

Frequently Asked Questions- Long Distance & International (LDI) Licenses

Q1- What is scope of LDI License?

Scope of the LDI License is available in Information Memorandum via link: <https://www.pta.gov.pk/en/industry-support/home/wireline/long-distance-international>

Q2- Who can apply for LDI License?

Any private limited company registered with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan having at least two directors.

Q3- What is jurisdiction of each LDI license?

LDI licenses for Pakistan is issued for whole of the Pakistan and LDI licenses for AJK&GB are issued for only AJK&GB.

Q4- How can I apply for LDI license?

Checklist of documents is available at <https://www.pta.gov.pk/en/industry-support/home/wireline/long-distance-international>.

Q6- How much time it requires to get an LDI license?

After receipt of all documents, evaluation of application and takes approximately two to three weeks for award of license.

Q7- What is the initial license fee of LDI License?

- Initial license fee for LDI License for Pakistan is USD 500,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Initial license fee for LDI License for AJ&K is USD 20,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)

Q8- What is the application Processing fee of LDI License?

- Application processing fee for LDI License of Pakistan is USD 500 /- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Application processing fee for LDI license for AJK&GB is USD 100/-

Q9- Is there any Bank Guarantee for award of LDI license?

- Bank Guarantee for award of LDI License for Pakistan is USD 10,000,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Bank Guarantee for award of LDI License for Pakistan is USD 50,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)

Q10- Is there any other pre-requisite for issuance of LDI License?

For LDI license of AJK&GB, the licensee is required to obtain local loop license for TR-III (Gilgit Baltistan)

Q10- What is the duration of LDI License?

The license is issued for 20 years.

Q13- What documents are required for LDI license?

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Q14- What are rollout milestones for LDI License?

LDI Licensee of Pakistan is required to establish fourteen (14) Network Connection Points (NCP) in all telecom regions within thirty six (36) months of award of license.

LDI Licensee of AJK & GB is required to establish three (3) NCPs in three years and cover 200km geographical area in next two (2) years with its own fiber optic or wireless transport network.

Q15 – What is the procedure to obtain commencement certificate?

After installation of Network Connection Point (NCP) in the licensed region, the licensee is required to submit application along with all required documents to Director General (Licensing), PTA for commencement certificate thirty (30) days before planned commencement of services. LDI operator is required to obtain commencement certificate for each NCP commencement of commercial services at the NCP.