

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]**A
BILL**

*to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Institute of Management,
Sciences and Technology*

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Institute of Management, Sciences and Technology in the private sector and to provide for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY**

1. Short Title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called as the Pakistan Institute of Management, Sciences and Technology Act, 2023.

(2) It shall extend to 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) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;

(b) "Authority" means the Authorities of the Institute;

(c) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute;

(d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;

(e) "College" means a constituent college;

(f) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan;

(g) "Constituent College" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the Institute;

(h) "Sponsoring body" means company "BENCHMARK EDUCATION (PVT). LIMITED" registered vide Corporate Universal Identification No. 0150477 with Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan;"

(i) "Dean" means the head of a faculty of the Institute;

(j) "Department" means a teaching department of the Institute;

(k) "Director" means the head of an institute established as a constituent institute by the Institute;

(l) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Institute;

- (m) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the Institute consisting of one or more departments;
- (n) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (o) "Institute" means Pakistan Institute of Management, Sciences and Technology;
- (p) "Officer" means any officer(s) of the Institute;
- (q) "Patron" means the Patron of the Institute;
- (r) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, regulations or rules;
- (s) "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor appointed by the Chancellor on honorary basis;
- (t) "Principal" means the head of a College;
- (u) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Institute;
- (v) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel setup by the Chancellor;
- (w) "Representation Committees" means the representation committees constituted;
- (x) "Search Committee" means the search committee set up by the Board;
- (y) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" means respectively the Statutes, the Regulations and the Rules made under this Act;
- (z) "Teacher" includes Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Lecturer engaged whole-time by the Institute, or by a constituent college;
- (za) "Institute Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the Institute; and
- (zb) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute.

CHAPTER II THE INSTITUTE

3. Establishment and Incorporation of the Institute.— (1) There shall be established an Institute to be called the Pakistan Institute of Management, Sciences and Technology consisting of:

- (a) the Patron, the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the members of the Board, the members of Executive Committee, deans, the chairmen of the teaching departments and members of the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (b) the members of the boards, committees and other bodies as the Board may establish;
- (c) the teachers and students of the Institute and its constituent units; and

- (d) such other officers and members of the staff as the Board may, from time to time, specify.
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate by the name of Pakistan Institute of Management, Sciences and Technology both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.
- (3) The principal seat of the Institute shall be at Okara and it may set up its campuses, colleges, institutes, offices, research/study centers and other facilities at such places in Pakistan as Board of Governors may determine. The additional campuses shall be setup in other parts of the country only after their evaluation by the Higher Education Commission to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria fixed by the Commission.
- (4) The Institute shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms as may be prescribed, subject to the terms of this Act and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002). In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board in the annual budget of the Institute.

4. Functions and Powers of the Institute.— (1) The Institute shall be an autonomous body and shall have the powers to—

- (a) provide for teaching and training in faculties of Computer Sciences & Information Technology, Management Sciences and Business Administration, Law, Commerce, Humanities, Social Sciences, Art and Fashion Designing, Engineering & Technology, Architecture and Design, Natural & Basic Sciences, Aviation, Food and Culinary Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Medical & Dental Sciences, Nursing, Fine Arts, Emerging Sciences, Agricultural sciences, Applied sciences, Public health sciences, veterinary sciences, Bio-sciences, Fisheries & wildlife, Construction management & Real estate, Tourism and Hospitality, Finance & Accounting, Energy & Environmental Sciences, Islamic Studies, Life Science, Administrative sciences, Languages and linguistics, Communication & Media Studies and any other branches of knowledge as the Board may determine and, where applicable, subject to the prior approval of the relevant statutory body of professional education; and
- (b) decide teaching methods and strategies in order to ensure the most effective educational and training programs that may include virtual, on-campus, online, distance learning, lectures, tutorials, discussions, courses of studies, seminars, demonstrations and other methods of instructions as well as practical work, workshops, internship, apprenticeship in the industries, financial institutions, laboratories, hospitals, and other organizations etc.;
- (c) hold examinations in the prescribed manner;
- (d) award degree, diploma, certificate and other academic distinction to the person who fulfilled all the mandatory prerequisites for this purpose;