

## Employment and Labor Laws News in Pakistan

Dear Colleagues,

Meer & Hasan is a leading service provider in the field of employment and labor law in Pakistan and wants to share the following good news with its colleagues;

Now Foreigners who wish to travel to Pakistan can register themselves with the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). If they wish to stay in Pakistan for 90 days or less they can obtain an Alien's Registration Card (ARC). This card is renewable and the holders can also apply for the registration of their family members and dependents who intend to live with them in Pakistan.

Holder of the Card can enjoy several benefits like a citizen of Pakistan while his or her stay in Pakistan such as;

- a. Travel throughout the country except restricted areas,
- b. Apply in any private educational institutions at his own expenses.
- c. Apply for utility connections,
- d. Apply for a registration of vehicles,
- e. Apply for driving license,
- f. Open a bank account with any bank in Pakistan subject to the condition that registered foreigner shall only open an account within the city of his residence,
- g. Use the card for establishing and proving his identity anywhere in Pakistan,
- h. Get a cellular mobile connection,
- i. Apply for work permit to seek to private employment or start business subject to payment of all taxes, cess rates etc. as per law of the land,
- j. Shall have permission to stay in Pakistan during the validity of the card,
- k. Settle in any city within Pakistan as indicated in his card; and
- l. Shift to any city within Pakistan after intimating the Authority within the validity period of the card and modify his address in the card accordingly.

You may contact us for any clarification or assistance in issuance or renewal of AR card.

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