



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE



No.7(1)EXP-IV/2024-0001

Islamabad, the 21st July , 2026

NOTIFICATION

Austerity Measures FY-2026-27 for Controlling Expenditures of the Federal Government. In pursuance of Cabinet Division's Memorandum No.08/CM/2026-D dated 17.07.2026, whereby, Federal Cabinet in it's decisions taken in the Case No. 34/08/2026 dated 12.06.2026 (Annual Budget Statement for FY 2026-27) **approved the continuation in FY 2026-27 of the following austerity measures:**

- i. Approved by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2023 and notified by the Cabinet Division vide O.M No.7-1/2023-Min-I, dated 28th February, 2023 (**Annex-I**);
- ii. Approved by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2023 and notified by the Cabinet Division vide O.M 9-148/2002-Min-II, dated 28th February, 2023; (**Annex-II**) and
- iii. Approved by the Cabinet on 27th August, 2024 and notified by the Finance Division vide letter No. 7(1)-Exp-IV/2024 dated 4th September 2024 (**Annex-III**).

2. Furthermore, the Cabinet approved that:

(I). The following austerity measures shall also be applicable mutatis mutandis during FY 2026-27 in the case of all Federal Government Attached Departments, State-Owned Enterprises and Statutory Bodies etc, including Regulatory Authorities:

(i) Approved by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2023 and notified by the Cabinet Division vide OM No.9-148/2002-Min-II dated 28th February, 2023 (**Annex-II**), and

(ii) Approved by the Cabinet on 27th August, 2024 and notified by the Finance Division vide letter No. 7(1)-Exp-IV/2024 dated 4th September 2024 (**Annex-III**).

(II). **In the case of State-Owned Enterprises, these austerity measures shall be considered a direction of Federal Government** under section 35 of the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023 and under the relevant sections of their respective organic laws in the case of **Statutory Bodies**.

3. The Cabinet further authorized the Austerity Committee constituted by the Finance Division from time to time grant relaxation from these austerity measures, where there was sufficient justification, on a case-to-case basis.

4. Foregoing in view, all Ministries / Divisions are requested to disseminate the above instructions to all their concerned Departments/Organizations/Autonomous Bodies/Corporations/Authorities/SOEs/Statutory Bodies, etc. for strict compliance.



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- 52- DG CMU, MOF, Islamabad
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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION

F. No. 7-1/2023-Min-I

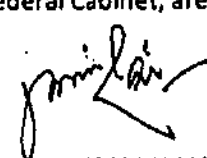
Islamabad the 28th February, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AUSTERITY MEASURES

The undersigned is directed to convey that the Federal Cabinet, in its meeting held on 22nd February, 2023, has approved the following austerity measures:

- i. Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisers and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister to voluntarily forego salary and allowances.
 - ii. All Ministers will continue to pay for utilities i.e. Gas, Electricity, Water and Telephone from their own pockets.
 - iii. All luxury vehicles presently deployed with the cabinet members shall be withdrawn.
 - iv. Only one security vehicle shall be provided to the cabinet members where necessary.
 - v. Cabinet members shall travel in economy class on domestic and foreign visits. No support staff shall be allowed to accompany on foreign visits.
 - vi. Cabinet members shall not stay in 5-star hotels during their visits abroad.
2. The above austerity measures, approved by the Federal Cabinet, are circulated for strict compliance.

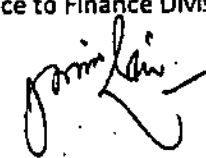

(TAIMUR TAJAMMAL)
Sr. Joint Secretary to the Cabinet

Distribution:

- 1) Federal Ministers
- 2) Ministers of State
- 3) Advisers to the Prime Minister
- 4) Special Assistants to the Prime Minister
- 5) Secretary, Interior Division
- 6) JS (Admn), Cabinet Division

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1. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad
2. All Secretaries/Additional Secretaries in-charge of the Ministries/Divisions
3. Secretary, Finance Division, Islamabad (with reference to Finance Division's letter No. 7/1/2016-Exp-IV, dated 25-02-2023)


(TAIMUR TAJAMMAL)
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FAISAL IDREES
Deputy Secretary
Government of Pakistan
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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
(CABINET DIVISION)

F. No. 9-148/2002-Min-II

Islamabad, the 28th February, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AUSTERITY MEASURES

The undersigned is directed to convey that the Federal Cabinet, in its meeting on 22.02.2023, has inter-alia approved the following austerity measures:-

- i. Foreign travel of officers shall be allowed only on obligatory visits and in Economy Class. No support staff shall be allowed to accompany.
 - ii. Officers on visit abroad shall not stay in 5-star hotels.
 - iii. Official vehicles in use of Ministries/ Divisions of the Federal Government shall stand withdrawn from those senior officers who are already availing benefit of car monetization. Action will be taken against misuse of official vehicles.
 - iv. No luxury vehicle shall be allowed for use of cabinet members, public functionaries, and government officers.
 - v. Tele-conferencing shall be promoted to reduce travelling and lodging expenditure.
2. The above austerity measures, approved by the Federal Cabinet, are circulated for strict compliance.

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2. Secretary, Finance Division, Islamabad (with reference to Finance Division's No. 7/1/2016-Exp-IV dated 25.02.2023).


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Deputy Secretary
Government of Pakistan
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Finance Division
(Expenditure Wing)

No. 7(1)Exp-IV/2024

Islamabad, the 4th September, 2024

Subject: AUSTERITY MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

In pursuance of the Cabinet's decision for case No. 232/28/2024 dated 27.8.2024, the following Austerity Measures are notified till further orders:-

- i) There shall be a complete ban on the following expenditures with respect to the current budget:
 - a) Purchase of all types of vehicles with the exception of operational vehicles such as ambulances & other medically equipped vehicles, fire fighting vehicles, buses & vans for educational institutions, solid waste vehicles and motorbikes;
 - b) Procurement of machinery / equipments with the exception of those required for hospitals / laboratories / agriculture / mining / schools;
 - c) Creation of new posts including contingent paid / temporary posts;
 - d) Continuation of contingent paid / temporary posts beyond one year;
 - e) Treatment abroad at Government expense; and
 - f) All non-obligatory visits abroad where GoP funding is involved.
 - ii) The Austerity Measures notified by the Cabinet Division vide O.M. Nos. 7-1/2023-Min-I and No. 9-148/2002-Min-II dated 28.2.2023 will remain applicable unless modified or withdrawn by the Federal Cabinet.
 - iii) All posts lying vacant for last three years shall be abolished.
2. Purchase of durables and creation of posts under PSDP funded projects shall be exempted from the application of this ban.
3. All Ministries / Divisions are requested to disseminate the above instructions to all departments under their administrative control for strict compliance.


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