such withholding tax and e-filing of the said Annexed Form, the following procedures and guidelines are prescribed for their deposit of the amounts of Sindh Sales Tax withheld by them during the tax periods from July, 2011, onwards:–

i. The withholding tax will be deposited by such Withholding Agents through CAP-II System already implemented in the SRB-authorized NBP branches for collection of sales tax on services.

ii. Withholding Agent will have to visit any of the SRB-authorized NBP branches for depositing the withheld amount in the head of account "B-02382". The list of these branches is available on SRB website http://www.srb.gos.pk.

iii. Withholding Agent will ask branch cashier/Facilitation Officer for creating tax payment PSID (Challan on Form SST-04) for the amount of sales tax withheld, tax period-wise. The option of creating PSID over NBP cash counter is already available in CAP-II System of these branches. Following particulars shall be entered in that PSID alongwith the tax amount,

a)	SNTN:	9999997-8 (This dummy SNTN shall be used by all such Withholding Agents)
b)	CNIC/Reg. Inc No:	Provide CNIC / Registration / Incorporation No.
c)	Name:	Name of Withholding Agent
d)	Address:	Address of Withholding Agent
e)	Amount	Amount of Sindh Sales Tax withheld by the Withholding Agent during the relevant tax period.

5. After obtaining the print out of this PSID (SST-04), the Withholding Agent shall e-deposit the amount alongwith this PSID at the Counter of the NBP's authorized branch. The branch officer will receive/deposit the tax amount and issue a Computerized Payment Receipt (CPR) to the Withholding Agent as a token of deposit of the withheld tax amount. This will successfully complete the procedure of Withholding Tax Payments in Sindh Revenue Board.

6. All such Withholding Agents, as are not registered as service providers in the Sindh Revenue Board are required to submit their Monthly Withholding Statements, as prescribed in the Annex to the aforesaid Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, alongwith a copy of the CPR and a covering the letter to be addressed to the Member (Operations), Sindh Revenue Board, 9th Floor Shaheen Complex, M.R Kiyani Road, Karachi, by personal delivery or through registered post or through courier service in the manner prescribed under section 75(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011. The Operations Wing of Sindh Revenue Board shall ensure that, on receipt of the said Statement, the details thereof are entered in the SRB computer system and promptly counter-verified with the relevant statements received in Sindh Revenue Board as Annex-A of the tax returns (SST-03) of the concerned service providers.

No.SRB-3-4/10/2011

Karachi, dated October 19, 2011.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 03/2011

Subject: Filing of Sales Tax Returns in Relation to the Taxable Services Exempted Under Section 10 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011.

A question has arisen whether the persons, providing or rendering such services as are listed under the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, but are exempted through a notification issued under section 10 thereof, are also required to e-register themselves under the said 2011-Act and to e-file the prescribed tax returns.

2. SRB has examined the issue in the light of the provisions of the said 2011-Act. The term "taxable services" is defined in section 2(43) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with section 3 thereof and it means the services listed in the Second Schedule to the said Act. Accordingly, the term "taxable services" covers all such taxable services as are listed in the Second Schedule {see section 2(43)}, irrespective of the fact whether it is leviable to the statutory rate of tax or a concessionary rate of tax under section 8(2) or section 10 thereof, or, is exempt from the whole of sales tax by virtue of a notification issued under section 10 thereof.

3. Section 24(2) of the said 2011-Act requires registration of the persons engaged in providing or rendering of services listed in the said Second Schedule; and section 30(1) of the said 2011-Act, read with rules 12 and 13 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, requires every registered person to e-file the prescribed tax return in Form SST-03. Annex-C of the said Form SST-03 has a column for "Rate" and the computer window bar has provision for various rates e.g. 19.5%, 16%, 10%, specific rates, exempt rate, zero-rate, etc. While e-filing his Annex-C to the tax return, the registered person is required to enter all his invoices, including those of his exempt services. As regard sale/provision of such exempt services to un-registered customers/ consumers, all such exempt invoices may be grouped, sale type-wise and HS code wise, and entered in one line in the Annex-C with buyer's NTN as "9999997-8".

4. While the service providers, who provide or render both taxable and exempt services, shall enter all such taxed and exempt supplies in the Annex-C of their Monthly Sales Tax Return (SST-03), such of the other services providers (who exclusively provide or render exempt services only) are required to e-register themselves with SRB and also to e-file their tax return (Form SST-03) on quarterly basis in terms of S.No.1 of the Table to SRB notification No. SRB-3-4/10/2011 dated 18th October, 2011.

5. Accordingly, all service providers engaged in providing or rendering any services as are listed in the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011,(irrespective of the fact that they provide services paying the sale tax or they provide services exempt from sale tax under section 10 of the said 2011-Act) are advised to e-register themselves by e-filing Registration Application on Form SST-01 or e-enrolling themselves with SRB by visiting www.e.srb.gos.pk and then following the step-by-step procedure after entering their NTN. On successful competition of e-registration, e-enrolment, the System will allot a SNTN (Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number), User ID, Password and PIN Code for RB-related purposes. Such service providers shall also e-file their tax returns (SST-03) in the prescribed form by the respective prescribed due dates.

6. Service providers seeking any clarification in this regard may call SRB helpline 111-778-000 or contact on info@srb.gos.pk at their convenience.

No. DC/HQs/SRB/WHT-CN-IV/2011/1676
Karachi, dated November 21, 2011
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 04/2011

Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, Read with SRB Circular No. 2/2011----, Procedure for the Deposit of the Withheld Amounts of Sindh Sales by Persons who are not Registered (with SRB) as a Service Provider in Sindh but are Registered (with FBR) as Manufacturer/ Exporter/ Importer/ Whole seller of Goods or as Service Providers Outside Sindh.

Despite the fact that the procedure prescribed under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, and the SRB Circular No.2/2011 (as also displayed on SRB website www.srb.gos.pk) are un-ambiguously clear, some of the service recipients (who are not registered with SRB as service providers but are registered only with FBR) have raised certain queries which are clarified as hereunder:–

1. Section 7(1) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, read with section 2(14)(d) thereof provide for admissibility of input tax credit/adjustment of the Provincial (including Sindh) sales tax on services against the output tax payable by the FBR-registered person;
2. Effective from 01-07-2011, the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, and the rules made thereunder apply for the levy, collection and deposit of the Sindh Sales tax (including the Sindh Withholding tax).

3. The FBR-framed Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2007, are no longer applicable in respect of the Sindh sales tax on services (since 01-07-2011) because the Sindh Government has not authorized FBR to administer regulate, collect or receive the Sindh sales tax levied under the Sindh Sales Tax of Services Act, 2011. The Sindh sales tax on services have to be withheld, on or after 01-07-2011) in the manner prescribed under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, read with SRB Circular No.2/2011;
4. While the persons not registered with SRB, but registered with FBR, may claim input tax credit against the tax invoices of the SRB-registered service providers by entering it in Annex-A of their FBR-prescribed tax return (STR-7), they shall not show any withheld amount (against such tax invoices of the SRB-registered service providers) in the last column of that Annex-A of the STR-7;
5. Such FBR-registered persons shall deposit the withheld amounts of Sindh sales tax (i) under the Sindh Government head of account "B-02382"; (ii) against a SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST-04); and (iii) in a SRB-authorized branch of the NBP (the list of such branches is available on SRB website www.srb.gos.pk);
6. The withholding agent (service recipient) shall obtain a SRB-related CPR ("S1"-series) from such a SRB-authorized NBP branch and shall submit the prescribed Monthly Sindh Sales Tax Withholding Return, alongwith a copy of the CPR, to the Member (Operations), Sindh Revenue Board, 9th Floor, Shaheen Complex, M.R. Kayani Road, Karachi, in the prescribed manner by the prescribed due date; and
7. The due date for deposit of the withheld amount of Sindh sales tax by such FBR-registered persons shall be the 15th day of the month following the tax period in the tax return (STR-7 read with Annex-A) of which the tax invoice of such SRB-registered person is entered for input tax credit/adjustment, subject to the Proviso to section 7(1) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990.

C.No.1/23-STB/2010(Pt)/177755-R
Karachi, the December 30, 2011

Chief Commissioner (Inland Revenue)
Large Taxpayer Unit (LTU)
Lahore.

Subject: Deposit of Sales Tax withheld on account of services in the Sindh treasury for the tax period July 2011 to October 2011.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.AC(HQ)F.05(ST)/2011/4177, dated 08-12-2011 on the subject cited above and to say that it is the responsibility of the withholding agents, in terms of provisions of sales tax special procedure (withholding) Rules, 2007, to deduct the amount of sales tax mentioned in the

invoices issued by the service provider. The amount so deducted is either to be deposited along with FBR's return or can be adjusted against their output tax. The contention of the Sindh Revenue Board to deposit the amount so withheld with SRB is not correct because in such cases taxpayers will not be able to take input adjustments against their output tax. Moreover, as sales tax on advertising services constitutes a significant proportion as inputs into other supplies, revenue collection of FBR will be adversely affected input adjustments are allowed against payments made in SRB's account.

2. You are accordingly directly to ensure that sales tax on account of services is withheld in terms of provision of sales tax special procedure (withholding) Rules, 2007.

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ORDER
Karachi, dated July 20, 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit registered persons and withholding agents to:–

1) deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period June, 2012, by the 25th day of July, 2012; and
2) file the tax return for the tax period June, 2012, by the 27th July, 2012.

No. PD.SSRB/ADMIN 1-/2012
August 09, 2012

Subsequent to the advertisement published in the daily Newspaper and also on the website of srb.gos.pk dated: 9th July, 2012, for inviting EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE HIRING OF CONSULTANT (I.T.), to support SRB in relation to designing and developing its I.T. strategy.

Accordingly, the following three firms have been pre-qualified by the selection committee constituted through notification: No. SRB-BM-5-3/PROJECT/2011-12 dated: 3rd August, 2012 after presentation made on 7th an 8th of August, 2012.

1. STAC
2. Parallel Communication (Pvt.) Ltd.
3. Deloitte

No.SRB.COM-II/Clubs/1/3033/2012
Karachi, dated February 14, 2012.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 01/2012

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on Services Provided or Rendered by Clubs (Tariff Heading 9801.4000) of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011.

The services provided by clubs is a taxable service under tariff heading 9801.4000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No.XII of 2011) read with section 3 thereof. The said Act has taken effect from 01.07.2011. The procedure for payment of Sindh Sales Tax on Services by Clubs (whether proprietary or association of members covered by doctrine of mutuality) is prescribed under rule 42 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011. The exemption provisions are contained in S.No.1A of the notification No.SRB Leg(1)/2011 dated 01.07.2011, as amended by notification No.SRB-3-4/17/2011 dated 29.12.2011. The said Act, Rules and notifications are available on SRB website <www.srb.gos.pk>.

2. For the benefit of all the Club service providers, the following clarifications are issued:–

   i. The services provided by Clubs whose initiation fee for members, does not exceed Rs. 30,000/- and whose monthly fee/subscription for members also does not exceed Rs. 100/- shall be exempt from the levy of Sindh Sales Tax. However any donation received by the Club, except for charitable purposes on behalf of registered non-Government organization or non Profit organization covered by section 2(36) of Income Tax Ordinance, 2011, shall be added to the amount of initiation fee or monthly fee, as the case may be for determination of the exemption threshold.

   ii. The Clubs whether Proprietary or formed on the basis of association of members and/or doctrine of mutuality may get registered for filing return(s) and payment of tax etc., under the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 and Rules made thereunder.

   iii. The charges received by Clubs from its members as refundable deposits and voluntary contributions for the welfare (eg. eid gifts, bonuses or gratuity) for the Club staff or for payment to registered non-profit organizations, as defined and for the purpose mentioned in section 2(36) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, shall also be exempt from Sindh Sales Tax subject to the condition that the amounts, so received for these purpose, are used, entirely and exclusively, for the purpose for which it is received;

iv. All services, except the ones specifically exempted under a notification issued under the said 2011-Act, are taxable at 16%. The value of taxable services of Clubs shall be the gross amount charged or the consideration received in money including fee relating to award of new membership, monthly membership fee and donations or contributions received from members or applicants for membership and all federal and provincial levies, if any, which the Club received from its members or clients for providing or rendering taxable services. The term "membership" includespermanent membership, temporary membership, associate membership, honorary membership, corporate membership or membership of any affiliated Club using the services of the other Club;

v. The amount of Sindh Sales Tax is required to be e-deposited by the 15th day of the second month following the month in which supplies were made by the club in the Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" against a SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST-04) in one of the SRB-authorized branches of NBP.

vi. The Club shall e-file a Monthly Tax Return (From SST-03) with SRB by the 18th day of the second month following the tax period to which it relates;

vii. The Club, allowing its premises to be used for any purpose by a caterer whether on regular basis or on occasional basis, shall keep a record of such caterers and their catering services as the Sindh Revenue Board may require the Clubs to submit a periodical Statement in this regard in terms of the provisions of section 52(3) of the said 2011-Act. The Clubs are advised , in their own interest, to ensure that such Caterers are duly registered with SRB and hold a SRB-related Sales Tax Registration Number (SNTN) because the catering services are also taxable under tariff heading 9801.5000 of the Second Schedule to the said 2011-Act.

3. Any delays and defaults in compliance of the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, and the rules made thereunder entail penal action under section 43 of the said 2011-Act in addition to the determination of their tax liability and the default surcharge thereon under sections 23, 44 and 47 thereof.

NO.DC /HQs/SRB/WHT-C-II/2012/3498
Karachi, dated March 05, 2012
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 02/2012

Subject: Withholding of the Amounts of Sindh Sales Tax on Services – Responsibility of the withholding agent and the service provider

It is reiterated for the information of all concerned that the sales tax on the services levied under the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with section 3 thereof, is the "Sindh sales tax" and is required to be deposited in the prescribed manner in the Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" against a SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan in (Form SST-04) in one of the SRB-authorized branches of the NBP.

2. For withholding of the Sindh sales tax and payment thereof, the SRB has prescribed the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011 (hereinafter called "the 2011-Wthholding Rules"). It is clarified for the information of all concerned that in terms of Article 270-AA(7) of the Constitution, the provisions of the FBR-prescribed Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2007, are no longer (w.e.f. 01-07-2011) applicable for withholding of Sindh sales tax and deposit thereof.

3. All services providers, registered with SRB, are requested to ensure that:–

(1) the withholding agents (irrespective of their location), withholding or intending to receive Sindh taxable services from them, comply with the provisions of rule 3(1) of the said 2011-Withholding Rules and give them the requisite written notice in this regard. Although no format of such a notice is prescribed, draft specimen of such a notice is attached as Annex-A. Such a written notice must invariably be obtained by the SRB-registered service provider from their withholding agent at least once before commencement of provision of Sindh sales taxable service with the facility of withholding of tax; and

(2) the withholding agent, who withholds any amount of Sindh sales tax issues, to the service provider, the requisite tax deduction certificate in terms of rule 3(9) of the said 2011-Withholding Rules. Although no particular format of such certificate has been prescribed, a draft specimen of such a certificate is attached as Annex-"B". Such a written certificate must invariably be obtained by the service provider from the Withholding Agent in respect of all taxable services provided or rendered with withholding tax facility.

4. The SRB-registered service provider shall keep the aforesaid notice and certificates in his record for inspection and/or verification by the officers of SRB or the SRB audit team.

5. The SRB advises all SRB-registered service providers to ensure that their tax invoices bear Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number (SNTN) and uses the words "**Sindh Sales Tax**" instead of the Words "Sales Tax" or the abbreviations "GST" or "ST", in accordance with the provisions of rule 29(1) of the Sindh Sales tax on Services Rules, 2011, as amended by notification No.SRB-3-4/13/2011 dated 24-11-2011.

ANNEX-A

Ref No…… Dated……..

M/s …….

SNTN ……

Address ……..

NOTICE UNDER RULE 3(1) OF THE SINDH SALES TAX SPECIAL PROCEDURE (WITHHOLDING) RULES, 2011.

Dear Sir,

Kindly note that we are a withholding agent under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, and that we shall withhold and deduct the prescribed amounts of Sindh sales tax against your tax invoices in relation to the services provided or rendered by your to us. We hold NTN/FTN ……

2. we undertake to deposit the so withheld/deducted amounts of Sindh sales tax in the Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" against a SRB-prescribed PSID/ Challan (SST-04) in the manner prescribed under the aforesaid Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, and we shall provide you a certificate of deduction-cum-deposit in terms of rule 3(9) thereof.

Signature ……..
Name ……
CNIC ……
Designation ……..
Date ……
Official seal ……..

ANNEX-B

Certificate No …… Dated……..

CEFRTIFICATE OF DEDUCTION/WITHHOLDING OF THE SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES.

M/s …….. (holding NTN/FTN …….. SNTN……., STRN …….), located at …… do hereby certify that we deducted/withheld the following amounts of Sindh sales tax on the services provided to us by M/s……. (SNTN……..or CNIC ……

(in case of un-registered persons)

Sr. No.	Tax Invoice No.	Tax Invoice Date	Value of taxable services	Amount of tax involved	Amount of tax withheld/ deducted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Tax period of the withholding return in which this tax was paid, by the services recipient	CPR No.("S1"-series) & date in which the deducted/withheld tax amount was included for payment under Sindh Govt's head of account "B-02382"	Remarks, if any
(7)	(8)	(9)

2. This certificate is issued in pursuance of rule 3(9), of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011.

Signature ……..
Name ……
CNIC ……
Designation ……..
Date ……
Official seal ……..

NO.SRB- /STM-3-4/3/3502/2012
Karachi, dated March 06, 2012
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 03/2012

Subject: Issuance of Tax Invoices by Banks and NBFCS in Case of Taxable Services Provided or Rendered to Registered Persons.

It has been pointed by some of the SRB registered persons that, in view of the provisions of rule 30(7) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 (hereinafter called "the Rules"), the banks and NBFCs do not issue tax invoices even to the FBR/SRB registered persons, making them ineligible to claim input tax adjustment/credit.

2. It is clarified for the information of all concerned, specially the Banks, NBFCs and Financial Institutions registered with SRB, that not withstanding the provisions of the said rule 30(7), the Banks/NBFCs/Financial Institutions are not barred from issuing the tax invoice, as prescribed in rule 29(1) of the said Rules read with notification No. SRB-3-4/13/2011 dated 24-11-2011, as and when demanded by any FBR/SRB registered person for the purpose of claiming the due and admissible input tax credit/adjustment.

3. However, Banks/NBFCs/Financial Institutions shall duly enter all such invoices, separately and individually, in Annex-C of their tax return (SST-03) for the relevant tax period.

No.SRB-3-4/MTP/9/Misc/2012
Karachi, dated March 07, 2012
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 04/2012

Subject: Issuance of Tax Invoices by SRB-Registered Service Providers.

Rule 29(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rule, 2011, as amended by notification No.SRB-3-4/13/2011 dated 24-11-2011, requires that all service providers, providing or rendering taxable service, should issue serially-numbered sales tax invoices to its customers/clients/service recipients. The tax invoice should contain the particular as prescribed in section 26 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, and also the following further particulars:–

(i) Name, address and Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number (SNTN) of the service provider;

(ii) Name, address and NTN or SNTN or CNIC number of the service recipient;

(iii) Serial number and date of the tax invoice;

(iv) Description, tariff heading and other details of the service provided;

(v) Value, exclusive of Sindh sales tax;

(vi) Rate of Sindh sales tax;

(vii) Amount of Sindh sales tax; and

(viii) Value, inclusive of Sindh sales tax.

2. All concerned are advised to ensure that they make due compliance of the aforesaid provisions of the law/rules. The tax invoices for all taxable services (which includes the services exempted by a notification issued under section 10 of the said 2011-Act) must, invariably, indicate the aforesaid particulars including the Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number (SNTN) of the service provider. The tax invoices should use the words *"Sindh Sales Tax"* and not the words or abbreviations like "Sales Tax" or "GST or "ST".

No.SRB-3-4/MTP/10/Circulars/2012
Karachi, dated March 08, 2012
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 05/2012

Subject: Delays and Defaults in Payment of Sindh Sales Tax (Including the Withheld Tax).

The due date for payment of Sindh sales tax is specified, in rule 14 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 (hereinafter called "the 2011-Rules") read with notification No.SRB-3-4/13/2011 dated 24-11-2011, as the 15th day of the month following the tax period to which it relates. Exceptions to this general rule are specified in rules 35(2)(a), 36(v), 40-A(3) and the Proviso to rule 42(3) of the 2011-Rules and also in rule 3(6) of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, (hereinafter called "the 2011-Withholding Rules").

2. Any person (whether a service provider or a withholding agent in terms of the aforesaid 2011-Rules and 2011-Withholding Rules) who delays or defaults in payment of the tax involved by the prescribed due date is liable to pay, in addition to the amount of tax due, the default surcharge as prescribed in section 44 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011. Moreover, such persons (whether a service provider or withholding agent) shall also be liable to the penalties prescribed under S. Nos. 3, 12 and 13 of the Table in section 43 of the said Act.

3. All concerned are advised, in their own interest, to be prompt and diligent in payment of the amounts of Sindh sales tax by the due date(s) prescribed in the respective rules, as aforesaid, with a view to avoiding liabilities of default surcharge and penalties.

No. SRB-3-4/MTP/10/Circular/2012
Karachi, dated April 09, 2012

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 06/2012

Subject: Withholding and Deposit of Sindh Sales Tax on the Services on Advertisements (Tariffs Heading 98.02).

Instances have been brought to the notice of Sindh Revenue Board where the advertisers got their materials advertised on TV, Cable TV, CCTV,Radio,Billboards, etc., through their media agents (advertising agents) and the service providers (e.g. TV/ Radio channels) showed the names and NTN of the such advertisers as the withholdings agents (in Annex-C of their tax return in Form SST 03) of Sindh sales tax on advertisement services. However, when contacted, the service recipients (declared by the service providers as "withholding agents") denied to have withheld any such amount of Sindh sales tax and claimed that they have paid the invoice value (alongwith the amount of Sindh sale tax thereon) to their Media/Advertising Agent through whom they had channeled their advertisements. This makes reconciliation and verification, of discharge of the responsibilities and liabilities of the withholding agents, difficult and cumbersome.

2. The term "withholding agent" is defined in rule 2(8) of the Sindh Sale tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, read with rule 1(2) thereof. The responsibility of withholding agent is given in rule 3 of the said Rules. SRB Circular No. 2/2012 dated 05.03.2012 also re-emphasizes some of the responsibilities of the withholding agents.

3. It is once again emphasized that amounts (including the withheld amounts) of Sindh sales tax on services are required to be deposited in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" against SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST 04) in one of the SRB-authorized branches of NBP in the prescribed manner by the due date as prescribed in rule 3(6) of the said Rules, as amended by notification No. SRB-3-4/15/2011 dated 30.11.2011. In case any advertiser desires to get advertisement services through such Media/Advertisement Agents whom the advertiser shall pay the whole of the invoice value including sales tax (as may be issued by the Media/Advertising Agent), it should be ensured that:

a) Such Media/Advertisement Agent, irrespective of his location, is duly registered with SRB. In case the advertisement services are received by advertisers through such Media/Advertising Agents who are not registered with SRB, the advertiser (service recipient) himself shall be the withholding agent and should deduct/withhold the amount of Sindh sales tax for directly depositing the same in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" in the manner prescribed in the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011;

b) The service provider is given the name, NTN and SNTN of such Media/Advertisement Agents with a view to enabling the service provider to issue of tax invoices in the name of such SRB-registered Media/Advertisement Agent to be quoted as "Withholding Agent";

c) The Media/Advertisement Agent duly complies with the responsibilities of the withholding agent, as prescribed in rule 3 of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, including the provisions of sub-rules (1) and (9) of the said rule 3; and

d) Such SRB-registered Media/Advertisement Agent (acting as withholding agent) shall e-deposit the amounts of Sindh Sales tax in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02382" against SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST -04) in one of the SRB-authorized branches of NBP by the due date and in the manner as prescribed in sub-rules (6)(i) and (7) of rule 3 of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011. The Sindh sales tax amounts (including the withheld amounts) paid by the SRB-registered Media/Advertising Agents can be claimed as input tax credit against the output tax paid/payable by him on account of the tax invoices so issued by the SRB-registered Media/Advertising Agent in favor of his client Advertisers.

4. All concerned (including the Advertisers, Advertising Enterprises, Media/ Advertising Agents and Services Providers (like those providing or rendering advertisement services on TV/Cable TV/CCTV/ Radio/Billboard/ Poles/Web/ Internet) are advised to ensure due compliance of guidelines given in this Circular. In case any person has any query to make or any clarification to seek, he may call SRB helpline (021) 111-778-000 or contact SRB at his convenience.

C.No.1/23-STB/2010(Pt)/52102-R
Karachi, dated April 11, 2012

Subject: Input Tax Credit of Sindh Sales Tax Against the Output Tax on Goods in Terms of Section 7(1) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, Read with Section 2(14)(d) Thereof.

I am directed to refer to SRB/s D.O. No. SRB-3-4/MTP/11/2012, dated 30th March, 2012 on the subject cited above and to say that input adjustment is allowed at the time of filing of return in accordance with section 7(1) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990. However, in some instances due to non-availability of SRB data with FBR, the bonafide of input claimed by the taxpayer in lieu of Sindh Sales Tax on Services, were not accepted. Recently, SRB and FBR have mutually agreed to provide access to their respective databases for the purpose of verification of input adjusted by their taxpayers, which will eventually facilitate system based input tax adjustment without recourse to manual verifications thus resolving the issue of input adjustment.

C.No.9(1)/2009-CB-90082
Karachi, dated June 25, 2012

Subject: Sharing of FBR's Customs Data with SRB

I am directed to refer to your letter No.SRB.3-4/MTP/3/2012, dated 16.03.2012, on the subject cited above.

2. After due deliberations, the Board is pleased to authorize Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) to have access to the following customs data:

a. List of licensed customs agents (available with MCC (Appraisement) Karachi).

b. Number of GD's filed by these agents in a given time period.

3. As regards the other data related to shipping agents, stevedores, ship management services, freight forwarding agents, ship chandlers, port/airport operators etc., the SRB may like to contact the relevant agencies directly for the requisite information.

4. This issues with the approval of the Chairman, FBR.

C.No.1/23-STB/2010(Pt)/105231-R
Karachi, dated July27, 2012

Chairman,
Sindh Revenue Board,
Karachi.

Subject: Withdrawal of Board Letter dated 30.12.2011.

I am directed to refer to Board's letter C.No.1/23-STB/2010(Pt)/17775-R, dated 30.12.2011 on the subject cited above and to say that the Federal Board of Revenue is pleased to withdraw its above mentioned letter with immediate effect.

No. SRB-3-4/MTP/10/Circular/2012
Karachi, dated August 17, 2012
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 07/2012

Subject: Extension of the date for E-payment of Sindh Sales Tax and for E-filing of tax return (SST-03) for the tax period July, 2012.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Sindh Sales on Services Act, 2011, the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to extend the date for e-payment of Sindh sales tax and for e-filing of Sales Tax Return (SST-03) up to the 24th August, 2012, and the 27th August, 2012, respectively, for all SRB-registered persons and for all SRB-withholding agents.

SRB-3-4/MTP/23/2012/6792
Karachi, the September 24, 2012
SINDH CIRCULAR NO. 08/2012

Subject: Payment of Sindh Sales Tax in terms of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, and the Rules made thereunder – Clarification in the wake of the provisions of section 4 of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012.

Consequent on the enactment of the Punjab Sales Tax on Services Act, 2012 (PSToS Act, 2012), a number of SRB-registered service providers have raised queries regarding the obligations now imposed on them and have expressed concerned regarding double taxation on the services provided or rendered by them to the services recipients in Punjab.

2. SRB has already taken up this matter with the FBR and the PRA and requested the status quo be maintained until any issues arising pursuant to the enactment of section 4 of the PSToS Act, 2012, are clarified. Accordingly, it is notified for information of all concerned that SRB-registered services providers and withholding agents are required to act and also to continue to act as per the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, and the rules made thereunder in relation to the services provided or rendered by them in Sindh or from Sindh and to continue to e-deposit the Sindh sales tax on origin basis against PSID/Challan in Form SST-04/SSTW-04, as the case may be, and also to e-file their tax returns in Form SST-03/SSTW-03 or as the case may be. If at any stage, pursuant to SRB negotiations with FBR and PRA, it is determined, after due scrutiny and verification by SRB, that any payment deposited by the SRB-registered service providers and withholding agents in Government of Sindh's head to account "B-02384" was actually payable to PRA, such payment shall be appropriately adjusted between SRB and PRA directly.

SRB-3-4/MOPs/IT/2392/2012
Karachi, the November 01, 2012
SOP

CPR CONTAINING INCORRECT TAX-PERIOD AND SYSTEM DISALLOWING ATTACHMENT OF WRONG TAX-PERIOD CPR WITH RETURN

This SOP is issued to provide guidelines for taxpayers of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB), who commit mistake while depositing tax payment with wrong Tax-Period mentioned on their CPR(s), the e-Filing system does not allow attachment wrong CP.Rs with Return and only CPR of same Tax Period can be attached during e-filing of return. The following procedure needs to be adopted for addressing these cases:-

1. The taxpayer will write a request, on a Letter Head along with copy of CPR, to respective Assistant Commissioner (AC), stating the mistake committed of tax period and details of payable sales tax liability of Tax-Period, requestinghim to submit his Return without corresponding tax month CPR attachment. The request should contain an unequivocal and un-ambiguous declaration that:
   (a) this was due to an inadvertent mistake on the part of the taxpayer;
   (b) no loss of revenue will accrue to the exchequer;
   (c) the CPR shall not be used or re-used or re-used by taxpayer against any other tax return or for discharging the dues/ liability of any other tax period/case;
   (d) the taxpayer shall be liable to penalty / prosecution for tax fraud in case any fraudulent or un-authorized use of the CPR is detected by SRB; and
   (e) the taxpayer undertakes to be careful in the future and such mistakes shall not be repeated.
2. The respective Assistant Commissioner (AC) will examine the request and satisfy himself that CPR Tax Paid amount is matching with net Tax liability of Tax Period to which it is claimed to relate and also that the CPR has not been used by the taxpayer in the past.
3. Assistant Commissioner (AC) will either accept the request and issue permission to taxpayer or direct him to deposit correct tax payment of the said tax-period while submitting his return.
4. A written advice will also be issued to the taxpayer informing him of the decision with the direction to avoid committing Tax-Period mistakes in preparation and deposit of SRB Sales Tax payment by enforcing careful measures in future.
5. The Taxpayer request will be filed in his official record for onward inspection and any departmental audit proceeding.

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No. SRB-3-4/MTP/47/ 2012/8751
Karachi, dated January 31, 2013

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 01/2013

Subject: Cross Browser compatibility of taxpayers facilitation portal. "http://e.srb.gos.pk".

Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to introduce cross browser compatibility of taxpayers' facilitation portal http://e.srb.gos.pk for its taxpayers. The portal is now running on popular browsers like Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Androids Browsers for Cell Phones, Tablets and hand-held devices, as well.

2. Taxpayers can get registered, file returns and create tax payment challans (CSIDs) using any of the popular Internet browsers that they have in their PCs, laptops, tablets, hand-held devices and cell phones.

No. SRB-3-4/2/2013/8990
Karachi, dated February 08, 2013.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 02/2013

Subject: Delegation of powers of the Board for implementation of the provisions of section 24, 24A, 24B and 25A of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011

During the Board meeting No. 01 of 2013, held on 7th February, 2013, the Sindh Revenue Board decided that the function and powers of the Board under sections 24, 24A, 24B, 25 and 25A of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, stands delegated to and shall be exercised by the Member (Operations) of SRB and by the respective/adjudicating officer, not below the rank of an Assistant commission-SRB.

Letter
Karachi, dated February 19, 2013

Subject: Amendments notified in the Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2007, through SRO 98(I)/2013, dated 14.02.2013.

Kindly refer to your letter No.SML/13193/MFEASRD-FBR/2013 dated 18.02.2013 addressed, on the above subject, to the Revenue Division, FBR, and copy endorsed to SRB.

2. With the enactment of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 ("the 2011-ACT") and the notification of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011 ("the 2011-Withholding Rules"), the administration, collection, withholding and deposit of the Sindh sales tax (SST) is not governed by the provisions of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 ("the 1990-Act") and the rules made thereunder, including the Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2007 (the 2007-Withholding Rules. The provisions of Article 270-AA(7) of the Constitution are relevant in this regard and the Sindh Government has not issued any authorization under section 14 of the said 2011-Act to FBR to administer, regulate, collect or demand the amounts (including the withheld amounts) of Sindh Sales Tax.

3. As correctly state in paragraph 1(second time 'a') of your letter under reference, the confusion and ambiguity created under FBR's letter No. 1/23-STB/2010(Pt)/177755-R dated 30.12.2011 stand clarified under FBR's withdrawal letter No. 1/23-STB/2012(Pt)/105231-R dated 27.07.2012.

4. As stated in rule 3 of the FBR-prescribed 2007-Withholding Rules, it relates to the tax invoices issued under section 23 of the 1990-Act to the FBR's Withholding Agents. The tax invoices of the SRB-registered service providers are not issued in terms of section 23 of the 1990-Act but are issued under rule 29(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011.

5. Your clients, and all others concerned, may be informed accordingly to ensure that withheld amounts of Sindh sales tax on the services provided or rendered by SRB-registered persons are duly deposited in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" against SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST-04 or Form SSTW-04, as the case may be) in the manner prescribed under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, by the prescribed due date. Payments of Sindh sales tax (including the withheld amounts of Sindh sales tax) in any head of account other than "B02384" and against any PSID/Challan other than SST-04 or SSTW-04 shall be treated as invalid payments and non-payment of Sindh sales tax. Consequently, SRB will take recovery action, in the prescribed manner, in such cases.

6. In case you have any further query to make or any further clarification to seek in this regard, you may call SRB helpline 111-778-000 or visit SRB helpdesk at 9th floor of Shaheen Complex, MR Kayani Road, Karachi, or contact SRB at info@srb.gos.pk at your convenience.

No. SRB-3-4/2/2013/8990
Karachi, dated March 05, 2013.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 03/2013

Subject: Declarations made by SRB-Registered persons in Annex-A and Annex-C of their sales tax returns (SST-03) in relation to transactions with un-registered persons or with persons not holding NTN/SNTN.

During NTN/SNTN "9999991-9" or "9999997-8" can be in Annex-A and/or Annex-C of the tax returns (SST-03) e-filed by SRB-registered persons. While the Dummy NTN/SNTN "9999997-8" is non-editable for the purposes of specifying the name of the supplier or service provider (in Annex-A) or the name of buyer or service recipient (in Annex-C), the second Dummy NTN/SNTN "9999991-9", when used in Annex-A or Annex-C in relation to transactions with un-registered persons or person not holding FTN/NTN/SNTN, is capable of being edited for specifying the name and identity of such un-registered person or such person not having any FTN/NTN/SNTN.

2. It has been observed that registered persons are declaring the non-editable Dummy NTN "9999997-8" in Annex-A or Annex-C of their tax returns (SST-03) in relation to persons who are:

a. declared to be withholding agents under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011; or

b. declared to be the franchisers or franchisees located outside Pakistan; or

c. intending to use the service as an input liable to adjustment (input tax credit) in terms of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, or the Sindh Sales Tax Act, 2011, or under any other relevant enactment or the rules made thereunder; or

d. entitled to any exemption from Sindh sales tax under section 10 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, or under the Diplomatic and Consular Privileges Act, 1972 (Act IX of 1972).

3. The aforesaid situation is neither proper nor correct and creates problems in scrutiny and analysis of the tax returns causing un-necessary correspondence.

4. All SRB-registered persons are advised that in the situations mentioned in paragraph 2 above, they should invariably use the editable dummy NTN "999999-9" and the name and identity of the person (in the relevant columns of Annex-A or Annex-C of their tax return SST-03) should be clearly entered and should not be left un-edited as "Un-registered" or as "Taxpayers without proper NTN".

5. The non-editable Dummy NTN "9999997-8" may be used only in such cases as are not covered by the situation described in paragraph 2 above.

6. It is also pertinent to reiterate that under rule 1(2)(f) of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, only such of the persons can be the withholding agents of the tax on advertisement services, as are "*registered for Federal Sales Tax on Goods or for Sindh Sles Tax on Services"*. The service providers of advertisement service (tariff heading 98.02) may ensure that they do not allow withholding of tax by such persons as are not "withholding agents" under rule 1(2) of the aforesaid 2011-Withholding Rules. The service providers, in such cases, are themselves required to deposit the tax in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" against SRB-prescribed PSID/Challan (Form SST-04) in terms of section 9(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax Act, 1990, in the prescribed manner.

7. All SRB-registered persons are advised to ensure compliance of the instructions contained in this Circular.

No. S.JUDL: 4-1/2012
dated: March 13, 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, High Court of Sindh and with the approval of the competent authority (Chief Minister), the Government of Sindh are pleased to assign the additional charge of the Court of Special Judge established at Karachi, for trying the offences punishable under the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, to the District and Session Judge, Karachi-South, with immediate effect.

No. S.JUDL: 4-1/2012
dated: March 13, 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 and with the approval of the competent authority (Chief Minister), the Government of Sindh are pleased to establish a Court of Special Judge with its Headquarter at Karachi, to try the offences punishable under the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, with immediate effect.

No. SRB/HR/14-2/13
Karachi, dated March 19, 2013.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 04/2013

Subject: Exemption from Sindh Sales Tax on Services availed of by Diplomats, Diplomatic Missions, Consul Generals, Consular Officers and Consular Offices in terms of the provisions of the Diplomatic and Consular Privileges Act, 1972 (Act No. IX of 1972).

The following procedure is laid down in relation to the exemption of Sindh sales tax on services allowed/availed of in terms of the provisions of the Diplomatic and Consular Privileges Act, 1972 (Act No. IX of 1972):-

1) The Diplomatic/Consular office do not have to write to Sindh Revenue Board to claim any sales tax exemptions.

2) The Diplomatic Mission/Consular Office claiming the exemption shall submit the original Sales Tax Exemption Certificate issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in terms of section 4 of the said Act under a covering letter of the Mission/Office to the SRB-registered service provider charging Sindh Sales Tax on Services under Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011(hereinafter called “the 2011-Act”);

3) The said Certificate shall be:

(i) treated as a record prescribed under section 26(1)(c) of the 2011-Act;

(ii) mentioned (by the service provider), quoting the Certificate number and date, on the exemption tax invoice issued by the service provider under rule 29(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011; and

(iii) indelibly and legibly stamped (by the service provider) indicating the tax invoice number and date against which the Certificate was exhausted/used;

4) The service provider shall:-

(i) while e-filing his return for the relevant tax period, use the editable dummy NTN: 9999991-9 in Annex-C thereof for indicating the name and location of the service recipient entitled to exemption under the Act No. IX of 1972;

(ii) be responsible for keeping and maintaining the record of the Exemption Certificate and its related tax invoice;

(iii) be responsible in case of any misuse or fraudulent use or forgery of the Exemption Certificate or the exemption facility;

(iv) comply with the provisions of sub-rules (2) and (3) of rule 22 of the aforesaid 2011-Act-Rules; and

(v) on demand, produce the said documents and record for inspection and audit by the officers or the auditors or the special auditors of the SRB.

2. The instructions contained in this Circular are relatable only for the exemption from the Sindh Sales Tax on services, as are envisaged under the Diplomatic Consular Privileges Act, 1972 (Act No. IX of 1972) and do not apply to the concessions or exemptions available/claimed under any other Act/Rules or Privileges Act/Privileges Rules.

No. SRB-3-4/MTP/41/2013/481
Karachi, the July 19, 2013.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of SRB in collecting Rs.33.653 billion of Sindh sales tax revenues during 2012.13 as against the assigned target of Rs.32 billion, the Chief Minister Sindh has expressed his appreciation by stating that:-

> "I appreciate the efforts made by SRB in collection of sales tax on services. They have done a very good job."

Karachi, dated August 05, 2013.

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 05/2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on the Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to extend the time limit, as prescribed under sub-rule (2) of the rule 42-B of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, for submission of written election or optionby the persons providing or rendering Construction Services (tariff heading 9824.0000) in the Form appended to the said rule, for a period upto 20th August, 2013, subject to following conditions:-

(i) The option/election, so submitted in the prescribed Form, shall be construed to be operative from the 1st day of July, 2013; and

(ii) The persons submitting the option/election in the prescribed Form shall:-

(a) get themselves e-registered/e-enrolled with SRB (if they are not already registered/enrolled) on or before the 20th August, 2013;

(b) e-deposit the liability of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July, 2013, on or before the 23rd August, 2013; and

(c) e-file their tax return (Form SST-03) for the tax period July, 2013, on or before the 27th August, 2013.

No.SRB-3-4/MTP/63/2013/1013

Karachi, dated August 15, 2013

SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 06/2013

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period July, 2013, and for e-filing for tax return (from SST-03 or form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2013.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents within the meaning of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:–

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July, 2013, on or before Friday, the 23rd August, 2013, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2013, on or before Tuesday, the 27th August, 2013, in the prescribed manner.

No.SRB-3-4/MTP/63/2013/3885
Karachi, dated October 11, 2013
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 07/2013

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period September, 2013, and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period September, 2013.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents within the meaning of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:–

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period September, 2013, on or before Tuesday, the 22nd October, 2013, in Sindh Government's head to account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period September, 2013, on or before Friday, the 25th October, 2013, in the prescribed manner.

2. This circular is issued with the approval of competent authority.

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No.SRB-3-4/MTP/63/2013/6332
Karachi, dated 11th November, 2013.
SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES CIRCULAR NO. 08/2013

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax fro the tax period October, 2013 and for e-filing of tax return (From SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period October, 2013.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, inclduign the withholding agents within the meaning of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:–

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period October, 2013, on or before Tuesday, the 19th November, 2013, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

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No.SRB-3-4/MTP/1/2014/7990
Karachi, the 5th December, 2013
SINDH REVENUE BOARD CIRCULAR

Subject: Budget proposals 2014-2015 – proposals in relation to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), and the rules and notifications issued thereudner.

The Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) proposes to formulate budgetary measures (for the Sindh Budget 2014-15) in relation to taxation and procedural provisions of Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 ("the 2011-Act"), the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 ("the 2011-Rules"), the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedures (Withholding) Rules, 2011 ("The 2011-Withholding Rules") and the notification issued under the said 2011-Act.

2. It has been a policy of SRB to consult all stakeholders, taxpayers, Chambers, Associations and Groups before finalizing the budget proposals. With this end in view, SRB requests all persons (including the Taxpayers, Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Trade Associations, Tax Bars, institutes of Chartered Accountants and Cost & Management Accountants, etc.) to send their written proposals in the following format URGENTLY so as to reach the undersigned, through e-mail (followed by sending its hard copy by post/courier), latest by 31st December, 2013:–

Sr. No.	Name of the Act/Rules/ Notification proposed to be amended also new provisions (i.e. new sections, rules, notifications) proposed to be made	Section No., Schedule No., Tariff Heading No., Rule No., Para No., Involved	Existing Provisions	Proposed Provisions	Reasons and rationale of the proposal	Revenue and rationale of the proposal	Remarks (if any)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

No.SRB-3-4/MTP/47/2012/10202
Karachi, the 30th December, 2013
SINDH REVENUE BOARD CIRCULAR NO. 10/2013

Subject: Direct debit e-payment facility for SRB taxpayers – implementation on e-SRB system.

An IT system for on-line sales tax deposit and transfer of funds has been developed and implemented, in association with National Bank of Pakistan, on e-SRB Portal system. This facility is available for such of the SRB taxpayers who have their bank accounts in any of the non-line branches of NBP in Pakistan which shall transfer the funds (amounts and/or withheld amounts of Sindh sales tax) directly in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384". Such of the taxpayers, using the facility, shall also receive, directly, the electronically generated CPRs from NBP.

2. The SRB taxpayers, desirous of availing of the Direct Debit e-Payment Facility are advised to visit the details and procedure of the facility on SRB website www.srb.gos.pk under its "User Guide" panel.

3. In case any taxpayer has any problem in understanding this Direct Debit Facility and/or in case he has any query to make or any clarification to seek, he may call SRB helpline (021) 111-778-000 or visit SRB helpdesk at the 9th Floor of Shaheen Complex, M.R. Kayani Road, Karachi, or contact SRB at info@srb.gos.pk or at e-support@srb.gos.pk at his convenience.

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2014

Karachi, Dated January 27, 2014

To, M/s. OCS Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited, (SNTN-S 0860540-8)
Worldwide House C-17, Main Korangi Road, DHA Phase-II, Karachi.

NOTICE FOR SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF M/s. OCS PAKISTAN (PVT.) LIMITED (SNTN-0860540-8)

Whereas, section 25(1)(a)(ii) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 provides that registration of a registered person can be suspended where registered person "has failed to comply with its obligations under this Act." Rule 10 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 also provides that where a registered person commits any act of fraud or deliberate and intentional non-payment, short payment or evasion of tax, the Board or an officer of SRB authorized by the Board in this behalf may, without prejudice to any other action under the law for the time being in force, suspend the registration of such person.

2. Whereas, scrutiny of your tax profile reveals that you have failed:

* to make the payment of Sindh sales tax on services as required under section 9 and 17 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with rule 14 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, pertaining to the tax periods June, 2013, September, 2013, October, 2013, November, 2013 and December, 2013;
* to e-file the Sindh sales tax return (Form SST-03) as required under section 30 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Act-2011) read with rule 12 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 (Rules02011), in the time limitation and the manner as prescribed under rule 13 of the Rules-2011, for the tax periods from February, 2013 to December, 2013;
* to e-deposit the amount of Sindh sales tax of Rs. 7,729,952/- claimed and adjusted by the SRB-registered persons during the tax periods February, 2013 to December, 2013 and FBR registered persons amounting to Rs. 1,088,371/- during the tax periods July, 2013 to December, 2013.
* to comply with the provisions of Rule 16 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, whereby you were required to file the scanned attachment of the purchase invoices for the tax periods from July, 2011 to January, 2013 as communicated vide this office letter dated 26-11-2013). (copy enclosed).

3. This office has, several times, informed you in writing, through meeting and telephonic discussions, about the aforesaid offices committed by you but, neither you deposited the amounts of Sindh sales tax due nor e-filed the monthly Sindh sales tax returns as required. This is the serious violation of the above referred statutory provisions of the Act-2011 and the Rules made thereunder.

4. Now, this notice is being issued to you under section 25 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 read with Circular No. 02 of 2013 and Rule 10 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 to the effect that your registration is hereby suspended with immediate effect. However, your suspension shall be revoked if you take following remedial actions by 11-02-2014:

* to discharge all your sales tax liability for aforementioned tax periods and deposit the same in the Government of Sindh head of account B-02384.
* to e-file the true and correct monthly Sindh sales tax returns (Form SST-03) for the tax periods from February, 2013 to December, 2013.
* to file the scanned attachment of the purchase invoices for the tax periods from July, 2011 to January, 2013 in order to find out the genuineness of your input tax claimed.

5. In case of non-satisfactory response or failure to take remedial measures as suggested above on or before 11-02-2014, your case shall be further proceeded for cancellation of your registration with SRB.

6. This notice and suspension of registration are without prejudice to the penal action, prosecution action and recovery action as may be taken against M/s. OCS Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited in accordance with the provisions of the Act or the Rules.

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2015

SRB-3-4/MCC/224/2015/74739
Karachi, the April 13, 2015

Circular

Subject: Updation of tax payer's registration particulars

Having observed a substantial number of incomplete profiles of taxpayers registered with Sindh Revenue Board (SRB), the SRB has updating of available records. It may be noted that any change in particulars of registration is request to be intimated to the SRB under rule 7 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011. All registered persons are, to therefore, required to update the particulars in their SRB registration profiles as profile as provided at the time of e-enrollment/e-registration with the SRB under rule 5 of the aforesaid Rules, read with form SST-01. The updating should, inter-alia, incorporate the changes (if any), including any changes in the details relating to the particulars of principal officer, authorized representative, business address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, mobile numbers, e-mail IDs, principal service, other activity, business branches, bank accounts (including the bank account added to the existing accounts), etc.

2. The updating of the existing profiles should be completed by the registered persons by Tuesday, April 21, 2015, failing which necessary penal action under section 43 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, shall be initiated against non-compliant taxpayers.

3. All registration persons are, accordingly, advised to please visit SRB web-portal to update their registration profiles, or call SRB online taxpayers facilitation centre at UAN: 111-778-000, or visit Mr. Javed Akhtar (Manager, Call Centre, SRB) at 6th Floor, Shaheen Complex, M. R. Kiyani Road, Karachi for any assistance in this regard. Taxpayers falling within the jurisdiction of SRB regional office at Sukkur/Hyderabad, are advised to visit the relevant regional office for the assistance that may require in this regard.

No. SRB-3-4/TP/01/2015/86554
Karachi, the 13th June, 2015
SINDH BUDGET (2015-16)

Subject: Salient Features of the Budgetary Measures in relation to Sindh Sales Tax on Services, for 2015-16.

I. RELIEF MEASURES:

Sindh sales tax on various services are proposed to be reduced (w.e.f. 01.07.2015) as hereunder:-

S. No.	Description	Tax rate upto 30.06.2015	Tax rate from 01.07.2015	Instrument which may be referred to
1.	Telecommunication services.	19.5%	18%	Notification to be issued under section 8(2).
2.	Services liable to tax at 15%	15%	14%	Sindh Finance Bill, 2015
3.	Services provided by programme producers and production houses	10%	6%	Notification to be issued under section 8(2).

II. RATIONALIZATION MEASURES:

2. With a view to reducing the tax gaps between various rates, it is proposed to increase the lowest tax rate (from 5% to 6%) w.e.f. 01.07.2015, on the services which are hitherto liable to the reduced rate of 5% under notifications No. SRB-3-4/8/2013 dated 01.07.2013 read with No. SRB-3-4/10/2014 dated 01.07.2014. A notification, under section 8(2) of the Act will be issued to give effect to this measure (effective from 01.07.2015).

3. With a view to equating the tax base of Sindh sales tax on services with that in the other Provinces of Pakistan, it is proposed to bring the following services in SST net w.e.f. 01.07.2015:-

S. No.	Description	Tariff heading	Statutory rate	Effective rate
1.	Travel agents	9805.5000	14%	10%
2.	Credit rating agency	9818.2000	14%	14%
3.	Underwriters	9819.1100	14%	14%
4.	Indenters	9819.1200	14%	14%
5.	Commission agents	9819.1300	14%	14%
6.	Auctioneers	9819.9100	14%	10%
7.	Dredging or desilting services	9822.4000	14%	10%
8.	Intellectual property services	9838.0000	14%	10%
9.	Erection, commission and installation services	9839.0000	14%	14%
10.	Technical Inspection and Certification services	9840.0000	14%	14%

N.B: *This measure is included in the Sindh Finance Bill, 2015, and the reduced rate notified under section 8(2) of the Act, effective from 01.07.2015.*

4. With a view of equating the tax base of Sindh with that in ICT (Islamabad Capital Territory), the following services are proposed to brought under the SST net w.e.f. 01.07.2015:-

S. No.	Description	Tariff heading	Statutory rate	Effective rate
1.	Services provided or rendered by laboratories (other than the services relating to pathological, or radiological or diagnostic tests of patients)	9817.9000	14%	14%
2.	Packers and movers	9819.1400	14%	14%
3.	Services of Shares, securities and Derivatives (registration/transfer and custodianship) [through amendment in the definition under section 2(79A)]	9805.9000	14%	14%
4.	Valuation services, including competency and eligibility testing services	9841.0000	14%	14%

***N.B**: This measure is included on the Sindh Finance Bill, 2015 (to take effect from 01.07.2015).*

III. REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS:

5. The exemption of SST on utility bills collection by banks, financial institutions, NBFCs and NADRA Technologies Ltd (NTL) are proposed to be withdrawn effective from 01.07.2015. A notification under section 10(2) of the Act will be issued to amend the provisions of notification No. SRB-3-4/7/2013 dated 18.06.2013 to give effect to this measure (effective from 01.07.2015).

6. The conditions for exemption of SST on laundries and dry cleaners (tariff heading 9811.0000) are proposed to be reviewed to also exclude (from purview of exemption) such laundries and dry cleaners whose turnover exceeds Rs. 3.6 million in financial year or whose total utility bills (electricity, gas and telephone) exceeds Rs. 40,000/= in any month during a financial year. A notification, under section 10(2) of the Act, shall be issued to give effect to this measure (effective from 01.07.2015).

IV. NEW LEVIES:

7. With a view to expanding the tax base and also to augment the revenues, it is proposed to levy SST on the following new services w.e.f. 01.07.2015:-

S. No.	Description	Tariff heading	Statutory	Effective rate
1.	Renting of immovable property services	9806.3000	14%	6%
2.	Ready mix concrete services	9837.0000	14%	14% with input tax credit facility OR (optional) 6% without input tax credit facility

***N.B:** Necessary legislation is proposed in the Sindh Finance Bill, 2015. Notification for the optional reduced rate of 6% (without input tax credit) will be issued under section 8(2) of the Act, read with the Rules in this regard.*

V. LEGISLATIVE MEASURES:

8. Sindh Finance Bill, 2015, *inter-alia,* proposes certain legislative measures which, amend certain provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, to give effect to the aforesaid proposed measures and also to incorporate certain definitions, tariff headings, tariff descriptions and penal and procedural matters. The proposed legislative measures take effect from the date Sind Finance Bill, 2015, is passed by the Sindh Assembly, and becomes an Act.

VI. DISCLAIMER:

9. This document is illustrative in nature and is not exhaustive. For details, kindly refer to the Sindh Finance Bill, 2015, and the Amending Notifications and the Amending Rules issued in relation to Sindh Sales Tax on Services.

SRB-3-4/TP/38/2015/90695
Karachi, the July 24, 2015

Circular No. 01/2015

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on Services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road or through conduit or pipeline (tariff heading 9836.0000)

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh Sales Tax on Services provided or rendered by persons engaged in the inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road (classifiable under tariff heading 9836.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) until further orders or until 31st December, 2015, whichever is earlier.

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No. SRB-3-4/TP/38/2015/131932
Circular No. 1/2016
Karachi, the February 04, 2016

Subject: Sindh sales tax on services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road or through conduit or pipeline (Tariff Heading 9836.0000).

Reference:SRB Circular No. 1/2015 dated 24th July, 2015.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9830.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered by persons engaged in transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers and of other goods by non-corporate transporters of goods operating through "*truck addas*" in Sindh for a period until the 29th February, 2016, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

No. SRB-3-4/TP/38/2015/142288
Circular No. 2/2016
Karachi, the March 17, 2016

Subject: Sindh sales tax on services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road or through conduit or pipeline (Tariff Heading 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circular No. 1/2016 dated 04thFebruary, 2016.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9830.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered by persons engaged in transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers and of other goods by non-corporate transporters of goods operating through "*truck addas*" in Sindh for a period until the 31st March, 2016, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

No. SRB-3-4/TP/38/2015/
Circular No. 3/2016
Karachi, the June23, 2016

Subject: Sindh sales tax on services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road or through conduit or pipeline (Tariff Heading 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 1/2016 dated 04thFebruary, 2016 and No. 02/2016 dated March 17,2016.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9830.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered in relation to transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers for a further period until the 30th June, 2016.

COM-III/AC-14/Form-I/2016-17/173625
Circular No. 04/2016
Karachi, the August 03, 2016

Subject: Sindh sales tax on the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road – Extention in the due date for filing of option under the provisions of the Proviso to sub-rule (4A) of Rule 42G of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to extend the time limit for filing of option (in the prescribed Form "I") to pay the statutory rate of Sindh sales tax at 14% for the year 2015-16 and at 13% for the year 2016-17 in accordance with the provisions of the Proviso to sub-rule (4A) of rule 42G of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, for a period upto the 16th September, 2016, instead of the 21st July, 2015 (for the financial year 2015-16) and the 21st July, 2016 (for the financial year 2016-17), prescribed as per the said rule 42G(4A).

No. SRB-3-4/TP/63/2013
Circular No. 5/2016
Karachi, the September 15, 2016

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period August, 2016, and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period August, 2016.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents within the meaning of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period August 2016, on or before Tuesday, the 20th September, 2016, in the Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period August, 2016, on or before Friday, the 23rd September, 2016, in the prescribed manner.

No. SRB-3-4/TP/38/2015/
Circular No. 6/2016
Karachi, the October 28, 2016

Subject: Sindh sales tax on services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road or through conduit or pipeline (Tariff Heading 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 1/2016 dated 04th February, 2016 and No. 02/2016 dated March 17,2016 and Circular No.3/2016 dated 23rd June, 2016.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9830.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered in relation to inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers, for a further period until the 31st December, 2016.

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COM-III/AC-14/Form-I/2016-17/199799
Circular No. 1/2017
Karachi, the January 10, 2017

Subject: Sindh sales tax on services of inter-city transportation or carriage of goods by road -------- extension in the due date for filing of option under the provisions of the proviso to sub-rule (4A) of rule 42G of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011.

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 4/2016 dated 03rd August, 2016.

In Sindh Revenue Board's Circular No. 04/2016 dated the 3rd August, 2016, for the figure and word "16th September, 2016", the figures and word "30th January, 2017" shall be substituted.

2. This Circular is issued with the approval of the Chairman SRB.

SRB/DC-A(SWPF)/48/2017/217115
Circular No. 2/2017
Karachi, the March 31, 2017

Sub: Extension in the last date for payment of Sindh Workers' Participation Fund (SWPF) for the accounting year ended 30th June, 2016.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 3(1)(b) of the Sindh Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) Act, 2015 (Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2016), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to extend the date of payment of contribution of Sindh Workers' Participation Fund relating to accounting year ended 30th June, 2016, for a period up to the 15th April, 2017.

SRB/TP/50/2016/218031
Circular No. 3/2017
Karachi, the April 06, 2017

Subject: SINDH SALES TAX ON THE SERVICES OF INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION OR CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD OR THROUGH PIPELINE OR CONDUIT (TARIFF HEADING 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 1/2016 dated 4th February, 2016, No. 2/2016 dated 17th March, 2016, No. 3/2016 dated 23rd June, 2016, and No. 6/2016 dated 28th October, 2016.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9836.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered in relation to inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers for further period upto the 30th June, 2017.

Circular No. 4/2017
Karachi, the May 30, 2017

Subject: COLLECTION OF SINDH SALES TAX BY NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN'S BRANCHES ON THE 30TH & 31ST MAY, 2017.

In terms of the State Bank of Pakistan (Finance Department), Karachi's letter No.FD.GOVT/3319/103-2017 dated May 26, 2017, addressed to Mr. Shaukat Mehmood, EVP (Operation Group), NBP Head Office, Karachi, all authorized branches of NBP will remain open on 30th & 31st May, 2017, till 04:00 pm and 05:00 pm, respectively, for collection of duties and taxes.

2. All taxpayers are hereby informed, accordingly, to avail of the extended banking hours for deposit of amounts of Sindh sales tax, default surcharge and penalty on the 30th & 31st May,2017.

Encl: (1) — as above

C.No.(28)GST/CRO/2012-PT-V/88281-R
Islamabad, the July 17, 2017

To,
The General Secretary
Karachi Custom Agents Association
2nd Floor, Burhani Terrace, Bohri Road Opp. Custom House,
Karachi

Subject: DE-REGISTRATION OF CUSTOMS AGENTSUNDER SUB-SECTION1 OF SECTION 21 OF SALES TAX ACT, 1990 READ WITH SINDHSALES TAX ORDINANCE 2000 AND SECTION 83 OF SINDHSALES TAX ACT, 2011.

I am directed to refer to the subject and to say that a sufficient time hasalready been given for de-registration of Custom Agents To expedite the de-registrationprocess a deadline for submission of applications for de-registration has been set as15.08.2018 by the Board, therefore application received after due date will not beentertained and remaining custom agents will be recognized as "registered taxpayer with FBR".

SRB/TP/50/2017/250552
Circular No. 5/2017
Karachi, the September 06, 2017

Subject: SINDH SALES TAX ON THE SERVICES OF INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION OR CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD OR THROUGH PIPELINE OR CONDUIT (TARIFF HEADING 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 1/2016 dated 4th February, 2016, No. 2/2016 dated 17th March, 2016, No. 3/2016 dated 23rd June, 2016, No. 6/2016 dated 28th October, 2016 and No. 03/2017 dated 6th April, 2017.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariff heading 9836.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered in relation to the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers for further period upto the 30th September, 2017.

SRB-3-4/TP/35/2013/256590
Circular No. 6/2017
Karachi, the October 20, 2017

Subject: TREATMENT OF "OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF TAXABLE SERVICES IN CASES WHERE A SERVICE IS LIABLE TO TAX ON THE BASIS OF GROSS AMOUNT CHARGEDIRECEIVED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER.

A question has arisen whether the "Out of Pocket Expenses" received or charged by a service provider is included in the value of taxable services in cases where such a service is assessable on gross value basis.

2. The issue has been examined and it is clarified that in terms of section 2(99) read with section 5 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (hereinafter called "the 2011-Act"), the value of a taxable service is the consideration in money including all Federal and Provincial duties and taxes, if any, which the person providing a service receives from the recipient of the service but excluding the amount of sales tax payable under the 2011-Act. Accordingly, the 2011-Act does not envisage exclusion of any amount from the value of a taxable service exceptfor the amount of Sindh sales tax charged or collected by the service provider.

3. It is hereby clarified for the information of all concerned that out of pocket expensescharged or collected by a service provider in relation to provision of service chargeable to tax onthe basis of gross amount of consideration shall not be excluded from the value of taxableservice. However, in case such out of pocket expenses are utilized by the service provider foracquiring any taxable input being an ingredient of the service liable to tax under the 2011-Act, such service

provider may claim the admissible amount of input tax credit/adjustment from the output tax payable by him, in accordance with the provisions of the 2011-Act and the rules/notifications issued thereunder.

SRB/TP/50/2017/258616
Circular No. 7/2017
Karachi, the November 01, 2017

Subject: SINDH SALES TAX ON THE SERVICES OF INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION OR CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD OR THROUGH PIPELINE OR CONDUIT (TARIFF HEADING 9836.0000).

Reference: SRB Circulars No. 1/2016 dated 4th February, 2016, No. 2/2016 dated 17th March, 2016, No. 3/2016 dated 23rd June, 2016, No. 6/2016 dated 28th October, 2016, No. 03/2017 dated 6th April, 2017 and 05/2017 dated 20th September, 2017.

The Government of Sindh has decided to continue to hold in abeyance the levy and collection of Sindh sales tax on such of the taxable services (of tariffheading 9836.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011) as are provided or rendered in relation to the services of inter-city transportation or carriage of petroleum oils by road through oil tankers for further period upto the 31st December, 2017.

2018

Circular No. 1/2018
Karachi, the February22, 2018

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICER OF THE SRB TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER OF SINDH REVENUE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SINDH TRANSPARENCY AND RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2016 (SINDH ACT NO. XV OF 2017).

In compliance with the provisions of section 7 of the Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act, 2016 (Sindh Act No. XV of 2017), the officer of the SRB, mentioned below, is hereby designated and notified to be the "Designated Official" of the Sindh Revenue Board:-

The Deputy Commissioner (Headquarters),
Sindh Revenue Board,
6th Floor, Shaheen Complex,
M.R. Kiyani Road, Karachi
Tele: 9921-7800 Ext: 145
E-mail: dc.hqs@srb.gos.pk

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority i.e., the Chairman, Sindh Revenue Board.

COM-III/DC-14/OTCA/Part-II/2018/1456
Circular No. 2/2018
Karachi, the March 06, 2018

Subject: **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN OPTION/ELECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER RULE 3 OF THE SINDH SALES TAX SPECIAL PROCEDURE (TRANSPORTATION OR CARRIAGE OF PETROLEUM OILS THROUGH OIL TANKERS) RULES, 2018.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Board is pleased to extend the time limit for submission of the written option/election, in the FORM prescribed under the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Transportation or Carriage of Petroleum Oils through Oil Tankers) Rules, 2018, for a period up to the 31st March, 2018 (instead of the period of 14 days from the date of the Notification No. SRB-3-4/1/2018 dated 2nd February, 2018, as prescribed in rule 3 of the said Rules), subject to the condition that the tax liability under the said notification shall remain effective from the 1st January, 2018, irrespective of the date of submission of such option/election within the aforesaid extended period.

No. SRBIWPF/OPERATIONS/2018
Circular No. 3/2018
Karachi, the April 05, 2018

EXTENSION IN THE LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF SINDH WORKERS' PARTICIPATION FUND (SWPF) FOR THE ACCOUNTING YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2017.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 3(1)(b) of the Sindh Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) Act, 2015 (Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2016), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to extend the date of payment ofcontribution of Sindh Workers Participation Fund (SWPF) relating to accountingyear ended 30th June, 2017, for a period up to the 16th April, 2018.

No. SO(C-IV) SGA&CD/4-61/10
Karachi, the June 11, 2018

In pursuance of clause (f) of sub-section (3) of section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance (Ordinance XLIX of 2001), the Government of Sindh are pleased to nominate the following officers of various departments of Government of Sindh to request for disclosure the information and to obtain from the Federal Board of Revenue or its officers, the particulars, contained in any statements made, returns furnished or accounts or documents produced by any person under the said Ordinance or in any record of any assessment proceedings or any proceeding in relation to the recovery of a demand under the provisions of the said Ordinance:-

1	Officer of the Board of Revenue, not below the rank of Member;
2	Officer of the Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department, not below the rank of an Additional Secretary or Director General; and
3	Officer of the Sindh Revenue Board not below the rank of Commissioner, SRB.

2019

Circular No. 1/2019
Karachi, the April 25, 2019

Subject: EXTENSION IN THE LAST DATE FOR E-DEPOST OF SINDH SALES TAX FOR THE TAX PERIOD MARCH, 2019, AND FOR E-FILING OF TAX RETURN (FORM SST-03) AND ALSO FOR E-FILING OF THE PRESCRIBED STATEMENT FOR THE TAX PERIOD MARCH, 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons providing or rendering telecommunication services (tariff heading 98.12 and the sub-heads thereof) to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period March 2019, on or before Tuesday, the 30th April, 2019, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03) and also their Monthly Statements (in the Form under sub-rule (4) of rule 35 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011), on or before Friday, the 03rd May, 2019 in the prescribed manner.

C.No.3(1)ST&FE/Misc/2014/68877-R
dated May 20, 2019

Subject: Refund against Provincial Sales Tax Invoices

I am directed to refer to the subject and to say that during the processing of refund claims of the registered persons, reportedly filed formations do not entertain the input tax / refund claims of the invoices issued by the registered persons relating to provincial tax authorities. The provincial sales tax levied under various provincial statues is included in definition of 'input tax' as provided in section 2(14) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 read with SRO 814(I)/2016 dated 02.09.2016. However, due to non-availability of automated verification, refund claim against such invoices get deferred in the system.

2. It is requested to process and sanction refund against such invoices as per SOP issued vide Board's letter No. 1(6)/SS(L-A&R)/2019/43043-R dated 28.03.2019 (copy enclosed). A confirmation to this effect may be sent to the Board by 24.05.2019.

Encl:

"No.1(6)/SS(L-A&R)/2019/43043-R
Islamabad, the 28th March, 2019

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for over ruling STARR objection "Taxable Supply Against Refund Filed Not Verified Supply Chain" - Difficulties in implementation of FTO Complaint No.499/KHI/ST(270)/825/2017/IMP in respect of M/s Tanvir Packages PvtLtd.

I am directed to refer to your office letter No.01(118)/CRTO/FTO/499/KHI/ST/270/825/2017/7705 dated 14/2/2019 regarding standard operating procedure for over-ruling STARR objection "Taxable Supply against refund filed not verified supply chain".

2. The STARR objection that "Taxable supply against refund claim not verified in supply chain" needs to be handled as per section 8(1)(caa) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990. However, in case input invoice being claimed relates to provincial sales tax on supply of 'services' the same may be processed after necessary verification such as invoice (in original), proof of payment including section 73 ibid and undertaking by claimant that said invoice has not been claimed previously. This matter was previously clarified vide this office letter No.105(57)/Sec-IR(A&R)/2017/67014-R dated 24/5/2018 (copy enclosed) regarding FTO complaint no.561/KHI/ST(287)987/2017 filed by M/s Digital Apparels Pvt Ltd.

Encl(As Above)"

Circular No. 2/2019
Karachi, the June03, 2019

Subject: EXTENSION IN THE LAST DATE FOR E-DEPOST OF SINDH SALES TAX FOR E-FILING OF THE RETURNS(FORM SST-03 OR SSTW-03, AS THE CASE MAY BE) FOR THE TAX PERIOD MAY, 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons,including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period May 2019, on or before Tuesday, the 18th June, 2019, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period May, 2019, on or before Friday, the 21st June, 2019, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 3/2019
Karachi, the August02, 2019

Subject: EXTENSION IN THE LAST DATE FOR E-DEPOST OF SINDH SALES TAX FOR E-FILING OF THE RETURNS (FORM SST-03 OR SSTW-03, AS THE CASE MAY BE) FOR THE TAX PERIOD JULY, 2019

1-04-15-09-19

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh

Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July 2019, on or before Monday, the 19th August, 2019, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2019, on or before Thursday, the 22nd August, 2019, in the prescribed manner.

No. SRB/TP/38/2019/425942
Karachi, the August 19, 2019

M/s. Deloitte Yousuf Adil,
Chartered Accountants,
Cavish Court, A-35, Block 7 & 8,
KCHSU,
Karachi-75350
Tele: 3454-6494

Clarification Regarding Applicability of Sindh Sales Tax on Education Related Activity Under Tariff Heading 9848.0000 (Training Services)

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. Legal/360/08/19 dated August 01, 2019, on the above subject and to say that the general education services like pre-primary, primary, elementary, secondary (matric), higher secondary (intermediate), General Certificate of Secondary Education, International General Certificate of Secondary Education, college or university education (leading to degrees like BA, BSc, B.S, BCS, B.Com, BBA, D.E, B.Ed, B.Tech, LL.B, MBBS, M.A. MSc, MS, MCS, M.Com, MBA, MPA, M.Ed, LLM, M.Phil, MCPS, FCPS, Ph.D), special education for handicapped children and education under the adult literacy programme are not taxable as "training services" of tariff heading 9848.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011.

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Circular No. 4/2019
Karachi, the August 20, 2019

Subject: PARTICULARS TO BE MENTIONED ON SINDH SALES TAXINVOICES---------- REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE 29(1) OF THESINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES RULES, 2011.

Sindh Revenue Board has received several enquiries from the taxpayers, registered with Sindh Revenue Board as service providers in terms of the provisions of sections 24, 24A and 24B of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, about the requirement to mention Sales Tax Registration Number (STRN) on the sales tax invoices issued by the service providers to their customers/clients/service recipients.

2. The levy, payment and collection of Sindh sales tax on services in Sindh Province is governed by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No XII of 2011) and the rules and notification issued thereunder. Under rule 29(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, all SRB-registered taxpayers/service providers are required to issue serially-numbered sales tax invoices to its customers/clients/service recipientscontaining the following particulars:-

(i) Name, address and SNTN (Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number) of theservice provider;

(ii) Name, address and NTN or SNTN or CNIC number of the service recipient;

(iii) Serial number and date of issue of the tax invoice;

(iv) Description, tariff heading and other details of the service provided;

(v) Value exclusive of Sindh sales tax;

(vi) Rate of Sindh sales tax;

(vii) Amount of Sindh sales tax; and

(viii) Value inclusive of Sindh sales tax

3. For the purposes of registration under the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, Sindh Revenue Board issues a SNTN (by prefixing alphabet “S” to the NTN of the person/business enterprise) which is the unique identification of every SRB-registered taxpayer/service provider. Neither the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 nor the rules made thereunder recognize any sales tax registration other than SNTN. No other registration number is issued/generated by the Sindh Revenue Board either. In compliance with the requirement of the aforesaid rule 29(1), all sales tax invoices issued in relation to the provision of taxable services have to mention the “SNTN”, as issued by the Sindh Revenue Board.

4. For verification of any registration of the SRB registered taxpayers/service providers, any person may visit SRB official website https://e.srb.gos.pk/Registration/onlinesearchTaxpayer.aspx.Confirmation/ verification of the registration number of any service provider in Sindh can also be had by contacting SRB at <info@srb.gos.pk>.

1-04-15-09-19

Circular No. 5/2019
Karachi, the September16, 2019

Subject: Extension on the last date for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period August, 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011) and with a view to facilitating the registered persons in adopting the newly-introduced STRIVe system in SRB, the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period August, 2019, on or before Friday, the 27th September, 2019, in the prescribed manner.

2. The prescribed due date for e-deposit of the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period August, 2019, shall remain unchanged.

Circular No. 6/2019
Karachi, the December 19, 2019

Subject: Extension on the last date for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period November, 2019.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011) and with a view to facilitating registered persons in adopting the newly-introduced STRIVe system in SRB, the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as. the case may be) for the tax period November, 2019, on or before Saturday, the 28th December, 2019, in the prescribed manner.

2. The prescribed due date for e-deposit of the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period November 2019, shall remain unchanged

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Circular No. 1/2020
Karachi, the March 17, 2020

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period February, 2020 and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period February, 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh

Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period February, 2020, on or before Tuesday, the 24th March, 2020, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period February, 2020, on or before Friday, the 27th March, 2020, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 2/2020
Karachi, the March 27, 2020

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period February, 2020 and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period February, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to further permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special (Procedure) Withholding Rules, 2014, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period February, 2020, on or before Tuesday, the 31st March, 2020, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period February, 2020, on or before Friday, the loth April, 2020, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 3/2020
Karachi, the April 16, 2020

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period March, 2020 and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period March, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules. 2014, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period March, 2020, on or before Monday the 27th April, 2020, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

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(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03 (as the case may be) for the tax period March, 2020, on or before Thursday, 30th April, 2020, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 4/2020
Karachi, the May 21, 2020

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period April, 2020 and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period April, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period April, 2020, on or before Friday, the 29th May, 2020, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period April, 2020, on or before Monday, the 1st June, 2020, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 5/2020
Karachi, the June 22, 2020

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period May, 2020 and for e-filing of tax return (form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period May, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

(i) e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period May, 2020, on or before Monday, the 29th June, 2020, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

(ii) e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period May, 2020, on or before Thursday, the 2nd July, 2020, in the prescribed manner.

1-10-15-07-2020

Circular No. 6/2020
Karachi, the July 10, 2020

Subject: Input Tax Credit against Invoices issued by Foreign Service Providers not having SNTNs.

A question has arisen whether input tax credits are admissible [where not otherwise inadmissible under the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011(Act-2011) or the rules/notifications issued thereunder] against an invoice issued by such a non-resident service provider who is resident outside Pakistan and does not hold Sindh Sales Tax Registration Number (SNTN). Also, in case it is admissible, the question is that what shall be the procedure in this regard.

2. The SRB-registered service recipients who receive taxable services from a foreign service provider (not registered with SRB) shall be entitled to claim input tax credit if: (i) such SRB-registered person receives the taxable services against an invoice issued by that foreign service provider; (ii) pays, to the foreign service provider, the consideration for the services so received by the resident service recipient; and (iii) e-deposits the amount of Sindh sales tax, on such services in Sindh Government's head of account “B-02384” in the prescribed manner. The entitlement of input tax credit shall be in terms of the provisions of section 15 of the Act-2011, subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions prescribed under the Act-2011 and the rules or notifications made thereunder (including the provisions of sections 15A and 15B of the Act-2011, rules 21, 22 and 22A of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011(Rules-2011) and other provisions of various rules and notification issued thereunder).

3. As regards the procedure for input tax credit claims, the resident SRB-registered person (service recipient, in this case) shall e-deposit (in Sindh Government head of account “B-02384” in the prescribed manner) the amounts of Sindh sales tax on such services as are received by him from a foreign service provider (not registered with SRB) against the SNTN of the service recipient himself. Thereafter, the resident SRB-registered service recipient shall declare: (i) his own (resident SRB-registered service recipient) name and SNTN in the column “Particulars of Buyer”; and (ii) the date and number of the invoice issued by the foreign service provider in the column “Document/invoice” of Annex-C of his return SST-3. For claiming input tax credit, he shall enter corresponding entries in Annex-A of his Form SST-03 and shall also declare the “Non-creditable input”, if any, in the relevant column of such Annex-`A'. The invoice of the foreign service provider and the associated documents, including the document of evidence of payment of consideration through banking channel, shall form a part of the prescribed records for the purposes of section 26(1) of the Act-2011 and the rules made thereunder including rule 29 of the Rules-2011.

4. In case any SRB-registered resident service recipient has any query to make or any clarification to seek, he may call SRB helpline (021) 111-778-000 or contact SRB at e-mail info@srb.gos.pk at his convenience.

1-10-15-07-2020

Circular No. 7/2020
Karachi, the July 24, 2020

Subject: Online submission of the option/Election forms "F", "C", "R", "B", "G" and "I", prescribed under Rule 36. 42B, 42BB, 42C, 42CC and 42G, respectively, of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011.

Online submission (by the prescribed due date) of the Option/Election Forms described in the above subject is mandatory in terms of the amendments made through notification No. SRB-3-4/17/2020 dated 29th June, 2020. Manual submission of such option/election Forms, whether in person or through dak or e-mail, are no longer acceptable, and, therefore, of no avail.

2. In view of the problems experienced by some of the taxpayers, in online submission of the said option/election Forms, the Sindh Revenue Board, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, is pleased to allow the eligible taxpayers to submit their election/option Forms, if any, online, by 2:00 pm of Wednesday, the 29th July, 2020 in case they have failed to do so by 21st July, 2020, as prescribed. The persons who submitted their election/option Forms through dak/e-mail are advised to submit their election/option Forms online by 2.00 pm of 29th July, 2020 because the manual submission (whether by dak or in person or through e-mail) is not acceptable.

3. No further extension beyond the aforesaid deadline (i.e. 2 p of 29th July, 2020) shall be allowed in any case.

Circular No. 1/2021
Karachi, the May 17, 2021

Subject: Extension in the last date for E-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period April, 2021 and for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period April, 2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period April, 2021, on or before Monday, the 24th May, 2021 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period April, 2021, on or before Thursday, the 27th May, 2021, in the prescribed manner"

1-17-20-08-2021

Circular No. 2/2021
Karachi, the July 19, 2021

Subject: Extension in the last date for E-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period June, 2021 and for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period June, 2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period June, 2021, on or before Tuesday, the 27th July, 2021 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period June, 2021, on or before Friday, the 30th July, 2021, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 3/2021
Karachi, the July 23, 2021

Subject: Extension in the last date for Online Submission of the Option/Election Forms "F", "C", "R", "B", "G" and "I", prescribed under Rules 36, 42B, 42BB, 42C, 42CC and 42G, respectively, of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to allow the eligible taxpayers to submit their online election/option Forms, where applicable, prescribed under the rules mentioned in the above subject, by Friday, the 30th July, 2021, in case they have failed to do so by the prescribed date i.e. 21st July, 2021.

Circular No. 4/2021
Karachi, the August 16, 2021

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period July, 2021 and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

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i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July, 2021, on or before Tuesday, the 24th August, 2021 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2021, on or before Friday, the 27th August, 2021, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 1/2022
Karachi, the January 18, 2022

Subject: Extension in the last date for E-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period December, 2021 and for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period December, 2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period December, 2021, on or before Friday the 21st January, 2022 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period December, 2021, on or before Tuesday the 25th January, 2022, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 2/2022
Karachi, the February 16, 2022

Subject: Extension in the last date for E-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period January, 2022 and for E-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period January, 2022.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

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i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period January, 2022, on or before Monday the 21st February, 2022 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period January, 2022, on or before Thursday the 24th February, 2022, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 3/2022
Karachi, the July 17, 2022

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period June, 2022 and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period June, 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period June, 2022, on or before Thursday the 215t July, 2022 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period June, 2022, on or before Monday the 25th July, 2022, in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. No. SRB/COM-1/2022-23
Karachi, the September 20, 2022

Subject: e-Registration under section 24 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011

The services of **cosmetic dental surgery, orthodontics, aesthetic dentistry and such other cosmetic and aesthetic dental procedures** are taxable services under tariff heading 9842.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act 2011 as per the definition provided under section 2 (29A) of the Act, 2011.

02. All Dental Practitioners providing the aforesaid taxable services are therefore advised to:

i) Get e-registered with SRB by visiting <www.e.srb.gos.pk> and following the step by step procedure after entering your SNTN or you may contact SRB helpline 111-778-000 for assistance in this regard;

ii) Charge, levy, and collect due SST amount (@ 13%) on the aforesaid taxable services and deposit the same in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner;

iii) e-deposit the due amount of SST in any SRB-authorized branch of NBP by *15th of the month following the tax period to which it relates; and

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iv) e-file true and correct Sindh sales tax returns in Form SST-03 as prescribed under section 30 of the Act, 2011 by *18th of the month following the tax period to which it relates.

*(*For Example: Return filing and SST payment for the month of September is due on 15th and 18th of October, respectively*)

03. In case of any query, clarification or assistance, you may call SRB helpline (021) 111-778-000 or contact SRB at email info@srb.gos.pk or e.support@srb.gos.pk or contact Call Center In-charge at email asfa.qazi@srb.gos.pk number (021) 99217800 (Ext: 207) or Assistant Commissioner-Unit 13 at email pirah.abbasi@srb.gos.pk number (021) 99217800 (Ext: 245).

04. Full and timely compliance of above provision of law is expected and will be appreciated to avoid any penal action and legal consequences by Sindh Revenue Board.

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Circular No. No. 01 of 2023
Karachi, the January 05, 2023

Subject: CONDONATION OF THE DATE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF OPTION/ELECTION FORM "S" PRESCRIBED UNDER RULE 421 OF THE SINDH SALES TAX ON SERVICES RULES, 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to approve the condonation of delay in electronic submission of the online Option/Election Form "S" prescribed in terms of the first Proviso to sub-rule (4) of rule 421 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 for a period upto Monday the 16th January, 2023, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The service provider is duly registered with SRB showing the services of tariff heading 9815.6000 either as his principal activity code or as his Other Activity Code;

2. The prescribed condonation fee is paid by the 16th January, 2023, if not already paid;

3. The registered person will not carry forward any unadjusted input tax; and

4. The tax already paid at standard rate of 13% will not be refunded and the invoices will not be revised whether by issuing debit or credit note or otherwise.

Circular No. 2/2023
Karachi, the March 14, 2023

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period February, 2023 and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period February, 2023.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period February, 2023, on or before Tuesday the 21st March, 2023 in Sindh Government's head of account "B02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period February, 2023, on or before Friday the 24th March, 2023, in the prescribed manner.

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Circular No. 3/2023
Karachi, the August 11, 2023

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period July, 2023 and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period July, 2023.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July 2023, on or before Thursday the 17th August, 2023 in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2023, on or before Monday the 21st August, 2023 in the prescribed manner.

Circular No. 4/2023
Karachi, the August 17, 2023

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period July, 2023 and for e-filing of tax return (Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax Period July, 2023.

In view of the continuing non- functioning of e-Portal of SRB (which is maintained and operated by FBR and its PRAL), Sindh Revenue Board, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), is pleased to further extend the due dates for the e-deposit of Sindh sales tax and for e-filing of SST returns (in Form SST-03 and Form SSTW·03, as the case may be) as follows:-

i. The due date for e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period July 2023, in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner, is extended upto Monday the 21st August, 2023; and

ii. The due date for e-filing of tax returns (in Form SST-03 or form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period July, 2023, is extended for a period upto Thursday the 24th August, 2023.

2. This issues in amendment of SRB Circular No. 03/2023 dated 11th August, 2023.

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Circular No. 1/2024
Karachi, the January 04, 2024

Subject: GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SINDH SALES TAX BY A COLLECTION AGENT UNDER THE SINDH SALES TAX SPECIAL PROCEDURE (TAX ON SPECIFIED SERVICES) RULES, 2023.

In exercise of powers conferred by section 72, read with sub-section (2) of section 3, sub-section (3) of section 9 and section 13 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board has issued the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Tax on Specified Services) Rules, 2023, vide its notification No. 3-4/46/2023 dated 27.09.2023 as amended by [1][notifications No. SRB-3-4/63/2023 dated 29.12.2023 and No. SRB-3-4/30/2024 dated 29.06.2024]. The said Rules have taken effect on and from the 1st day of October, 2023.

2. Under the said Rules, a scheduled bank, as defined in clause (m) of section 2 of State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956, has been notified to be collection agent in relation to collection and payment of tax on such of the specified services as are specified in the Table in rule 3 of the said Rules, 2023, and for which the recipient of the services (other than a company borne on the Active Taxpayers List maintained either by SRB under the 2011-Act or by FBR under the Sales Tax Act, 1990) which is based in the Province of Sindh and makes payments by using any means for transfer of amounts of consideration to the service provider not resident in Pakistan.

3. After issuance of the said Rules, certain representations were received from few of the Banks requesting to issue guidelines for collection and payment of SST. Accordingly, in addition to the procedure provided in the said Rules, the following guidelines are issued for adoption by the prescribed collection agents:-

(i) In case the payment is made through a Debit Card or Credit Card, the collection agent shall collect SST at the rate of [2][15%] of the amount remitted under the merchant category code 7311 for the advertisement services and at the rate of 3% of the amount remitted under the merchant category codes 4816, 4899, 5815, 5816, 5817, 5818, 7372, 7375, and 7379 for the services of software or IT based system development consultants as covered under clause (84B) of section 2 of the 2011-Act, including cloud-based content streaming services.

(ii) In case of over the counter payments, the collection agent shall collect SST at the rate of [2][15%] of the amount remitted under the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) outward remittances code 1237 for the advertisement services and the market research agency services and at the rate of 3% of the amount remitted under the SBP outward remittance code 1182 for the services of software or IT based system development consultants as covered under clause (84B) of section 2 of the 2011-Act, including cloud-based content streaming services.

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[1]Substituted for "notification No. SRB-3-4/63/2023 dated 29.12.2023" by SRB Circular No.05 of 2024 dated June 30, 2024.
[2]Substituted for "13%" by SRB Circular No.05 of 2024 dated June 30, 2024.

(iii) The collection agent shall collect the tax amounts at the prescribed rates in cases where payments for specified services are remitted under the merchant category codes or SBP outward remittances codes other than the ones specified above.

(iv) The SST so collected shall be deposited by the collection agent in the treasury in the head of account "B-02384--Sindh Sales Tax on Services" by the 15th day of the month following the tax period in which the amount of consideration was remitted.

(v) The SST so collected shall be declared by the collection agent in Annex-C of his tax return (Form SST-03) as an output tax duly indicating the relevant tariff heading/HS-Code of specified service.

(vi) The collection agent shall use "CA" as prefix in the sub-column "Number" of the column "Document" of Annex-C of the tax return (Form SST-03) in the format such as "CA-XXXXX".

Circular No. 2/2024
Karachi, the April 08, 2024

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period March, 2024 and for e-filing of tax returns (form SST-03 or form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period March, 2024.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period March 2024, on or before Thursday the 18th April, 2024 in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period March, 2024, on or before Monday the 22nd April, 2024 in the prescribed manner."

Circular No. 3/2024
Karachi, the June 15, 2024

Subject: Extension in the last date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax for the tax period May, 2024 and for e-filing of tax returns (form SST-03 or form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period May, 2024.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons, including the

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withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014, to:-

i. e-deposit the amounts of Sindh sales tax for the tax period May 2024, on or before Friday the 21st June, 2024 in Sindh Government's head of account "B-02384" in the prescribed manner; and

ii. e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03 or Form SSTW-03, as the case may be) for the tax period May, 2024, on or before Monday the 24th June, 2024 in the prescribed manner."

Circular No. 4/2024
Karachi, the June 30, 2024

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on Restaurant Services (Tariff Heading 9801.2000)------Budgetary, Measures Effective from 01st July, 2024

The standard rate of Sindh Sales Tax (SST) has increased from 13% to 15% effective from 01st July, 2024. Accordingly, the persons providing or rendering the taxable services of hotels, motets, guest houses, farmhouses, restaurants, clubs, caterers and marriage halls & lawns (classified under tariff heading 98.01 and the sub-heads thereof) shall be liable to charge SST @ 15% on the said services w.e.f. 0001 hours of the 1st day of July, 2024.

2. However, services of tariff heading 9801.2000 as are provided or rendered by the restaurants including the restaurants located in hotels, motels, guest houses and farmhouses, where the payment against tax invoices of the restaurant services are made by the customers through debit cards or credit cards or mobile wallets or QR scanning, shall be liable to SST at the reduced rate of 8% (without input tax credit/adjustment) in terms of notification No. SRB-3-4/8/2013 dated 01st July, 2013 as amended by notification No. SRB-3-4/24/2024 dated 29th June, 2024. In case any service provider of such restaurant services desires to opt for applicability of the standard tax rate of 15% (with input tax credit/adjustment), in relation to the tax invoices issued against payments in the aforesaid digital modes, he may do so after submitting a written application to the Board and after obtaining written approval thereof from the Board in this regard.

3. It is highlighted that no input tax adjustment is admissible against the restaurant services provided or rendered at the reduced rate of 8% SST. Apportionment provisions as in rule 22(3) of Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 are to be followed in letter and spirit and should be duly reflected in "row 4" of the tax return (Form SST-03).

4. Those restaurants, which have their POSs integrated with SRB for real-time reporting of sales, are advised to modify their systems to accommodate aforesaid changes as well as the changes introduced in the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Online Integration of Business) Rules, 2022 through notification No. SRB-3-4/29/2024 dated 29th June, 2024.

5. The provisions of clauses (b) and (f) of rule 42(1) of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011, as amended vide notification No. SRB-3-4/27/2024 dated 29th June, 2024 shall, *inter-alia* apply.

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Circular No. 6/2024
Karachi, the June 30, 2024

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on Education Services (Tariff Heading 9857.0000) - Budgetary Measures effective from 1st July 2024

Through the budgetary measures taken in relation to Sindh Budget, 2024-25, "Education services" is described as a taxable service under tariff heading 9857.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with definition as specified in clause (37A) of section 2 thereof. The said Education Services as are provided or rendered by educational institutions against per annum per student fee/charges amounting to Rs.500,000/- or less shall not be levied to Sindh Sales Tax (SST) in terms of the notification No. SRB-3-412312024 dated 29th June, 2024. However, the said Education Services provided or rendered against per annum per student fee/charges exceeding gross amount of Rs.500,000/- are liable to SST at the reduced rate of 3% (without input tax credit) in terms of the notification No. SRB-3-4/24/2024 dated 29th June, 2024.

2. The procedure for collection and payment of sales tax on education services is specified in rule 42L of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 as added through notification No. SRB-3-4/27/2024 dated 29th June, 2024. The said rule 42L, *inter-alia*, prescribes that:-

(i) In cases where the fee/charges are collected by persons/educational institutions on monthly basis or on quarterly basis or on semester basis or any other basis, the aforesaid threshold of 500,000 rupees per annum shall, for the purpose of determining taxability of services provided, be applied proportionately and the tax shall be paid accordingly in the manner and by the due date, as prescribed.

(ii) The value of taxable services shall be the gross amount of fee or charges, by whatever name called, including tuition fee, admission fee, examination fee, laboratory fee, library charges and all other fixed charges including those for non-academic activities, but excluding the refundable amount of security deposit, received by the persons/ educational institutions providing education services.

3. The educational institutions providing the education services liable to SST @3% are advised to obtain e-registration with the Sindh Revenue Board in terms of the provisions of the section 24 of the Act, 2011 read with sub-rule (2) of rule 42L of the Rules, 2011 and ensure compliance of the provisions of the Act, 2011 in relation to charging, collecting and deposit of the amounts of SST on their services.

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Circular No. 7/2024
Karachi, the July 01, 2024

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on the Services provided or rendered by Medical Practitioners and Consultants (Tariff Heading 9815.1000) - Budgetary Measures effective from 1st July 2024

Through the budgetary measures taken in relation to Sindh Budget 2024-25, services provided or rendered by "Medical practitioners and consultants" is described as a taxable service under tariff heading 9815.1000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with definition as specified in clause (59A) of section 2 thereof. The services provided or rendered by such medical practitioners and consultants against consultation/visit fee/Charges not exceeding Rs.3,000 per patient shall not be levied to Sindh Sales Tax (SST) in terms of the notification No. SRB-3-4/23/2024 dated 29th June, 2024. However, the services provided or rendered by medical practitioners and consultants involving gross amount of fee/charges exceeding Rs.3000/- per visit/consultation per patient are liable to SST at the reduced rate of 3% (without input tax credit) in terms of the notification No. SRB-3-4/24/2024 dated 29th June, 2024.

2. The procedure for collection and payment of sales tax on services provided or rendered by medical practitioners and consultants is specified in rule 42FF of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 as added through notification No. SRB-3-4/27/2024 dated 29th June, 2024. The said rule 42FF applies to the persons providing or rendering the services of medical practitioners and consultants at any place including a hospital or a clinic and, inter-alia, prescribes that:-

(i) The medical practitioners and consultants, providing services in private clinics (i.e. in clinics other than the ones located in hospitals or clinics which provide the facility of consulting rooms or otherwise) shall be required to obtain e-registration with SRB in terms of the section 24 of the Act, 2011 read with sub-rule (3) of rule 42FF of the Rules, 2011 and they shall ensure compliance of the provisions of the Act, 2011 in relation to invoicing, charging, collecting and e-depositing of the amounts of SST on their services.

(ii) In case the medical practitioners and consultants provide their services in such hospitals or clinics which provide the facility of consulting rooms or otherwise to medical practitioners and consultants, they (i.e. the such hospitals/clinics) shall be the 'collection agent' for the services provided or rendered by such medical practitioners and consultants in terms of clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of the rule 42FF. The collection agent, if not already registered, will be required to e-register itself with SRB in terms of section 24 of the Act, 2011 read with sub-rule (4) of rule 42FF and will also be responsible to discharge its functions in relation to invoicing, collecting and e-depositing of the amounts of SST on the services of such medical practitioners and consultants besides discharging its liability on its own taxable services of tariff heading 9858.0000.

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3. The medical practitioners and consultants providing or rendering the taxable services liable to SST @ 3%, as well as the hospitals or clinics notified as collection agent, are advised to make compliance of the provisions of the Act, 2011 and rules made thereunder in letter and sprit.

Circular No. 8/2024
Karachi, the July 01, 2024

Subject: Sindh Sales Tax on the Services Provided or Rendered by Hospitals and clinics (Tariff Heading 9858.0000)---- Budgetary Measures effective from 1st July 2024

Through the budgetary measures taken in relation to Sindh Budget 2024-25, "services provided or rendered by hospitals and clinics" is described as a taxable service under tariff heading 9858.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011, read with definition as specified in clause (50A) of section 2 thereof. All the services provided or rendered by hospitals and clinics are exempt from Sindh Sales Tax (SST) in terms of notification No.SRB-3-4/23/2024 dated 29th June, 2024 **EXCEPT** the services of provision of rooms/beds for their indoor patients and day-care patients where the per day charges (including allied fixed charges, if any) for such rooms/beds exceed Rs.25,000 per room/bed which are liable to the reduced rate of SST @ 3% (without input tax credit) in terms of the notification No. SRB-3-4/24/2024 dated 29th June, 2024.

2. The procedure for collection and payment of sales tax on services provided or rendered by hospitals and clinics is specified in rule 42K of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 as added through notification No. SRB-3-4/27/2024 dated 29th June, 2024. The said rule 42K, *inter-alia* specifies:-

(i) The procedure in relation to e-registration, invoicing, charging, collecting and depositing the amounts of SST by hospitals and clinics in relation to the provision of services of beds/rooms for patients.

(ii) Besides the procedure mentioned in sub-para (i) above, sub-rule (7) of the said rule 42K, read with the provisions of rule 42FF, also specify the procedure for collection and payment of SST by the hospitals and clinics in their capacity as a "collection agent" for the services provided by medical practitioners and consultants (9815.1000) in such hospitals and clinics.

3. The hospitals and clinics providing or rendering the taxable services liable to SST @ 3% and also the hospitals and clinics performing the functions as the 'collection agent' in terms of clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 42FF are advised to make compliance of the provisions of the Act, 2011 and the rules made thereunder in letter and spirit.

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SRB No. COM-II/DC-U-23/GT/2024-25/542570
Karachi, the January 28, 2025

Subject: Intimation regarding Withholding Tax on Transportation

All Service Providers of (Transportation or Carriage of Goods Services----Tariff Heading 9836.0000).

INTIMATION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE SINDH SALES TAX SPECIAL PROCEDURE (WITHHOLDING) RULES, 2014.

1 This is to inform you that the services provided or rendered by persons engaged in the transportation or carriage of goods by road or through pipeline or conduit, as covered under tariff heading 9836.0000 of the Second Schedule to the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (the "Act, 2011") are taxable in accordance with the provisions of section 3 and 8 of the Act, 2011, read with rule 42G of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Rules, 2011 (the "Rules, 2011").

2. I would like to inform you that, through SRB Notification No. SRB-3-4/70/2024 dated 19th December 2024, the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2014 (the "WHT-Rules, 2014") have been amended. As per the amendments, all persons engaged in providing the aforementioned services are now required to allow withholding up to one-fifth (1/5th) of the amount of tax, irrespective of the number of transport vehicles in their fleet (previously limited to 25 vehicles), hence the condition for withholding of 100% sales tax amount for owning not less than 25 vehicles has been withdrawn/omitted vide said notification and general rule for withholding of Sindh sales tax on service is applicable w-e-f 1st January, 2025.

3. It is the responsibility of the SRB-registered service provider to ensure that withholding of tax is allowed only for service recipients who qualify as withholding agents under sub-rule (2) of rule 1 of the WHT-Rules, 2014. Additionally, these service recipients (withholding agents) must provide the prescribed Form SSTW-05 and a certificate (Form SSTW-06) for the deduction/withholding of Sindh Sales Tax on services to the service provider (goods transporter) as proof and for record-keeping under the law. The withholding agents must deduct an amount equal to one-fifth (1/5th) of the total sales tax amount shown in the sales tax invoice issued by the registered service provider, subject to the status of the registered person as defined Active Taxpayer under section 2(1A) of the Act, 2011, and relevant rule 42G of the Rules, 2011.

4. Please note that all persons engaged in providing or rendering the aforementioned taxable services are required to comply fully with the provisions of the Act, 2011, and the rules made thereunder. Non-compliance will result in strict action being taken in accordance with the law.

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5. For any queries or clarifications, please feel free to contact us via email at zaheer.hussain@srb.gos.pk. Alternatively, an authorized representative may visit our office located on the Second Floor (South Wing), Shaheen Complex, M.R. Kiyani Road, Karachi, at their convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SRB No. Circular No. 01 of 2025
No. SRB/TP/08/2025 (Agricultural Income Tax)
Karachi, the October 06, 2025

Subject: Extension in the due date for filing of the Sindh Agricultural Income Tax Returns (AIT-03) due to be filed by 30th September, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of the Proviso to sub-clause (ii) of clause (c) of rule 2 of the Sindh Agricultural Income Tax Rules, 2025, the Sindh Revenue Board, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to extend the date of filing of Agricultural Income Tax Return (AIT-03) for the persons who were required to file their returns (AIT-03) by 30th September, 2025, by one month i.e. up to the 31st October, 2025.

SRB No. Circular No. 02 of 2025
(Agricultural Income Tax)
Karachi, the October 30, 2025

Subject: Extension in the due date for filing of the Sindh Agricultural Income Tax Returns (AIT-03)

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of the Proviso to sub-clause (ii) of clause (c) of rule 2 of the Sindh Agricultural Income Tax Rules, 2025, the Sindh Revenue Board, with the approval of the Government, is pleased to extend the due date of filing of Agricultural Income Tax Return (AIT-03) for a further period of fifteen days i.e. up to the 15th November, 2025.

2. This issues in partial modification of the Sindh Revenue Board's Circular No.1/2025 dated 6th October, 2025.

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SRB No. Circular No. 01 of 2026
Karachi, the August 29, 2026

Subject: Extension in the last date for filing of Sindh Sales Tax Return (Form SST-03) for the Tax Period July 2026 and August 2026 (Life Insurance Services Companies)

In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 81 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No. XII of 2011), the Sindh Revenue Board is pleased to permit the registered persons who are engaged in providing or rendering life insurance services classified under CPC Code 71311 to e-file their tax returns (in Form SST-03) for the tax periods July 2026 and August 2026 (as due to be e-filed on 18th day of August, 2026 and September, 2026, respectively) on or before 30th day of September, 2026, in the prescribed manner subject to the conditions that:

(a) This permission shall not be considered as extending the due dates for deposit of amounts of Sindh sales tax on such life insurance services provided or rendered during the tax periods July 2026 and August, 2026 (as due on 15th day of August, 2026 and September, 2026, respectively);

(b) No further extension shall be sought by such life insurance companies or by IAP, and

(c) This permission shall not be used for seeking extension/adjournments in the pending litigation cases, as mentioned in the second paragraph of Insurance Association of Pakistan (IAP)'s letter No.C-1633(i)/61 dated 10th August, 2026.

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