

# BAHBOOD SAVINGS CERTIFICATE RULES, 1993

Islamabad, the 2nd February 2003

S.R.O.—(I)/2003.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Public Debt Act, 1944 (XVIII of 1944), the Federal Government is pleased to make the following rules, the same have been previously published as required by sub-section, namely:—

## BAHBOOD SAVINGS CERTIFICATES RULES, 2003

1. These rules shall be called the Bahbood Savings Certificates Rules, 2003.
2. The rules shall apply to the Bahbood Savings Certificate hereinafter called the Certificate issued in pursuance of these rules.
3. The certificate shall be issued by National Savings Centre hereinafter called the Office of Issue.
4. The certificate shall be issued in the denomination of Rs.5000/-, Rs.10,000/-, Rs.50, 000/-, Rs.100, 000/-, Rs.500,000/-, <sup>1</sup>and Rs. 1,000,000/-<sup>1</sup>.
5. [A certificate may be purchased by any of the following <sup>1</sup>citizens of Pakistan<sup>2</sup>, namely:—
  - (a) <sup>1</sup>a senior citizen aged sixty years or above.<sup>2</sup>
  - (b) a single widow so long as she does not re-marry.” <sup>3</sup>
  - (c) a person with disability holding National Identity Card with disability logo ]<sup>4</sup>: and
  - (d) two eligible persons as in clause (a), (b) and (c) in their joint names] <sup>5</sup>:-
    - (i) payable to the holders jointly or payable to either with the written consent of the other (Joint class-A); and
    - (ii) Payable to either (Joint class-B).
6. <sup>1</sup>The certificate shall be issued for a period of ten years, with a minimum deposit of five thousand rupees and multiple thereof subject to maximum limit of <sup>6</sup> [seven million five hundred thousand rupees and fifteen million for joint holders]<sup>7</sup>:

1 Inserted, the word ‘citizen of Pakistan’ vide F.D. Notifications No.F.25(1)GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1st August, 2011..

2 Substituted, the words "Citizen of Pakistan" and clause (a) vide Notification No. F. 25(1)GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1st August 2011 in Rule-5. [containing the words as below;

"5. A certificate may be purchased by any of the following namely:—

(a) a citizen of Pakistan of sixty years of age or above;"

3 Substituted, the word "and" in clause (b) vide Notification No. F. 18(5)GS-I/2016-737 dated 16th t April 2018.

4 Substituted, clause (c) vide F.D. Notification No. F. 18(5)GS-I/2016-737 dated 16th t April 2018.. [the substituted clause was containing the words ;

(c). two eligible persons as in clause (a) and (b) in their joint names.

5 Inserted the clause (d) F.D. Notification No. F. 18(5)GS-I/2016-737 dated 16th t April 2018..

the above rule-5 was previously substituted vide F.D. Notification No.F.12 (1) DM-II/2003-243 dated 20th January, 2004 for the words:

"5. A certificate may be purchased by a single widow only."

6 Substituted the words "Five million rupees" & "Ten million rupees" vide F.D. Notification No. F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024.

<sup>7</sup> Substituted, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 vide F.D. Notification No. 24(1)GS-I/2014-897 dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016. [for the words;

" The certificate shall be issued for a period of ten years, with a minimum deposit of five thousand rupees and multiple thereof subject to maximum limit of four million rupees and eight million for joint holders".

this was previously subs. w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 vide F.D. Notification No.F.24 (1) GS-I/2014-836 dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 for the words:

" The certificate shall be issued for a period of ten years, with a minimum deposit of five thousand rupees and multiple thereof subject to maximum limit of \*[three] million rupees \*\*[ and six million for joint holders]."

Wherein the words \*\*[ and six million for joint holders] inserted vide F.D notification No.F.25(1)GS-I/2005-1273 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008 and maximum limit \*[ three ] enhanced vide F.D. Notification No.F.10(4)DM-II/2003-2247 dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2005.

Moreover, previously the maximum deposit limit enhanced upto "Two Million" w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 vide F.D. Notification No.F.12(1)DM-II/2003-1409 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.]]

<sup>18</sup> Provided that none of the holder shall, under any circumstances, hold more than Rs. 7,500,000/- whether held wholly under his own name or jointly with another. For the purpose of calculating the individual holding, when two persons hold jointly, one half of the holding shall be assumed to belong to each.<sup>19</sup>

7. If through any cause, the total holding of any purchaser under a single name <sup>1</sup>or in joint names<sup>10</sup> is discovered to be in excess of the limits prescribed in rule-6 whether as a result of;

- (a) direct deposit; or
- (b) receipt by transfer; or
- (c) inheritance, or award,

the purchaser concerned shall be bound immediately to discharge the excess holding and no profit shall be paid on the amount in excess of the maximum permissible limit.

8. <sup>1</sup>Any profit or principal payment which may have been made in contravention of these rules or by mistake shall be refunded to the Government in lump-sum and in the event of failure to refund the amount(s), shall be deducted from any money payable by the Government to the person(s) who received the profit or principal payment. In case however, no money is payable by the Government to the person(s), (in addition to other remedies for the recovery thereof by the Government), the recovery shall be got affected from his or her or their estate, or be recovered as arrears of land revenue.<sup>11</sup>

9. Partial encashment made, if any, shall be in multiple of Rs.5000/- (five thousand rupees only).

10. Profit shall be payable on completion of each period of one month reckoned from the date of issue of a certificate till maturity or encashment or death of purchaser, whichever is earlier. No profit shall be paid for any period less than one month. The net payable monthly profit accrued on certificates shall be credited through correlation process in the Savings Account of the respective certificate's purchaser(s), which has been opened / is being maintained at the same office of issue / National Savings Centre.<sup>12</sup>

11. <sup>1</sup>Service charges at the rate of 1%, 0.75%, 0.50 % and 0.25% of the face value of the certificate shall be deducted if encashed before completion of one year , two years, three years and four years from the date of issue, respectively :

Provided that no services charges shall be deducted in case of premature encashment of the certificates by the nominee or the successor in the event of death of the certificates holder.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> *Substituted*, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 vide F.D. Notification No. F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024. [for the figures; Rs. 5,000,000/-

<sup>9</sup> *Added*, the proviso after substituting "colon" for full stop at the end vide F.D. Notifications No.F.25(1)GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2011. *ibid*.

<sup>10</sup> *Inserted*, the words "**or in joint names**" after the word "name" in rule-7, vide F.D Notification No. F. 25 (1) GS-I/2005-1273 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008.

<sup>11</sup> *Substituted*: the rule-8 vide F.D Notification No. F. 25(1 GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. [for the words; "Any profit or payment which may have been made in contravention of these rules or by mistake shall be refunded to the Government on demand and in the event of failure to refund, may (in addition to other remedies for the recovery thereof by the Government) be deducted from any money payable by the Government to the person who received the profit or payment from here estate, or be recovered as arrears of land revenue."]

<sup>12</sup> *Substituted*: the rule-10 vide F.D Notification No. F. 20(10- GS-2020-619 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021. [for the words; "Profit shall be payable on completion of each period of one month reckoned from the date of issue of a certificate till maturity or encashment whichever is earlier."]

<sup>13</sup> *Substituted*: in rule -11 vide F.D No. 25 (1) GS-I/2005-152 Dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. [for the words; "Service charges at the rate of 2%, 1.5%, 1% and 0.5% of the face value of the certificate shall be deducted if encashed before completion of one, two, three and four years from the date of issue, respectively:  
\*Provided that no services charges shall be deducted in case of premature encashment of the certificates by the nominee or the successor in the event of death of the certificates holder."]

wherein the proviso\* previously added after substituting "colon" for full stop at the end vide F.D No.12(1)DM-II/2003-1421 dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2004.]

12. <sup>1</sup>Monthly profit on these certificates shall be paid as notified by the [Finance Division with the approval of the Minister-in-Charge] <sup>114</sup> in the official gazette from time to time:

<sup>1</sup>Provided that any upward revision of the rate of profit notified by the [Finance Division with the approval of the Minister-in-Charge] <sup>15</sup> subsequent to the rate of this notification shall be applicable to the existing certificates but any downward revision of such rate of profit shall only be applicable to fresh investments.<sup>116</sup>

13. <sup>1</sup>The monthly profit, if not drawn on due date shall not earn any further profit.<sup>117</sup><sup>18</sup>

14. <sup>1</sup>Profit on Bahbood Savings Certificates is exempted from deduction of withholding tax at source on new as well as existing investment w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2004.<sup>119</sup>

15. Any investment made under these rules and profit earned thereon shall be exempt from compulsory collection of Zakat at source.

15A. In case a certificate is not encashed for one year from the date of maturity, the principal amount of such certificate shall be marked as "Dormant", and no transaction in such certificate shall be allowed without the written request of the investor, nominee or successor, as the case may be, for re-activation of the certificate."<sup>120</sup>

15B. Omitted.<sup>121</sup>

15C. Omitted.<sup>122</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> **Substituted the words** "in rule -12 vide F.D No. 20 (7) GS-I/2018-322 Dated 6th March, 2020. [for the words; "Federal Government": ."

<sup>15</sup> **Substituted:** in the words in proviso of rule-12, vide F.D. Notification No. . 20 (7) GS-I/2018-322 Dated 6th March, 2020. [for the words; "Federal Government": ."

<sup>16</sup> **Inserted:** the proviso in rule-12 after substituting "colon" for full stop at the end vide F.D notification No. 24(1)GS-1/2005-501 dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

<sup>17</sup> **Substituted:** the rule-13 vide F.D Notification No. F. 25(1)GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. [for the words; "The monthly profit if not drawn on due date shall earn profit at the rate of Savings Account wherein the withdrawals are not made through cheques."

<sup>18</sup> **Substituted:** the rule-13 substituted vide F.D. Notification No.F.12(1)DM-II/2003-1409 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004. [for the words; [The monthly profit, if not drawn on due date shall not earn any further profit.]"

<sup>19</sup> **Substituted:** the rule-14 vide F.D Notification dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004 for the words; "Withholding tax on the profit earned on these certificates shall be deducted at source as per rules."

<sup>20</sup> **Substituted:** the rule-15A vide F.D Notification F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 for the words; "The certificates in respect of which no transaction has been made by the depositor for a period of one year shall be marked as dead certificates and no subsequent transaction by the investor shall be allowed without prior approval of the incharge of the office of issue."

<sup>21</sup> **Omitted:** the rule-15B vide F.D Notification F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 for the words; "In case the certificate are not encashed by the purchaser for two years from the date of maturity, the principal amount shall be transferred to the Federal Government Account:

Provided that the face value of such certificates may be revived at any time on the application of the purchaser, nominee or successor, as the case may be, and such revived certificates shall be encashed alongwith payment of accrued profit thereon, if any, till maturity or death of depositor, whichever is earlier:

Provided further that in case profit is not claimed up to six years from the date of accrual by the certificate' purchaser, nominee or successor, as the case may be, the liability of the Government in respect of such profit payable thereon shall terminate. In such case no amount on account of profit shall be paid."

<sup>22</sup> **Omitted:** the rule-15C vide F.D Notification F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 for the words; "

In respect of the procedure for transfer to Government and revival thereof, rule 36B of the Defence Savings Certificates Rules, 1966, shall apply to the Bahbood Savings Certificates as it applies to Defence Savings Certificates and, in such application, the said rule shall be construed as if the references therein and the forms thereof to the Defence Savings Certificates were references to the Bahbood Savings Certificates.

Explanation.- Accrual means the date from which the profit is due.

**16.** [The certificate shall be non-transferable for the purpose of being treated as security as envisaged in Rule-58 of Defence Savings Certificate Rules, 1966:

provided that the nominee or successor, as the case may be, eligible in term of rule 5 shall, on the death of the certificate holder, be entitled for transfer of certificate of respective share mentioned in the nomination or succession certificate, in his name subject to the limitation laid down under rule 6:

Provided further that the nominee or successor, as the case may be, not fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down in rules 5 and 6, shall be entitled to receive the principal amount and profit thereon at the prevailing rate of Savings account reckoned from the date of death of certificate holder till encashment.”

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[17(1).The purchaser of certificates may make nomination at the time of purchase in the prescribed application. The purchaser may change or cancel previous nomination at any time through a notice to the issuing authority.

17(2). In case of death of certificates' purchaser, payment including principal amount and profit accrued thereon, [as provided in rule 16]<sup>25]</sup> in respect of certificates of the deceased shall be payable to his legal heirs according to succession certificate issued in accordance with the law for the time being in force. However, in cases, where –

- (a) total net payable amount does not exceed [five]<sup>26]</sup> hundred thousand rupees, payment shall be made to the nominee(s), as mentioned in SC-I or SC-3 form by the purchaser, upon furnishing duly verified and attested, copy of Family Registration Certificate (FRC) issued by NADRA and affidavit as set out in Appendix-1.XXV-A to the effect that he shall be bound to distribute the received amount among all the legal heirs according to their due share as per law of the land; and
- (b) the nominee is an institution or minor, payment shall be made on provision of succession certificate issued in accordance with the law for the time being in force, and
- (c) the nomination has ceased to have effect due to death of the nominee before the death of holder or before he has received any sum thereunder or the purchaser had made no nomination, as the case may be, payment shall be made on provision of succession certificate issued in accordance with the law for the time being in force.

(3) Where, in a case, specified in clauses (a) to (c) of sub-rule (2), the total payable amount does not exceed fifty thousand rupees and the probate of the Will of the holder, or the letters of administration of his estate, or a succession certificate (in accordance with the law for the time being in force) is not produced to the concerned office of issue within three months of the death of the holder, Payment of the sum may be authorized by the officer and to the extent, as mentioned below, which shall be made to the person who appears to be entitled to receive it or to administer

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23 Substituted: the rule-16 vide F.D Notification No. F. 25(1)GS-I/2010-1350 dated 1st August 2011 for the words; " The certificate shall be non-transferable"

24 Substituted: the rule-16 vide F.D Notification No F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2nd May, 2024 for the words; " The certificate shall be non-transferable; provided that the nominee(s) who is/are eligible in terms of rule 5 shall, on the death of the certificate holder(s), be entitled for transfer of certificate in his/her/their name(s) subject to the limitation laid down under rule 6.

25 Substituted: the expression "if any, till the date of payment" in sub-rule (2) in rule-16 vide F.D Notification No. F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2nd May, 2024"

26 Substituted: the word "one" in clause (a) in rule-16 vide F.D Notification No. F. 20 (16)BS-2023 -260 dated 2nd May, 2024"

the estate of the deceased holder, upon furnishing duly verified and attested copy of Family Registration Certificate (FRC) issued by NADRA and affidavit as set out in Appendix-1.XXV-A to the effect that he shall be bound to distribute the received amount among all the legal heirs according to their due share, namely:-

National Savings Offices

Up to Rs.10,000/-	Officer Incharge, National Savings Centre
Up to Rs.25,000/-	AD(HQ), RDNS
Up to Rs.50,000/-	Controlling Officer, RDNS

*Explanation.*- Where a certificate has been purchased in joint names, on death of one of the holder, the survivor is entitled to maintain the same. In case of death of both, the payment shall be made in accordance with rule 17.”

(II). After form SC-6, the following new form shall be added, namely:-

**“Appendix-1.XXV-A**

### UNDERTAKING

(On stamp paper)

I \_\_\_\_\_ son / daughter / wife / widow of \_\_\_\_\_ resident of \_\_\_\_\_ holding CNIC / NICOP / Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that \_\_\_\_\_ (deceased) during his life time had purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ for Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ or opened \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ having balance at credit of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ , as on \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ , and nominated me as trustee to receive the said amount, along with profit, if any, thereon and to disburse the same among all the legal heirs entitled thereto under the law to the extent of their respective share/cases falling under clause (c), sub-rule (ii) of Rule 13 of DSC Rules, 1966. Since the said purchaser or account holder has died on \_\_\_\_\_, therefore, I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the said amount paid through the Government’s Cheque No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ for Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ and undertake that I shall disburse the said amount among all the legal heirs of the said \_\_\_\_\_ (name of purchaser or account holder) to the extent of their respective shares in accordance with the law. I also undertake to return the said whole amount, in lump sum in case any legal proceedings are initiated against the National Savings / National Savings Centre \_\_\_\_\_ and shall also keep the said National Savings Centre indemnified of any loss or losses caused to the said NSC due to the said litigation or legal proceedings.

(DEPONENT)

WITNESSES

1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Witnessed on oath on this day \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ at  
\_\_\_\_\_ in my presence.

OATH COMMISSIONER"; ]<sup>27]</sup> .<sup>28]</sup>

**18.** In regard to the procedure for issuance of a certificate, encashment of a certificate, issuance of duplicate certificates in case of lost or theft, transfer of a certificate from one office of issue to another, nomination of beneficiary and all other matters, the Defense Savings Certificates Rules, 1966 shall, if not inconsistent with these rules, apply to the certificates issued under these rules.

**19.** The purchaser of Bahbood Savings Certificates shall be bound by these rules.

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<sup>27</sup> *Substituted:* the rule-17 vide F.D Notification No. F. 18(12)GS-I/2017-532 dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. [the substituted rule-17 reads as under:-  
"The investor may make nomination at the time of purchase, specifying the amount, whether whole or a part receivable by the nominee on her death.

<sup>28</sup> *Substituted:* the rule-17 vide F.D Notification No No.25 (1) GS-I/2010-1350 DT 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2011, reads as under;;  
"The investor may make nomination at the time of purchase, specifying the amount, whether whole or a part is receivable by the nominee on his death.. However, the nominee shall also be eligible to receive profit for a period of six months reckoned from the date of death of the purchaser and the profit shall cease to accrue thereafter.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
CENTRAL DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL SAVINGS,  
**ISLAMABAD**

F.12 (2-1) PS-Rules (63-IV)/2020

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:        PROCEDURE FOR INVESTMENT BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

Reference this Directorate memorandum number F.12 (2)/PS.Rules/2018 dated 18.04.2018 regarding the procedure for purchase of BSC by a physically challenged person and Finance Divisions U.O. No. F.18(5)GS-I/2016-737 regarding amendment in Rule 5 of BSC Rules, 2003 to allow disabled person to invest in BSC.

2.                To raise awareness and educate the field staff of National Savings on this issue, the procedure has been reproduced with rephrased terminology, using more respectful and inclusive language. This is done out of respect for the individuals involved. It is worthwhile to mention that in each case “**CNIC with Disability Logo**” is must. Accordingly, the procedure for each category of persons to be practiced in the NSCs while accepting investment or making payments, is outlined below:

**I.    Visually Challenged / Blind Person:**

- a) The NSC dealing officer shall read out the terms and conditions governing the operation of the certificate/account to the visually challenged / blind person in the presence of a witness personally known to the customer, preferably a blood relative.
- b) A copy of the CNIC with a Disability Logo, a copy of the witness's CNIC, and the investor's latest photograph are required.
- c) All transactions thereon must be performed by the investor personally upon his visit, and the witness must attest to the signature or thumb impression of the customer for every transaction.
- d) The investor can change the witness at any time through an application on stamp paper, duly attested by a notary public, to the NSC in-charge. The change should be updated in the respective DA-1/SC-1 immediately, and the previous witness must be canceled.
- e) The form, deposit slip, withdrawal/profit coupon slip, etc., must be completed by the witness on behalf of the customer.
- f) The DA-1/SC-1 form should be marked as “**Visually Challenged / Blind Person**” in Red ink.

**II.   Person Having No Hands:**

- a) The customer shall put the Toe impression (Big Toe) of their foot where required.
- b) The form, deposit slip, withdrawal/profit coupon slip, etc., must be completed by the witness personally known to the client in the presence of the NSC dealing staff.
- c) A copy of the CNIC with a Disability Logo, the latest photograph of the investor, and a copy of the witness's CNIC are also required.
- d) All transactions thereon must be performed by the investor personally upon his visit, and the witness must attest to the Toe impression of the customer for every transaction.

- e) The DA-1/SC-1 form should be marked as “**Person with Physical Impairment**” in Red ink.
- f) If the investor is without both feet, the account shall be operated by a guardian as defined in Rule-8 of Defense Savings Certificate Rules, 1966.

**III. Persons with Intellectual Difficulties:**

- a) Certificates can only be purchased through a Guardian appointed by a court of law.
- b) A copy of the CNIC with a Disability Logo, a copy of the guardian's CNIC, and the investor's latest Photograph are required.
- c) The dealing officer will confirm the relevant particulars i.e. guardian appointed by the court of law.
- d) The DA-1/SC-1 form should be marked as “**Person with Intellectual Difficulties**” in Red ink.
- e) The guardian shall sign all documents and perform transactions on behalf of the customer.

**IV. Persons with Hearing and Speech Impairments:**

- a) The investor will be briefed about the scheme's features through a witness personally known to the customer, preferably a blood relative, in the presence of the dealing staff.
- b) A copy of the CNIC with a Disability Logo, a copy of the witness CNIC, and the investor's latest photograph are required.
- c) An indemnity must be provided to state that the NSC staff will not be responsible for any embezzlement on the part of the witness.
- d) All transactions thereon must be performed by the investor personally upon his/her visit, and the witness must attest to the signature or thumb impression of the customer for every transaction.
- e) The DA-1/SC-1 form should be marked as “**Person with Hearing and Speech Impairment**” in Red ink.

**V. Minors with Disabilities:**

- a) A copy of the Juvenile Card with a Disability Logo, a copy of Form-B, and the CNIC of the guardian are required.
- b) Operations by the guardian shall be the same as defined under Rule 8 of the Defense Savings Certificate Rules, 1966.

**VI. Any Other Disabilities:**

If the disability does not affect the normal operations of the certificate/account, the customer may carry out all transactions as a normal customer of the NSC without requiring a witness or guardian.

3. The NSC in-charge/dealing officer is expected to be extra vigilant when dealing with these specialized categories of investors. In-charges are also advised to provide maximum facilitation, considering the hardships faced by these investors due to their disabilities. Additionally, it should be noted that this procedure is not limited to the purchase of Behbood Savings Certificates (BSC) but applies to all National Savings Schemes purchased by the persons with disabilities.

4. This issues with the approval of the Director General, National Savings.



(Waseem Sami)  
Assistant Director (PS)

Distribution:

1. All Controlling Offices of the Regional Directorates of National Savings.
2. The Director, DIA, National Savings, Islamabad.
3. The Principal, TINS/Sun-TINS, Islamabad/ Karachi.
4. All Zonal Inspection and Accounts Offices, National Savings; with request to check compliance with the above instructions during their visits.