

# Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1966

## 1.Short title and commencement.-

(1)These rules may be called the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1966.

(2)It shall come into force at once.

## 2.Definitions.-

In these rules there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, -

(a)"Act" means the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 (XVI of 1939):

(b)"Certificate of Registration" means a Certificate of Registration issued in pursuance of rule 7;

(c)"Form" means a form appended to these rules;

(d)"master of the vessel" includes the pilot of an aircraft and any person authorised by such master or pilot to discharge on his behalf any of the duties imposed upon him by these rules;

(e)"owner of the vessel" includes any person authorised by the owner to discharge on his behalf any of the duties imposed upon him by these rules;

(f)"passenger" means any person travelling or seeking to travel on board a vessel who is not a *bonafide* seaman;

(g)"police officer" includes, in the Quetta and Kalat Divisions, a levy officer, and "police officer not below the rank of head constable" includes a levy officer not below the rank of jamadar;

(h)"registered address" means a foreigner's intended address in Pakistan as reported under rule 6 and recorded in item 10 of his Certificate of Registration and includes the address as subsequently recorded in his Certificate of Registration under rule 12;

(i)"Registration Officer" means a Registration Officer appointed by the Central Government under rule 3 and includes an authority authorised in writing by a Registration Officer to perform the duties of the Registration Officer on his behalf;

(j)"residence" means ordinary dwelling place In Pakistan;

(k)"seaman" means a person employed on, or engaged in the working of, a vessel;

(l)"tourist" means a foreigner of any of the following categories who has no residence or occupation in Pakistan and whose stay in the country does not exceed three months, namely:-

(i)a person visiting Pakistan for recreation or sightseeing;

(ii) a person travelling for domestic or health reason;

(iii) a person on study or lecture tour or a pilgrimage;

(iv) a person travelling in his individual or representative capacity to attend a meeting or function of any kind (scientific, administrative, educational, social, cultural, sports or religious) or for giving a performance;

(v) a person travelling for business purposes; and

(vi) a person arriving in the course of a sea cruise whose stay in Pakistan exceeds twenty four hours;

(m) "vessel" includes aircraft but does not include a vessel travelling solely between ports or places in Pakistan.

### **3.Registration Officers.-**

(1) The Central Government may appoint Registration Officers for the purposes of these rules for such areas as it thinks fit.

(2) A Registration Officer may, with the approval of the Central Government, authorise in writing any authority to perform any or all of his functions under these rules.

### **4.Passengers on vessels to report arrival in Pakistan.**

Every foreigner who arrives in Pakistan on board any vessel shall, on being required so to do by, or on behalf of, the master of the vessel, furnish in writing a true statement of the particulars specified in Form 'A'.

### **5.Report by foreigners of arrival in and departure from Pakistan by land.-**

Every foreigner who enters or leaves Pakistan by land shall, on being required so to do by the Registration Officer of the place of arrival or departure, as the case may be, furnish to him in writing a true statement of the particulars specified in Form 'A'.

### **6.Report by foreigner of his arrival in Pakistan.-**

(1) Every foreigner entering Pakistan shall, subject to sub-rule (2), present in person to the appropriate Registration Officer, prescribed by rule 7 a report in Form B (hereinafter referred to as a registration report) of his arrival in Pakistan.

(2) Every registration report shall be made in writing, in the English language and in duplicate, shall contain a true statement of the foreigner's intended address in Pakistan and of all the other particulars specified in Form 'B' and shall have affixed to it a photograph of the foreigner, which shall be overstamped with the stamp of the Registration Officer on both parts of the report:

Provided that a *pardanashin* woman who is accompanied by a male companion may present the registration report through her male companion and may not affix a photograph to the report:

Provided further that in the case of a foreigner whose occupation is such as to necessitate frequent travelling and who is not likely to return within a reasonable time to the district in which he is at any time living, the office of the Registration Officer of the district in which he first registers upon his arrival in Pakistan may be given as, and shall be deemed to be, his address in Pakistan.

(3) Copies of Form B shall be supplied by the Pakistani visa issuing authority at the time of the grant of visa or by the Registration Officer in Pakistan.

## **7. Procedure for registration.-**

(1) The registration report shall be presented by a foreigner who enters Pakistan on board a vessel or by land, within thirty days of his arrival, at such time and place and to such authority as may be appointed by the Registration Officer of the port or other place of arrival:

Provided that any foreigner who enters Pakistan in the course of a continuous journey by railway shall present a registration report to the Registration Officer of the place of arrival.

(2) The Registration Officer or other authority as aforesaid to whom the Registration report is presented shall issue to the foreigner a temporary Certificate of Registration in Form C and the foreigner shall thereafter comply with the conditions set out in that Form.

(3) Every foreigner presenting a Registration report shall furnish to the Registration Officer such information as may be in his possession for the purpose of satisfying the said officer as to the accuracy of the particulars specified therein and shall, on being required so to do, sign the Registration report in the presence of the said Officer and shall thereupon be entitled to receive from the said officer a Certificate of Registration on Part 11 of Form B:

Provided that a *pardanashin* woman whose passport or other documents of identification do not, in the opinion of the Registration Officer, provide adequate proof of identity, shall be required to furnish to the Registration Officer, within such period of presenting her registration report as such Officer may fix, four complete sets of her finger impressions, one of which shall be made on part II of Form B. The finger impressions shall be made in the presence of the Registration Officer and each set shall be attested by him.

## **8. Period of validity of Certificates of Registration.-**

(1) If the Registration Officer is satisfied that any foreigner entering Pakistan is a *bonafide* tourist and that the period of his stay in Pakistan will not exceed thirty days he may endorse on his passport the word "Tourist" and record therein the date of expiry of the validity of the said endorsement:

Provided that if the tourist, after his entry in Pakistan, decides to extend his stay in Pakistan beyond thirty days, he shall, before the expiry of the said period of thirty days, apply to any Registration Officer in Pakistan for registration and the Registration Officer may, on

sufficient cause being shown by the tourist, register him in Form B, subject to the condition that in no case shall the validity of such registration be so expressed as to extend the period of the tourist's stay in Pakistan beyond three months after the date on which he entered Pakistan.

(2) If the Registration Officer is satisfied that any foreigner entering Pakistan is a *bonafied* tourist and that the period of his stay in Pakistan will be more than thirty days but less than three months, he may register him in Form B and record therein the fact of the foreigner being a tourist and also the date of expiry of the validity of the Certificate of Registration:

Provided that, if the Certificate of Registration of the tourist is expressed to be valid for a period of less than three months, the period of validity of such certificate may, on sufficient cause being shown by the tourist, be extended by any Registration Officer, subject to the condition that in no case shall the validity be so extended beyond three months after the date on which the tourist entered Pakistan.

(3) Where a tourist enters Pakistan on the authority of a transit visa issued to him under the Passport Rules, 1955, the validity of the Certificate of Registration shall be coextensive with the validity of the said transit visa.

(4) Any tourist who is in Pakistan after the date of the expiry of the validity of the endorsement on his passport, or of his Certificate of Registration, shall cease to be a tourist within the meaning of these rules.

(5) The Certificate of Registration issued in respect of any foreigner other than tourist shall be valid for so long as the foreigner does not depart from Pakistan.

## **9. Production of Proof of identity.-**

(1) Every foreigner shall, within twenty four hours of demand being made of him by any Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer not below the rank of head constable, produce at such place as may be specified, his passport and such other proof of his identity as may be required for any purpose connected with the enforcement of these rules:

Provided that the said Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer may, on sufficient cause being shown, extend the aforesaid period of twenty four hours to such period as, in the circumstances, may be necessary for the production of the said passport or other proof of identity.

(2) Every foreigner entering Pakistan shall, on demand being made of him by the Registration Officer, deliver the passport or other proof of identity to that Officer and shall thereafter attend at such time and place as the Registration Officer may direct for the purpose of receiving back his passport.

(3) Where in pursuance of sub-rule (2) a foreigner surrenders his passport or other proof of identity, he shall be entitled to receive a receipt for it from the Registration Officer.

## **10. Production of Certificate of Registration.-**

Every registered Foreigner shall, within twenty four hours of demand being made of him by any Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer not below the rank of head constable, produce or cause to be produced his Certificate of Registration for the inspection of such Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer:

Provided that the Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer may, in sufficient cause being shown, extend the aforesaid period of twenty-four hours to such period as, in the circumstances, may be reasonably necessary for the production of the said certificate:

Provided further that if the Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector is of the opinion that the passport or other documents of identification produced by a pardanashin woman do not furnish adequate proof identity and if the Registration Certificate does not bear the finger impressions required by the proviso to sub-rule (3) of rule 7, the Registration Officer, Magistrate or Police Officer may require her to furnish, within such period as such Officer, Magistrate or police Officer may fix, four complete sets of her finger impressions, one of which shall be made on the Registration Certificate. The finger impressions shall be made in the presence of the Registration Officer, Magistrate or police Officer and shall be attested by him:

Provided further that, if the Registration Certificate bears a set of finger impressions, the Registration Officer, Magistrate or police officer may in order to satisfy himself of the genuineness of the finger impressions require her to furnish a further set of finger impressions for comparison.

## **11. Report of temporary absence from registered address.-**

(1) If at any time a foreigner is absent from his registered address for seven days or more, he shall report to the Registration Officer of the district in which his registered address is situated his current address and every subsequent change of address including his return to his registered address.

(2) Every foreigner who stays or intends to stay for a period of seven days or more at any place in any district other than the district in which his registered address is situated, shall report his presence in that other district to the Registration Officer of that district within twenty-four hours of his arrival in that district.

(3) The requirements of sub-rules (1) and (2) shall be deemed to have been fulfilled if the foreigner concerned-

(i) makes a report in writing to the Registration Officer of the district where his registered address is situated seven days in advance of leaving the district mentioning his itinerary; or

(ii) reports in Form D in accordance with the provisions of rule 15 furnishing on it the requisite information about the itinerary; or

(iii) Obtain a travel permit under sub-rule (1) of rule 16 from the Registration Officer of the district in which his registered address is situated:

Provided that if any change in the itinerary is made, intimation shall be sent to the Registration Officer; or

(iv) Reports arrival immediately to the Registration Officer of the district of his arrival.

(4)(a) The report prescribed by sub-rules (1) and (2) may be made by a foreigner to the Registration Officer personally or through an agent or through postal communication.

(b) A report prescribed by sub-rule (3) may be made by a foreigner to the Registration Officer personally or through an agent.

## **12. Report of change of registered address.-**

(1) Every foreigner who is about to change his registered address shall furnish to the Registration Officer of the district in which his registered address is situated particulars of his new address and the date of the change, and the Registration Officer shall record the new address in his Certificate of Registration.

(2) A foreigner shall be deemed to have changed his registered address -

(a) if he departs from Pakistan;

(b) if he changes his residence from one place to another place in Pakistan; or

(c) if, having no residence, he leaves his registered address knowing that he is not likely thereafter to return thereto within three months of leaving it:

Provided that clause (c) of this sub-rule shall not apply in any case in which in accordance with the second proviso to sub-rule (2) of rule 6 the foreigner's registered address is the office of the Registration Officer of the district in which he first registered upon his arrival in Pakistan.

## **13. Reports of changes other than of address-**

Without prejudice to the provisions of rules 11 and 12, every foreigner shall furnish to the Registration Officer of the district in which his registered address is situated particulars of any circumstances affecting in any manner the accuracy of the particulars recorded in his Certificate of Registration within fourteen days after the circumstances have occurred and generally shall supply to the Registration Officer all such information as may be necessary for maintaining the accuracy of that Certificate.

## **14. Saving for Tourists.-**

(1) Nothing in rules 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13 shall apply to a tourist for so long as the period of validity of the endorsement on his passport made under sub-rule (1) of rule 8 has not expired.

(2) Nothing in rules 11, 12 and 13 shall apply to any tourist other than one mentioned in sub-rule (1) for so long as the period of validity of the Certificate of Registration has not expired:

Provided that any Registration Officer may, in relation to any tourist, at any time cancel the period of validity of the endorsement on his passport or of his Certificate of Registration and thereupon the tourist shall cease to be a tourist within the meaning of these rules.

## **15. Report to be made to and by hotel keepers.-**

(1) Every keeper of a hotel shall require every foreigner for whom accommodation is provided in the hotel-

(a) on arrival at the hotel to furnish his particulars necessary for the completion of Form, D;

(b) to sign the register maintained by the keeper of the hotel in which the full particulars of the foreigner as entered in Form D shall have been previously copied out by the keeper of the hotel; and

(c) at the time of his departure from such hotel to record, or furnish the particulars necessary for recording, in the said register, the date and time of his departure and the address to which he is proceeding.

(2) The register prescribed by sub-rule (1) shall at all times be made available for inspection on the demand of any Registration Officer, Magistrate or police Officer not below the rank of head of constable.

(3) Every foreigner for whom accommodation is provided in a hotel shall-

(i) on his arrival at such hotel-

(a) furnish the particulars necessary for the completion of Form D: and

(b) sign the register maintained by the keeper of the hotel in which the full particulars of the foreigner as entered in Form D shall have been previously copied out by the hotel keeper;

(ii) at the time of his departure from such hotel, record, or furnish the particulars necessary for recording, in the said register, the date and time of his departure and the address to which he is proceeding.

(4) Every particular which is required by this rule to be recorded in the said register or in Form D shall be recorded by the keeper of the hotel-

(a) if the foreigner understands the English language, in the English language; and

(b) otherwise, in a Pakistani language.

(5) If a foreigner does not understand the English language or a Pakistani language, it shall be the duty of the keeper of the hotel, if so requested, to explain to the foreigner the requirements of this rule.

(6) The keeper of the hotel shall sign and date the Form D duly completed by him and shall, as soon as may be, but not more than twenty-four hours after the arrival of the foreigner, transmit the Form to the Registration Officer.

(7) For the purposes of this rule-

(a)"hotel" includes any boarding-house, clubs, dak-bungalow, rest-house, sarai or other premises of like nature;

(b)"keeper of a hotel" means the person having the management of a hotel and includes any person authorised by him, and competent, to perform the duties of the keeper of the hotel under this rule;

(c)"sign" includes, in respect of a foreigner who is unable to write, the making of a thumb impression or other mark by means of which he is accustomed to attest a document.

(8)Specimen Copies of Form D may be obtained, on application, from any Registration Officer.

## **16.Report by foreigner of his departure from Pakistan.-**

(1)Every foreigner who is about to depart from Pakistan either on board a vessel or by land shall, unless, being a tourist, his case is governed by sub-rule (4), surrender his Certificate of Registration to the Registration Officer of the district in which his registered address is situated and shall receive from the Registration Officer, a permit to travel to the place from which he proposes to leave Pakistan.

(2)Every such permit shall be duly stamped, signed and dated by the Registration Officer and shall-

(i)certify the surrender of the Registration Certificate by the foreigner and his intended departure from the point where his journey in Pakistan as entered in the permit ends;

(ii)specify the route by which the foreigner will travel and the period for which the permit is valid; and

(iii)be deemed for the purposes of these rules to be Certificate of Registration for as long as its conditions as to the period and route for which it is expressed to be valid are not contravened.

(3)The permits shall be surrendered by the foreigner to the Registration Officer of the place from which he departs from Pakistan.

(4)Every tourist whose case is governed by sub-rule(2) of rule 8 shall on his departure from Pakistan surrender his Certificate of the Registration-

(a)if he departs on board any vessel, to the Registration Officer of the port or place from which the vessel leaves Pakistan or to such authority as the said Officer may appoint in this behalf; or

(b)if he departs from Pakistan by land, to the Registration Officer of the place from which he departs from Pakistan.

(5)Every foreign passenger, other than a passenger for whom a berth or seat has been engaged by or on behalf of Government, who is about to depart from Pakistan on board any vessel

shall on the request of the master of such vessel furnish or caused to be furnished in writing his full particulars in Form A.

## **17.Obligations of masters of vessels etc.-**

(1)The master of any vessel arriving at or leaving any port or place in Pakistan shall

(a)before any foreign passenger disembarks or embarks, supply to the Registration Officer of the port or place of arrival in, or departure from, Pakistan Form 'A' duly filled in by each foreigner together with a Passenger Manifest in Form E;

(b)require every foreign passenger who is about to disembark in Pakistan to complete Form B and direct him to attend at such place and time as may be specified by the Registration Officer;

(c)if so requested by the Registration Officer, require any foreign passenger about to depart from Pakistan to surrender his Certificate of Registration or travel permit and deliver such Certificate or permit together with Form A and the Passenger Manifest in Form E required under sub-rule, (4) to the Registration Officer;

(d)if so required by the Registration Officer, furnish on arrival at the said port or place a true statement in writing showing the name and nationality of every seaman, and at the time of departing from such port or place take such steps as the Registration Officer may specify to ascertain whether or not any such seaman as aforesaid who is a foreigner is about to depart on board such vessel; and

(e)render to the Registration Officer such assistance as he may reasonably require for carrying out the purposes of the Act and these rules.

(2)Every particular, other than the signature of a foreign passenger, which is required by this rule to be recorded in Form B shall be recorded-

(a)if the passenger is able to write in the English language, by the passenger and in the English language;

(b)if the passenger is unable to write In the English language, by the master of the vessel and in the English language or, where the master is unable to write In the English language, in a Pakistani language.

(3)If a foreign passenger does not understand the English language, it shall be the duty of the master of the vessel, if so requested, to explain or cause to be explained to the foreign passenger the requirements of this rule and Form B.

(4)The master or owner of any vessel shall-

(a)require any foreigner who intends to embark on that vessel for the purpose of leaving Pakistan to furnish in writing his full particulars in Form A;

(b)cause Form A when so completed to be delivered together with the schedule in Form E to the Registration Officer of the place of departure and

(c)take steps to ensure that no foreigner embarks until authorised so to do by the Registration Officer.

(5)Form A shall be completed in the English language:

Provided that in any case in which there is no seaman on board a vessel who is able to write in the English language, the Form may be completed in a Pakistani language.

(6)Form A shall be supplied to the foreign passengers by the master or owner of the vessel carrying the passengers.

(7)Specimen copies of Forms A, B and E may be obtained by the master or owner of a vessel carrying passengers from any Registration Officer.

## **18.Duplicate Certificate of Registration.-**

(1)If any Certificate of Registration issued under these rules is lost, destroyed, damaged or mutilated, the foreigner to whom it was issued shall personally make to the Registration Officer of the district of his registered address, a report in writing of the circumstances in which it was so lost, destroyed, damaged or mutilated together with an application for the issue of a duplicate copy of the Certificate of Registration:

Provided that, if only the photograph of the foreigner affixed on his Registration Certificate is lost, destroyed, damaged or mutilated and the entries against all the Items in the Certificate of Registration are intact, the foreigner shall together with the aforesaid report submit two copies of a photograph of himself, of passport size, with the request that the said photographs may be affixed to his Certificate of Registration.

(2)The fee for every duplicate copy of the Certificate of Registration issued under sub-rule (1) shall be five rupees, but no fee shall be charged for the affixation of the photograph under the proviso to that sub-rule.

## **19.Repeal and Savings.-**

(1)The Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939 are hereby repealed.

(2)All action taken, orders passed and directions issued under the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939, prior to the commencement of these rules shall be deemed to have been taken, passed and issued under these rules.