



# THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ACT , 1973



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# THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ACT 1973.

<sup>1</sup>Act No. XXX of 1973

[9th February, 1973]

## **An Act to provide for the establishment of a Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to undertake, promote and guide scientific and technological research in respect of problems connected with the establishment and development of industries under conditions prevailing in Pakistan, and to encourage the extension of the results of research to various sectors of the economic development of the country in the best possible manner;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

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### **CHAPTER I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1973.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

(b) "Council" means the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research established under section 3;

(c) "Director", in relation to an Institute, means the Director of the institute ;

(d) "Governing Body" means the Governing Body of the Council;

(e) "institute" means an institute set up by the Council;

(f) "member" means a member of the Council;

(g) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

(h) "registered Council" means the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 ([XXI of 1860](#)).

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P.. 1973 Ext.. PL II, p. 278.

**3. Establishment of the Council.**—(1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government shall establish, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a Council to be called the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate by the name of the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to hold and dispose of property, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) the headquarters of the Council shall be at Islamabad.

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<sup>2</sup>[**3A. Ordinance XXIII of 1969 not to apply to Council.** Nothing contained in the Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1969 (XXIII of 1969) shall apply to or in relation to the Council or any of the officers, advisers and employees appointed by it.]

## CHAPTER II

### COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, ETC.

**4. Composition of the Council.**—(1) The Council shall consist of the following twenty-one members, namely:—

- (a) a Chairman to be appointed by the Federal Government;
- (b) a Finance Member, being a representative of the Ministry of Finance;
- (c) two whole-time Science members, of whom at least one shall be an engineer or a technologist, to be nominated by the Federal Government;
- (d) four officers serving under the Federal Government, to be nominated by that Government;
- (e) Director of Industries in each Province, *ex-officio* ;
- (f) three Directors of the institutes, to be nominated by the Federal Government so, however, that a Director shall not be nominated for another term until the other Directors have been members ;
- (g) six representatives of industries in the private and public sectors, to be nominated by the Federal Government.

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<sup>1</sup>Omitted by the Federal Laws (Revision and Declaration) Ordinance, 1981 (27 of 1981), s. 3 and Sch., II.

<sup>2</sup>Added by the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1984 (42 of 1984), s. 2.

(2) The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Council and the other members, except the Finance Member, shall perform such functions as the Council may assign to each of them from time to time.

(3) The Finance Member shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed.

**5. Term of office of members, etc.**—(1) Save as hereinafter provided, a members, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his nomination and shall be eligible for re-nomination for such further period or periods, not exceeding three years at any one time, as the Federal Government may deem fit.

(2) A person who becomes, or is nominated to be, a member by virtue of his holding an office or appointment shall cease to be a member when he ceases to hold that office or appointment.

(3) A member, other than an *ex-officio* member, may at any time resign his membership by writing under his hand addressed to the Federal Government but shall continue to perform his functions until his resignation has been accepted.

(4) A vacancy caused by resignation or any other reason shall be filled by the nomination of a person qualified to fill such vacancy.

(5) The Federal Government may at any time terminate the appointment of the Chairman or any other member without assigning any cause.

(6) No act or proceeding of the Council shall be invalid on the ground only of the existence of a vacancy in, or defect in the constitution of, the Council.

**6. Functions of the Council.** The functions of the Council shall be—

- (a) to set up and manage technological research institutes exclusively for certain selected industries and such laboratories and centres as may be required for the promotion of the overall technological development of the country;
- (b) to coordinate and review the work of the institutes, laboratories and centres;
- (c) to manage the existing research units of the registered Council pending their absorption in the institutes, laboratories and centres to be set up by the Council; and
- (d) to undertake such special scientific and technological surveys and investigations as may be referred to it by the Federal Government from time to time.

**7. Meetings of the Council, etc.**—(1) Save as hereinafter provided, the Council shall regulate the procedure for its meetings.

(2) Meetings of the Council shall be called by its Chairman on such date and at such time and place as he may deem fit: