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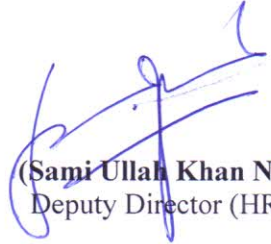
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Subject: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR POST GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS (LOCAL) SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP

In order to guide the process of considering candidature of employees of the Department applying for post graduate degree programs inside Pakistan either on self-finance basis or through scholarship/fellowship, the Auditor General of Pakistan is pleased to approve the subject eligibility criteria with immediate effect. These Criteria are forwarded herewith for your information, further dissemination and necessary action please.

2. This supersedes all previous instructions on the subject matter to the extent covered in these Criteria

Encl.: As above


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Eligibility Criteria for Post Graduate Degree Programs (Local) / Scholarships / fellowships**A: Purpose:**

1. The Eligibility Criteria are issued to guide the process of considering candidature of employees of the Department intending to pursue Post Graduate Degree Programs within Pakistan

B: Definitions: Various terms used in this document carry the following meanings:

- a. **Controlling Officer:** The officer under whose direct command the applicant is serving. Different categories of controlling officer are broadly listed as below:
 - i. Head of Office in Field Offices
 - ii. DAG/DG/Dir concerned in AGP office
- b. **Department:** Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan and Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan
- c. **Employee:** An employee of the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan and Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan
- d. **HR Wing:** Human Resource Wing of the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan
- e. **Sponsoring Agency:** Body or institute which offers a scholarship/Fellowship opportunity to pursue Masters / MS / M. Phil. / PhD degree / any other postgraduate degree and provide funds for the purpose
- f. **Degree Program:** for the purpose of this document degree program means studies undertaken to obtain Masters / M. Phil / PhD / or any other post graduate degree

C: Applicability and Jurisdiction

1. The Eligibility Criteria shall come into force with immediate effect.
2. All applications, duly recommended by the supervisory officer concerned, shall be processed by HR Wing for approval of the competent authority.

D: Eligibility Requirements

1. Only regular BPS-17-20 officers, who have completed their probationary period, are eligible to apply.

E: Exceptions to the General Eligibility Requirements

1. Where a scholarship/fellowship opportunity has been notified directly by a sponsoring agency, without involvement of Government of Pakistan and does not involve any government funding, or where an employee is willing to pursue degree program on self-finance basis, he/she shall be eligible to apply. However, the candidate, irrespective of source of funding, shall apply through proper channel and has to obtain a No Objection

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Certificate (NOC) from the HR Wing prior to applying for the opportunities, which would be valid for programs having openings within one year of its issuance

F: Specific Criteria

2. The Eligibility Criteria provided in this document shall be read with the specific criteria for eligibility notified by the respective sponsoring agency in each case.

G: Detailed Eligibility Criteria

1. The detailed eligibility considerations for the postgraduate opportunity are provided hereunder.

i. Basic Pay Scale

If not otherwise specified by sponsoring agency, employees of following grades shall be allowed to apply for the scholarship/fellowship programs:

Inter-Departmental Cadre

- BPS-17 and above.

Departmental Cadre

- BPS-17 and above.

This criterion will not be applicable to a case covered under the provisions of Section E of this document; or where sponsoring agency has allowed an employee of BPS-16 or below, to apply for a particular degree program, subject to fulfillment of other criteria.

ii. Upper Age Limit

Upper age limit for different grades is as follows:

Inter-Departmental Cadre

- 35 years for BPS-17
- 42 years for BPS-18
- 47 years for BPS-19
- 52 years for BPS-20

Departmental Cadre

- Same as for IDC

Otherwise, upper age limit specified by sponsoring agency shall apply.

In special circumstances, where degree program is considered essential for an employee below BPS-17 with upper age limit of 40 years, he/she can also be allowed to pursue studies.

iii. Minimum Required Qualification

Minimum required qualification would be at least 16 Years education, if not specified; otherwise the minimum qualification criterion notified by sponsoring agency would apply.

iv. Disciplinary Proceedings

Application should not be forwarded by the Controlling Officers, if:

- Disciplinary proceedings against the applicant are in process; and
- Penalty period has not ended by closing date of submission of application.

