

PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF MOBILE DEVICE MANUFACTURING (MDM) AUTHORIZATION BY PTA

Pursuant to issuance of Mobile Device Manufacturing (MDM) policy by Federal Government of Pakistan (Source: <http://www.moip.gov.pk/policiesDetails.aspx>), Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) issued regulations for Mobile Device Manufacturing in Pakistan (https://www.pta.gov.pk/assets/media/mdm_regulations_29012021.pdf). These regulations set out regulatory and technical requirements for Mobile Device Manufacturing in Pakistan under which PTA will issue Authorization for Mobile Device Manufacturing for a period of 10 years.

1. Application for grant of MDM Authorization

- (i) An application for the grant of Authorization to manufacture mobile devices in Pakistan shall be made in the form set out in Schedule 'A' of Mobile Device Manufacturing (MDM) Regulations, 2021 issued by PTA and also given at [heading 5](#) of this document.
- (ii) An application shall be made in original and shall be addressed to the Director (Type Approval) of the Authority.
- (iii) An application, where applicable, shall be accompanied by the documents and details of information as per the check list.
- (iv) An application shall be accompanied by Application Processing Fee (non-refundable) of US Dollar Hundred (\$100) or its equivalent in Pak Rupees to the Authority and shall submit proof of payment along with application.
- (v) An Applicant shall have right to withdraw the application at any time before grant of an Authorization.

2. Grant of Authorization

(1) The Authority may grant an Authorization to manufacture mobile devices in Pakistan to an applicant who fulfills the open, transparent and non-discriminatory eligibility criteria given by the Authority from time to time.

(2) The Authority shall consider all applications on merits and in determining whether or not to grant Authorization, the Authority shall consider the following factors, namely: -

2.1.1 Technical competence and experience of applicant's management and key members of staff and local participation in the business; and

2.1.2 Technical viability of the applicant's business plan for mobile device manufacturing

(3) The Authority may reject an application; if it appears that the grant of the Authorization shall threaten or potentially threaten national security.

3. Procedure for grant of Authorization

(1) On receipt of an application for grant of an Authorization the Authority shall examine the application and suitability of grant of Authorization.

(2) The Authority shall not reject any application without giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard. In case the application is incomplete, the Authority may return the application without rejecting it or may require the applicant to make up the deficiency within given time.

(3) In case the Authority decides to reject the application, it shall give detailed reasons of rejection.

4. Duration

(1) An Authorization shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years.

(2) This Authorization may be renewed for another term(s) beyond ten years on six months prior written request of the authorization holder before expiry of the existing term subject to the terms and conditions applicable at that time.

5. Check list for Application for Mobile Manufacturing Authorization Application

S. No.	Items	Check (✓) if attached
1.	Request letter on Company letterhead addressed to Office of Director Type Approvals, PTA HQs- F-5/1, Islamabad	
2.	Forms: -	
	a. Request letter on company letterhead duly signed by CEO/Board of Directors (BoD)	
	b. Company Profile, Certified copy of SECP, NTN, Form-29 and Form -A etc.	
	c. Address of location along with pictures where manufacturing plant proposed to be setup;	
	d. Authorization letter from Brand/Manufacturer/OEM/ODM stating manufacturing to be done shall be for its brand only and no other brand shall be produced at this plant. Along with certificate by Brand/Manufacturer/OEM/ODM to ensure supervision for ensuring compliance to all technical standards for mobile devices being manufactured at this plant as well as all machinery/setup shall conform to international manufacturing and safety standards.	
	e. Undertaking that devices manufactured in Pakistan shall have GSMA TAC which belong to country code "Pakistan" within GSMA database. No other country GSMA TAC shall be programmed in manufactured devices in Pakistan.	
	f. Detail of all directors/ members/ BoD etc. showing names, designations, mailing addresses, contact numbers, emails and directorship in other companies (if any) along with security clearance in case of foreigner share holder within the company.	
3.	Application Processing Fee and Authorization Fee	

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4.	PTA Approved Mobile Device Manufacturing Authorization will be issued to applicants, either local companies or joint ventures between global manufacturer/brand and local manufactures. Furthermore, shareholding of local company shall not be less than 33% in case of a joint venture between local and foreign company	
5.	<p>Certified True Copies of Legal Documents (by SECP)</p> <p>i. Certificate of Incorporation</p> <p>ii. Memorandum & Article of Association (Note: The object clause should contain provision of mobile device manufacturing for which the Authorization is applied).</p> <p>iii. Form-29</p>	
6	<p>a. Copies of Computerized National Identity Card for Pakistani national shareholder directors/board of directors/trustees/members etc. (attested by Notary Public).</p> <p>b. Attested copies of Passports of foreign nationals duly attested by MoFA after security clearance.</p>	
7	<p>Undertaking on duly notarized stamp paper:</p> <p>a. That neither the applicant Company nor its shareholder directors are defaulter(s) of PTA and any bank in Pakistan.</p>	
9	<p>Bio-data of key management personnel (CEO/CTO/Directors /Board/members etc.)</p>	
10	Brief Description of the Applicant's Business Plan, 3 to 5 years business plan	
11	<p>Detailed Mobile Device Manufacturing Plan showing</p> <p>i. Type of Mobile Device to be manufactured along with technology to be offered within the device</p> <p>ii. Plant lay out along with installed equipment details</p> <p>iii. Covered Area of Plant</p> <p>iv. Detailed plan along with mechanism for following: -</p> <p>a) Quality and Control Testing at assembly line including Device Function Test</p> <p>b) Controlled Drop test of device</p> <p>c) Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) setup/tools (e.g. ESD, Coat, Cap, Wrist band etc.)</p> <p>d) Product Stress Testing (e.g. Temperature, Mechanical & Electrical, Durability etc.)</p> <p>e) Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Antenna & Signal Test</p> <p>f) Evaluation and verification of IMEI writing</p> <p>g) Applicant shall submit an undertaking from CEO/BOD on Stamp Paper (PKR 50 or above) that Applicant/Company will only manufacturer PTA type approved mobile devices for which it has obtained manufacturing Authorization from Brand/Principal and shall not manufacturer any other brand. Applicant/Company will comply with all the Laws as applicable for the time being in vogue and pay all applicable duties/taxes etc.</p>	

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	h) Authorization letter from principal/brand owner on its company letterhead stating that Authorization Holder will only manufacturer brand belonging to the principals etc.;	
12	A detailed technical presentation in PPT format containing following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="443 443 1185 501">i. All machinery details being imported/setup to be used to Manufacturing plant, details of materials to be used <li data-bbox="443 501 1185 560">ii. Technical Literature with description for each manufacturing plant related equipment/machinery 	

Note:

- * A Defaulter of PTA cannot apply for any Authorization. The shareholders/members of the defaulter company etc. cannot have ownership of any amount in the new company applying for any mobile manufacturing Devices.
- * The Authority reserves the right to require any other documents/information from the applicant. Mere submission of documents does not make the applicant eligible for Authorization
- * Submission of all above documents/information is mandatory for evaluation of Authorization application.