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Subject: **PROCEDURE REGARDING TRANSFER-SHIP OF A TITLE OF NEWSPAPER, NEWS AGENCY AND PRINTING PRESS**

In pursuance of section 8 (2) of PNNBR Rules 2009, (1) and (2) of article 40 of PNNBR Ordinance 2002, the following policy decision regarding transfer-ship of title of newspapers, news agencies and printing presses is made to streamline the procedure involved in transfer-ship of a title. Ownership/Publisher-ship/Keepership of a Title shall be granted on the terms specified hereunder;

- 1) The process for change of ownership/publisher-ship/keepership of any publication/news agency/printing press shall become completed, if:
 - a) The applicant (incoming owner/publisher) who desires to seek NOC in his/her favour for a title of publication or news agency will first obtain a recommendation from the Press Registrar for being eligible under the defined academic and experience qualification criteria. (the academic& experience qualification criteria does not apply on transfer-ship of title of printing press);
 - b) The **eligible applicant** (incoming Publisher/Owner/Keeper) deposits all necessary documents and stipulated fee.
 - c) The eligible applicant (incoming owner/publisher/keeper) shall submit a sale deed for the title on a stamp paper as specified (Annexure-A).
 - d) Both the eligible applicant and outgoing owner/publisher appear in-person before the Press Registrar or any of his/her designated officer(s) along with their original CNICs and valid Registration Certificate of Title mark their attendance as incoming and outgoing owners/ publishers on an Attendance Sheet (Annexure-B).
 - e) In case, where ownership of the title rests with a registered entity (company/firm/etc.), an authority letter of the competent authority of that entity in favour of the eligible applicant will be submitted on original letterhead;
- 2) The NOC for change of ownership/publisher-ship/keepership of a publication/news

agency/printing press (whose Owner/Publisher has died) shall be issued by the Press Registrar, if:

- a) Legal heirs of the deceased provide a Succession Certificate to the Office of Press Registrar;
- b) In case where all the legal heirs for the title nominate one legal heir as **Owner of the Title**, the nominated legal heir shall submit a **true copy of Court Decree** from a competent court of law issued in his/her favor, wherein rest of the legal heirs while giving permission to the applicant to act as owner surrender their rights for the title;
- c) Incoming Publisher/Owner deposits all necessary documents and stipulated fee.
- d) In case the nominated legal heir does not fulfill the required eligibility criteria to become a Publisher/ Owner of publication or news agency, the Press Registrar can relax criteria subject to the condition that the owner appoints a person as Editor (who meets the required conditions and can supervise the publication/ news agency on behalf of the owner). In case of change of first editor (under whom supervision Title is publishing), the same owner will get NOC in the name of a new editor who meets the required conditions and can supervise the publication/news agency on behalf of the owner.



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