GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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No. SO(M)HR&MAD 4-92/2014.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 83 of the Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (*XV of 1872*), 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 Christian Marriage (Preparation and Submission of Returns of Solemnized Marriages) Rules 2023.

(2)   They shall come into force at once.

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

(a)   "Act" means the Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (XV of 1872);

(b)   "authorized person" means a person authorized to solemnize Christian marriages under section 5 of the Act;

(c)   "CNIC" means the Computerized National Identity Card or Smart National Identity Card or National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP), issued by NADRA;

(d)   "Department" means the Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Department, Government of the Punjab;

(e)   "Episcopal ordination" means an ordination of a Christian priest as a Bishop or an Archbishop, in accordance with rules, rites, ceremonies and customs of a Church;

(f)   "Form" means the form appended to the rules;

(g)   "identification number" means a unique identification number issued by the Department to an authorized person;

(h)   "local government" means local government as defined and constituted under the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022);

(i)   "NADRA" means the National Database and Registration Authority established under the National

Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000); and

(j) "rules" means the Punjab Christian Marriage (Preparation and Submission of Returns of Solemnized Marriages) Rules 2023.

(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. Preparation and submission of returns of marriages.- (1) An authorized person shall provide an authentic copy of certificate of marriage to each party and the concerned local government within three days of solemnization of marriage.

(2) The authorized person shall maintain record of the marriages solemnized and also prepare returns of the marriages on Form-I. The record and returns shall be maintained and prepared manually and electronically.

(3) The authorized person shall submit Form-I to the Department on monthly basis.

(4) On receipt, the Department may analyze any Form-I and require any additional information, if necessary.

4. Database of authorized person.- (1) The Department shall maintain a database of authorized persons by issuing them an identification number linked with CNIC.

(2) The Churches registered in Pakistan shall provide list of persons who have received Episcopal ordination to the Department on Form-II.

(3) The Church of Scotland shall provide list of their clergymen to the Department on Form-III.

(4) The Local Government and Community Development Department shall have access to the database mentioned in sub-rule (1) for immediate dissemination to concerned local governments for enabling them to register the marriages solemnized by authorized persons in the NADRA database.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
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Form-I

RETURN OF MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED DURING 20_____

(See Rule 3)

Following _____ number(s) of Christian marriages have been solemnized by _____ during month of _____ of calendar year 20 _____

having identification number _____

Sr.	Bridegroom			Bride			Date of Marriage	Place and City of Marriage	Address & Contact number of Bride	Address & Contact number of Bridegroom	Date of provision of authenticated copy of marriage to:		
	Name	CNIC	Age	Name	CNIC	Age					Concerned Local Government	Bride	Bridegroom

Verification by Authorized Person:

Date:

Seal:

Signature:

Form-II

PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

(See Rule 4(2))

Name & Address of the Church: _____

Registration number of the Church (from a registering authority in Pakistan): _____

Name of Registering Authority: _____

Name of the Head of the Church: _____

Particulars of Persons who have received Episcopal ordination from the Church and currently given charge of a Church / Diocese:

Sr. No.	Name	Parentage	CNIC	Mobile Number	Date of Episcopal Ordination	Current charge of Church / Diocese	Address

Verification by Head of the Church:

Date: _____

Seal: _____

Signature: _____

Form-III

CLERGYMEN OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(See Rule 4(3))

Registration number of the Church of Scotland (from a registering authority in Pakistan): _____

Name of Registering Authority: _____

Name of the Head of the Church: _____   Nomenclature of the Designation: _____

Particulars of the Clergymen of the Church of Scotland as authorized to solemnize Christian Marriages in accordance with section 5(2) of the Christian Marriage Act, 1872:

Sr. No.	Name	Parentage	CNIC	Mobile Number	Date of Ordination	Current charge of Church / Diocese	Address

Verification by Head of the Church of Scotland:

Date: _____   Seal: _____   Signature: _____