

SENATE OF PAKISTAN HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION

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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY "THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION
COUNCIL BILL, 2016"

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON "THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL BILL, 2016"

I, Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Chairman Standing Committee on Science and Technology, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Pakistan National Accreditation Council Bill, 2016" referred by the House in its sitting held on 10-01-2017, to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.


2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Chairman
2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
3. Senator Mir Nematullah Zehri	Member
4. Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
5. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
6. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
7. Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
8. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum	Member
9. Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
10. Senator Muhammad Yousaf	Member
11. Senator Saleem Mandviwala	Member
12. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
13. Rana Tanveer Hussain Minister for Science and Technology	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the said Bill in its meeting held on 1st February, 2017, which was attended by the following:-

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| 1. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi | Member |
| 3. Senator Professor Sajid Mir | Member |
| 4. Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani | Member |
| 5. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh | Member |
| 6. Rana Tanveer Hussain
Minister for Science and Technology | Ex-officio Member |

4. The Committee discussed the Bill in detail, and proposed that "The Pakistan National Accreditation Council Bill, 2016" may be passed by the Senate as passed by the National Assembly. The Bill, as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate, is placed at Annexure-A.



(HARIS REHMAN)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
21st February, 2017

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

to provide for establishment of the Pakistan National Accreditation Council

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the Pakistan National Accreditation Council for accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies enabling them to assure the quality of products, services and management system in accordance with the international and national standards for sustainable socio-economic development;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan National Accreditation Council Act, 2016.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.** —In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “Board” means the Board of Governors constituted under section 7;

(b) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;

(c) “Conformity Assessment Body” means a body that performs conformity assessment services which may form the object of accreditation;

(d) “Council” means Pakistan National Accreditation Council established under section 3;

(e) “Director - General” means the Director-General of the Council;

(f) “Executive Committee” means the Committee constituted under section 11;

(g) “MLA” means multilateral recognition arrangements;

(h) “MRA” means mutual recognition arrangements;

(i) “prescribed” means as prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

(j) “rules” means rules made under section 26.

3. **Establishment of the Council.**—(1) On the commencement of this Act, there shall stand established a Council to be known as Pakistan National Accreditation Council.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with powers, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The Headquarters of the Council shall be at Islamabad and it may, with the prior approval of the Federal Government, set up offices at other places as and when required.

4. Functions of the Council.—The Council shall,—

- (a) establish an internationally recognized accreditation system;
- (b) make policies, schemes, procedures and guidelines for provision of accreditation services in line with national and international standards;
- (c) provide training on accreditation standards to the Conformity Assessment Bodies and other stakeholders;
- (d) accredit the Conformity Assessment Bodies;
- (e) co-ordinate with National, Regional and International Organizations for effective implementation of Accreditation System; and
- (f) perform any other function related to the accreditation system.

5. Management of the Council.—The management of the Council shall comprise,—

- (a) Board of Governors;
- (b) Executive Committee; and
- (c) Director- General.

6. Board of Governors. —The general control and superintendence of the affairs of the Council shall vest in the Board.

7. Composition of the Board of Governors. — (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of following:-

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| a. Minister for Science and Technology. | <i>Chairman</i> |
| b. Secretary Science and Technology Division. | <i>Vice-Chairman</i> |
| c. Secretary Commerce Division, or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary. | <i>Member</i> |
| d. Secretary Industries Division, or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary. | <i>Member</i> |
| e. Secretary National Food Security and Research | <i>Member</i> |

Division, or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary.

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| f. | Secretary National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Division, or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary. | <i>Member</i> |
| g. | President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry or his nominee. | <i>Member</i> |
| h. | Presidents Provincial Chamber of Commerce and Industry or their nominees. | <i>Member</i> |
| i. | Director-General. | <i>Member</i> |

(2) The Director-General shall also act as the Secretary of the Board.

8. Functions and powers of the Board.—The Board shall,—

- (a) review and approve annual and long term plans, policies and schemes of the Council;
- (b) approve the annual development and non-development budgets of the Council,
- (c) create, abolish or re-designate any post, or engage consultants or experts from time to time on such pay or remuneration, other allowances and terms and conditions, as it may deem necessary for efficient performance of the functions of the Council, and as may be prescribed; and
- (d) determine service fee for the services rendered or offered by the Council.

9. Terms of office of members.—(1) Save as hereinafter provided, a person, who becomes or is nominated to be, a member by virtue of his holding an office or appointment, shall cease to be a member as and when he ceases to hold that office or appointment.

(2) No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid on the ground only of the existence of a vacancy in the Board.

(3) The Federal Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette increase or decrease the number of members of the Board.

10. Meetings of the Board.—(1) Save as hereinafter provided, the Board shall regulate the procedure for its meetings.

(2) Meetings of the Board shall be called by its Chairman and in his absence by the Vice-Chairman on such dates, time and places as he may deem fit, provided that at least one meeting shall be held in a calendar year.

(3) At least ~~five~~ members shall constitute quorum for a meeting of the Board.

