

Pakistan for Overseas Pakistanis

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Introduction

Fellow Pakistanis,

There are over 4.2 million Pakistani expatriates living and working in countries spread across the globe. Individually we experience a variety of cultures, issues, living conditions, personal advantages and problems. Collectively, we all have one thing in common - a commitment to a stronger, stable and prosperous Pakistan.

Tahir.com community under the name of Tahir Bazaar is the voice and expression of Overseas Pakistanis on the Internet. This is the interactive web site that;

- 1. Provides information and news related to overseas Pakistanis.*
- 2. Provide you with links and information that discuss on problems related to overseas Pakistanis*
- 3. Provide matrimonial service where overseas Pakistanis can select for suitable match in and outside Pakistan.*
- 4. Free Delivery of your gifts any where in Pakistan*
- 5. Provide all the free gifts and offers available to overseas Pakistanis on the web.*
- 6. We even go further and discuss with companies and organizations to offer you special prices and discounts on their services*
- 7. Identify Investment opportunities available for overseas Pakistanis within Pakistan, as this is the market we all know best.*

*In a nutshell - **Tahir.com** community is a link for overseas Pakistanis with their homeland.*

Our slogan is very apt. "Come Home to Pakistan"

We love to hear from you. Please contact me personally at quaid@tahir.com.

We are proud of ourselves and now we invite you to join hands with us in promoting this interactive web site. Let us invest in the country of our common roots: Pakistan.

We as Pakistanis should be proud of our motherland and we all should endeavor to contribute to the nation building efforts. Therefore, it is the prime responsibility of every individual to maintain our dignity and pride as an ambassador of our beloved motherland.

May Allah Almighty grant our nation with prosperity and progress in the years ahead.

Amin!

Quaid Joher Surti

Overseas Pakistani Foundation

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) was established in March 1979 under the Immigration Ordinance, 79. OPF works under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis. The Head Office is located at Islamabad with Regional Offices in all the Provincial Capitals of Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

The mandate of OPF covers its registered members overseas and their families in Pakistan. According to the Memorandum & Articles of Association, OPF has been given an ambitious charter of responsibilities

Objectives

To advance the social welfare of the Pakistanis working or settled abroad and their families in Pakistan by

- Identifying their problems and by contributing to their solutions.
- To grant scholarships and stipends for studies to deserving overseas Pakistanis' children.
- To give grant to community centers, mosques and libraries established overseas and for organizing of seminars and national day events.

To Establish & Manage

- Vocational training institutions.
- Housing societies & colonies.
- Educational/religious institutions.
- Foundation offices & branches.
- Commercial, Industrial or service enterprises.
- Moveable & immovable properties.
- Health care centers.

To Receive & Manage To Receive

- Welfare Fund under the Emigration Ordinance 1979, generate, raise and collect funds.
- The custodian-ship of security deposits of the overseas employment promoters.
- The money of the Foundation in such a manner as may from time to time be determined.

We very strongly suggest that you become a member NOW if you still are not the member. Send an email at [Membership of OPF](#) to know the details.

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Divisions

Some of the Divisions of OPF are listed below

[Finance & Planning Division](#)

[Welfare & Services Division](#)

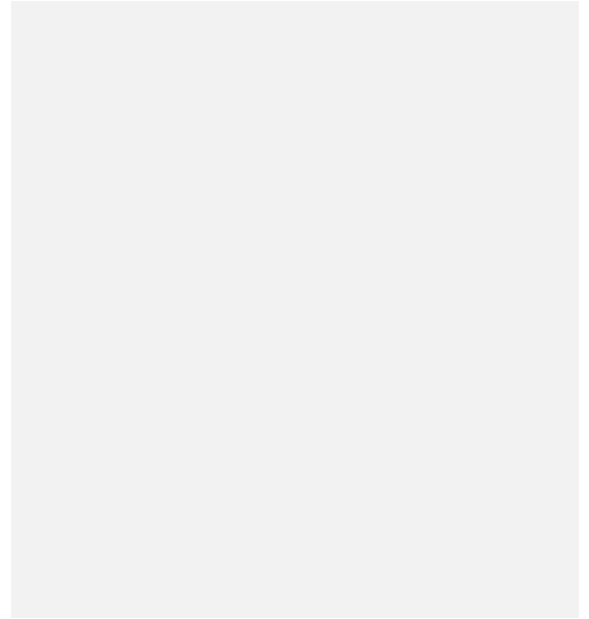
[Housing and Works Division](#)

[Education Division](#)

[Training Division](#)

[Overseas Pakistanis Pension Trust](#)

[Publicity and Marketing Cell](#)



Facilities for Overseas Pakistanis

Pakistan Origin Card

Pakistan Origin Card (POC) is one of the many facilities that the Government of Pakistan has extended over a period of years to the Overseas Pakistanis. The POC eliminates all previous hassles, which the Overseas Pakistanis faced in their visit to their homeland. Validity of the Card is for 5 years. The key features are :

- Can enter into Pakistan without a visa from the approved routes / ports.
- Can stay indefinitely in Pakistan.
- Exempted from reporting to, or registering with any law enforcing agency
- May open bank accounts anywhere in Pakistan and transact business therein.
- May transact for purchase and sale of movable or immovable property anywhere in Pakistan with full rights to deal with and dispose of such property, and
- May use the card for establishing and proving his identity anywhere in Pakistan where a NIC is required for the purpose.

Foreign Exchange Remittance Card

Introduction

Remittances through normal banking channels, are a vital source of foreign exchange and a way to direct support of Pakistan. Funds channeled through hundi or other means are illegal and prosecutable under law. The government has decided to award you for remitting money through normal banking channels.

Pakistanis remitting funds equivalent to US\$2,500 per annum shall be entitled to :

- Not subjected to any kind of taxes. This will enable the OPs to remit money freely for consumption, investment or any purpose to their families in Pakistan.
- No question will be asked for source of investment.
- Separate counters for special handling at arrival and departures lounges at airports.
- Free issuance and renewal of passport on an

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urgent basis.

- Duty free allowance of personal baggage of a value of US\$700 during a calendar year.

Non Resident Pakistanis remitting foreign currency equivalent to US\$10,000 or more shall be entitled to the following benefits besides the above mentioned:

- Duty free allowance of personal baggage of a value of US\$1,200 during a calendar year.
- Special seats for OPs children in all public sector colleges and universities on merit.
- Allocation of up to 25% in IPOs to be subscribed in foreign currency.
- Ballot of choice plots in public housing schemes at attractive prices if paid in foreign currencies.
- Discount in the auctions of (CIRC) sick units where payment is made in foreign currency.
- special allocation of shares in Privatization.
- More allowances under duty free packages.

How to Apply

When you have remitted (US\$2,500 or US\$10,000) in the stipulated time frame, apply on the specified form to the OPF Head Office or the Pakistani Mission abroad, along with the Remittance Book in person or through courier service. Remittance Book is available with remitting bank as well as with Foreign Mission/ OPF.

Upon verification, the embassy staff would award you Remittance Cards after receiving the same from Islamabad.

Pension Scheme:

The OPF has introduced a self-contributory pension scheme to cover old age, death and disability. Following are salient features:

- Scheme launched w.e.f. 01-07-2001.
- Each migrant opt to decide amount to contribute.
- Minimum contribution fixed at Rs.24,000/- per annum payable in US\$ (approx US\$ 384) for ten years.
- Financial impact for the subscriber would be Rs.2,000/- per month (equivalent to US\$ 32 approximately) and the subscriber will receive Rs.4,000/- per month for life.
- If Overseas Pakistani returns home

United Bank Ltd.

UBL is one of the prime Banks of Pakistan and is also considered as the most progressive.

What I liked is UBL's new remittance service, *TezRaftaar*. It offers an efficient and Free delivery service. It is available at all UBL branches in the Middle East, UK and US.

Free Doorstep Remittances

Check out it's great benefits:

- Fastest delivery to your given address in Pakistan **
- Doorstep delivery by authorized courier
- Free of charge transfer service
- Even available to none UBL account holders
- Complete reliability of transaction

*** The delivery is within 24 hours, may be slightly longer for remote areas*

Frankly! I have used this service myself and I am fully convinced that what they are doing is in the best interest of Overseas Pakistanis. One important thing that they do not say but goes very much to their favor is that they fill in your information once. Next time you only have to give them your allotted number and woooof, in an instance your transaction is recorded online and your money transferred immediately.

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permanently before the completion of ten years, he / she will be allowed to pay remaining annual contribution in Pak. Rupees.

- A pension plan with lump sum contribution, maturing after 5 years is also offered.

Housing Scheme:

- Allotment to about 8,000 Overseas Pakistanis in the OPF housing schemes located in various cities.
- Pakistan Housing Authority (PHA) plans to construct flats of various sizes at 18 locations in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Peshawar, which are open for sale to Overseas Pakistanis. Details can be obtained from the PHA Web-site www.pha.gov.pk

Pakistan National League

(PNL)

Pakistan National League (PNL) of United States is the first non-profit Pakistani organization of its kind. PNL is the voice of Pakistani community which echos all around the world. PNL believes in success stories for our community through hard work, devotion and commitment.

PNL's main objective is to bring the Pakistani community together and lend a helping hand to each other. No matter how gigantic or small an issue may be PNL is here to resolve it and get positive results. By interacting directly with the community PNL develops programs to resolve the issues before they become crises.

PNL firmly believes that our voices can be heard at the Capitol Hill, The White House, The Pakistan Embassy and in Pakistan. PNL is committed to take the stand for the right cause for our community and help the community win in the court of public opinion.

By developing a strong grass root for our community PNL works directly with individuals and families to assure them concrete victories and lead them to the path of success. PNL organizes programs for our community that are productive and creative, ranging from the field of arts to the grounds of cultural heritage. PNL encourages the community to promote cultural and ethical values as this differentiates us from the rest of the world. PNL advises the community on issues related to continuing education, job tracking, work ethics and above all family values. PNL identifies potentials for our community and provides opportunities for them to interact with each other.

PNL firmly believes in their commitment to bring the Pakistani community together. Their motto is "United We Stand." As the Great Leader Mohammad Ali Jinnah quoted:

WORK WORK and WORK and we are bound to
SUCCEED and never forget our motto
UNITY, FAITH and DISCIPLINE

Structure

PNL has a very organized structure in which every officer is assigned to deal with a particular issue. Although defined with specific tasks, PNL officers work together as a team and help each other in

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helping the community. PNL utilizes the efforts of all of its officers and provides their expertise in different areas when approached with an issue or a problem. PNL's office is a mixture of individuals from different professions; Engineers, Economists, Doctors, Businessmen, Information Technology Specialists, Researchers, Bank Officers and Accountants.

Issues

- Kashmir Issues
- Community Issues
- U.S. - Pakistan Relations
- Issues in Pakistan (Internal and External)
- Discrimination Issues
- Lobbying Issues
- Youth Issues
- Media Relations
- Public Relations
- Immigration Issues
- Legal Issues
- Economic Issues of Pakistan
- Educational Affairs

Contact us:

Tel: (703) 922-0980 fax: (703) 313-8525

Let us know if you want to join hands in helping our community.

PNL works directly with the community to resolve their issues and is committed to bring the Pakistani community together. Services provided by PNL are FREE. In order to serve overseas Pakistanis better please send the following information:

Please write to us in details the issues or problems you would like to discuss with PNL. The information provided by you is strictly confidential and is intended only for the use of Pakistan National League.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

6982 Old Brentford Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
USA

Career Counseling Service

This page provides you a very comprehensive list and links to the best educational resources on the net.

Start off by reading this letter by the Dean of

Admissions at Princeton University, USA

www.princeton.edu/pr/admissions/u/dean.html

BBC very comprehensive educational list

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webguide/schools/>

Good site for planning for higher studies in the

US. <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/beyond/gr>

[adrant/eng/gdengt1.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/beyond/gradrant/eng/gdengt1.htm)

Online Educational Resources: US NEWS website

Rankings for most of the American universities.

<http://www.usnews.com/>

Search for universities and colleges, based on your interest place you would like to study in. Have a

look! <http://www.embark.com/>

Official site of the College Board which arranges

the SAT exams. <http://www.collegeboard.org/>

The official website of the TOEFL exam. All the information related to the exam is available here.

<http://www.toefl.org/>

Financial Aid websites: <http://www.finaid.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, USA.

<http://www.embryriddle.edu/>

California Institute of Technology, USA. The top

university in America. <http://www.caltech.edu/>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA:

<http://web.mit.edu/admissions/www>

Georgia Institute of Technology, USA For IT

students check this out. <http://www.gatech.edu/>

Young People's Press - Interested in becoming a

journalist- full time or freelance. <http://www.ypp.net/>

Official website of The Writers' Bureau, an English

journalism college for correspondence courses in

journalism and creative writing.

<http://www.writersbureau.com/>

For online books on this site. <http://www.ipl.org/>

Great international educational competitions to

participate in! <http://www.thinkquest.org/>

Let Us Support Our Country

Let us also support the companies and organizations that are owned and run by Pakistanis, whether these companies are situated in Pakistan or abroad. Following Companies are willing to listen to your needs and requirements. They are willing to co-operate, work with you as well as provide you products and services. You can directly click their email to contact them. You may also like to visit their web sites and pages to know more about them. You may even find some surprises waiting for you at some of the sites. Why not try each one of them to find out more?

Company:	Advance Signs & Banner	Company:	Ledtronics Inc.
Activity:	Design & Create signs & banners in vinyl for trucks, showrooms,etc.	Activity:	Manufacture miniature, panel mounted and circuit board lamps
Email:	Info@asbanner.com	Email:	webmaster@leedtronics.com
URL:	http://asbanner.com	URL:	http://leedtronics.com
Code:		Code:	
Company:	Your Company Name	Company:	Your Company Name
Activity:	Your Company's activities, products manufactured, services provided, etc.	Activity:	Your Company's activities, products manufactured, services provided, etc.
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