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NOTIFICATION

Statutory Rules and Ordinance(S.R.O) (1)/2013.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 (XCVII of 2002), the Federal Government is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) these rules may be called the Press Council of Pakistan Rules, 2013.  
(2) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions.**- (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
  - (a) "Appendix" means the Appendix to these rules;
  - (b) "Director General" means the Director General of the Press Council of Pakistan;
  - (c) "Ordinance" means the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 (XCVII of 2002);
  - (d) "professional staff" means staff specified in sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Ordinance;
  - (e) "rules" means the rules made under the Ordinance; and
  - (f) "section" means a section of the Ordinance
- (2) The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Ordinance.
3. **Salary, allowances and privileges of the Chairman.**- The Chairman shall be entitled to such salary, allowances and privileges as are admissible to a serving Judge of the Supreme Court and the terms and conditions of his service shall not be varied to his disadvantage during his term of office.
4. **\*Privileges of members.**- The members, excluding the Chairman, shall not be entitled to any salary or privileges, except the following out of pocket expenses, namely:-
  - (a) a local member, attending a meeting, shall be paid ten thousand rupees per day in lump sum to cover local travelling, diet etc.;
  - (b) the members from outside may be provided the following expenses in addition to ten thousand rupees as mentioned in clause (a), namely:-
    - (i) mileage at the rate of ten rupees per kilometer, if travelled by road.
    - (ii) highest air-conditioned parlour ticket, if travelled by rail; and

(iii) economy class air ticket, if travelled by air; and

(c) in case accommodation is not provided by the Council, reimbursement of the rent of hotel as admissible to a Member of the National Assembly”.

5. **Privileges of Members of Inquiry Commission.**- The members of Inquiry Commission may be allowed the same privileges as are allowed to members of the Council.

6. **Processing fees.**- For processing of the complaint and appeal under the Ordinance, the rules regulations made thereunder every complaint shall pay a processing fee payable in the form of a pay order or demand draft in the name of Press Council of Pakistan amounting to rupees.-

(a) one thousand in case of an individual and five thousand in case of an institution for a complaint; and

(b) two thousand in case of individual and ten thousand in case of an institution for an appeal.

7. **Funds of the Council.** - (1) Funds of the Council shall be utilized by the Council to meet charges in connection with its functions including payment of salaries and other remunerations.

(2) Each registered newspaper and news agency shall deposit, through a pay order or demand draft, annual fee, as set out in the appendix, towards the funds of the Council under sub-section (5) of section 4 and each newspaper and news agency shall remit the amount of the fee within thirty days of the receipt of notice in this behalf.

(3) The overseas funds, donations, grants etc. shall be received or permitted to be received through the administrative Ministry.

(4) The Council may invest its funds if deemed necessary.

8. **Budget.**-(1) The Council shall, in respect of each financial year, prepare its own budget.

(2) Funds of the Council shall also be included in the budget.

9. **Appeal.**-(1) An appeal under sub-section (1) of section 11 may be preferred within a period of thirty days from the decision of the Commission.

(2) The Registrar of the Council shall examine appeals before its submission to the Chairman for a decision on merit, and may return an appeal on any of the following grounds, namely.-

- (a) an appeal has already been filed by the same party on the same issue;
- (b) there is insufficient ground and rationale for appeal;
- (c) it is not accompanied with bank draft or pay order relating to requisite fee; or
- (d) an appeal has been filed before a court of law against any decision of the Commission.

(3) In case, the Registrar returns an appeal under sub-rule (2), the reasons for return of appeal shall be communicated to the appellant in writing.

10. **Seal of the Council.**- The seal of the Council shall remain in custody of the Registrar or such other officer as the Chairman may direct and shall be affixed on every order passed by the Council.

11. **Establishment.**- (1) Appointment to various posts in the Council shall be made.-

- (a) By direct recruitment through advertisement;
- (b) By promotion; or
- (c) By deputation or transfer of persons employed in Government or Government controlled institutions.

(2) The Council shall constitute a Promotion and Selection Committee for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for appointment to the posts. The Chairman shall make appointment to the posts taking into account recommendations of the Promotion & Selection Committee:

Provided that if a vacancy is required to be filled urgently, the Chairman may make temporary appointment, on adhoc basis, for a period not exceeding one year and each appointment so made shall be reported to the Council before expiry of that period for approval and where such appointments is not approved by the Council, the person so appointed shall cease to hold the post from such date as the Council may specify in that behalf.

12. **Transitory.**- Unless rules are made to regulate their appointments and discipline etc., Registrar, officers and servants of the Council shall, as far as may be and subject to such modifications as the Council may deem fit, be governed by the laws, rules, regulations, orders, instructions, etc, relating to the civil servants of the Federal Government.

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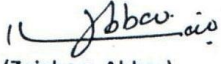
Appendix  
[see rule 7 (2)]

Annual fee payable by registered newspapers

S.No.	Having circulation range of	Annual fee in rupees
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	150,000 or above	(a) 15,000 from each daily; (b) 10,000 from each bi-weekly and weekly; (c) 5,000 from each fortnightly and monthly (d) 2,500 from all categories.
2.	100,000 or less than 150,000	(a) 10,000 from each daily; (b) 5,000 from each bi-weekly and weekly; (c) 2,500 from each fortnightly and monthly (d) 1,250 from all categories.
3.	50,000 or less than 100,000	(a) 6,000 from each from each daily; (b) 3,000 from each bi-weekly and weekly; (c) 1,500 from each fortnightly and monthly (d) 750 from all categories.
4.	15,000 or less than 50,000	(a) 4,000 from each daily; (b) 2,000 from each bi-weekly and weekly; (c) 500 from each fortnightly and monthly; & (d) 450 from all categories.

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