

ACT LXVIII OF 1975
**FEDERAL BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT
1975
(AS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT)**

**To provide for the establishment of a Federal Board of Intermediate and
Secondary Education**

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education and for matters connected therewith or incidental there to:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:

1. This act may be called the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975
2. It shall come into force on such date as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

2. DEFINITIONS:

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context __

- (a) **“Board”** means the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
- (b) **“Chairman”** means Chairman of the Board.
- (c) **“College”** means an institution within the jurisdiction of the Board and *[affiliated] by it for Intermediate Education, and includes a college having Intermediate and Degree classes and affiliated to a University for the Degree classes;
- (d) **“Committee”** means a committee constituted under this act.
- (e) **“Head of an Institution”** means the principal of a college or the headmaster or headmistress of a school.
- (f) **“Headmaster”** and **“Headmistress”** include the principal of school.
- (g) **“Institution”** means a college or a school;
- (h) **“Intermediate College”** means an institution *[affiliated] for imparting Intermediate Education, and includes an institution imparting both Intermediate Education and Secondary Education;

* The word “recognized” have been substituted with the word “affiliated” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

- (i) **“Intermediate Education”** means education pertaining to Class XI and Class XII;
- (j) **“Prescribed”** means prescribed by regulations;
- (k) **“Principal”** means head of a college;
- (l) **“*[Affiliated]”** means *[affiliated] by the Board;
- (m) **“School”** means an institution within the jurisdiction of the Board & *[affiliated] by it only for imparting Secondary Education;
- (n) **“Regulations”** means regulations made under this Act;
- (o) **“Secondary Education”** means education pertaining to Class IX and Class X and such other classes as may be declared by the Federal Government to be classes of Secondary Education; and
- (p) **“Secretary”** means Secretary of the Board.

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD:

1. The Federal Government shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, establish a Board to be known as the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
2. The Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with powers to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the aforesaid name sue and be sued.

4. JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD:

The Board shall exercise the powers conferred on it by or under this Act in respect of the institutions within the Federal Capital, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, and such states and territories, not forming part of a Province, as are or may be included in Pakistan, whether by accession or otherwise institutions established by Pakistan Mission or citizens of Pakistan in foreign countries ****[and all other educational institutions desirous to seek affiliation with the Board from within country and from abroad] ***** [including] such institutions located within the jurisdiction of Cantonment Boards constituted under the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924), as seek ******** [affiliation] of the Board.

* The word “recognized” have been substituted with the word “affiliated” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

** After the word “countries”, the word “and all other educational institutions desirous to seek affiliation with the Board from within country and from abroad” have been inserted vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

*** The word “and” have been substituted with the word “including” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

**** The word “recognition” have been substituted with the word “affiliation” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

5. **COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:**

The Board shall consist of the following members, namely,

- (a) the Chairman, to be appointed by the *[Prime Minister];
- (b) two Vice-Chancellors to be nominated by the **[Higher Education Commission];
- (c) a nominee of the ***[Division administering the Board] not below the rank of ****[Joint Secretary] in the Federal Government;
- (d) a nominee of the Directorate of Military Lands and Cantonments to represent the Cantonment Boards;
- (e) one principal to be elected in the prescribed manner by the principals from amongst themselves;
- (f) one headmaster of a school for boys to be elected in the prescribed manner by the headmasters of schools for boys from amongst themselves;
- (g) one headmistress of a school for girls to be elected in the prescribed manner by the headmistresses of schools for girls from amongst themselves;
- (h) the Director, Federal Government Educational Institutions, Islamabad.
- (i) the Director, Institute of Islamic Research, Islamabad.
- (j) three members, of whom one shall be a woman, to be elected by the national Assembly from amongst its members;
- (k) two members to be elected by the Senate from among its members; *****[Omitted]

* The word “Federal Government” have been substituted with the word “Prime Minister” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

** The word “University Grants Commission” have been substituted with the word “Higher Education Commission” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

*** The word “Ministry of Education” have been substituted with the word “Division administering the Board” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

**** The word “Deputy Secretary” have been substituted with the word “Joint Secretary” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

***** The word “and” have been omitted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

(l) *[one representative of each Provincial Government in the field of education and Secretary School Education of the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Government of Gilgit-Baltistan respectively;]

** (m) Chief Executive Officer of the Software Export Board;

** (n) Chairperson of the Information Technology Department of the National University of Science and Technology;

** (o) Chairperson of the Information Technology Department of the National University of Technology; and

** (p) Director of the National Curriculum Council.

6. TERMS OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

1. Unless the Federal Government, being of the opinion that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, removes him from office, a member, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his election or nomination, as the case may be.
2. No ex-officio member shall continue to be a member if he ceases to hold the office by virtue of holding which he was appointed.
3. Any casual vacancy in the office of a member, other than an-officio member, shall be filled by election or nomination, as the case may be and the person so elected or nominated shall hold office for the unexpired period of the term of his predecessor.
4. Any member of the Board may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign his office, provided that the resignation shall not have effect until it is accepted by the Chairman.
5. A member shall, on the expiry of his term of office, be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

7. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD:

1. The meeting of the Board shall be held in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed.
Provided that, until regulations are made in this behalf, such meetings shall be called by the Chairman.
2. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Board the members present shall elect a member from among themselves to preside at that meeting.
3. No act or proceedings of the Board shall be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of a vacancy in or defect in the constitution of, the Board.

* Clause (l) have been substituted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

** After clause (l), the new clauses (m, n, o and p) have been inserted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

8. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD:

1. Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the Board shall have power to organize, regulate, develop and control Intermediate Education and Secondary Education.
2. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Board shall have the power to:
 - (a) hold and conduct examinations pertaining to Intermediate Education and Secondary Education;
 - (b) prescribe courses of instruction for examinations conducted by the Board, provided that the Board may prescribe different courses of instruction for different classes of institution;
 - (c) admit candidates to the examinations conducted by it and prescribe the conditions for admission to such examinations;
 - (d) *[affiliate] institutions in Pakistan or outside Pakistan,
**(da) to collaborate with national and international boards;
 - (e) control and regulate, with the approval of the ***[Prime Minister] the examinations held at the Intermediate Education and Secondary Education level in Pakistan by foreign agencies, professional institutions or bodies or universities;
 - (f) withdraw ****[affiliation] if it is satisfied after inspection carried out under clause (h) that the standards of management and instruction in an institution justify withdrawal, provided that the ****[affiliation] shall not be withdrawn without the prior approval of the *****[Prime Minister];
 - (g) fix, demand and receive such fees as may be prescribed;

* The word “recognize” have been substituted with the word “affiliate” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

** After clause (d), the new clause (da) have been inserted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

*** The word “Federal Government” have been substituted with the word “Prime Minister” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

**** The word “recognition” have been substituted with the word “affiliation” vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

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- (h) cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as the Board may nominate of *[affiliated] institutions or institutions applying for * [affiliation];
- (i) adopt measures to promote the physical and moral well-being of students of * [affiliated] institutions and supervise their residence, health and discipline;
- (j) organize and provide lectures, demonstrations, educational exhibitions and take such other measures as are necessary to promote the standard of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
- (k) Institute and award scholarships; medals and prizes subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and to accept endowments for the same subject to such conditions as the Board may deem fit;
- (l) prescribe text-books or other books study and to arrange publication of such text-books or other books;
- (m) regulate the imposing of penalties for misconduct of students, teachers, examiners and examinees;
- (n) prescribe qualifications for the appointment of teachers in the institutions * [affiliated] by the Board.
- (o) submit to the Federal Government its views on any matter with which it is concerned or which the Federal Government or any provincial Government or a educational institution may refer to it for its advice;
- (p) deposit its surplus funds in any nationalized bank of Pakistan.
- (q) enter into and carry out contracts in exercise of its powers and in the performance of its duties under this Act and the regulations;
- (r) regulate and decide all administrative matters including the creation and abolition of posts under the Board.
- (s) appoint such officers and staff as it may consider necessary for the performance of its functions and to define their duties and conditions of service;
- (t) make provision for buildings, premises, furniture, apparatus, books and other means required for carrying out the purposes of this Act;
- (u) pass its annual budget;
- (v) sanction or incur such expenditure as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act and
- (w) do all other acts necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act.

* The word “recognized” and “recognize” have been substituted with the word “affiliated” and “affiliation” respectively vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

3. The Board may delegate any of its powers to the Chairman or any officer of the Board or to a committee or sub-Committee appointed by it.

9. POWER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. The Federal Government shall have the power to cause inspection to be made by such person or persons as it may direct, of the officers, activities, and funds of, and all the examinations conducted by, the Board and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter concerning the Board.
2. The Federal Government shall communicate to the Board the result of such inspection or inquiry and may advise the Board to take such actions and within such period as may be specified.
3. The Board shall report to the Federal Government the action it proposes to take or has taken on such communication.
4. Where the Board does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Federal Government the Federal Government may, after considering any explanation made by the Board, issue such directions as it thinks fit and the Chairman shall comply with such directions.
5. The Federal Government may, from time to time, direct the Board to conduct its affairs and perform its functions in such manner as may be specified.
6. The Federal Government may, require the board to furnish it with:
 - (i) any return, statement, estimate, statistics or other information regarding any matter relating to, or under the control of, the Board or
 - (ii) a report on any such matter; or
 - (iii) a copy of any document in the charge of the Board; and the Chairman shall comply with every such requisition.
7. If the board fails or neglects to comply with the directives or orders given to it under sub-section (5) or if, in the opinion of the Federal government, the Board persistently makes defaults in the performance of its functions under this Act. The Federal Government may supersede the Board and appoint the Chairman in the place of such Board until a new Board is established in accordance with the provisions of this Act and no such supersession or appointment shall be questioned in any court.

10. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

The following shall be the officers of the Board, namely:

- (i) The Chairman;
- (ii) The Secretary; and
- (iii) Such other officers as may be appointed by the Board.

11. APPOINTMENT, POWERS & DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN:

- *[1. The Chairman may be appointed by the Prime Minister either through initial appointment on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Prime Minister or on deputation basis, a government servant not less than BS-20;]
2. The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for a **[renewable terms] not exceeding three years;
- Provided that, notwithstanding the expiry of the terms of his office, he shall continue to hold office until his successor is appointed and enters upon his office.
3. If at any time the office of Chairman is vacant, or he is unable to perform his functions, temporarily or otherwise by reason of leave, illness or other cause for a period not exceeding one year, the Federal Government shall make such arrangements for carrying on the duties of Chairman as it may think fit; and, until such arrangement are made, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chairman.
4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to ensure that the provisions of this Act and the regulations are faithfully observed, and he shall exercise all powers necessary for this purpose.
5. If an emergency arises out of the administrative business of the Board which, in the opinion of the Chairman, requires that immediate action should be taken, the Chairman, may take such action as he deems necessary and shall report the action taken to the Federal Government and to the Board at its next meeting for approval.
6. The Chairman shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed.

12. APPOINTMENT, POWERS & DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:

1. The Secretary shall be appointed by the **[Prime Minister] on such terms and conditions and for such period as the **[Prime Minister] may think fit,
2. The Secretary shall, subject to the control of the Chairman, be the chief administrative officer of the Board, shall be responsible for ensuring that the orders of the Board and the Chairman are carried out and shall execute all contracts for and on behalf of the Board.
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that all moneys are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted and for preparing and submitting to the Board for approval an annual statement of accounts and budget estimates.

* Sub Section/Clause (1) of clause 11 have been substituted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

** The word “second term” have been substituted with the word “renewable terms” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

*** The word “Federal Government” have been substituted with the word “Prime Minister” vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

4. The Secretary shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed.

13. APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES:

1. The Board shall appoint Committee of Courses, a Finance Committee and such other committees as it may deem necessary for the proper execution of its business.
2. Each committee shall consist of members of the Board and of such other persons, if any, as the Board, in each case may think fit to appoint;

**[Provided that member of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Prime Minister.]*

3. A Committee may, subject to the approval of the Chairman, co-opt persons if the committee so feels.
4. The terms of office of a member of a committee co-opted under sub-section (3) shall be one year from the date of co-option;

Provided that a person co-opted in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular appointment shall hold office only for so long as the case may be.

14. FUND:

The Board shall have a fund to which shall be credited all income of the Board, including income from fees, endowments, grants and contributions.

15. ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

1. The accounts of the Board shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.
2. The accounts of the Board shall be audited every year by the Accountant General, Pakistan Revenues.
3. The Board shall, at the time of Audit, produce all accounts, registers, documents and other papers which may be required by the auditor to assist him in his investigations;

Provided that, if the Federal Government certifies, that a particular document is secret, the auditor shall accept in lieu of such documents statement in respect thereof duly certified by the chairman;

Provided further that, if such a document is confidential, the auditor shall be responsible for preventing disclosure of its contents.

* Sub Section/Clause (2) of Clause 13 have been substituted vide Act No. XXII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.

4. The board shall, as soon as possible after the end of each financial year, submit to the Federal Government, the annual statement of the accounts of the Board, duly audited, together with the report of the auditor.

16. PROVIDENT FUND:

The Board may establish a Provident Fund for the benefit of its employees and, there it establishes such fund, the provisions of the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (XIX of 1926), shall apply to such fund.

17. POWERS OF THE BOARD TO MAKE REGULATIONS:

1. The Board may, with the approval of the Federal Government, make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
2. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the regulations may provide for all any of the following matters, namely:
 - (a) the procedure for the conduct of, and the number of members required to form a quorum at, meetings of the Board and the committees;
 - (b) the conduct of examinations, including the appointment of examiners and their duties, powers and remuneration;
 - (c) the conditions for admission of candidates to the examinations held by the Board and their eligibility for diplomas, certificates and titles;
 - (d) the conditions for the * [affiliation] of institutions and the withdrawal of * [affiliation];
 - (e) the courses of study to be followed in the institutions imparting Intermediate Education or Secondary Education or education for other examinations conducted by the Board;
 - (f) the institution of scholarships and prizes;
 - (g) the election and co-option of members of the Board and its committees;
 - (h) the constitution, powers and duties of committees;
 - (i) the appointment of employees of the Board and the conditions of their service;
 - (j) the constitution of a Provident Fund for the benefit of the employees of the Board; and
 - (k) such other matters as may be necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

* The word "recognition" have been substituted with the word "affiliation" vide Act No. XIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 regarding amendments in Act No. LXVIII – Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975.