



# THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS ORDINANCE, 1983



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**THE FIRST SCHEDULE**

**THE SECOND SCHEDULE**

**THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS ORDINANCE,  
1983.**

ORDINANCE No. IX OF 1983

[7th Mach, 1983]

**An Ordinance to make provision for the regulation of architectural and town planning professions.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the regulation of the architectural and town planning professions and for that purpose to constitute a Council of Architects and Town Planners;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fifth day of July, 1977, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following ordinance:—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**— (1) This Ordinance may be called the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance, 1983.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.** In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "architect" means a person who holds any of the architectural qualifications specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule and is registered as an architect with the Council;

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- (b)** "architectural and town planning public organisation" means a Department of the Federal Government or a Provincial Government, a public corporation, autonomous or semi-autonomous body, cantonment board, municipality improvement trust or other local authority;
  - (c)** "bye-law" means bye-laws made under this Ordinance;
  - (d)** "Chairman" means Chairman of the Council;
  - (e)** "Council" means the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners constituted under section 3;
  - (f)** "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Council;
  - (g)** "institution" means an institution within or without Pakistan which grants degrees or diplomas in architecture or town planning and is recognised as such by the Council;
  - (h)** "member" means a member of the Council and includes the Chairman and Vice-Chairman;
  - (i)** "prescribed" means prescribed by bye-laws;
  - (j)** "professional architectural work" means the giving of professional advice and opinions, the making of measurement and layouts of buildings, the preparation of feasibility and other report, the production of concept, the originating, designing and planning, and, in association with relevant professionals, producing working drawings and contract documents, specification and bills of quantities, the inspection and supervision of works and issuing of certificates of such buildings and other works for which an architect offers his professional services;
  - (k)** "professional town planning work" means the giving of professional advice and opinions in the field of urban and regional planning, the carrying out of physical and socio-economic surveys, the preparation of feasibility reports, layout plans, and development plans, and, in association with relevant professionals, carrying out inspection and supervision of works and issue of certificates of such schemes and works for which a town planner offers his professional services;
  - (l)** "Register" means a Register maintained under section 16;
  - (m)** "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Council;
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- (n) "town planner" a person who holds any of the town planning qualifications specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule and is registered as a town planner with the Council;
- (o) "University" means a University established by law in Pakistan having an architectural or town planning faculty or department; and
- (p) "Vice-Chairman" means Vice-Chairman of the Council.

**3. Constitution and incorporation of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners.**— (1) There shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance a Council to be known as the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to acquire, hold and dispose of land and property, both movable and immovable, and enter into contract, and shall by the name by which it is known sue and be sued.

(3) The membership of the Council shall be open to the town planners <sup>1</sup>[till a separate council of town planners is constituted].

(4) The Council shall be composed of all persons whose names may hereafter be entered in the Register, so long as they continue to have their names borne on the Register.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (4), the Council shall, upon its first constitution, be composed of—

- (i) a Chairman, being an architect with not less than fifteen years' experience, to be nominated by the Federal Government;
- (ii) two Vice-Chairmen, one being an architect and the other being a town planner with not less than fifteen years' experience, to be nominated by the Federal Government;
- (iii) ten members, six being architects and four being town planners with not less than five years' experience, to be nominated by the Federal Government; and
- (iv) two members, one being architect and one being a town planner, to be nominated by the Federal Government to represent architectural and town planning institutions in Pakistan.

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<sup>1</sup>Subs. by Act No. IX of 1994, s. 2, (we.f. 07-03-1993).