Proof of Means of Financial Support

Application for a Canadian Study Permit

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Dear Officer,

I am writing to provide my proof of financial capability in support of my Study Permit application for Canada. My name is Alireza Heidari, and I have been accepted into the Master of Science in Computing Science program at Simon Fraser University (SFU), with studies commencing in *January* 2025.

For the first year of my studies, I have secured a total of **CAD \$71,000**. This amount includes a family contribution of approximately CAD \$30,000, which comprises around CAD \$30,000 held in my mother's account and about CAD \$19,050 in my personal account. Additionally, I have been awarded financial support from SFU totaling at least CAD \$21,000 per year for two years. This funding includes scholarships, research funds, and teaching assistantships, as outlined in my admission letter.

I have estimated my first-year expenses to be **CAD \$46,334**, which is marginally higher than the official estimates provided by SFU, IRCC, and other reliable sources. After accounting for these expenses, I will have **CAD \$24,666** remaining, representing a comfortable margin of **53**% above the estimated costs. These available funds will enable me to manage any unforeseen expenses that may arise during my studies in Canada.

I have also secured housing at SFU Residence and Housing from January 2025 to August 2025, with the option to extend for the following year. A deposit has already been paid, as confirmed in the attached documentation.

I have enclosed all relevant financial documentation for your review. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Alireza Heidari

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1 | First-Year Financial Overview

This chapter outlines the estimated expenses for my first year of study at SFU and the funds I have secured to cover these costs. The total estimated expenses are **CAD \$46,334**, while the available funds amount to **CAD \$71,000**, resulting in a surplus of **CAD \$24,666**. Table 1.1 provides a summary of this financial overview.

Table 1.1: Financial Overview for First-Year Studies

Category	Amount (CAD)	Reference
Total Estimated Expenses	\$46,334	_
Total Available Funds	\$71,000	_
Remaining Funds	\$24,666	_

The available funds exceed estimated expenses by approximately 53%, ensuring financial stability for unforeseen costs.

1.1. Estimated Expenses

The estimated total expenses for my first year of study are **CAD \$46,334**, with CAD \$38,000 allocated for living costs and CAD \$8,334 for educational expenses. These estimates are based on reliable data for Burnaby, British Columbia, with a slight overestimation to account for potential cost variations. Table 1.2 summarizes the total estimated expenses.

Table 1.2: Total First-Year Expenses

Expense Category	Estimated Cost (CAD)	Reference
Educational Expenses	\$8,334	Table 1.3
Living Expenses	\$38,000	Table 1.4
Total Estimated Expenses	\$46,334	-

Tables 1.3 and 1.4 provide detailed breakdowns of educational and living expenses, respectively.

Table 1.3: Estimated First-Year Educational Expenses

Expense Item	Estimated Cost (CAD)	Notes/References
Tuition Fees	\$8,177	As per admission letter
Student Services Fee	\$157	As per SFU Calendar
Total Educational Expenses	\$8,334	-

Table 1.4: Estimated First-Year Living Expenses

Expense Item	Estimated Cost (CAD)	Notes/References
Housing	\$18,000	Based on SFU residence rates for graduate students
Food	\$8,500	Estimate includes groceries and dining, as per GEC Living
Miscellaneous	\$6,500	Covers personal care, phone, gym, recreation, utilities, and clothing
Transportation	\$1,500	Includes U-Pass BC and occasional taxi rides, as estimated by Livingcost
Health Insurance	\$1,000	Covers the BC MSP and the SFU GSS Benefit Plan
Flight to Canada	\$2,500	One-way ticket from Tehran to Vancouver, based on Air Canada
Total Living Expenses	\$38,000	-

This estimate exceeds both the IRCC minimum requirement of CAD 20,635 and the SFU Budget Calculator estimate of CAD 37,502.

1.2. Funding Sources

I have secured **CAD \$71,000** from various sources to cover my first-year expenses. Table 1.5 provides a detailed breakdown of these funding sources.

Table 1.5: Funding Sources for First-Year Studies

Funding Source	Amount (IRR)	Amount (CAD)	Source of Proof
SFU Financial Assistance	N/A	\$21,000	Admission Letter (Subsection 1.2.1)
SFU Residence Confirmation Payment	N/A	\$700	Payment Receipt (Subsection 1.2.2)
SFU Enrollment Deposit	N/A	\$250	Payment Receipt (Subsection 1.2.3)
Savings (Mother/Sponsor)	12,000,000,000	$$30,000^{1}$	Bank Statement (Subsection 1.2.4)
Savings (Applicant)	7,500,000,000	$$19,050^2$	Bank Statement (Subsection 1.2.4)
Total Available Funds	-	\$71,000	_

¹ Exchange rate: 1 CAD = 363,606 IRR (Bank Azadi Iran, September 22, 2024).

My primary financial sponsor is my mother, Anousheh Ansari, who has committed to supporting my studies. Both my mother and father have consistently supported my education, and I am confident they will continue to do so throughout my time at SFU.

1.2.1. Financial Assistance from the University

SFU has generously awarded me financial assistance of at least **CAD \$21,000** per year for two years, as outlined in my admission letter. This funding comes from research and teaching assistantships, as well as various scholarships. For further details on this financial aid, please refer to the attached admission letter (see Chapter 4).

1.2.2. SFU Residence Confirmation Payment

I have secured a housing contract with SFU Residence and Housing for a two-bedroom unit in Vancouver, spanning from *January 2, 2025* to *January 22, 2026*. To confirm this offer, I have made a non-refundable residence confirmation payment of **CAD \$700**. Documentation of the contract and payment is provided in Chapter 5.

1.2.3. Enrollment Deposit

I have paid a non-refundable enrollment deposit of **CAD \$250** to secure my place in the program. The official receipt for this payment is attached (see Chapter 4).

² Exchange rate: 1 CAD = 365,109 IRR (Minus Bank, September 22, 2024).

1.2.4. Personal and Family Funds

A considerable portion of my available funds is derived from personal savings and financial support from my primary sponsor, my mother, Anousheh Ansari. Table 1.6 details the ownership of the relevant accounts. The bank statements for both accounts, covering the period from *May 20*, 2024 to September 21, 2024, are included in Chapter 2.

Table 1.6: Bank Account Ownership Details

Account Owner	Bank	Account Type	Ownership Percentage
Alireza Heidari (Applicant)	Minus Bank	Short-term Deposit	100%
Anousheh Ansari (Mother/Sponsor)	Bank Azadi Iran	Current Account	100%

Source of Personal and Family Funds

The primary sources of funds in my mother's account are as follows:

- Employment Income: Accumulated over 30 years of steady employment. Employment records and salary slips for most recent 3 months are attached in Chapter 7 and Chapter 8, respectively.
- Family Savings and Investments: Long-term savings and rental income from family-owned properties. Relevant property deeds are included in the *Client Information* document of my application.

My own savings are derived from the following sources:

- Parental Contributions (approximately 80%): Regular deposits from my parents, set aside for my future, along with generous monetary gifts on special family occasions and my academic achievements (e.g., university entrance, graduation).
- Personal Savings (approximately 20%): Savings from my previous employments. Employment certification and monthly income details are provided in Chapter 7.

2 | Bank Statements

2.1. Sponsor's Bank Statement

The official bank statement, shown in Figure 2.1, belongs to my mother, Anousheh Ansari. It covers the period from May 20, 2024 to September 21, 2024, representing a total duration of four months.

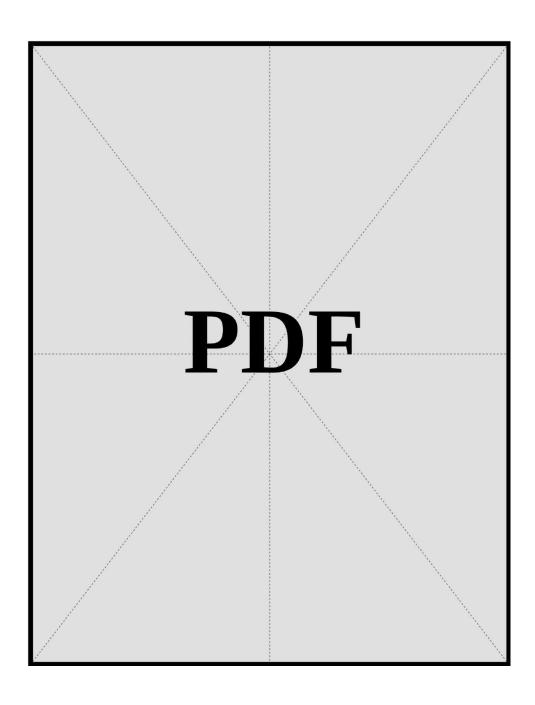


Figure 2.1: Bank Statement of Anousheh Ansari (May 2024 to September 2024)

2.2. Applicant's Bank Statement

Figure 2.2 shows the official bank statement of my account. It covers the period from May 20, 2024 to September 21, 2024, representing a total duration of four months.

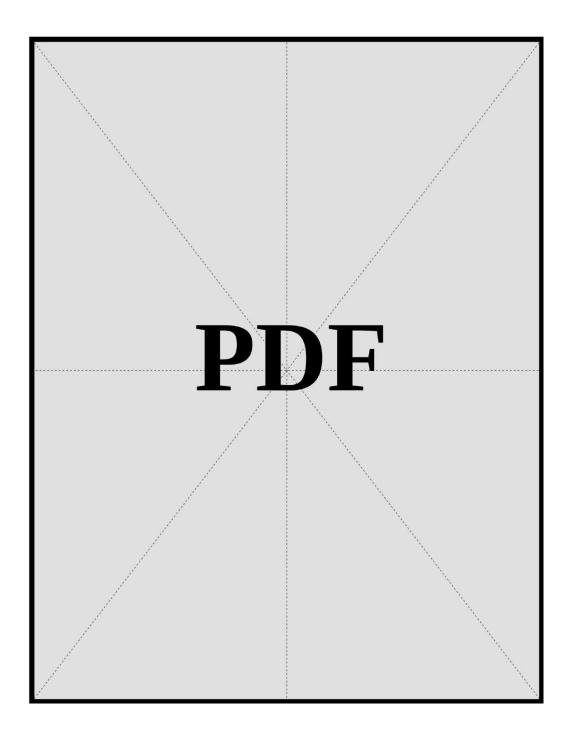


Figure 2.2: Bank Statement of Alireza Heidari (May 2024 to September 2024)

3 | Transactions History

3.1. Sponsor's Transactions History

The official transactions history, shown in Figure 3.1, belongs to my mother, Anousheh Ansari. It covers the period from May 20, 2024 to September 21, 2024, representing a total duration of four months.

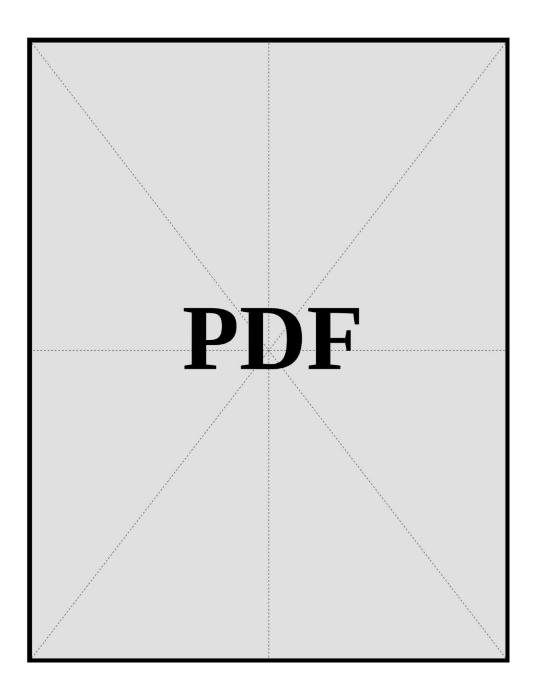


Figure 3.1: Transactions History of Anousheh Ansari (May 2024 to September 2024)

3.2. Applicant's Transactions History

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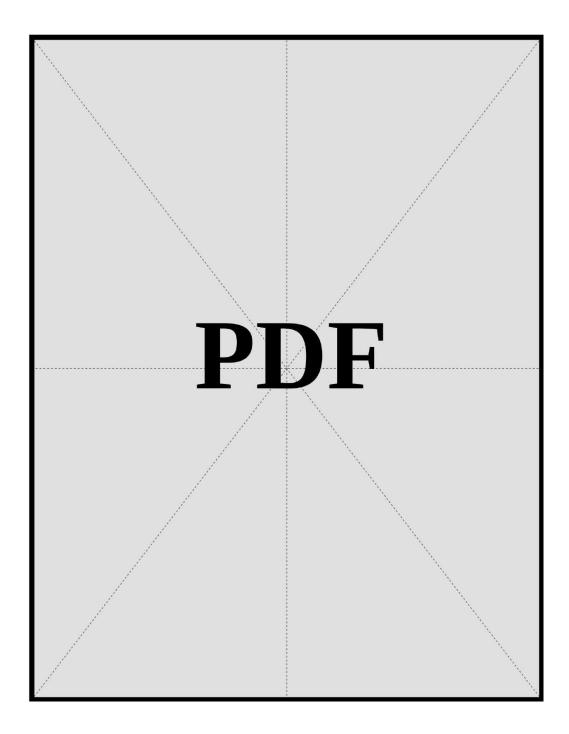


Figure 3.2: Transactions History of Alireza Heidari (May 2024 to September 2024)

4 Funding from Simon Fraser University

4.1. Financial Support Offer

As shown in Figure 4.1, Simon Fraser University has offered me a financial assistance package that consists of at least **CAD \$21,000** per year for two years, funded through research grants, teaching assistantships, and scholarships.

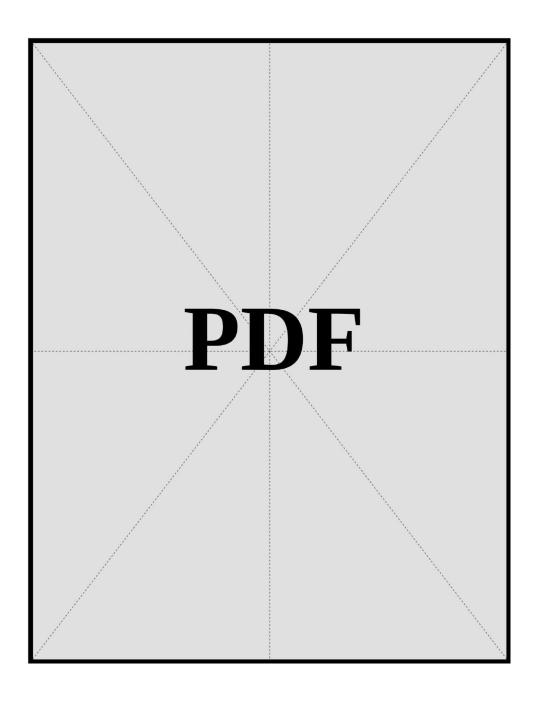


Figure 4.1: Letter of Scholarship from Simon Fraser University

4.2. Enrollment Deposit Payment

To confirm my admission to SFU, I have made a non-refundable enrollment deposit of **CAD \$250**. Figure 4.2 provides the official receipt for this payment, with the deposit transaction highlighted as the most recent entry.

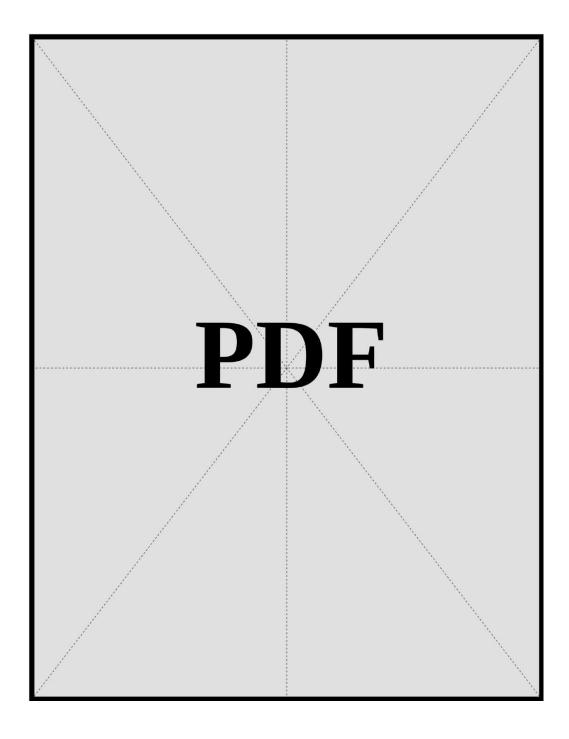


Figure 4.2: Official Receipt Confirming Enrollment Deposit Payment to SFU

5 Accommodation Arrangements

5.1. Housing Contract Details

I have secured a housing contract with SFU Residence and Housing. The contract is valid for the upcoming spring and summer semesters, covering the period from *January 2, 2025* to *August 22, 2025*. The rent is **CAD \$4,240** per semester, with the possibility of annual renewal. Figure 5.1 provides documentation of my housing arrangement.

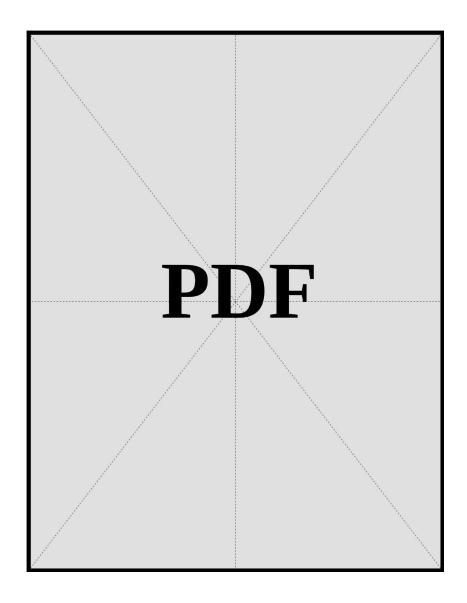


Figure 5.1: Housing Contract with SFU Residence and Housing.

5.2. Residence Confirmation Payment

To confirm my housing offer, I have made a non-refundable residence confirmation payment of **CAD \$700**. Figure 5.2 provides the official receipt issued by SFU Residence Administration for this payment.

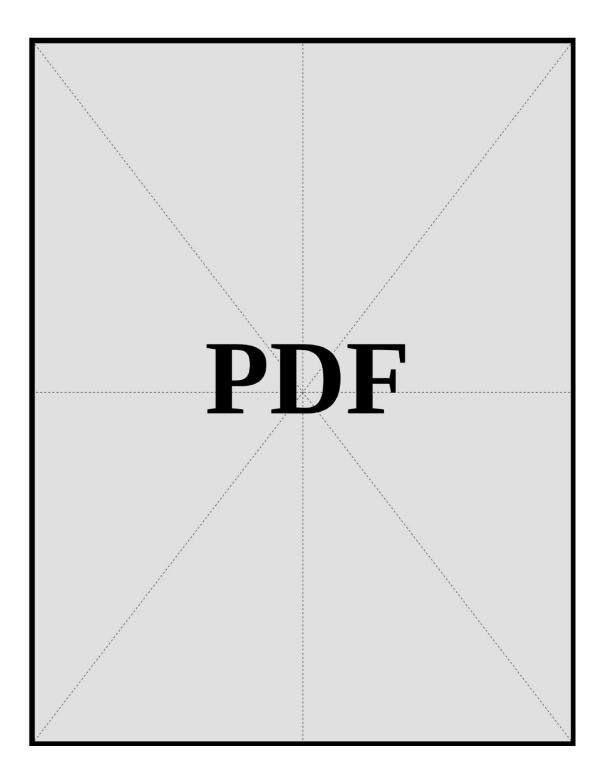


Figure 5.2: Payment Receipt for the Residence Confirmation Payment.

6 | Identification Documents

This chapter contains the official translations and certified copies of the *Shenasnameh* for the applicant, Alireza Heidari, and the sponsor, Anousheh Ansari. These documents serve to verify identities and substantiate the familial relationship between the applicant and the sponsor, who is the applicant's mother and financial supporter for this application.

6.1. Applicant's Shenasnameh



Figure 6.1: Official Translation of Applicant's Shenasnameh

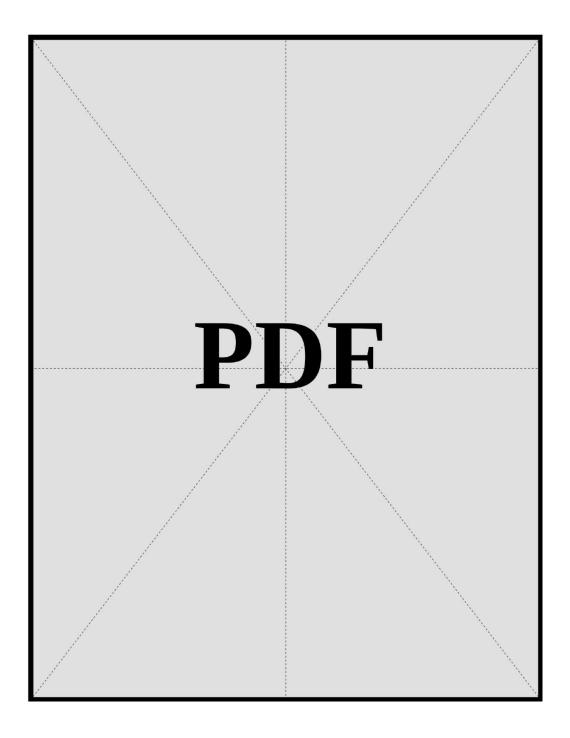


Figure 6.2: Certified Copy of Applicant's Shenasnameh

6.2. Sponsor's Shenasnameh



Figure 6.3: Official Translation of Sponsor's Shenasnameh

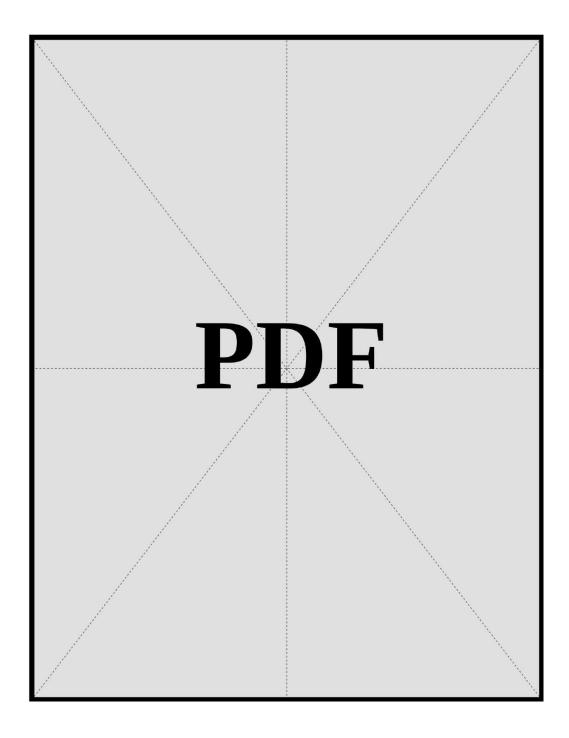


Figure 6.4: Certified Copy of Sponsor's Shenasnameh

7 Employment Information

7.1. Sponsor's Employment Verification

This section includes the personnel action form of my mother, Anousheh Ansari, who is my financial sponsor in this application. She is an Astronut at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and has been employed there since 2006. The subsequent pages present the official translation of my mother's personnel action form, along with a certified copy of the original document.

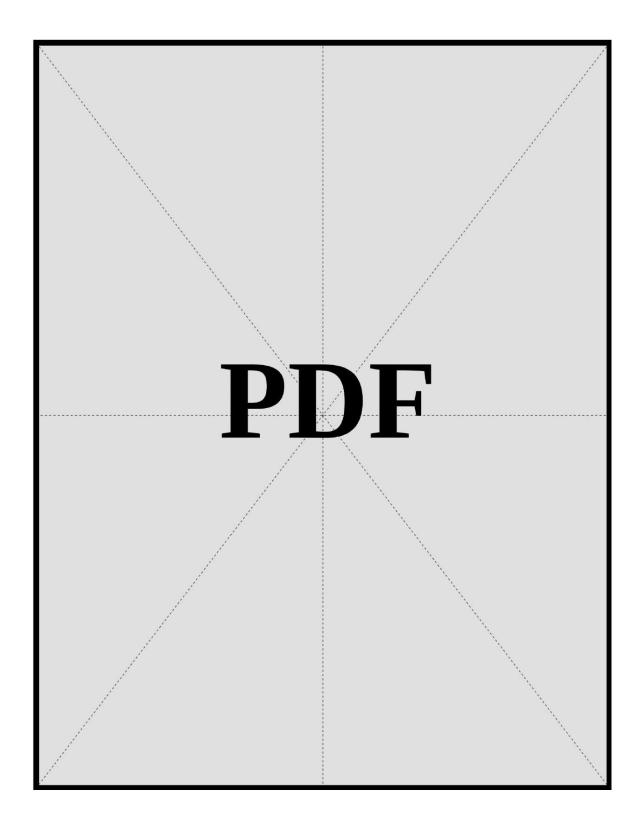


Figure 7.1: Official translation of Personnel Action Form

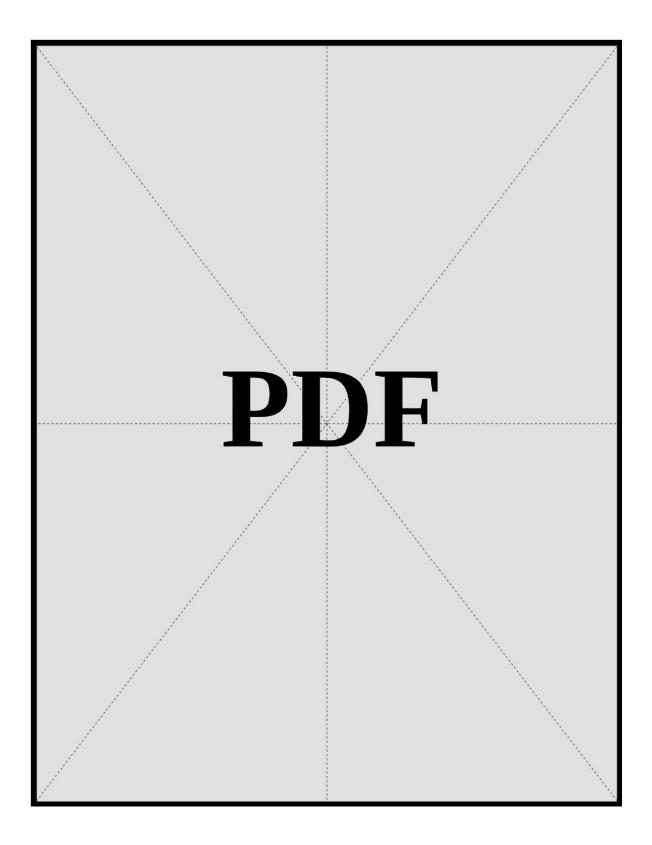


Figure 7.2: Certified copy of Personnel Action Form

7.2. Applicant's Employment Verification

This section provides a comprehensive overview of my professional career. Tables 7.1 and 7.2 present a structured summary of my employment history, detailing positions held, employment periods, monthly income, and employer information.

Table 7.1: Summary of Employment History

Company	Position	Start Date	End Date	Employment Type	Monthly Income (IRR)
Company 1	Sr. Data Scientist	January 2022	March 2023	Full-time	80,000,000
Company 2	Jr. Software Engineer	September 2021	January 2022	Part-time	70,000,000

Table 7.2: Employer Information

Company	Industry Sector	Number of Staff	Website
Company 1	Smart Transportation (Online Taxi Service)	500-1000	company-1.com
Company 2	E-commerce	2000-5000	company-2.com

Company 1

Insurance Records

The following pages include insurance documentation from the *Social Security Organization of Iran*, comprising the official translation (see 7.3) and certified copy (see 7.4).

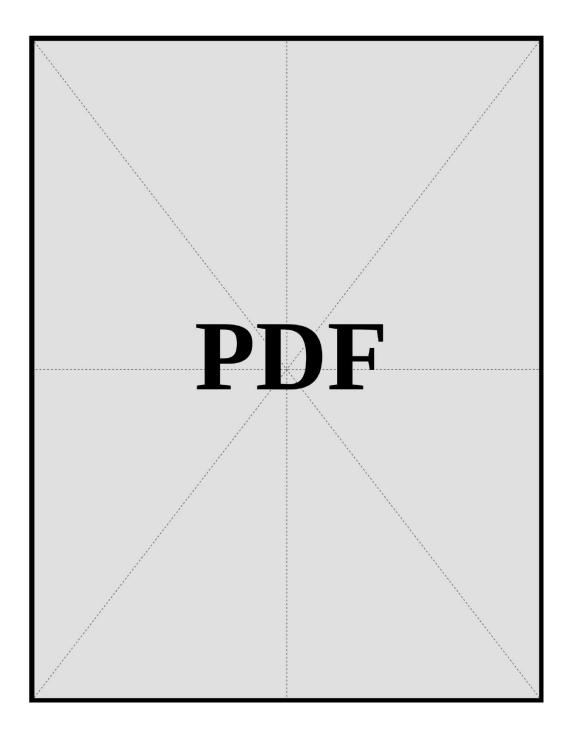


Figure 7.3: Official Translation

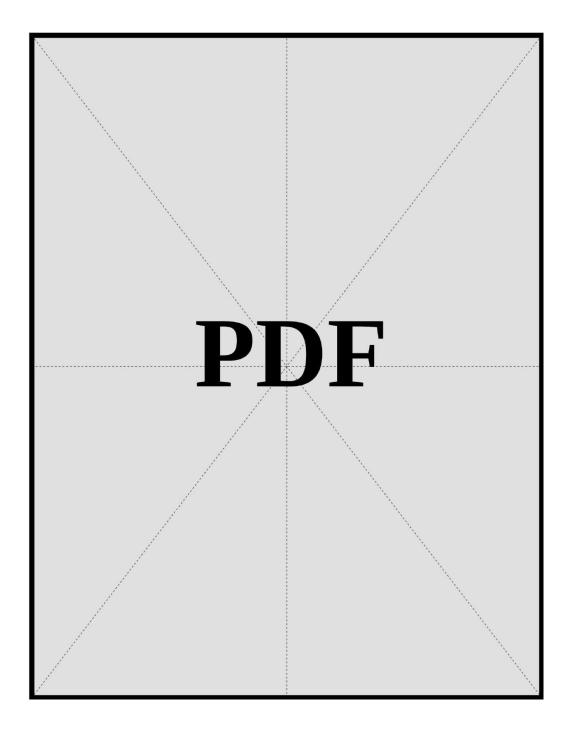


Figure 7.4: Certified Copy

Employment Certification Letter

Below, you will find the official employment certification letter issued by Company 1.

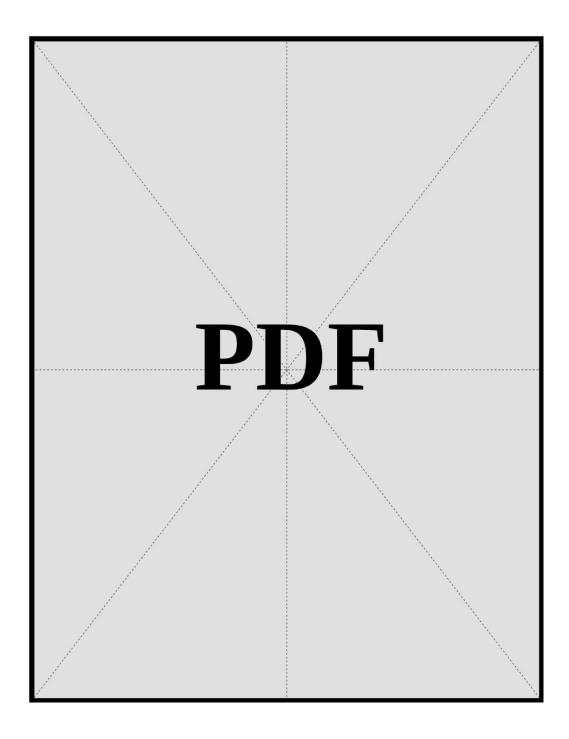


Figure 7.5: Employment Certification Letter

Company 2

Insurance Records

The following pages contain insurance documentation from the *Social Security Organization of Iran*, including the official translation (see 7.6) and certified copy (see 7.7).

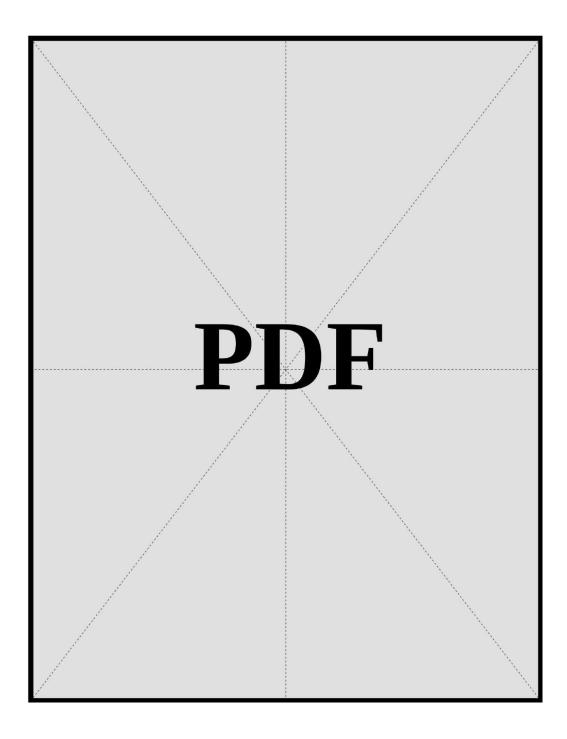


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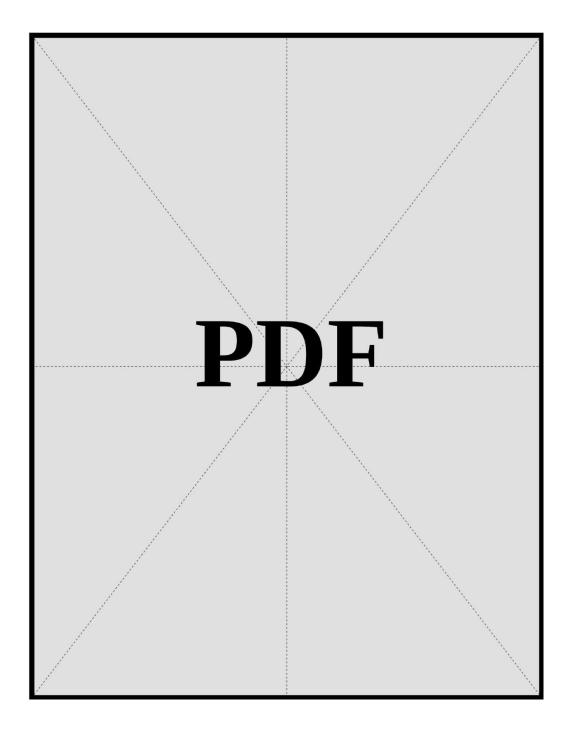


Figure 7.7: Certified Copy

Employment Certification Letter

Following is the official employment certification letter issued by Company 2.

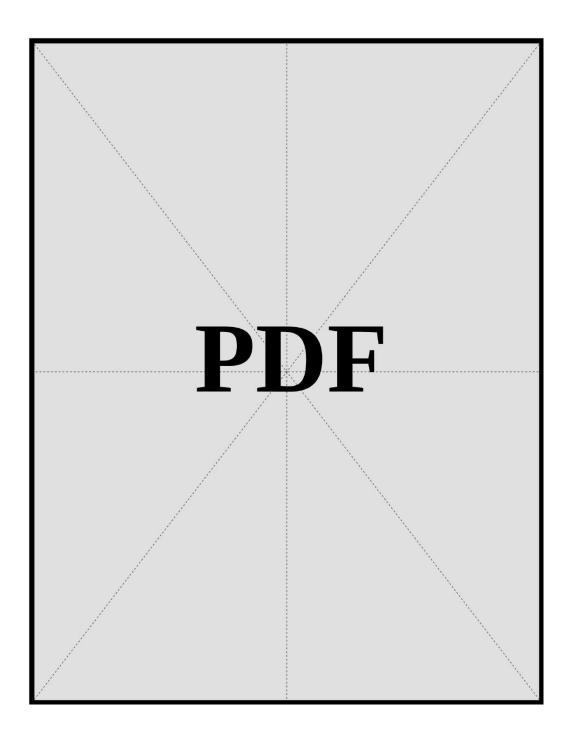


Figure 7.8: Employment Certification Letter

8 | Salary Slips

8.1. Sponsor's Salary Slips

This chapter includes the official translations and certified copies of my mother's salary slips from *May* 21, 2024 to *August 21*, 2024. These documents provide detailed information on her monthly earnings, allowances, and deductions.

May 21 - June 21, 2024

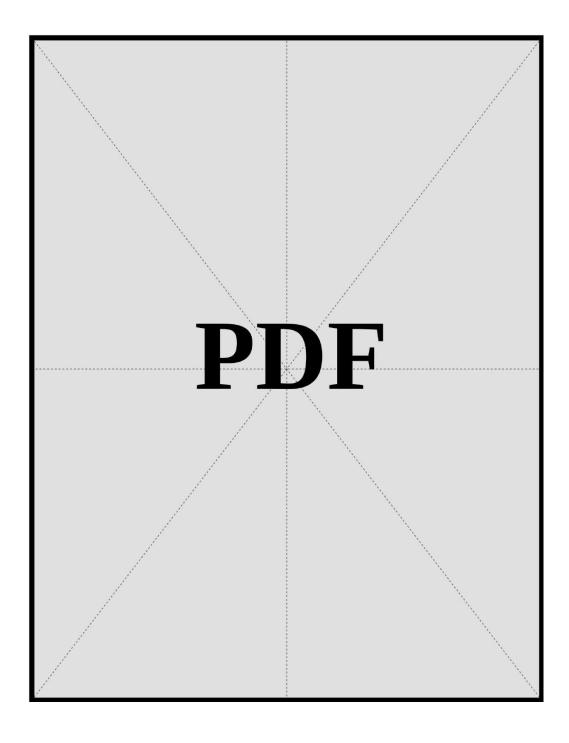


Figure 8.1: Official Translation of Salary Slip (May 21 – June 21, 2024)

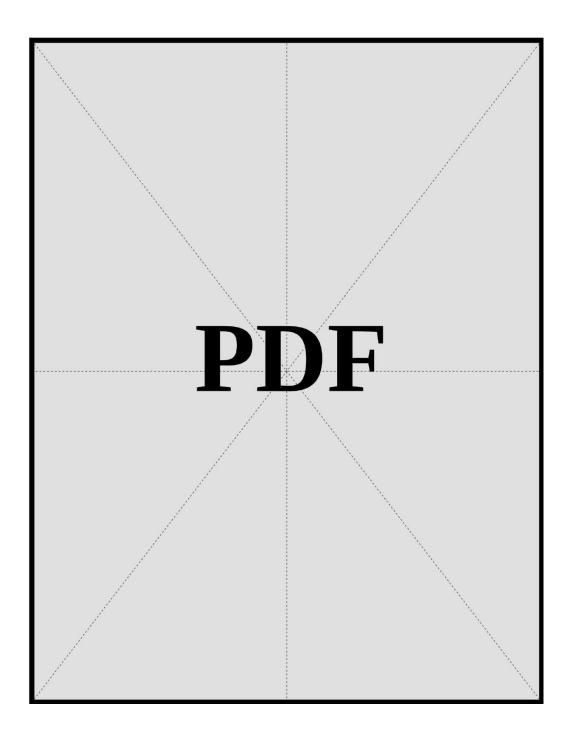


Figure 8.2: Certified Copy of Salary Slip (May 21 – June 21, 2024)

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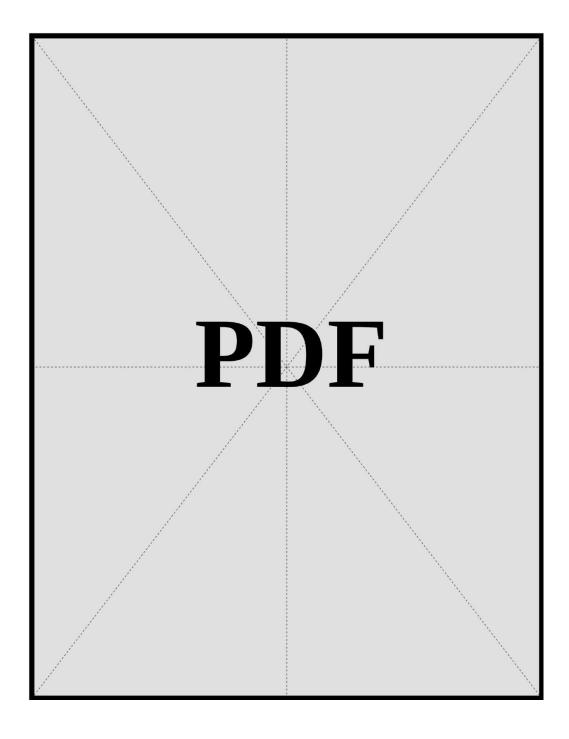


Figure 8.3: Official Translation of Salary Slip (June 22 – July 22, 2024)

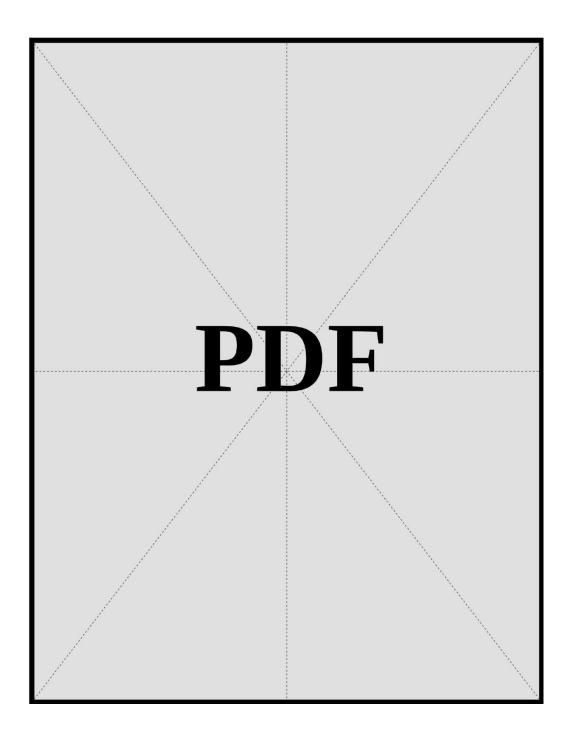


Figure 8.4: Certified Copy of Salary Slip (June 22 – July 22, 2024)

July 23 – August 21, 2024

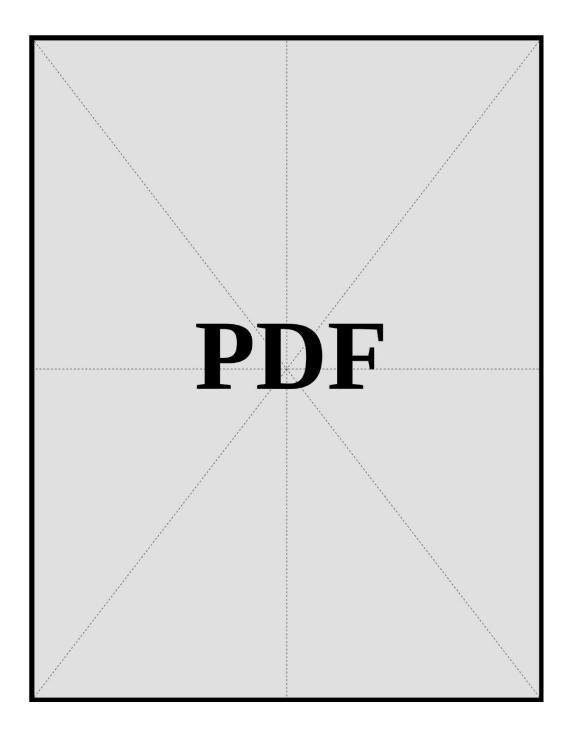


Figure 8.5: Official Translation of Salary Slip (July 23 – August 21, 2024)

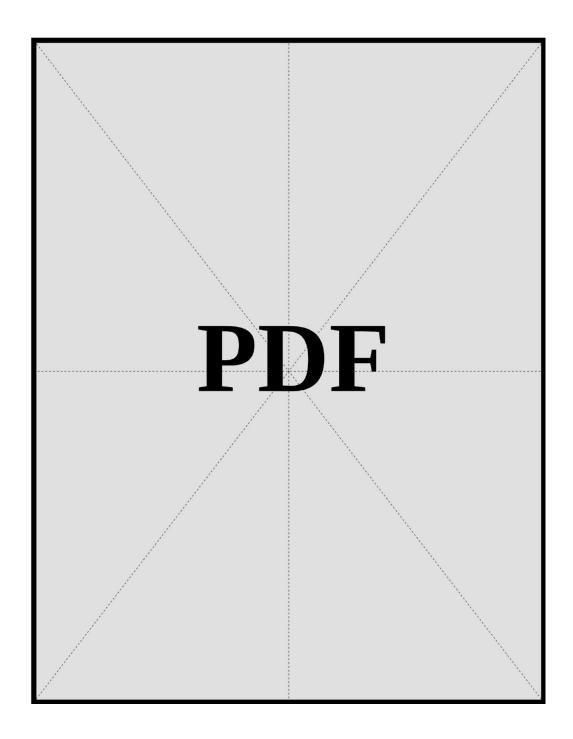


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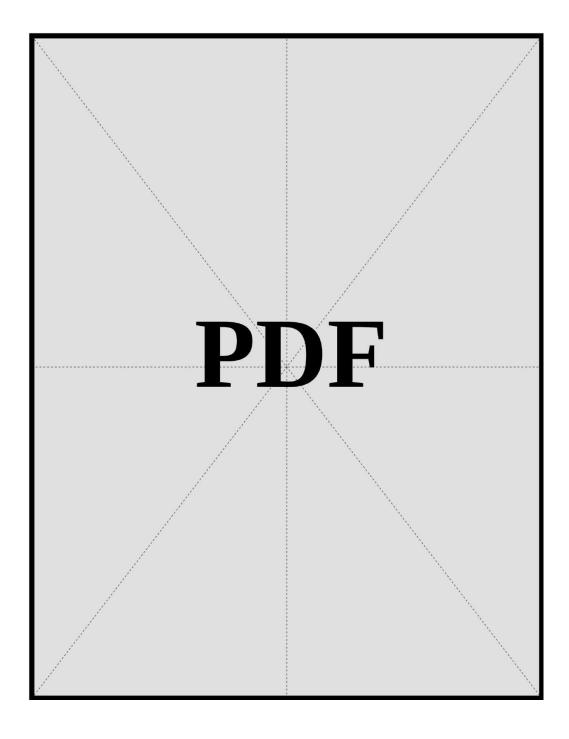


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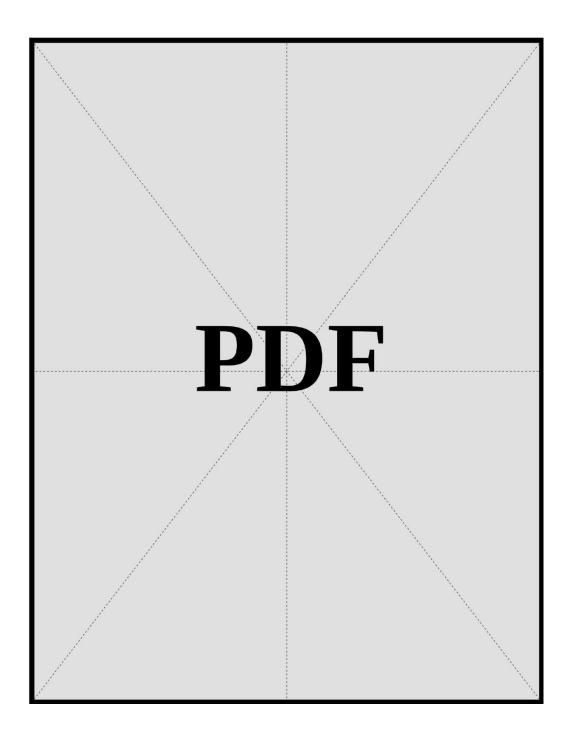


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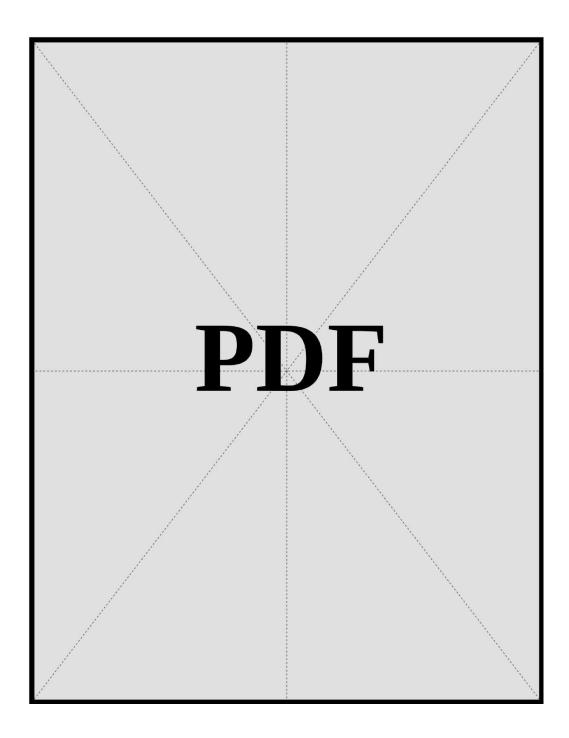


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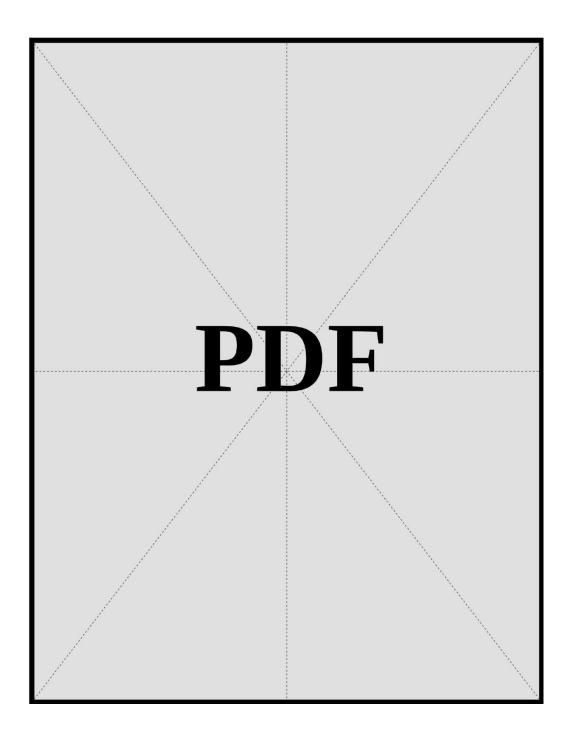


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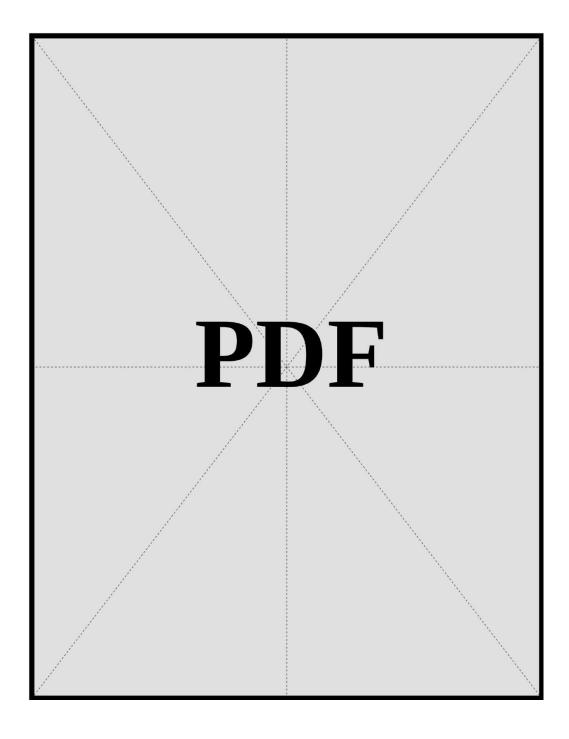


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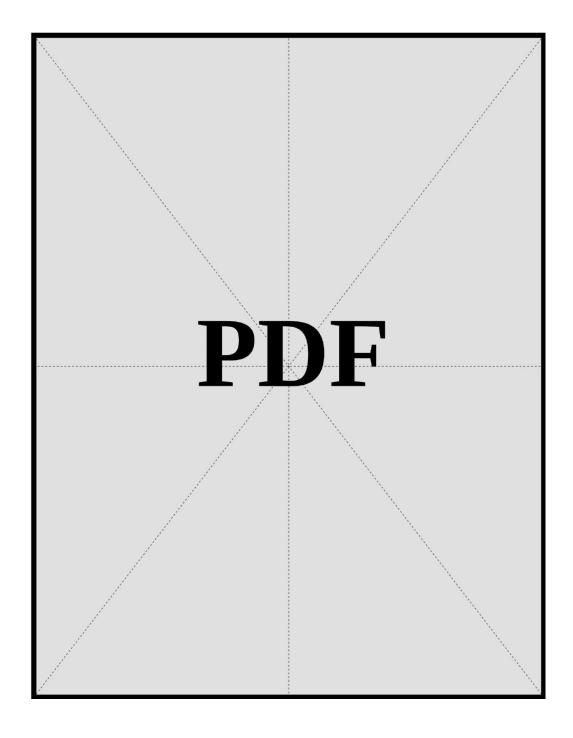


Figure 8.12: Certified Copy of Salary Slip (July 23 - August 21, 2024)