

Honour & Awards Policy

Civil awards comprising five Orders and "President's Award for Pride of Performance" are conferred under Article 259(2) of the Constitution, 1973 read with Decorations Act, 1975 and Notification No.1/10/79-Awards dated 13th January, 1983, as under:-

- Order of Pakistan.
- Order of Shujaat.
- Order of Imtiaz.
- Order of Quaid-i-Azam.
- Order of Khidmat.
- The President's Award for Pride of Performance.

Each of the above Order has four descending categories, namely, Nishan, Hilal, Sitara and Tamgha.

Eligibility

Conditions for eligibility of Pakistan Civil Awards and their co-relation with officers is as per the chart at Annex

Processing of Awards

- Recommendations for awards are invited from Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Governments in December so as to reach Cabinet Division by 1st March.
- Recommendations received are considered by three Awards Committees during May-July.
- A summary containing final recommendations is then submitted to President through Prime Minister for approval.
- After President's approval awards are announced on Independence Day and their investiture takes place on Pakistan Day.
- President may confer and invest awards on foreign nationals any time during the year.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs scrutinizes proposals for conferment of foreign Awards on Pakistan Nationals. The Ministry consults Ministries/Divisions concerned including Cabinet Division before submission of cases to the Prime Minister/President.
- Special Investiture Ceremonies may also be held on any date to confer awards on foreign dignitaries visiting Pakistan .
- Ministries/Divisions/Provincial Governments process their recommendations for conferment of such awards through Cabinet Division and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY OF PAKISTAN CIVIL AWARDS
AND THEIR CORRELATION WITH OFFICERS**

Sl. No.	Name of Awards & Classes	Status of Recipient	Services for which award is given	Remarks
1. Order of Pakistan				
1.	Nishan	Not to be correlated with the status of any civil or military official.	Awarded to Heads of States/Governments and those who have rendered services of highest distinction to the State.	Only foreign nationals are eligible.
2.	Hilal	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 21 and above.		
3.	Sitara	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 21 and above.	Awarded to those who have rendered services of national importance.	
4.	Tamgha	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Articles* 27 and 28.		
2. Order of Shujaat				
1.	Nishan	Not to be correlated with the status or rank of any civil or military official.	For Order of Shujaat as a whole: Awarded for acts of heroism and conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger and for gallantry in saving or attempting to save life. (Awards in this Order may be conferred posthumously)	Both Foreign and Pakistan nationals are eligible.
2.	Hilal			
3.	Sitara			
4.	Tamgha			
3. Order of Imtiaz				
1.	Nishan	Not to be correlated with the status or rank of any civil or military official.	For Order of Imtiaz as a whole: Awarded to those who have attained academic distinction in the fields of science, arts and literature. Also to foreign nationals who make a distinct contribution to the promotion of science, arts and literature in Pakistan.	—do—
2.	Hilal			
3.	Sitara			
4.	Tamgha			
4. Order of Quaid-e-Azam				
1.	Nishan	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 6 and above.	For special merit, or for eminent services to Pakistan especially where services have been rendered free to the proper sections of the community.	Only foreign nationals are eligible.
2.	Hilal	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 20 and above.		
3.	Sitara	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 26 and above, but in special cases those included in Articles* 27 and 28.		
4.	Tamgha	Persons of rank below those in Article* 28.		

Sl. No.	Name of Awards & Classes	Status of Recipient	Services for which award is given	Remarks
5.	Order of Khidmat			
	1. Nishan	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 6 and above.	For long and meritorious services in nation-building activity, especially in connection with services rendered to the poorer sections of the community.	Only foreign nationals are eligible.
	2. Hilal	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article* 20 and above.		
	3. Sitara	Persons of rank equivalent to those in Article 28 and above.		
	4. Tamgha	Persons of rank below those in Article* 28.		
6.	President's Award for Pride of Performance:	Not applicable.	Notable achievement in the fields of arts, science, literature, sports and nursing.	Both Foreign and Pakistan nationals are eligible.

*Government of Pakistan
Warrant of Precedence 1980

No. 1/21/81-Awards. dated 2-1-1982.