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## PART II

### Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

#### PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

#### NOTIFICATION

*Islamabad, the 19th July, 2023*

S. R. O. 972(I)/2023.— Whereas the Pakistan Bar Council has established the Directorate of Legal Education in order to implement the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in Constitution Petition No.134/2012 (SCMR 2019 389) for improvement of standard and quality of Legal Education in Pakistan.

And whereas it is essential to make Rules for the functioning of the Directorate of Legal Education, therefore, the Pakistan Bar Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under sections 13(j) & (k) and 55 (q) of the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973 and all other enabling provisions in this behalf hereby promulgates and notifies the following Rules namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) These rules shall be called the Directorate of Legal Education Rules, 2023;

(2) They shall come into force at once.

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2. **Definitions.**— (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context;

- (a) "Competent Authority" means the Executive Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council;
- (b) "Committee" means the Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council;
- (c) "Directorate" means the Directorate of Legal Education;
- (d) "Director" means the Director of the Directorate of Legal Education;
- (e) "Rules" means the Directorate of Legal Education Rules, 2023; and
- (f) "Schedule" means the schedule annexed to these rules.

(2) All words and expressions used in these rules but not defined herein, shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015.

3. **Establishment of the Directorate.**— (1) The Pakistan Bar Council shall establish an autonomous Directorate to improve the standard and quality of legal education in the country.

(2) The Federal Government shall provide the necessary financial and logistic support to the Pakistan Bar Council for the establishment of the Directorate as well as allocation of funds in the annual federal budget for the purposes of smooth functioning of the Directorate.

4. **Director, officers and other employees of the Directorate.**— (1) The competent authority shall appoint the Director on such terms and conditions as deemed fit subject to the provisions of the schedule.

(2) The Director shall be the officer in-charge of the Directorate and shall be responsible for the functioning and proper administration of affairs of the Directorate and discharge such other powers and functions as prescribed by the competent authority and the committee.

(3) The competent authority may appoint officers, employees and staff of the Directorate on such terms and conditions as deemed fit subject to the provisions of the schedule.

(4) The competent authority may by notification amend the schedule as and when required.

5. **Requisitioning of services of officers.**— The Pakistan Bar Council may requisition to Ministry of Law and Justice for provision of human resource on deputation/attachment basis in pursuance of its memorandum of understanding dated 23-06-2022.

6. **Functions of the Directorate.**— The Directorate shall perform the following functions namely:—

- (a) work towards the improvement of the standard and quality of legal education;
- (b) ensure universities, degree awarding institutes and colleges imparting legal education are adhering to the requirements and standards as prescribed under the Legal Education Rules, 2015;
- (c) continued Legal Education;
- (d) monitoring and regulating different aspects of legal education and professional standards for entry into the legal profession;
- (e) teacher's training;
- (f) work towards the promotion of legal research;
- (g) inspection of universities, colleges and institutes imparting legal education;
- (h) initiating advanced specialized professional legal courses;
- (i) liaison with relevant stake holders including but not limited to the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan with regards to matters of legal education;
- (j) organizing moot Court competitions at National and international levels;
- (k) assist the committee in the functioning as and when required; and
- (l) any other assignment that may be assigned to it by the committee.

7. **Complaint.**— (1) A complaint may be lodged to this Directorate against any university, degree awarding institute and college imparting legal education for non-compliance of the said Legal Education Rules, 2015.

(2) The Directorate on receipt of an application may initiate an inquiry and may censure, or recommend action including levying of fine not exceeding two million rupees or disaffiliation/de-recognition of such universities, degree

awarding institutes or colleges on a finding of violation of Legal Education Rules, 2015 to the committee after affording an opportunity of hearing in this regard. The committee shall give the final decision keeping in view the said recommendation. In case of default in the deposit of fine, the committee may de-recognize/disaffiliate such university, degree awarding institute or college forthwith.

**8. Inspection and Monitoring.**—The Directorate shall conduct inspections of universities, degree awarding institutes and colleges imparting legal education for the purposes of ensuring compliance of Legal Education Rules, 2015 and shall present periodic reports in this regard to the committee. The Directorate may levy fine not exceeding two million rupees or recommend to the committee for disaffiliation/de-recognition of such universities, degree awarding institutes or colleges found in violation of Legal Education Rules, 2015.

**9. Acquisition of information.**—The Directorate shall solicit, gather, obtain, accept and reject information for the purposes of monitoring of universities, degree awarding institutes and colleges imparting legal education. The Directorate may disregard any reply to a questionnaire, which is not submitted within the time provided. The Directorate may, during the course of monitoring, acquisition further information in the form of supplementary questionnaires, or written clarifications and such acquisition shall state the date by which reply is due. The Directorate shall grant sufficient time for submitting such replies.

**10. Verification of information.**—The staff of the Directorate may, during the course of monitoring, satisfy itself as to the accuracy of information supplied by universities, degree awarding institutes and colleges imparting legal education. In case of false or misleading information provided by any university, institute or college, the Directorate may levy a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees.

**11. Service Rules.**—The provisions of the Pakistan Bar Council Employees Service Rules, 2009 shall be applicable in respect of matters not covered under these rules.

**12. Instructions of the Committee.**—The committee may issue instructions from time to time to the Directorate in the performance of its functions.

**13. Accounts.**—The Directorate shall maintain a separate account for the purposes of its expenses and shall have proper and audited record of the same.

**14. Overriding effect.**—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, the provisions of these rules shall have an overriding effect and the provisions of any such other law to the extent of inconsistency to these rule shall cease to have effect.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Officers and Employees of the Directorate**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sr. No.	Nomenclature of Post	Pay Package	Age	Qualification	Method of Recruitment
1.	Director	MP-II	30-45 years	Masters degree in law with seven years of experience as an advocate of the high court or Bachelors degree in law with ten years of experience as an advocate of high court.	By initial recruitment
2.	Deputy Director (Academic and Accreditation)	BS-18	28-45 years	Masters degree in law with five years of experience or Bachelors degree in law with seven years of experience.	By initial recruitment Or deputation /attachment basis
3.	Assistant Director (Administration)	BS-17	25-40 years	Masters degree in law/public administration with three years of experience or Bachelors degree in law/public administration with five years of experience.	By initial recruitment or deputation /attachment basis
4.	Assistant Director (I.T)	BS-17	25-40 years	Masters degree in I.T with three years of experience or Bachelors degree in I.T with five years of experience.	By initial recruitment or deputation /attachment basis

5.	Assistant	BS-16	22-40 years	Bachelors degree along with shorthand certification.	By initial recruitment or deputation /attachment basis
6.	Lower Division Clerk	BS-11	18-30 years	Bachelors degree	By initial recruitment or deputation /attachment basis
7.	Driver	BS-5	18-40 years	F.A./FSC with a valid driving license.	By initial recruitment
8.	Naib Qasid	BS-1	18-40 years	Matriculation	By initial recruitment

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