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GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTEMENT

NOTIFICATION

Gilgit, the 16th December, 2025

S.R.O. 2515 (I)/2025.—In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 138 of the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government Act-2014 (Act III of 2014), the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan is pleased to make the following rules:

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Gilgit¬Baltistan (Licensing of Professions and Vocations) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

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(a) "Act" means the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government Act, 2014 (III of 2014) as amended from time to time.

(b) "Administrator" means a person appointed by the Government under sub-section (3) of section 30 read with section 145 of the Act.

(c) "House "means elected body of a local council as defined under the Act.

(d) "Local Council" means a Union Council, a Town Committee, a Municipal Committee, a Tehsil Council, a District Council, a Municipal Corporation and a City Metropolitan Corporation.

(e) "Professions and Vocations" include trades for which license is required under the Act.

(2) An expression used but not defined shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Act.

3. **Power to issue license or permit.**—(1) Subject to sub-rule (2), a local council shall, through a licensing system, regulate the following professions and vocations:—

(a) butchers and vendors of poultry, game or fish;

(b) persons keeping milk cattle or milk goats for profit;

(c) persons keeping for profit any animal other than milk cattle or milk goats;

(d) dairymen, butter men and vendors of ghee;

(e) vendors of fruit or vegetables;

(f) manufacturers of ice or ice-cream, and vendors of the same;

(g) vendors of medicines, drugs or articles of food or drink for human consumption (other than milk, butter, bread, biscuits, cake, fruit, vegetables, aerated or other potable water or ice or ice-cream) which are of a perishable nature;

(h) vendors of water to be used for drinking purposes;

(i) washer men;

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(j) persons carrying on any trade or occupation from which offensive or unwholesome smells arise;

(k) vendors of wheat, rice and other grain or of flour;

(1) makers and vendors of sweetmeats;

(m) barbers and keepers of shaving saloons; and

(n) any other trade and occupation specified in the bye-laws, or through public notice by Local Council from time to time;

(o) shall carryon his trade, calling or occupation in such part of a local area as may be designated by the Local Council unless he has applied for and obtained a license in this behalf from the local government.

(2) The Metropolitan Corporation, a Municipal Corporation, a Municipal Committee and a District Council shall, through a licensing system, also regulate the following professions and vocations:

(a) the business of storing or selling timber, firewood, coal, charcoal and coke, hay straw grass and bamboo, jute, shrub, hemp munj and their products, matches, explosives, petrol, oil and lubricants, paper, ghee and other dangerously inflammable materials.

(b) sugar refining and sugar refineries.

(c) preparation of aerated water.

(d) operating or running bake houses.

(e) electroplating.

(f) welding.

(g) storing, packing, pressing, cleaning, preparing or manufacturing by any process whatever blasting powder, ammunition, fireworks, gun powder, sulphur, mercury, gases, gun cotton, saltpeter, nitro compounds, nitro mixtures, phosphorus or dynamite.

(h) cleaning, dying, preparing or manufacturing by any process whatever clothes or yarn in indigo and other colors.

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(i) storing, processing, cleanings, crushing, melting, preparing or manufacturing by any process whatever or dealing in bones, tallow, offal, fat blood, soap, raw hides and skins candles, manure, catgut and oil cloth.

(j) manufacturing oils.

(k) washing or drying wool or hair.

(l) making or manufacturing bricks, 'Surkhi', tiles, or earthenware pots clay pipes or other earthenware by any process of baking or burning.

(m) burning or grinding of limestone or metal stone or storing of lime for sale.

(n) cleaning or grinding of grain or chilies by any kind or class or machinery.

(o) keeping animals likely to create nuisance.

(p) fell mongering.

(q) casting of heavy metals such as iron, lead copper and brass.

(r) dealing in poison, acid, chemicals, liquid or otherwise.

(s) whole-sale storing cleaning pounding and selling of tobacco except the storing of tobacco required for the preparation of biddis, cigars or cigarettes.

(t) operating or running tin factories.

(u) manufacture of safes, trunks and boxes.

(v) marble cutting and polishing.

(w) glass leveling and polishing.

(x) manufacture of cement and hume pipes.

(y) storing, packing, pressing, cleaning, preparing or manufacturing by any process whatever, rags, pitch, tar, turpentine, demmar, coconut, fiber, flax, hemp, rosin or spirit.

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(z) tanning, pressing or packing hides or skins whether raw or dry.

(aa) trade or operation of Ferries.

(bb) discharging fire-arms and letting off fire-works, fire balloons or detonators, or any game dangerous to life, dwelling and other property.

(cc) any other article or trade declared by Government to be dangerous to life, health or property or likely to cause nuisance either from its nature or any reason of the manner in which or the conditions under which, the same may be processed or carried on.

4. **Regulation/Licensing of trades by other departments.**—(1) Any other trade, operational within the territorial jurisdiction of a local council, for which license has been issued or to be issued by any other Government department in GB, such departments shall, soon after the commencement of these Rules, revise the terms and conditions for issuance of new license to incorporate the mandatory conditions of:

(a) having an active business account in any scheduled bank

(b) obtaining a QR code from the bank linked with the business account and display the same on cash their counters.

(2) For already functional trades operational under departmental license, directive shall be issued for immediate display of QR Codes, linked with the business bank account, on their respective cash counters failing which the license shall be cancelled/ suspended and business premises shall be sealed.

5. **Prohibition.**—(1) No person shall carry out any profession or vocation, mentioned in rule-3 and 4, unless he holds a valid license for the purpose from the concerned local council or any other Government department, as the case may be.

(2) A person engaged in a profession or vocation mentioned in rule 3 and 4, before the commencement of the rules, shall apply for a license to the concerned local council or a Government department, within three months from the commencement of the rules.

(3) The carrying of any trade, profession or vocation, mentioned in rule 3 and 4, without a valid license or without applying for the license to the concerned local council or the relevant Government department, within the period stipulated in sub-rule 2 shall be deemed to be an offence under the Act.

6. **Penalty for non-compliance of Rule-5.**—(1) The non-compliance of Rule-5 shall be a cognizable offence as mentioned vide sr. No. 9, Part II of

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Fourth Schedule of the Local Government Act, and the offender shall be liable to be punished with:

(a) imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years

(b) fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or

(c) both (a) and (b) or

(d) where the accused was directed by an inspector for immediate discontinuation of the offence, the Court may impose a further fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees for every day from the period the accused has persisted with the offence from the date of its commission.

(2) All the Government departments which are receiving amount from the traders.

7. **Enforcement through Inspectors.**—(1) The Government shall authorize the officials of the local government as Inspectors for reporting the commission of the offence as mentioned vide Rule-5 and also appoint a controlling authority as administrative head of the Inspector and the Inspectors shall report to the authority for commission of an offence under Rule-5.

8. **Fee for license.**—(1) A local council may charge fee for grant of license under these rules.

(2) The fee shall be levied by the local council, after approval by the Government or the House or the Administrator as the case may be.

9. **Procedure and general conditions to grant license.**—The local council shall make and notify bye-laws, specifying the procedure and general conditions for the grant, renewal and cancellation of a license under the rules.

10. **Cancellation of license.**—(1) The local council may, after recording reasons, cancel a license for infringement, or violation of any provisions of the Act and the rules or bye-laws or for reasons of public safety or security, after serving a notice to the licensee and provide him opportunity of hearing.

(2) The local council after recording reasons may reject an application for the grant of a license or renewal of a license in public interest.

11. **Court.**—The court of Executive Magistrate will try the offences and the trial will be called summary trial.

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12. **Appeal.**—Appeal against decision of the Executive Magistrate shall be filed before GB Chief Court.

13. **Overriding Effect.**—These rules shall have overriding effect on all other rules.

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