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LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

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**"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore the, 12th July, 2024

NOTIFICATION

No.SO(M)HR&MA/4-16/2017.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 7 of the Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage Act 2018 (VI of 2018), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage (Registrar) Rules 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In the rules, unless the subject or context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Anand Karaj Registrar" means a person licensed under rule 4;
- (b) "committee of management" means the committee as defined under sub-clause (i) of clause (3) of section 2 of the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925 (VIII of 1925);
- (c) "Department" means the Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Department, Government of the Punjab;
- (d) "Form" means the Form appended to the rules;
- (e) "local committee" means the committee as defined under sub-clause (ii) of clause (3) of section 2 of the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925 (VIII of 1925);
- (f) "local government" means the local government as defined and constituted under the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022);
- (g) "parties" means the bridegroom and bride, either themselves or representing through their Granthi;
- (h) "rules" means the Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage (Registrar) Rules 2024; and
- (i) "Sikh Gurdwara" means a Sikh Gurdwara notified under the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925 (VIII of 1925).

(2) A word or expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Act.

3. Anand Karaj Registrar.- (1) An eligible person as mentioned under sub-rule (3) may, manually or electronically on official website of the Department, apply on Form-I to the Secretary of the

Department for authorization as Anand Karaj Registrar and issuance of a license thereof.

(2) The eligible person shall submit a fee of rupees eleven hundred (Rs.1,100/-) in the Government Treasury and copy of the receipt shall be attached with Form-I.

(3) A person professing Sikh religion shall be eligible for authorization as Anand Karaj Registrar, if he:

- (a) possess Secondary School Certificate or equivalent qualification from a recognized Board;
- (b) is above the age of twenty-one years but not more than seventy years at the time of application;
- (c) has two years experience as Granthi in a Sikh Gurdwara; and
- (d) is recommended by the committee of management or local committee, as the case may be.

(4) No eligible person shall claim the authorization of Anand Karaj Registrar as a matter of right.

(5) The Department shall get report from the Special Branch of Punjab Police regarding character of the applicant:

Provided that the application shall be rejected if the applicant is involved in moral turpitude during past five years or license of the applicant has been revoked twice.

(6) After receiving satisfactory report as required under sub-rule (5), the Department may submit the application of an eligible person to the Government along with its recommendations for grant of license.

4. Issuance of license.- (1) Upon approval of an application by the Government, the Department shall notify the Anand Karaj Registrar for a period of five years and issue a license on Form-II.

(2) The Anand Karaj Registrar shall display the license at the prominent place in the concerned Sikh Gurdawara or his office.

(3) On receiving the copy of notification of the Anand Karaj Registrar, the Local Government and Community Development Department, Government of the Punjab shall circulate details of authorization to the concerned local governments and relevant Offices.

5. Renewal of license.- (1) The Anand Karaj Registrar may, manually or electronically on official website of the Department, apply on Form-I to the Secretary of the Department for renewal of license within a period of thirty days before expiry of the license.

(2) The Anand Karaj Registrar shall submit a fee of rupees eleven hundred (Rs.1,100/-) in the Government Treasury and copy of the receipt shall be attached with Form-I.

(3) The license shall be renewed for a period of five years subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria and procedure as mentioned under rule 3.

6. Revocation of license:- (1) A license of an Anand Karaj Registrar may be revoked by the Government, if he has:

- (a) been failed to perform his duties in at least two cases;
 - (b) not registered a Sikh marriage intentionally or entered wrong particulars of a Sikh marriage in contravention of the Anand Karaj Form as set out in Form-III;
 - (c) been proved guilty by a competent forum on act of moral turpitude; and
 - (d) applied for cancellation of license.
- (2) The license of Anand Karaj Registrar shall stand revoked:
- (a) on his death; or
 - (b) if he ceased to be the citizen of Pakistan.

7. Functions of Anand Karaj Registrar.- (1) The Anand Karaj Registrar shall ensure strict implementation of section 5 of the Act and shall not delay the registration of a marriage lawfully solemnized under the Act.

(2) On receiving the Form-III, duly filled by the parties or Granthi, as the case may be, the Anand Karaj Registrar shall immediately register the marriage and issue the Anand Karaj Certificate on Form-IV to the parties. A copy of Anand Karaj Certificate shall be sent to the Chairman concerned.

8. Fees.- (1) The Anand Karaj Registrar may charge a maximum fee of rupees five hundred and one (Rs. 501/-) from parties for registration of a marriage as contribution towards maintenance of the office, if specifically setup for the purpose of the Sikh marriages:

Provided that fee may only be charged from one party and could not be charged simultaneously from the parties.

(2) The Anand Karaj Registrar may charge a maximum fee of rupees one hundred and one (Rs. 101/-) for each Anand Karaj Certificate.

9. Register.- (1) The Anand Karaj Registrar shall register the Sikh Marriages on the register of such description as set out in the Form-V.

(2) The Department shall provide printed register to the Anand Karaj Registrar.

(3) The Anand Karaj Registrar shall utilize the register properly without cutting, over writing or wastage of pages.

(4) On filling up complete register, the Anand Karaj Registrar shall submit register to the Department and a new register shall be issued, if so required.

10. Penalty.- In addition to revocation of the license as mentioned under clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 6, the Anand Karaj Registrar shall also be fined under subsection (8) of section 5 of the Act by the Secretary of the Department.

SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT"

(MUHAMMAD ASIF BALAL LODHI)

SECRETARY

Government of the Punjab
Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department

Application for License / Authorization as Anand Karaj Registrar for the

District _____ New ☐ Renewal ☐ District Transfer ☐

Name															
Father's Name															
CNIC															
Religion															
Educational Qualification															
Experience as Granthi (No. of Years & Name of Sikh Gurdwara)															
Present Address															
Permanent Address															
Cell No.	0	3													

Please paste latest passport size photograph and then get it attested across the form by a class - I Gazetted Officer of the Government (BS 17 or above)

Please paste latest passport size photograph without attestation

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Recommendation of Sikh Gurdwara:

Name of Sikh Gurdwara as per registration															
Registering Authority															
Region / District of Registration															
Registration No. / Year															
Address															
Name of the Head of Committee of Management or the Local Committee															
CNIC															
Contact No.															

Certificate:
 I _____, in capacity of _____
 of the above-mentioned Sikh Gurdwara hereby certifies that the applicant belongs to Sikh religion and have a good knowledge of this religion especially related to marriage, divorce, and related personal laws. I recommend him for authorization as Anand Karaj Registrar, for the District _____.

Stamp / seal of Sikh Gurdwara _____

(Signature)

Name:
Designation:
Cell No.
Committee:

Attachments Check List:

Please attach photocopies of following documents duly attested from a class-I Gazatted Officer of Government (BS-17 or above) and mark a tick (☒) against each attachment and cross unattached documents (☐):-

CNIC	Certificate of Matriculation or equivalent	
Registration of religious institution	Current authorization (in case of renewal or transfer application)	

Declaration by Applicant (in case of new application):

I _____ (applicant) bearing CNIC _____ hereby declares that currently I am not authorized / licensed as Anand Karaj Registrar, nor I have applied for authorization / license in any other district. Also, the information given in this form is true to best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date: _____

Declaration by Applicant (in case of transfer application):

I _____ (applicant) bearing CNIC _____ hereby declares that currently I am authorized / licensed as Anand Karaj Registrar for the district _____. However, I want to transfer my authorization / license (from existing to new) District of application. Also, the information given in this form is true to best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date: _____

For Office Use only: (to be filled in by person receiving the application)	
Date and Time of receiving application	
CNIC attached or not? (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or <input type="checkbox"/> respectively)	
Certificate of Matriculation or equivalent is attached or not? (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or <input type="checkbox"/> respectively)	
Copy of Registration of Sikh Gurdawara recommending the applicant attached or not? (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or <input type="checkbox"/> respectively)	
Previous authorization (in case of district transfer application or renewal) attached or not? (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or <input type="checkbox"/> respectively)	

Form-JI

PUNJAB ANAND KARAJ REGISTRAR LICENSE



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HUMAN RIGHTS & MINORITIES AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

License No. AKR

District: _____

Date of Issuance:

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Valid Till:

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Mr. _____

son of _____

bearing CNIC no. _____

resident of _____

is hereby authorized as **Anand Karaj Registrar** in accordance with rule 4 of the Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage (Registrar) Rules, 2024 to register the Sikh marriages solemnized under the Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage Act, 2018 and subordinate legislation under the Act *ibid*, with in territorial limits of the district _____ for a period not exceeding five years.

No. SO(M)HR&MA/_____/ 20____

SECTION OFFICER (MINORITIES)

آئندہ کارج (سیکھ شادی) فارم

(ایکٹ کاسیکشن دیکھیں)

دولہا اور دلین

کی شادی سبکھ رسم و رواج اور قانون کے مطابق مورخہ _____ کو انجام پائی ہے، جس کے کوائف درج ذیل ہیں:-

١- وارڈ / موضع _____ ٢- لوکل ایریا _____ ٣- ٹاؤن _____

۴۔ تحصیل _____ ۵۔ ضلع _____ (۱ تا ۵: شادی کے وقوعہ کے مطابق)

دولہا کے کوائف اور دستخط:

7. نام _____ 8. راجت _____

[illegible]

۹. قومیت _____ ۱۰. پاسپورٹ نمبر: _____

۱۱. تاریخ پیدائش _____ ۱۲. عمر: سال _____ مہینہ _____ دن _____

۱۳. تعلیم _____ ۱۴. موجوده ازدواجی حیثیت: کنوارہ ☐ مطلقہ ☐ رنٹوا ☐ (ایک ☒)

۱۵- موبائل ۱۶- دستخط

[illegible]

دولہن کے کوائف اور دستخط:

۱۸. نام _____ ولایت _____

[illegible]

۲۰. قومیت _____ ۲۱. پاسپورٹ نمبر: _____

۲۲. تاریخ پیدائش _____ ۲۳. عمر: سال _____ مہینہ _____ دن _____

۲۴. تعلیم _____ ۲۵. موجوده ازدواجی حیثیت: کنواری ☐ طلقه ☐ ☐

(ایک ☒)

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گرنٹھی / شادی کی مذہبی رسومات کروانے والے کے کوائف اور دستخط:

۲۸. نام _____ ۲۹. ولایت _____

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۳۳۔ پتہ

۳۴۔ موبائل

۳۵۔ دستخط

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دولہا کے گواہان کے کوائف اور دستخط:

گواہ (۱)

۳۶۔ نام

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۳۸۔ شناختی کارڈ نمبر

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گواہ (۲)

۴۲۔ نام

۴۳۔ ولدیت

۴۴۔ شناختی کارڈ نمبر

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۴۵۔ رہائش کا پتہ

۴۶۔ موبائل

۴۷۔ دستخط

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دولہن کے گواہان کے کوائف اور دستخط:

گواہ (۳)

۴۸۔ نام

۴۹۔ ولدیت

۵۰۔ شناختی کارڈ نمبر

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۵۱۔ رہائش کا پتہ

۵۲۔ موبائل

۵۳۔ دستخط

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گواہ (۴)

۵۴۔ نام

۵۵۔ ولدیت

۵۶۔ شناختی کارڈ نمبر

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۵۷۔ رہائش کا پتہ

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آئندہ کارج رجسٹرار کی وصولی:

۶۱۔ لائسنس نمبر

۶۲۔ دستخط و مہر

۶۰۔ نام

Form-IV

ANAND KARAJ CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that bridegroom Mr. _____
 S/o _____ and bride Ms. _____
 D/o _____ has been married on the _____ Day of the Month of _____
 in Year 20____ which is solemnized in the District _____ under the Punjab
 Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage Act, 2018 and the rules made there-under and the marriage is registered
 vide no. AKSM _____ / 20____ / AKR _____.

Particulars of Bridegroom	دولہا کے کوائف	لاڑے دے وےرے
Name:	نام:	نام:
Father's Name:	ولدیت:	پیتا دا نام:
CNIC / Passport:	شناختی کارڈ / پاسپورٹ:	ਪਛਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ/ਪਾਸਪੋਰਟ:
Nationality:	قومیت:	ਕੌਮੀਅਤ:
Date of Birth:	تاریخ پیدائش:	ਜਨਮ ਤਾਰੀਖ:
Address:	پتہ:	ਪਤਾ:
Particulars of Bride	دُلہن کے کوائف	لاڑی دے وےرے
Name:	نام:	نام:
Father's Name:	ولدیت:	ਪਿਤਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ:
CNIC / Passport:	شناختی کارڈ / پاسپورٹ:	ਪਛਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ/ਪਾਸਪੋਰਟ:
Nationality:	قومیت:	ਕੌਮੀਅਤ:
Date of Birth:	تاریخ پیدائش:	ਜਨਮ ਤਾਰੀਖ:
Address:	پتہ:	ਪਤਾ:
Particulars of Granthi / Solemnizer	گرونتھی / شادی کی مذہبی رسومات کروانے والے کے کوائف	ਗ੍ਰੰਥੀ/ਵਿਆਹ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ
Name:	نام:	نام:
CNIC / Passport:	شناختی کارڈ / پاسپورٹ:	ਪਛਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ/ਪਾਸਪੋਰਟ:
Nationality:	قومیت:	ਕੌਮੀਅਤ:
Gurdwara:	گرودارہ:	ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ:
Address:	پتہ:	ਪਤਾ:

Certification by Anand Karaj Registrar:

Name: _____ CNIC: _____

License No. AKR _____ District: _____

Date:	Seal:	Signature:

Form-V

Anand Karaj Marriage Register
(See Rule 9)

Marriage Registration Number	Date of Registration	Bridegroom's Name with Parentage	CNIC / Passport of Bridegroom	Bridegroom's Nationality	Bride's Name with Parentage	CNIC / Passport of Bride	Bride's Nationality	Name of Granthi / Solemnizer	CNIC / Passport of Granthi / Solemnizer	Solemnizer's Nationality	Mobile number of Granthi / Solemnizer	Date of Marriage	Signatures of Anand Karaj Registrar	Stamp with name & License number
AKSM _____ / 20____ / AKR _____														

Note: Marriage Registration Numbers shall be serially sequenced and in accordance with following format:-
"AKSM [Serially Sequences number (i.e. 1)] / [Year (i.e. 2021)] / [License Number of Anand Karaj Registrar]"