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To

1. The Controller General of Accounts, Islamabad
2. The Military Accountant General, Rawalpindi
3. The Rector, Pakistan Audit & Accounts Academy, Lahore
4. All Directors General of Audit (FAOs)

Subject: **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS (FOREIGN) SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP**

In order to guide the process of considering candidature of employees of the Department applying for post-graduate degree programs outside 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 (Foreign) / 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 outside Pakistan either on self-finance basis or through scholarships / fellowships offered by:
 - a. The Government of Pakistan through Economic Affairs Division or any other Government agency.
 - b. Foreign and/or international organizations (UN, World Bank, ADB, etc).
 - c. Foreign governments (USAid, DfID, AusAid, JICE, JICA, etc).
 - d. AusAid
 - e. British Chevening
 - f. Hubert Humphrey
 - g. Fulbright
 - h. DAAD Scholarship Germany
 - i. Any other agency

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:** A local or foreign body which offers a foreign scholarship/Fellowship opportunity and provide funds for the purpose

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 Auditor General of Pakistan.

D: Exceptions to the Eligibility Requirements

1. Where a foreign scholarship/fellowship opportunity has been notified directly by a sponsoring agency, without involvement of EAD / Government of Pakistan and does not


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involve any government funding, or where an employee (BS-16 and above) is willing to attend degree program on self-finance basis, he/she shall be eligible to apply.

2. However, the candidate, irrespective of source of funding, shall apply through proper channel and be required to obtain a No Objection 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

E: Specific Criteria

1. 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.

F: Detailed Eligibility Criteria

1. The detailed eligibility considerations for the foreign degree program opportunity are provided hereunder.

i. Basic Pay Scale

If not otherwise specified by EAD/sponsoring agency, employees of following grades shall be allowed to apply for the foreign 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 EAD/sponsoring agency has allowed a BS-16 employee 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 EAD/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 be allowed to pursue higher 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 EAD/sponsoring agency would apply.

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